

Belvoir Special School Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers/Friends,

Welcome back to Term 4.

It has been fantastic to see all of the students return after the school holidays happy and ready to learn. It has been fantastic to visit all the classrooms this week to see all the students and the wonderful work that has been happening.

Early this week there was seen a lovely change in the weather. It has been great to see all of the students out in their broad brimmed hats. Students and staff have been quick to locate the sunscreen to ensure that everyone is ready to enjoy the sunshine. Thank you to students, families and carers for ensuring everyone has the equipment they need to be Sun Safe.

Pennie Moffat
Principal – Belvoir SDS





School Bulletin

DATES TO REMEMBER, 2024

SCHOOL PHOTOS–

Wednesday 16th October

Please have the correct money or pay online and return the envelope to the office by the 16th of October



POST SCHOOL EXPO–

Wednesday 16th October @3.45–5.30pm

LOUD SHIRT DAY– Friday 18th October.

Students can wear a loud shirt and a voluntary gold coin donation can be contributed to the fundraiser.



FAMILY MORNING TEA– Tuesday 22nd October @9–9.30am

GREEN POD SCHOOL CAMP–

GROUP 1–Tuesday 29th October

GROUP 2–Wednesday 6th November

Group 3–Tues/Wed 12/13th of November



SCHOOL COUNCIL/FINANCE MEETING–

Wednesday 23rd October @6pm



BUS PHONE NUMBERS

BUS 1: 0460 935 609

BUS 2: 0460 875 492

BUS 3: 0460 896 490

BUS 4: 0460 869 012

Belvoir Bus: 0431 756 813

Friday 25th October

ROOM 1 NEWS

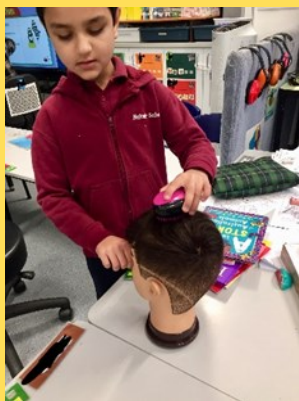
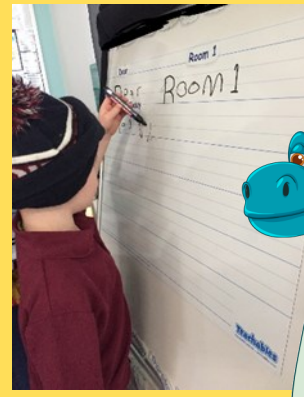
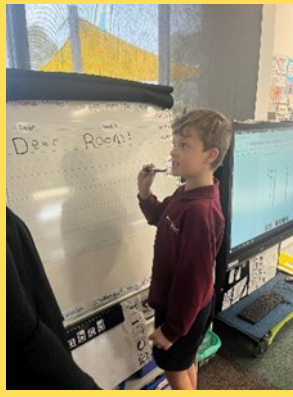
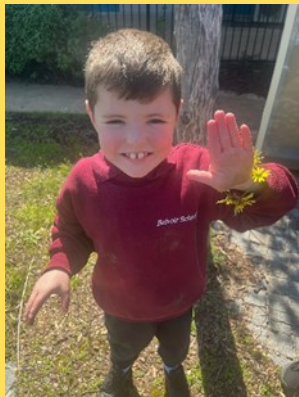
Cas P, Marnie, Kate & Alicia



What fantastic weather we have had to start our term 4! This week we have been busily building a large volcano in the sandpit just like the dinosaurs did in our story "Dinosaurs and all that Rubbish". We have been adding to it at each playtime and it is getting larger everyday.



Our term topic focus is also about rubbish so this story is a great way to introduce the concepts and explore ideas. Our letter of the week is 'li' this week and next week it will be 'Nn' we are focusing on words that start with the letter and learning to form the letters with our pencils. Our Numeracy focus at the moment is all about shapes, naming them, describing them and finding them in our environment.



We have been practising our end of year concert song and are learning some cool dance moves to go with it. On Wednesdays we will continue our learning with Anthea in and around the Life Skills House and are looking forward to the new skills we will begin to learn there. We will also continue to enjoy Performing Arts with Jess, Physical Education with Amelia and a variety of Creative Arts activities with Olivia.

From all of us in the Room 1 Team: Cas P, and Marnie, (Mon - Fri)
Kate (Mon, Tues, & Wed) & Alicia (Thursday & Friday)

PE NEWS

Green and Orange have begun their new PE program. Exploring ways of movement and how to navigate obstacles. There have been lots of laughs and excitement as we all find our inner child as we play and work together.



Stay Active

PE NEWS



PMP exploration with Amelia - Room 6





PROUDLY SUPPORTING
telethon 7



Loud Shirt Day

Wear it loud for kids with hearing loss



Friday 18th October

Students can wear a loud shirt

A voluntary gold coin donation can be contributed towards the fundraiser

YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR TERM 4

Family **MORNING TEA**



TUESDAY
22ND OCTOBER
TIME 9-9.30AM

The School Wide Positive Behaviour Support Community of Practice are currently conducting a review of Belvoir's School Expectations. After consulting with the students on their thoughts around the current expectations and preferences for new expectations, it is now time to speak with our wider school community, that's where you come in!

In this session we will provide attendees with insight into what behaviour support currently looks like at Belvoir, why we're reviewing the school expectations and give you a valuable opportunity to have your say as to what the expectations could look like in the future.

Please RSVP to leah.sisley@education.vic.gov.au

School Saving Bonus

Information for government school parents and carers.

Dear parents and carers,

In Term 4, 2024, families with a child enrolled in a government school from Prep to Year 12 in 2025 will receive the one-off \$400 School Saving Bonus.

The \$400 School Saving Bonus provides families with support for education-related costs, such as school activities and/or school uniforms and textbooks.

The School Saving Bonus is not available for full-fee international students, home schooled students, TAFE students and students attending kindergarten in 2025.

Actions for parents and carers

Before 18 October 2024, the Department of Education is asking parents and carers to:

- **Complete enrolment:** If your child, or children are changing government school for Term 1 2025, or starting Prep or Year 7 in 2025. For more information, read about [Enrolling in School](#).
- **Check your contact information:** Ensure your email address and phone number is up to date with us. You can check this information by contacting us directly.

We need to ensure your contact information is up to date as the Department of Education will email you twice:

- in October, to verify your email address
- in November, with your \$400 School Saving Bonus.

Please check your junk mail regularly to make sure you do not miss an important email.

To learn more about the School Saving Bonus, download the [School Saving Bonus Information sheet for government school parents and carers](#) or visit vic.gov.au/school-saving-bonus.



INVITATION

An Exhibition for Post School

Belvoir families are invited to attend our Post-School Expo on Wednesday, October 16th. This event provides families with valuable information and resources regarding the various support services and options available to their children through their senior school years. It will also allow you to explore the different options available for your child once they have completed year 12.

The aim of the expo is to provide disability organisations and support services the opportunity to showcase what they offer and to give parents/carers the chance to speak to a representative face-to-face.

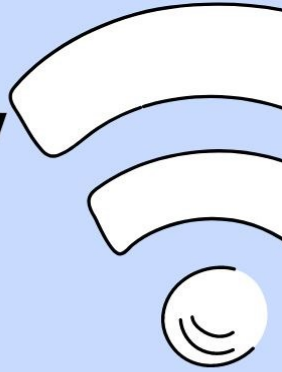
We hope to see you there!

Date: Wednesday October 16, 2024 (week 2)

Time: 3:45 PM - 5:30 PM

Venue: Belvoir School Gymnasium

Cyber Safety



**Be careful of
what you post.**

Social media safety

Parents and carers play an important role in supporting their children to be safe online and on social media. You can help your children safely navigate their digital world and educate them to avoid harmful online experiences. You can explore websites, games, apps and social media together and set some rules and boundaries.

Your support and guidance can give your children the knowledge to make sound decisions online and confidence to ask for help when they need it. It is also important to stay informed about online safety.

The Department of Education recognises this important issue and has developed fact sheets about supports to help keep students safe online and what to do if they are involved in an online incident.

The fact sheets contain links to evidence-based information on supporting positive and safe online experiences, signs a child or young person might need support, what to do if something unsafe happens online, and where to reach out to for more support.

To access the fact sheets, refer to the Safe Socials webpage.

The fact sheets are available in 19 community languages.

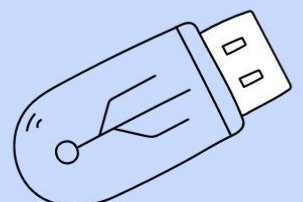
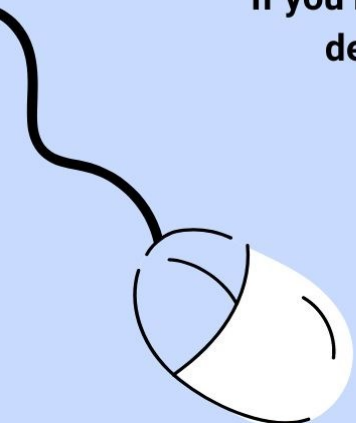
The government is also launching public consultation on age limits for social media.

You and your children can share your experiences to inform proposed changes via an online survey, before 5 pm on Friday 1 November 2024. For more information on the survey and to take part, refer to Proposed changes to social media age limits on the Engage Victoria website.

If you have any queries about this information, you can contact the department by email: bullystoppers@education.vic.gov.au

Thank you,
Pennie Moffat

Stay safe online!



Picnic for Nature at Eurimbla

BYO picnic to have on the lawn at Eurimbla.

Soak up the spring vibe with performances of dancing and singing by young local artists. Learn about all things trees including the

Slopes 2 Summit

Regional Connectivity Project

with Kylie Durant from Holbrook Landcare.

Take a walk with Birds on Farms to do a bird survey in the nearby 'forest' followed by a short walk to observe creativity in Regenerative farming.

When? Saturday, 19th October

Where? Jill and Ian's Eurimbla farm
148 Rodgers Road East, Gerogery
[a 15min drive from Albury]

Time? 12 - 3pm BYO lunch. Drinks provided.

Event Fee? Gold coin donation



Bookings are essential through:

<https://events.humanitix.com/picnic-for-nature-at-eurimbla>

For further queries contact: Jill Coghlan: 0488 661 585

Proudly Sponsored by:



Meet Tim Forcey

Author of:

'My Efficient Electric Home Handbook'

At Wodonga's Hyphen Library

On October 11th, at 6:30pm

- FREE tickets with light supper included -

Following roles with government, the University of Melbourne, and not-for-profit organisations, Tim now helps people make important changes in their own homes.

Whether you are a home owner or renter, if you're looking to make your home more efficient and ready for an all-electric future, join us for an engaging session with Tim Forcey.

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

<https://events.humanitix.com/>



'At the national level, there may have been the wasted years of the climate wars; at the household level, it's a different story, and Tim Forcey is shining a (clean, green) light on how we can all act local and think global.'
Zoe Daniel,
Independent Member for Goldstein

'A long overdue resource with tailored options for renters to help make their energy bills lower and their homes more healthy and comfortable.' Joel Digman,
executive director Better Renting

Can't make this event?

Tim Forcey's
Book Launch schedule
for our Border Region:

Saturday Oct 12
Albury - 11:30am
at the Riverside Vibe

Sunday Oct 13
Beechworth - 10am
at the Servicemen's Memorial Hall

Sunday Oct 13
Wangaratta 2pm, at the
Wangaratta Performing Arts Centre

'I'm convinced that power to the people was a phrase devised specifically for this book.'
Damon Gameau, director and producer
2040
- Join the Regenerators

'Tim has pioneered a way and now generously gives us his guidebook which will save us time and money and bring us to his destination - the future - at a discount.'
Dr Saul Griffith,
co-founder Rewiring Australia

Download our school app for free!



- Instant news notifications
- Online absentee forms
- Events and reminders



Download instructions:

1. Go to the App Store and download "School Stream" to your phone.

2. Open the app and type the school's name into the search bar to load the school's profile.

3. Make sure you agree to Push Notifications when prompted.