

# 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,

It is amazing how quickly time passes, with the end of term quickly approaching.

Over the past weeks, it has been great walking around the classrooms and hearing the excitement as the students engage in the wonderful learning activities provided by the teachers. From the cheering and excitement as the students participated in the swimming carnival; to the chatter of the Foundation classes as they embark on their first full weeks of school; to the buzz as all the children engage in wonderful activities in their specialist classes.

The Belvoir Swimming Carnival was a fantastic day filled with excitement, teamwork, and school spirit! Students eagerly participated in a variety of races, showing off their swimming skills and cheering each other on from the sidelines. A special mention to our PE teacher Kim and the specialist team who did an outstanding job coordinating the event.

Also, big thank you to the staff, parents, and volunteers who made the event run smoothly. It was a wonderful day that truly showcased the Belvoir spirit! We can't wait for next year's carnival!

*Pennie, Nicole, Andrew*

Leadership





# 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 21st & 28th March-**

Whole School Assembly 2:10pm – ALL WELCOME

**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



## 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.



**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.**



## Book Club

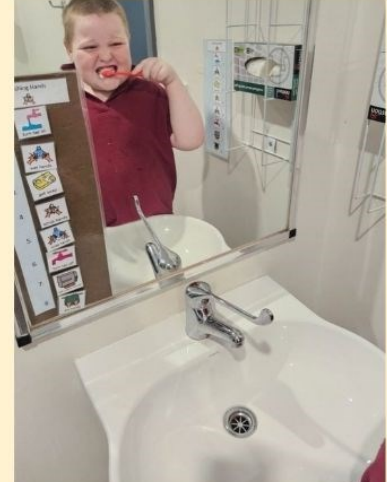
**Due date: Friday 21st March**

**School Council Meeting**  
Wednesday 19th March @6pm

# ROOM 3



We have been busy in room 3 working on our Term topic- Hygiene. This week our focus has been tooth brushing. We have been lucky enough to have a very special set of teeth to practice our brushing on and we even got our own toothbrushes and toothpastes to practice what we have learnt. Watch out Belvoir- room 3 have the brightest smiles around!



From the room 3 team Fiona, Jo A, Maddi

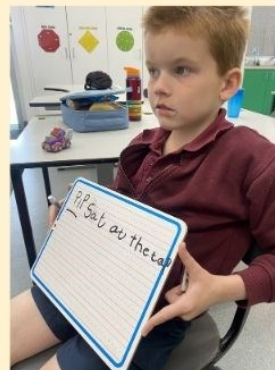
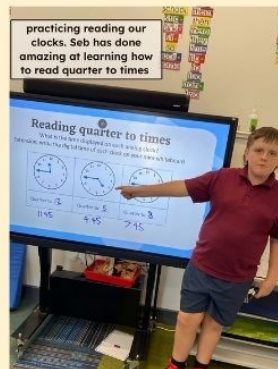
# ROOM 11



Room 11 have been enjoying continuing to learn and have fun

In literacy we have still been really enjoying our phonics. We love to learn about letters and practice writing letters, and making words.

In maths we have been learning all about time. We have been learning to write time, read clocks and exploring how time works.



We have enjoyed reading and choosing our own stories to read. One of our favourite activities has been getting to do some cooking. On Friday we made chocolate cupcakes, and they were really tasty!

We are super excited for the swimming carnival and can't wait to show off our swimming skills!

**From the room 11 team Chloe, Tulashi, Phoenix, Alex**

# ROOM 14

Room 14 has settled into our routine this year and had a great start to the year. We have made great connections with our peers and are enjoying our time in our classroom.



We have been working on our phonics, handwriting, reading and comprehension this term reading books as a class and individually everyday in literacy.

We have been doing some amazing work in Math, working on our counting, addition, subtraction and learning about time – making sundials and learning to read analogue and digital clocks.



We have had our first outing this week to Gayview park for the Wodonga Jets clinic. In line with our term topic about healthy lifestyles. We all had fun playing with the balls and footballs.



**From the room 14 team Penelope , Katrina, Steph**

# ROOM 27

Wow! What a busy and exciting start to the year we've had in Room 27!

Our students have settled in beautifully and have been diving into some fantastic learning across all areas.

## Literacy Adventures!

We kicked off the year by learning how to write speeches (hello, future leaders!) and have now turned our focus to recipes! Our budding chefs are busy learning about the purpose of recipes and will soon be putting their skills to the test, cooking up some delicious treats for the Orange Pod's Biggest Morning Tea! Mark your calendars for Tuesday, March 25 & Wednesday, March 26 and grab your tickets from the school office – you won't want to miss it!



## Math Mania!

We've been exploring numbers and data—but not just in our books! Our students are collecting and displaying data in real-life ways, including counting staff café orders to make sure we prepare just the right number of tasty treats!

## Enterprising Minds at Work!

Exciting news! Our students are now designing and creating products to sell at the Belvoir School Markets! Stay tuned for more details—big things are coming!

We can't wait to see what the rest of the term brings! Thanks for your support and stay tuned for more Room 27 News!



From the room 26 team, Erica, Sue, Rachael

# SWIMMING CARNIVAL



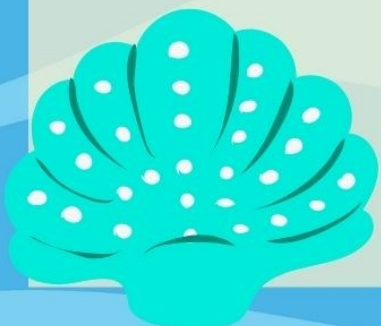
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AT THE  
pool



# *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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](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.