

# Belvoir Special School Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers/Friends,

This week at School Council we were finally able to tour our new Senior Secondary Pod. The building is almost completed, and it is looking amazing. We hope to start 2025 in the new space. We are currently ordering furniture and equipment to support students and their learning.

Next week, will be celebrating La Dee Da Day on Tuesday and welcoming our 2025 Prep parents to their first information session.

Pennie Moffat  
Principal – Belvoir SDS



# 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.

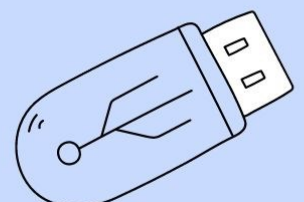
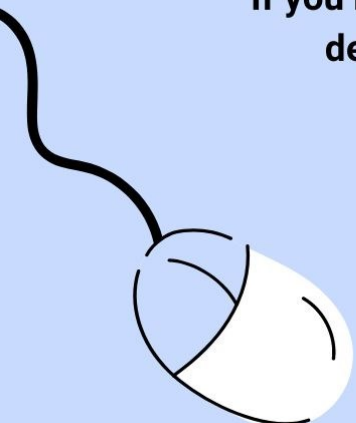
The government is also launching public consultation on age limits for social media.

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](mailto:bullystoppers@education.vic.gov.au)

Thank you,  
Pennie Moffat

**Stay safe online!**







# School Bulletin

**DATES TO REMEMBER, 2024**

## **GREEN POD SCHOOL CAMP-**

GROUP 2-Wednesday 6th November

Group 3-Tuesday 12th &  
Wednesday 13th of November



## **LAH DE DAH DAY-**

Tuesday 5th November- Dress to impress

**STUDENT FREE DAY-** Friday 29th November (Wodonga Cup)



### **BUS PHONE NUMBERS**

**BUS 1:** 0460 935 609

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**BUS 3:** 0460 896 490

**BUS 4:** 0460 869 012

**Belvoir Bus:** 0431 756 813



## ROOM 5 NEWS

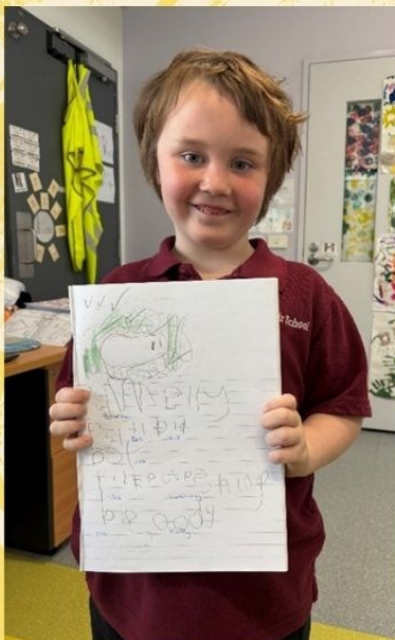
Elle, Jo A, Maddi

Room 5 can't believe we're almost at the end of Term 4, this year has absolutely flown by! We are beginning to get ready for Christmas- check out our epic door display.

Elle would also like to say a special thank you for her beautiful Teacher's Day goodies and the wonderful card from all Room 5 students.



We have seen drastic improvements in our writing and couldn't be prouder of ourselves. From letter format to line spacing and even increasing independence, Room 5 has come leaps and bounds for sure. Our math topic is shape, and a personal favourite activity has been 'shape hunting' around the room and playground. We are also starting to get into our Term Topic of rubbish and recycling, as well as getting creative with arts and crafts and painting almost every day!



arts & crafts





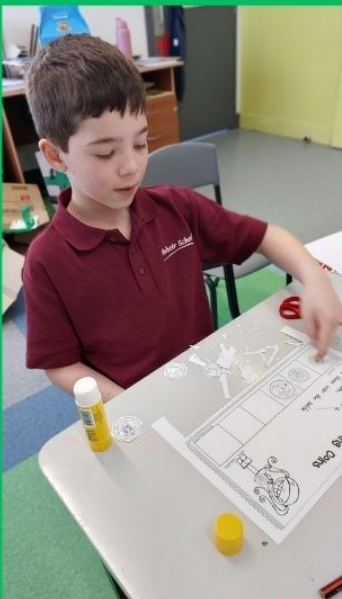
## ROOM 11 NEWS

Chloe, Shirl, Robyn

Room 11 have had a wonderful start to term 4. We have been enjoying exploring our curriculum topics with lots of sensory play and experiences.

Our topic in maths is money and we have been learning what money looks like and feels like. As well as practicing ordering coin values and adding coins together. In literacy our favourite thing to do has been to read and listen to stories.

This week group one of green pod went to camp and enjoyed doing some fun activities such as bowling. We look forward to having more fun together!





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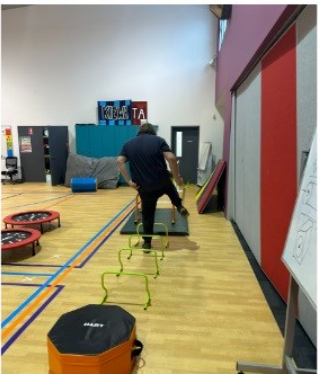
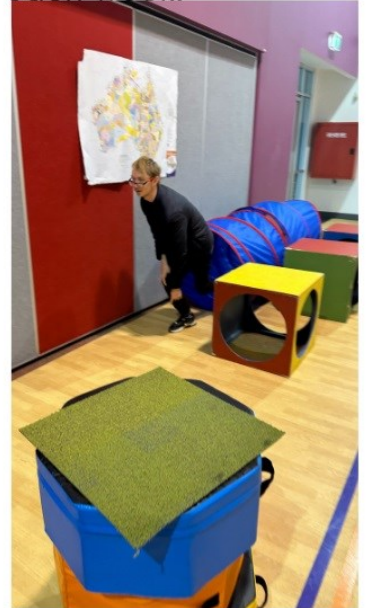
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TERM 4

## ORANGE POD

### OBSTACLE COURSE

Together we have been creating and completing obstacle courses each week.



### LOOK AT US GO

Some special moments during Orange Pods PE and extra activities have been...





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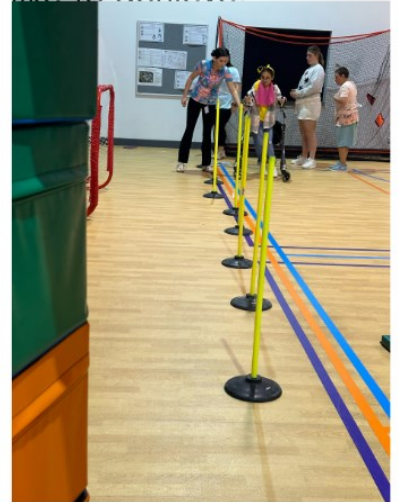
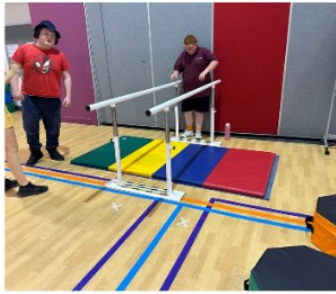
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## ORANGE POD

### MY GOALS, MY SKILLS

Each of us has been working towards a personal goal that we would like to achieve



### LUNCH TIME HALL PROGRAM

On Tuesdays and Thursday's the secondary school have a movement and fitness program in the hall.





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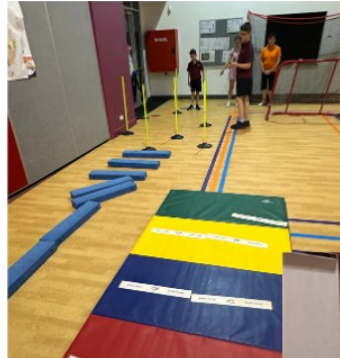
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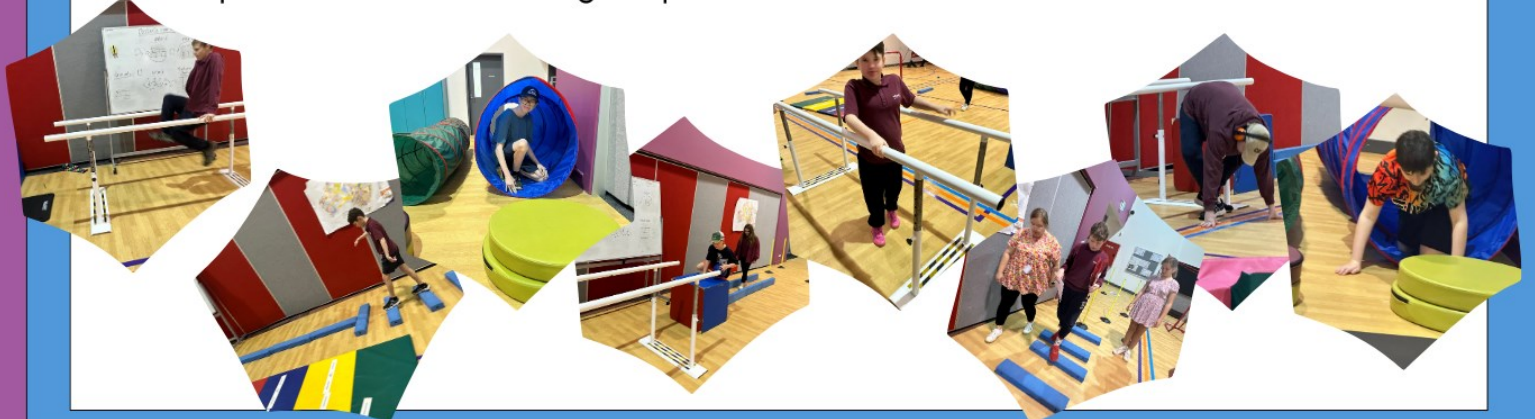
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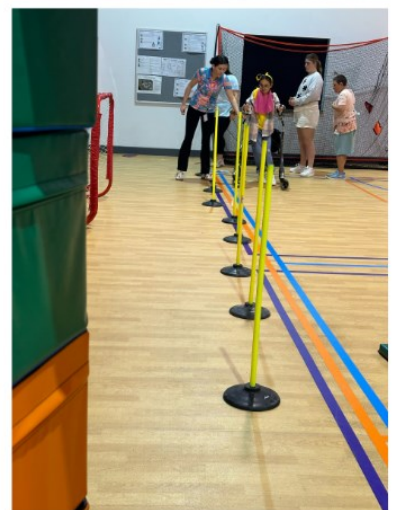
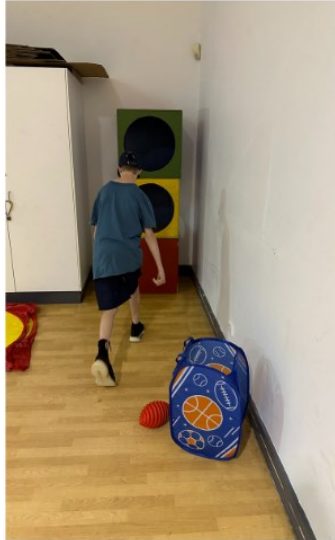
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## ORANGE AND PURPLE POD

### FOOTBALL CLINIC

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### STAND OUT MOMENTS

Some special moments during Purple Pods PE and extra activities have been..





# PHYSICAL EDUCATION

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TERM 4

## GREEN POD

### OBSTACLE COURSE

Together we have been creating and completing obstacles to go around, over, under and through.



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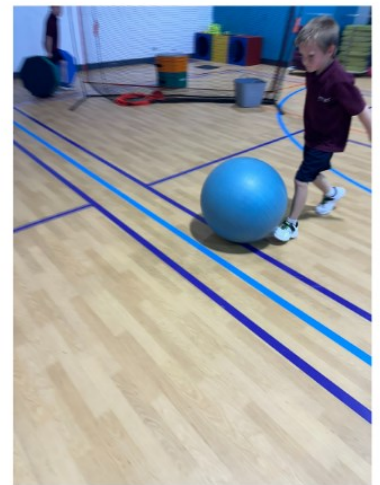
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## GREEN POD

### MY GOALS, MY SKILLS

We have been trying new things that might help us reach our goals.



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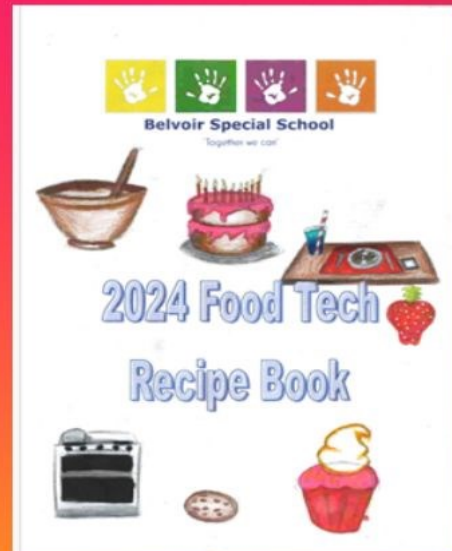


# BUY NOW

## Food Tech Recipe Book

At this year's Showcase we will be selling 2024 Food Tech Recipe Books. These will include all the recipes cooked by both the primary and secondary students this year. There are 21 Primary recipes in ALD format, and 22 Secondary recipes using clear print and simple language.

These will make fabulous Christmas presents for children (and adults) of all abilities and ages, and also provide families and carers with recipes to re-create with their children at home.



Pre-orders for these recipe books are now open by contacting the School Office on (02) 6059 8987. Books will be \$10 each and cash payment will be required upon pick-up on Friday 6th December.



# School Saving Bonus

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## 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](https://vic.gov.au/school-saving-bonus).





# LA DE DA DAY

TUESDAY  
5TH NOVEMBER

Dress to impress in your race day attire



# UNIFORM SALE

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SCHOOL  
UNIFORMS

2024 VIP  
SALE

**BELEZA WODONGA**

94 High Street, 3690

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Sat: 10:00am - 1:00pm

SATURDAY  
2<sup>nd</sup> NOV TO  
9<sup>th</sup> NOV

**20** %  
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Cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer, voucher or discount. Discount available on full priced Beleza branded items only.

Your family is welcome to join our Beleza School  
Uniform Membership, where you'll





# Little People's Literacy Learning: A guide for engaging parents & carers

## Learning the names of body parts



AUSTRALIAN LITERACY  
EDUCATORS' ASSOCIATION

Written by Anita Ayre & Trevor Cairney  
for the Australian Literacy Educators' Association



# Welcome to this Little People's Literacy Learning module

Anita and Trevor are not only experienced teachers, they are also active grandparents who love spending quality time with the offspring of their offspring. Together they provide a wealth of suggestions and hints for parents and carers wanting to engage with their own children in literacy learning activities.

You will find many examples of activities, some incidental and some planned. These activities are designed to be enjoyed with your child, with the emphasis being on learning through collaborative play and shared discovery. Many of the activities are enriched by the adult who models the talk about the phenomenon and introduces the child to new words and ways of describing what is happening. Integrated throughout are examples of how new technology can enrich the learning experiences of your child with the same richness as other non-technology applications.



## Learning the Names of Body Parts

*Your child needs to discover the parts of his/her body – the arms, the legs, the fingers and so on. To help them to know the names of the parts of the body and to know their movements, you and your child can choose some of the following activities:*

- \* Invite your child to draw a picture of themselves by saying 'Do you think you can draw a picture of YOU?'. Talk about the completed picture together, e.g., 'Tell me about your picture. What have you drawn? What are you doing in your picture?'
- \* Look in the mirror with your child. Talk about body parts, e.g. 'What can you see on your body?'. Your child may respond by saying something like 'My arm'. When your child names a specific part, talk about that part with them, e.g., 'Where is your arm? What can you do with your arm?'. Continue with the conversation, e.g., 'What else can you see?'
- \* Getting dressed: You can talk about body parts, for example, as your child puts on a jumper, talk about the movement in the arms. 'How can your arms move to get into your jumper?'
- \* Make a person: You can draw parts of a body, paste them onto card and cut them out then your child can place the parts to make a person. You can download pictures from the internet if you like.
- \* Have your child draw around the shape of a gingerbread person (you may have a biscuit cutter in the shape of a gingerbread person), then add eyes, nose, mouth and ears.





- \* Play 'I Spy' focusing on body features, e.g., 'I spy someone with long hair, blue eyes, etc.'
- \* Play 'Simon Says' – 'touch your knee', 'lift your leg', etc.
- \* Mirror Game. Face your child and say, 'I lift my arm, you lift your arm', etc. Be a reflection of each other.
- \* Sing songs such as: 'Head, shoulders, knees and toes' or 'Hokey Pokey'.
- \* Explore the ways in which body parts can move, e.g., clapping, wriggling, and shaking.
- \* Look at pictures and encourage your child to find all the people with the same feature, e.g., brown eyes.
- \* Cut pictures of people out of magazines and cut out their various body parts. Regroup the parts to make different people.
- \* Move requested body parts: Ask your child to hold up one arm, bend your legs, shake your shoulders, etc.
- \* Play games such as: 'This little piggy went to market'.
- \* Dress up dolls, bears or toys in the house, naming parts of their bodies.
- \* Encourage your child to put on their own socks, shoes and gloves.
- \* Explore an app that helps children to identify and use language to describe their bodies. Many of these are free. One useful Montessori app, 'Parts of the Human Body', is a paid app.



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of ALEA members from  
ALEA ACT, ALEA NT, ALEA QLD, ALEA SA and ALEA TAS.

## For more Little People's Literacy Learning modules, please log onto the ALEA website and search under 'Public Resources'.

The Australian Literacy Educators' Association (ALEA) is an independent professional association dedicated to literacy and English language learning from early childhood through all stages of schooling and tertiary education contexts. ALEA recognises the critical role literacy plays in learning and communicating in all curriculum areas, and for effective participation in society.



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# 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.