

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,

Belvoir's Annual Swimming Carnival – Friday, 14th March 2025

We're excited to announce that Belvoir's annual swimming carnival will take place on Friday, 14th March 2025, at the Albury Swim Centre. Students and staff will travel to and from the venue by bus, departing school at 9:15 am and returning by 2:30 pm.

A sandwich and wrap station will be available for students during the lunch break, and the canteen will remain open throughout the event for snack purchases by students and families.

Parents and guardians are warmly invited to attend and cheer on our swimmers throughout the day.

We appreciate your support and look forward to an action-packed day of fun and competition!





**IMPORTANT
ANNOUNCEMENT!**

PUPIL FREE DAY
MONDAY 10TH MARCH





BELVOIR EASTER RAFFLE 2025

We really need your help!

We're calling on our wonderful families to support our annual Easter Raffle and help us raise funds for the school.

We kindly ask for donations of Easter eggs, stuffed toy bunnies, and baskets to create fantastic, colourful raffle prizes.

If you're unsure what to donate, feel free to contact the office staff, we'll be happy to offer suggestions.

Tickets: \$1.00 each (Tickets will be sent home with students)

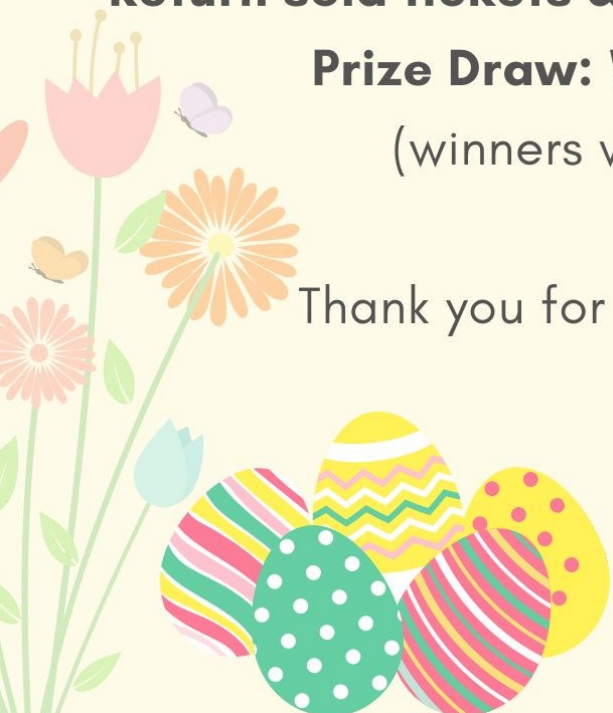
Donation cut-off date: Friday 28th March 2025

Return sold tickets & money by: Monday 31st March 2025

Prize Draw: Wednesday, 2nd April 2025

(winners will be notified by phone)

Thank you for your generosity and support!





Important Dates →

Friday 28th February, 21st & 28th March

Whole School Assembly 2:10pm – ALL WELCOME

Monday 10th March- Pupil Free Day

Friday 14th March -Whole School Swimming Carnival

Tuesday 18th March-Harmony Day: Students are encouraged to wear orange and will attend a multi-cultural silent disco

Wednesday 19th March- School Council Meeting @6pm

Tuesday 25th & Wednesday 26th March-

Biggest Morning Tea

Wednesday 2nd April- Easter Raffle

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

Students return for Term 2 April 23rd.



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.

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



School Council Meeting
Wednesday 19th March @6pm

ROOM 1

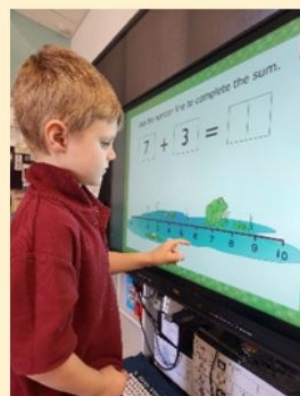
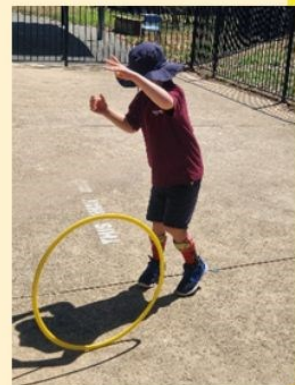
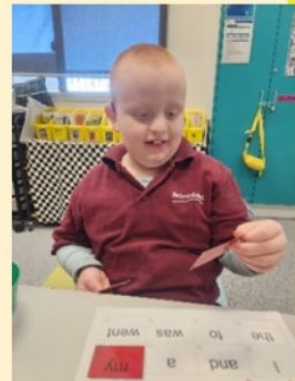
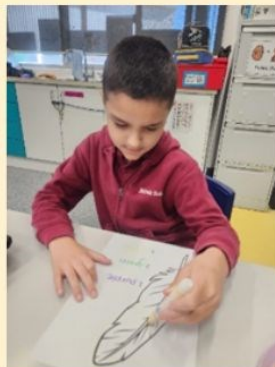
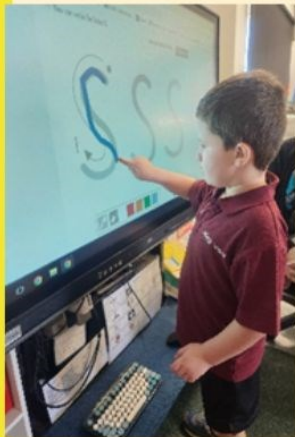
Wow it is week 6 already and we are more than half way through the first term of 2025!

Everyone is settling into Room 1 routines and enjoying their familiar activities. For Literacy we enjoy a new book each week and had fun last week learning about how the birds got their colours according to a dreamtime story. This week our story has been "What's for Breakfast". We have continued our learning about the letters S, A, T, P, I, N. We have been learning the sounds that these letters make and have been practicing writing these letters on our whiteboards. We have also been learning about how to build words with these letters. We love helping to write our classroom's morning message each day as well.

So far this term during our Numeracy sessions we have been learning about counting and addition and had lots of fun with dice activities. We are now moving onto learning about time: when things occur in our day and if they last a long time or a short time.

The Immersive Play Space in Room 2 began it's program last week. It is set up with things related to our term topic which is 'Get your Body Moving / Healthy Eating'.

We get to go there for a special lesson with Sharyn each week on a Friday morning and experience the new & different activities available – we all thought it was great fun!



From the room 1 team Cas P., Jessica & Kate

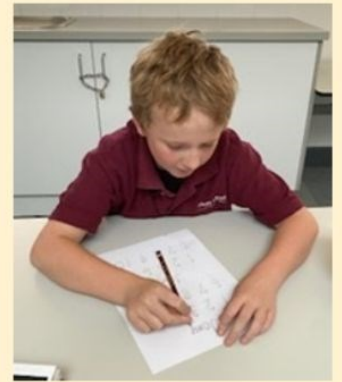
ROOM 9



Room 9 have been working hard this term. Every morning students focus on developing their phonics knowledge through letter and sound identification, building words and practicing their handwriting.



During maths we have been learning about time. Students have been sequencing events throughout the day, comparing and ordering event duration and learning to tell the time on digital and analogue clocks.



As part of our term topic students have been learning about the importance of maintaining good personal hygiene and have been focusing on learning how to wash their hands properly. We have also been learning about emotions and have been identifying how we are feeling using the Zones of Regulation.



From the room 9 team Danae, Wenone, Christin, Dylan

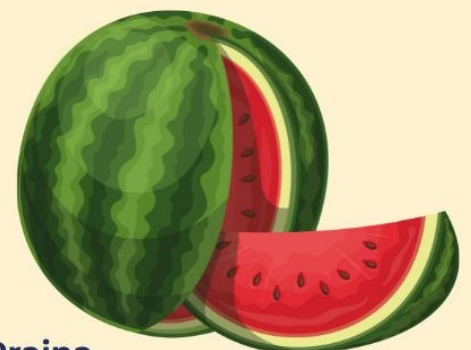
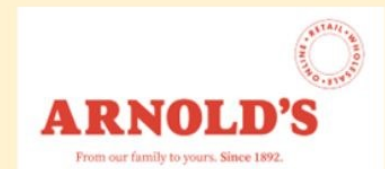
ROOM 13

Room 13 has gotten into our routine this year. We have made great connections with our peers and are enjoying our time in the classroom.

We have been working on our handwriting and typing using a computer, we have been working on our reading comprehension reading books as a class and working on our own reading by reading independently every day. We have been doing amazing work with maths, working on our counting, addition/subtraction and reading time form a clock. Some of us are even reading time to the nearest 5 minutes on both digital and analogue clocks.



We have also had our first outing for this year in week 4. In line with our term topic about healthy lifestyle, we went to Arnold's food market and chose some fruits we wanted to buy and eat. We even got a whole watermelon!



From the room 13 team Max, Morgan, Prajna

PERFORMING ARTS



In Performing Arts – Music this term, the students have had loads of fun exploring a range of instruments including drums, guitars, keyboards, ukuleles and percussion instruments. They have been working on listening to each other play their choice of instruments and learning to play music together. Some students have also enjoyed singing and dancing during music class.



PERFORMING ARTS

Teacher, Linda



Belvoir Special School's **BIGGEST MORNING TEA**

25th and 26th
March
2025

11.30am – 1pm

JOIN US!

**DONATIONS TO THE
CANCER COUNCIL**



**Belvoir Special
School
54 Gayview Drive,
Wodonga, Vic 3690
Cost: \$5.00**



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





Harmony Week is a time to celebrate the country's cultural diversity and to promote respect for all people.

Belvoir will be celebrating on Tuesday the 18th of March.

Students are asked to wear orange or cultural dress.

We will be having a disco throughout the day with multicultural music and various activities throughout the week embracing the multicultural nature of Australia!



NDIS Navigators

New National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) Navigator service to support parents and carers

Our school is excited to be part of the NDIS Navigators initiative. NDIS Navigators will be in all Victorian government specialist schools by 2025 to help students and their families navigate and understand the NDIS and get the most out of the supports available.

Belvoir is pleased to announce that Leah Sisley will be the NDIS Navigator and available 2 days (Mon & Wed) per week this year to assist students and families.

The Navigator **CAN** help in the following areas:

- provide support and advice for parents and carers to build their capacity to understand, advocate for and access appropriate NDIS funded support services available to their children
- develop and maintain relationships with parents, carers, school staff and local services to enable productive working relationships between schools, parents and carers and the NDIS
- support collaborative practices between NDIS funded services and the school, including by providing appropriate information, documentation and logistical support for onsite visits by approved NDIS funded therapists – refer to [NDIS Funded Therapy in Schools](#)

The Navigator **CANNOT** do the following:

- provide individual student case management or crisis management
- contact the NDIA or NDIS funded providers on behalf of parents or carers except in limited circumstances, following consultation with the principal
- attempt to resolve issues experienced with the NDIS or NDIA, but will support parents and carers to resolve issues through appropriate channels
- make decisions on requests for delivery of NDIS funded therapy services on school grounds or requests for NDIS funded therapists to observe students, or advocate for a particular outcome in relation to these requests – this will remain the responsibility of the principal in accordance with the department's [NDIS Funded Therapy in Schools policy](#)
- implement or perform supports and adjustments in schools
- act as an advocate for parents and carers in matters that are the responsibility of the school.

Please contact Leah via email: leah.sisley@education.vic.gov.au if you have an enquiry or are seeking assistance from the NDIS Navigator for your student currently enrolled at Belvoir.

Keep your eyes open for dates & times for NDIS information sessions the school will be holding with the support of the NDIS Local Area Co-Ordinator.

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

umfc
Upper Murray Family Care

Interchange
NETWORK

Registrations & information

P: 02 6057 8400

E: nreception@umfc.com.au



Carers, Aged and
Disability Services

School Holiday Program

**Are you a carer or parent
of a child or adult with disability?**

Looking for care in the Victorian school holidays?

Contact us to find out more about our onsite and offsite facilitated group programs. Children and young people are able to access the program from 7 AM to 7 PM.

Transport can be arranged to support the child or young person in attending the sessions.

Through discussions and planning with the child or young person, their parent/carers, and the plan coordinator (if not self-managed), UMFC staff will provide an individualised plan to support the child or young person in engaging in a supported group setting, participating in activities onsite and offsite tailored to the group or individual needs.

Examples of activities include participating in sports and recreational activities at Willow Park or engaging in group and individual activities onsite.



Date: 7th to the 23rd of April, 2025

Location: Carer, Aged & Disability
Services, 76 Nordsvan Drive, Wodonga



Upper Murray Family Care

Bookings & information

P: 02 6055 8000

E: admin@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:

Natasha Coelli

0429 354 764

natasha.coelli@mungabareena.org.au



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 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



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.