

# WE NEED YOU!!

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

Wednesday 19th March @6pm.  
in the staff room at Belvoir

### Parent Nominations for School Council

We are seeking parent nominations for our  
School Council!

This is a great opportunity to get involved  
and make a difference in our school  
community.

If you're interested or would like to  
nominate someone, please contact Jo in the  
office.

We appreciate your support!





# Newsletter

**Dear Parents/Carers/Friends,**

**Thank you to all the people who joined us today at our school assembly.  
Today we announced our school captains, house captains and student voice  
representatives.**

**Congratulations to the following students:**

**SCHOOL CAPTAIN**

Blake Clarkson

Kaityln Holland

**SCHOOL VICE CAPTAIN**

Ryder Thompson

Madilyn Hill

**HOUSE CAPTAIN**

David Seymour

Fergus Houston-Kiely

Levina Madonko

Rex Christall

**STUDENT VOICE REPRESENTATIVES**

Jack Bamford

Cooper Randle

Archer Pearce

Elsa Wilson

River Spratt

Jaxson Law

Sebastian Billet

Harrison Sanders

Emahlie Hyden

Hailie Smith

Dom Adamson

Bella Edwards

Fergus Houston- Kiely

Jake Brown

Archie Davidson

Levina Madonko







## Important Dates →

### **February 28th & March 21st & 28th-**

Whole School Assembly 2:10pm – ALL WELCOME

### **March 10th-** Public Holiday

**March 14th** -Whole School Swimming Carnival (details released closer to date)

**March 18th-** Harmony Day (details released closer to date)

**April 4th-**Autumn Hat Parade and last day of Term 1.

Students return for Term 2 April 23rd.

PEACE



# SCHOOL BULLETIN



**School gates open at 8:45 AM,  
and pickup is at 3:00 PM; Due to  
bus pickup, for student's safety  
students should not be picked  
up between 2.45pm and 3pm.**

yay!  
school canteen



***First Canteen Day:  
Wednesday, 5th March (Week 6)***



## 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

If your child's bus schedule  
changes, please notify the  
school and bus service.



**Book club  
Due date: Friday 21st March**



# Meet Our Belvoir Allied Health Team!

TOGETHER, WE HELP STUDENTS BUILD SKILLS THAT ENABLE THEM TO SUCCEED BOTH IN AND OUT OF THE CLASSROOM. WE ARE HERE TO SUPPORT CONSISTENCY BETWEEN HOME AND SCHOOL ENVIRONMENTS. HERE'S A LITTLE MORE ABOUT EACH OF OUR ROLES:



## Speech Pathologist – Mikaela

Our Speech Pathologist plays a key role in helping students with their communication, whether it's with speaking, understanding language, or using alternative communication methods.

## Physiotherapy Program

Belvoir Special School is continuing to run a physiotherapy program throughout 2025. This program involves a continued partnership with Going Rural Health, Melbourne University and Charles Sturt University where students studying their Doctorate or Bachelor of Physiotherapy will join Belvoir to complete a three-to-five-week placement block, and they will be overseen by a qualified physiotherapist, Louise Humphrey.

## Occupational Therapists – Caitlin, Mollie and Cassie

Our team of three OTs are dedicated to support students to be as independent as possible, while engaging in their meaningful daily activities. We support a wide range of goals such as developing fine and gross motor skills, routines, interoception or sensory regulation.

If you ever have any questions about how our Allied Health team can support your child, please speak with your child's classroom teacher!

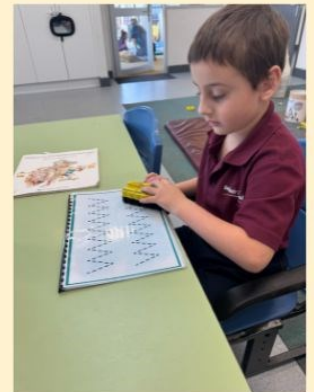


# ROOM 6

What an amazing start to the year room 6 has had! Who can believe our Foundation students are already halfway through their first term of school.



The students have been settling into school routines and learning all about our school rules. We have been having a lot of fun in our literacy sessions with a focus being on interacting and engaging in morning circle time, sensory play and fine motor skills.



In numeracy we have been listening to counting songs and focusing on number recognition. We are looking forward to the next 5 weeks and watching the students grow and participating in their first Swimming Carnival and Autumn Hat Parade.



From the room 6 team, Tonia, Gail, Imogen



# ROOM 7

From the room 7 team, Jacinta, Shirl and Lynsey.

In Room 7 we have been building new friendships and continuing to learn our daily routines.

In maths we are learning about Time. We really enjoy playing the 'memory time' game with friends in our classroom.



During literacy sessions we have been making and writing sentences, reading, using Epic and Nessy to listen to new books weekly.



We have also enjoyed some special time bike riding.





# ROOM 26

The year has started off well in Room 26. We have set high expectations for ourselves and are successfully meeting them. We have made progress in planning for the upcoming Biggest Morning Tea (more details to come) and have been learning how to keep our classroom, school, and environment clean and healthy. Additionally, students have begun creating future career plans by participating in the Morrisby Career Insights program. We were fortunate to witness some impressive speeches for leadership positions available to Orange Pod students and the staff have been very proud of the efforts put in by room 26 students. We've also celebrated a couple of birthdays this year already.



From the room 26 team, Jake, Bron, Shaun





# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## TERM 1

FEB

- STUDENT SUPPORT GROUP (SSG'S) MEETING



MARCH DAY OFF

- PUBLIC HOLIDAY
- WHOLE SCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL
- HARMONY DAY



PARADE

APRIL

- AUTUMN HAT PARADE
- LAST DAY OF TERM FRIDAY 4TH APRIL FINISH @2PM
- STUDENTS RETURN FOR TERM 2 WEDNESDAY APRIL 23RD

BACK  
TO  
SCHOOL!



# School Assembly

2.10pm

Everyone is welcome!!



FRIDAY 31ST JANUARY

FRIDAY 14TH FEBUARY

FRIDAY 28TH FEBUARY

FRIDAY 21ST MARCH

FRIDAY 28TH MARCH

FRIDAY 4TH APRIL





# Flexible Support Options

The UMFC Interchange Program offers personalised individual and group support options for children and young people with disabilities living in Wodonga and the surrounding areas.



## Group Activity Sessions

**After School Program:** Available Monday to Friday during school terms

**School Holiday Program:** Available Monday to Friday during Victorian school holidays

## Family Support

**Carer Groups:** Facilitated Peer Support Groups

**Little Explorers:** Playgroup for children aged 0-5 years

## Flexible Care Program

**Individualised support** with experienced care workers for small group opportunities and one-on-one mentoring in the home or within the community



**Registrations & information**

P: 02 6057 8400

E: [nreception@umfc.com.au](mailto:nreception@umfc.com.au)

# Welcome to Supported Playgroup

**EVERYONE  
WELCOME**



**FREE  
PROGRAM**

## Activities Include:

- Playdough making
- Painting
- Outside play
- Crafting

**Wodonga - Koori First Steps Preschool**  
**Restarting the 5th of February 2025**  
**(Wednesdays 10am - 12:00pm)**

**Morning tea provided**

**Wangaratta - Yarrunga Children's Services**  
**Centre**

**Restarting the 3rd of February 2025**  
**(Fridays 10:30am - 12:30pm)**

**Morning tea provided**

**For More Information Contact:**

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# Issuing Guidelines for Schools

## Travel Passes for students in crisis

### Government schools



Department  
of Transport  
and Planning

#### Purpose

This document should be used by schools in determining student eligibility for a 30-Day Travel Pass.

#### Travel Pass

Pre-paid Travel Passes make it possible for disadvantaged Victorians to use public transport to access vital services and to actively engage with the community.

Travel Passes are a paper 30-day pass available for both primary and secondary school students experiencing crisis and who are at risk of disengaging from education.

This ensures they can continue to attend school, receive an education and participate in school activities, and access support services.

Schools can issue a Travel Pass for free to students in crisis primarily to travel to school, but also for other reasons, such as travelling to:

- a medical or rehabilitation appointment
- a counselling session; or
- temporary or crisis accommodation.

Where a student requires access to a government-funded School Bus Program service, the school should contact the Department of Education on (03) 7022 2247 or via email [student.transport@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:student.transport@education.vic.gov.au) before issuing the student with a 30-Day Travel Pass.

#### Eligibility

Students are eligible for the program if they are experiencing:

- sudden financial hardship
- family violence
- substance abuse
- family/relationship breakdowns; or
- homelessness; and
- are at risk of disengaging from education due to difficulty in accessing funds to use public transport to get to school.

Where the eligible student requires an adult to accompany them on public transport to school (for example, due to young age, disability or mental health), the student is eligible for an additional Travel Pass for their caregiver to travel with them.

#### Obtaining and Issuing a Travel Pass

Government schools can apply for Travel Passes through the State Schools' Relief online portal.

Upon receipt of the Travel Pass the school must hole punch the Travel Pass with the issuing date, month and year.

The Travel Pass:

- Is valid for 30 days commencing on the day of the month and year that has been hole punched.
- Is not valid for travel if more than one date, or if the day, month or year has not been hole punched.
- Can be validated for a future date.
- Cannot be reissued or exchanged.

Failure to correctly validate the Travel Pass could result in an infringement notice issued to the ticket holder.

#### Travelling with a Travel Pass

A Travel Pass can be used on:

- bus, train and tram trips in metropolitan Melbourne (Zone 1 and 2)
- all regional town buses
- PTV inter-town buses
- V/Line coaches; and
- V/Line trains.

When passing through a staffed ticket barrier, students will need to show their Travel Pass to the barrier attendant. When travelling on a bus, students may need to show their Travel Pass to the driver. Students need to carry their Travel Pass for the entire journey.

A lost or stolen Travel Pass cannot be replaced.

#### School's Responsibilities

The school must ensure:

- The school as a Travel Pass Issuer has procedures to satisfactorily document that a Travel Pass has been issued to an eligible student.
- All staff who issue a Travel Pass are aware of and follow the correct procedures for issuing Travel Passes, including the criteria for deeming who is eligible to receive a Travel Pass.
- All staff who issue a Travel Pass are responsible for assisting the school to facilitate an effective review of the issue and use of Travel Passes if required.
- All non-issued Travel Passes are kept in a secure location when not in use.
- Travel Passes are correctly validated by hole punching the Travel Pass with the issuing date, month and year.

Further Information:

- State Schools' Relief
- P: 03 8769 8400 E: [contact@ssr.net.au](mailto:contact@ssr.net.au)



# 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.