

# Belvoir Special School Newsletter



38 Gayview Drive, WODONGA, 3690

**Dear Parents/Carers/Friends,**

Welcome back to Term 2 everyone! I hope you all had an enjoyable Easter break and are ready for an exciting term. It has been wonderful to see all the students return this week with big smiles on their face. They have happily reconnected with their peers, quickly settling into their classroom routines, and eagerly participated in learning activities.

We will once again be participating in the ANZAC day parade this year. Please see the flyer in this newsletter for more details. Next week we are holding our Community Coffee Catch Up on Wednesday. This catch-up will include an information session on See Saw. If you want to better understand how to use this app. please join us on Wednesday Morning in the Life Skills House.

There were a couple of staff changes over the holidays. We were finally able to fill several staffing vacancies. We welcome Gail and Rachael as the permanent educational support staff in room 12, Drew is filling the staffing shortfall in room 9 and 13. Morgan is supporting purple pod. Graham Watson left late Term 1 and has been replaced by Deb in room 24. On the teaching front Jacinta is working in room 18 and 9 and Michael is our tutor for the rest of 2024 with a focus on student engagement and social development.

*Pennie Moffat*  
**Principal**

## 2024 DATES TO REMEMBER

**ANZAC Day  
Public Holiday**  
Thursday 25th April, 2024 -  
No School

**Federation School council**  
Monday 29th April 6.00pm  
Galvin Hall

**Finance Meeting**  
Friday 3rd May  
**School Council**  
Wednesday 8th May 6.00pm

## BUS PHONE NUMBERS

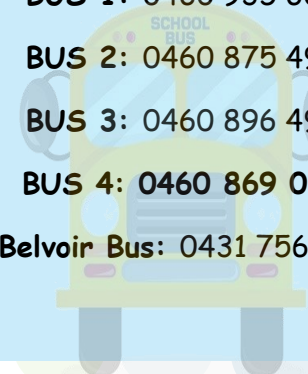
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**BUS 2:** 0460 875 492

**BUS 3:** 0460 896 490

**BUS 4:** 0460 869 012

**Belvoir Bus:** 0431 756 813



# ANZAC DAY 2024

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2024**

Belvoir School is invited to participate in this year's ANZAC Day March. If you would like to participate, please meet at 10.15am in Reid Street, Wodonga. Look for the Belvoir School banner, staff will be there to meet you.

**Parents/carers need to stay and supervise children as this is not a school event.**

At the conclusion of the March, parents/carers are to meet us at The Cube to collect your child.

Looking forward to participating again in this special event.





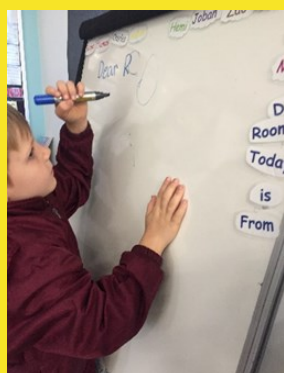
# ROOM 1 NEWS



Room 1 has had a fantastic start to Term Two. The sun is still shining and we have been having lots of fun exploring our outside activities when we have finished our inside learning.



We write our Morning Message each day and are learning our Days of the Week. Our current letter of the week is 'H' and we have had fun talking about all the things that begin with H and learning how to write the upper and lower case Hh. Our two week story cycle has begun with 'Macca's Makeover'. The students are very engaged with all of Macca's crazy adventures during the story



As always we love time with our specialist subjects on Wednesday's. Our focus during Numeracy has continued with more Money information and the students love playing our shopping games. Next we will begin our focus on Measurement and will be learning to measure everything we can find around the classroom and playground.

Shhhhhh - We have also begun preparing our Mother's Day presents

**From the Room 1 Team: Cas P, Claudia & Marnie J**





# Coffee Catch Up

## *Coffee Catch Up*

**All parents & carers of our Belvoir Students are invited to join us for our coffee catch .**

**9am – 10am/10:30am Wednesday in the Life Skills House on campus.**

**Come relax, have a cuppa, meet some new people in a safe, supported, inclusive environment.**

***Catch Up Date:***

***24th April***

***Looking forward to meeting you all!***

# CHARITY GALA



TICKETS  
**\$155**  
Per Person

**SATURDAY  
25 MAY**

Tables of 8 or 10  
(Individual Tickets Available)

**INCLUDES:**

Race Day Admission,  
Entertainment, Auctions,  
Two Course Meal, Beer, Wine,  
Cider & Soft Drink for 4 hours.

PROUDLY SUPPORTING:



**Belvoir Special School**

**TO PURCHASE TICKETS:**

Please contact Andrew Dear  
on (02) 6059 8987 or by email:  
Andrew.Dear@education.vic.gov.au



[www.racingwodonga.com.au](http://www.racingwodonga.com.au)



## ORANGE POD THOUGHTS ABOUT NEW POD



Works have started on our new learning centre in the senior area of the school, here are some of the comments for our senior students.

The new pod is a great idea. I feel disappointed that we are losing our oval though. I understand why this needed to happen but think students are going to miss the oval – Blake C

I feel that our school is lucky getting a new building for Orange Pod. I cant wait to get to use the new classroom. I cant play footy anymore because the oval is gone. – Ethan E

I was shocked when I arrived on Tuesday and saw the big fence blocking the oval. I can't wait to see the new pod when it is finished. – Samuel S



I feel pretty good about the new pod being built. I hope it is finished soon. – Zac L

I like it that a new pod is being built. I hope it has a gaming room and a medical facility. – Benjamin C







*The Belvoir Wellbeing Team would like to welcome back all our students and families as we commence Term 2!*

***TERM 2 : Parent and Carer Coffee Catch Up***

*We would like to invite all parents and carer's to a coffee catch up morning.*

*This will also Include an information session on navigating the Seesaw school app.*



***FoodShare's Community Pantry*** service supports members of the community experiencing financial hardship by providing access to;

- fresh fruit and vegetables
- protein and dairy products
- pantry staples/ household items/ frozen (\$25 voucher- \$150 value, \$15 voucher—\$80 value)

Vouchers can be purchased from;

The Personnel Group- 02 6041 1577

Hyphen - Wodonga Library Gallery

Vincent de Paul - Wodonga- 02 6024 3493 and leave a message for a call back  
VACCA— 03 5756 9000



**Reminder: Belvoir Breakfast Club**

Runs Monday-Friday (8:40-9am)- Industrial Kitchen

\* Open to all students

As the weather gets colder we would like to remind all our families that through the wellbeing team you can receive support to access pre loved school uniform items or a uniform voucher through State School Relief (SSR). For support enquiries please contact our wellbeing team via (02) 02 6059 8987 or email [leah.sisley@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:leah.sisley@education.vic.gov.au).

# Room 17

We hope everyone had a well-deserved break and is ready for an exciting return to school! Room 17 is buzzing with energy as we get ready for an engaging term ahead. From lively discussions to hands-on activities, our classroom is ready for lots of learning opportunities.

As we get back, we're excited to see our friends again, eager to catch up, share stories, and laugh together. Plus, we can't wait to get to the playground and play sports, enjoying the friendships and friendly competition.

We are ready to work together to make this a great term!







## School Expectations



• Follow Instructions



• Be Safe



• Be Respectful

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## TERM DATES 2024

	START	FINISH
<b>Term 1</b>	<b>29/01/2024</b>	<b>28/03/2024</b>
<b>Term 2</b>	<b>15/04/2024</b>	<b>28/06/2024</b>
<b>Term 3</b>	<b>15/07/2024</b>	<b>20/09/2024</b>
<b>Term 4</b>	<b>07/10/2024</b>	<b>20/12/2024</b>

Please note that school finishes at 2.00pm last day of the term except for Term 4.

## Parental Concerns or Issues

Belvoir Special School welcomes feedback, both positive and negative, and is committed to continuous improvement. We value open communication with our families and are committed to understanding complaints and addressing them appropriately. We recognise that the complaints process provides an important opportunity for reflection and learning.

We encourage and value open positive relationships with our school community and understand that it is in the best interests of students for there to be a trusting relationship between families and our school.

Parents are able to contact the school through the student diaries which are sent home with students each day, or they can ring the school to speak with classroom staff before or after school most days.

If the matter is urgent parents are able to email [belvoir.wodonga.sds@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:belvoir.wodonga.sds@education.vic.gov.au) or call the school on 02 6059 8987 and speak with or organize a time to discuss the issue with either Michelle Heintze-Moller, myself or relevant staff.

Our full complaints and other policies can be found at:

[Policies and Forms - Belvoir Special Development School \(belvoirss.vic.edu.au\)](http://belvoirss.vic.edu.au)

Pennie Moffat  
Principal

## School Athletics - House Groups

Students, Staff and Parents are put into groups according to their surnames. Each group has a name and color and it's requested that everyone wears clothing the color of the house they are allocated to:

<u>Surnames between</u>	=	<u>Colour</u>	<u>House Name</u>
<b>A-D</b>	=	<b>Red</b>	<b>Mitta</b>
<b>E-K</b>	=	<b>Green</b>	<b>Murray</b>
<b>L-Q</b>	=	<b>Blue</b>	<b>Kiewa</b>
<b>R-Z</b>	=	<b>Yellow</b>	<b>Hume</b>



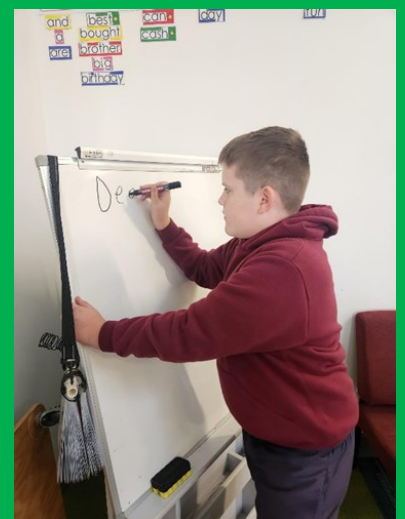
## Room 12

Room 12 has had an excellent start to Term 2, supported by the beautiful weather and the positive energy of our students. It has been heartening to witness the abundance of smiling faces and enthusiastic participation in various learning activities.

We extend a warm welcome to Rachael, our new Education Support worker, who has seamlessly integrated into Room 12 and is already forming meaningful connections with our students. In literacy, this week students were introduced to our mentor text 'Science Fair' with a focus on the procedures. Room 12 was invited by our friends in Room 7 to participate in a fascinating experiment to create a volcano. The students from both rooms immersed themselves in the process, experiencing the thrill of hands-on learning. They eagerly observed and participated in every step of the experiment. Through this experiment, students gained firsthand insights into the chemical reaction between vinegar and soda.

Our math sessions have revolved around the topic of Patterns, and students are showing keen engagement in playing various pattern games. As we settle back into our routines, our classroom buzzes with sensory exploration. As we embark on this journey together, let us celebrate the achievements of our students and anticipate the enriching experiences that lie ahead in Term 2.

Kitty, Gail and Rachael





FoodShare's Community Pantry service supports members of the community experiencing financial hardship by providing:

- fresh fruit and vegetables
- protein and dairy products
- pantry staples/ household items/ frozen

#### How to access the supermarket:

If you or your family are struggling to put food on the table but you have funds available to cover the cost of a voucher, the agencies listed below are facilitating access to FoodShare vouchers.

1. You will need to buy a \$25 or a \$15 voucher from one of the below locations 2. Take the voucher to redeem it for food and supplies at 81 Wigg Street—FoodShare supermarket.

Vouchers are available from:

- The Personnel Group- 02 6041 1577
- Hyphen - Wodonga Library Gallery
- Vincent de Paul - Wodonga- 02 6024 3493 and leave a message for a call back
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The Department of Transport & Planning [Travel Pass program](#) provides free 30-day Travel Passes to Victorian students who are experiencing crisis to ensure they can continue to attend school by using public transport.

The program was recently expanded to include caregivers of eligible students, ensuring that they can accompany a student on their journey. Students' eligibility is determined on a case-by-case basis by the school and the passes can be used across Victoria's public transport network.

#### Travel Passes

Primary, secondary and specialist schools can receive 30-day Travel Passes free of charge to give to students in crisis.

Travel Passes 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
- V/Line trains.

#### How to apply

Students can apply directly to their school.

Government schools can apply on behalf of students via their State Schools' Relief online portal.





## **Wodonga Central Auskick Centre**

**Is searching for the next stars.**

**Mondays starting 6th May**

**4:40 – 6:10 pm**

**Martin Park 2 Gordon St Wodonga**



10 weeks

\$ 91

Bargain

Join the fun today

<https://www.playhq.com/register/051a44>

Any enquiries contact centre coordinator 0424 298 821



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- 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.