

Belvoir Special School Newsletter



38 Gayview Drive, WODONGA, 3690

This term the building of our new senior secondary building has finally started. The fences went up over the school holidays and over the last 2 weeks, site support buildings have arrived, and earth works have begun. Over the next 6 months we will provide updates and images as the building proceeds.

Winter and colder days are here! This is your friendly reminder to check that you have cold weather uniforms (pants, trackies, jumpers) ready for those chilly days and they are labelled.

COLD and FLU

With the arrival of colder weather, cases of influenza (the flu) and COVID are increasing throughout Victoria. Our community is at risk of higher rates of students and staff affected by the flu, COVID and other illnesses over the winter season.

To help keep your child and our school community safe, please take the following steps if your child has any cold or flu-like symptoms:

- **keep your child at home until their symptoms pass**
- **common flu-like symptoms include a high fever, cough, runny nose, loss of appetite, body aches and feeling extremely weak and tired**
- **diagnosis of the flu can only be confirmed by a doctor after a nose or throat swab**
- **encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and ask them to cover their nose and mouth when sneezing and coughing.**

ENROLMENTS 2025

We are now taking enrolments for 2025 and will be running a Prep Tour in week 5 and Year 6/7 Tour in week 7 this term.

On Monday the 13th of May at 10:00 we will be running a Prep information session and school tour for prospective 2025 prep families.

On Monday the 27th of May at 10am we will be running a Year 6/7 information session and school tour for perspective families.

If you know of a child who will be starting school in 2025 or transferring in 2025 and the family is looking to enroll at Belvoir Special School, I ask that you please inform them of the Prep and Year 7 2025 Tours.

Interested parents and carers will need to contact our School on [\(02\) 6059 8987](tel:0260598987) so they can book in for the Tour.

STAFFING UPDATE

This weekend we welcome Jade to our administration team in the front office. Jade will be working at the front desk, assisting with the phones and administration duties.

Pennie Moffat
Principal

2024 DATES TO REMEMBER

Prep Tour
13th May 10.00am

Year 6/7 information session
27th May 10.00am

BUS PHONE NUMBERS

BUS 1: 0460 935 609

BUS 2: 0460 875 492

BUS 3: 0460 896 490

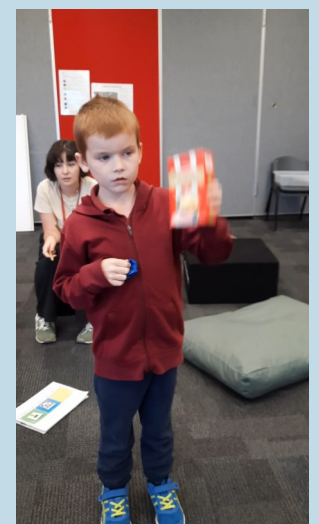
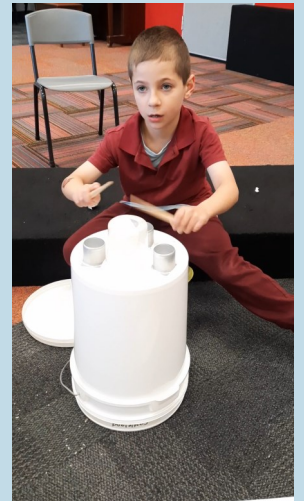
BUS 4: 0460 869 012

Belvoir Bus: 0431 756 813

PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

This term yellow pod are making homemade instruments and exploring different sounds they can make with different textures and items. We have loved playing along (and dancing!) to lots of varied songs with our creations!

Green pod are using Boomwhackers this term to play well known radio songs, purple pod are writing some new songs, and orange pod are rocking their class bands.



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



ROOM 3 NEWS



Room 3 have all had lots of busy energy on their re-
turn to school for Term 2.

We are focussing on our social skills by learning to
play in the same space as oth-



We are learning to make choices about what we
would like to play.



We love using the bike track to burn some energy!





Association for
Children with a
Disability

Free online workshop



Teens and Beyond

Do you have a child with disability aged 13+?

Then this FREE workshop is for you!

This popular series will give you practical information, skills and confidence to navigate the teenage years.

This is the only workshop that covers the full range of information relating to teenagers with disability in one place.

More information:

A three-part workshop. Each session is 2 hours. Content is intended for families of children with disability in Victoria only

Bookings are essential

Professional workshop facilitators are parents of young people with disability

Workshop dates:

- Monday 13, 20 & 27 May 10:00 am
- Monday 13, 20 & 27 May 7:00 pm
- Tuesday 14, 21 & 28 May 10:00 am
- Wednesday 15, 22 & 29 May 7:00 pm

Topics include:

- Financial support
- Getting the right NDIS support for your teen
- School and post-school options
- Wellbeing: friendships, communication, behaviour support and good mental health

Read more and register now



bit.ly/TEENSmay24

Contact us

✉ educate@acd.org.au

☎ 03 9880 7000 or
1800 654 013 (regional callers)

Room 18 News



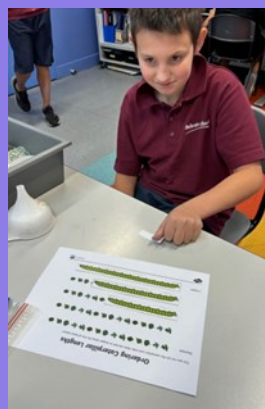
Students in Room 18 have been very productive so far this term.

In Literacy we have been learning about Procedural texts, including looking at the structure and practising how to write a procedure. Students have enjoyed sequencing pictures in order and writing and following steps for a range of procedures.

In Maths, we have been looking at Pattern and Measurement. Students enjoyed continuing and creating various shape, colour and mixed patterns, as well as practising skip counting patterns. Our more recent topic in Maths has seen students measuring the length and height of items around the classroom and Pod using informal and formal units of measurement and then comparing the size of a range of items.

Students have shown great interest in our Science term topic 'All mixed up', as it has allowed exploration and experimentation of mixing different liquids and ingredients together. Students have enjoyed predicting what might happen and then recording or drawing the results of what actually happened.

It was lovely to go on an outing to Noreuil Park earlier this week, where students were able to use a range of exercise equipment and have some fun at the playground. We are now looking forward to watching the 'Freaky Friday' performance at the Scots School next week.





School Expectations



• Follow Instructions



• Be Safe



• Be Respectful

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TERM DATES 2024

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

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 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>
A-D	=	Red	Mitta
E-K	=	Green	Murray
L-Q	=	Blue	Kiewa
R-Z	=	Yellow	Hume

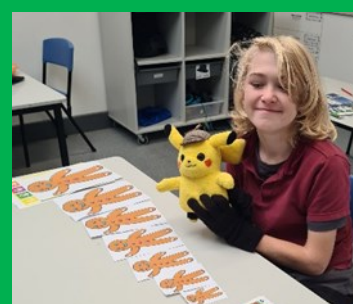
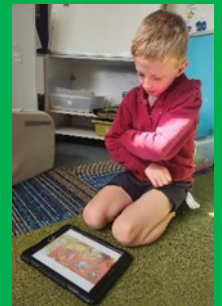
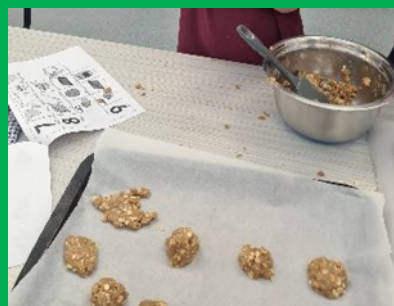


Room 9



Room 9 have had lots of great learning experiences so far in Term 3. We have been learning about measurement in Maths, procedural writing in Literacy, we made volcanoes in the sandpit as part of our Term Topic – Chem Lab and cooked ANZAC biscuits when learning about ANZAC Day.

Students are enjoying Art with Olivia on a Friday morning and have made some fantastic creations. In Performing Arts we have been using the boom whackers to play songs.





Room 21



What's the word in Room 22.

Room 22 has had a wonderful start to term two, with our students returning ready to learn and engage in all of the exiting activities on offer here in Orange Pod.

This term we have been putting our knowledge of literacy and numeracy to good practice with our focus being on reading time and learning how to follow procedures. Which has consequently carried through to other areas of learning particularly in staff café where the Room 22 team has been demonstrating their knowledge of reading and following recipes in a practical setting through helping to make some of the wonderful treats on offer through the staff café program.

Our team looks forward to the learning experiences that await them ahead as we progress as a team further into term 2.

Jonathan, Bron and Shaun.





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
- VACCA— 03 5756 9000



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

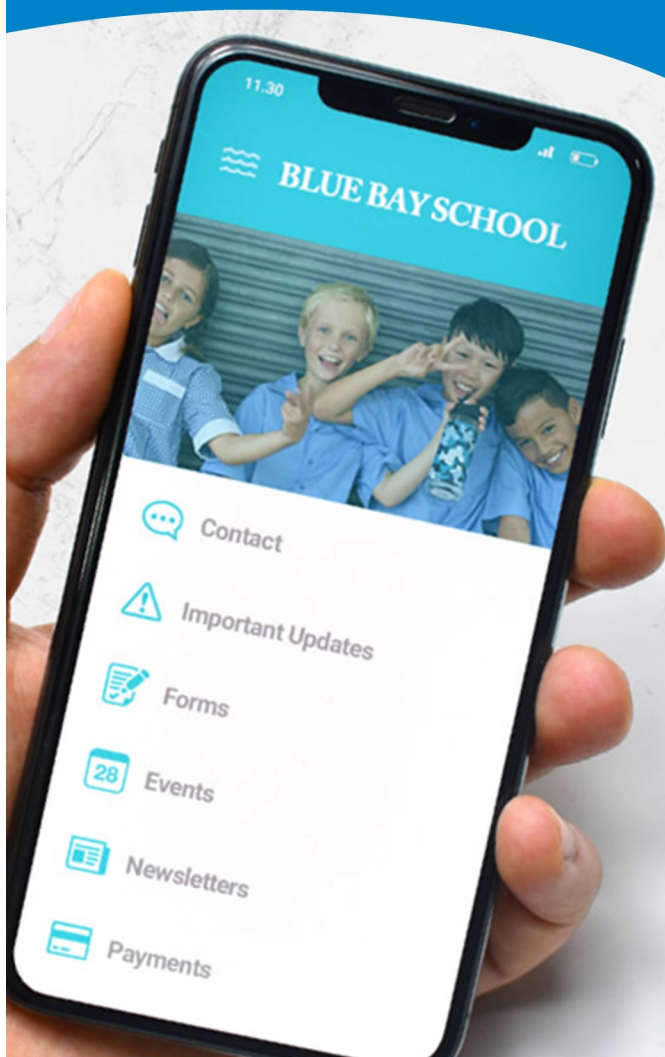
Bargain

Join the fun today

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

Any enquiries contact centre coordinator 0424 298 821

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.