

# Belvoir Special School Newsletter

38 Gayview Drive, WODONGA, 3690



Dear Parents/Carers/Friends,

## Education Support Person Day

This week, we celebrated Education Support Person Day. Again, I would like to acknowledge the extraordinary contribution our Education Support staff make to our school. At Belvoir we have amazing Educational Support staff who work in our office, classrooms, driving and supervision on the Belvoir bus, taking care of our grounds and in our Allied Health and Wellbeing Teams. A BIG THANK YOU to our educational support staff for ensuring the smooth running of our school and supporting the health, wellbeing and learning of our students!!!

## School Review

In Term 3, we are going to be completing our School Review. This is an opportunity for schools to seek feedback from School Staff, Students, Families and the wider community regarding the school's strategic direction for the next four-year cycle. Over the coming weeks, we will be using focus groups, interviews and surveys to get feedback, as part of our Pre-Review Self-Evaluation. If you would like to be involved in a focus group, please contact either Pennie or Michelle H-M via the office to express your interest. Focus groups will occur during the school day.

## Seasonal Illness and COVID

As we come closer to winter and the flu season, all of us have a role to play in protecting our community to keep us safe and well. We have had a number of confirmed COVID and cold/flu cases affecting our community. We would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone of the recommended safe measures from the Victorian Department of Health.

Here are some daily actions to prevent and protect our community from these illnesses:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water.
- Cover your nose and mouth when you cough or sneeze.
- Consider having a COVID Vaccination/Booster
- Consider an annual flu vaccine for everyone in the family over 6 months of age.
- If unwell stay home and limit, contact with others until you are symptom-free.

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out for assistance.

Thanks for your support as we work together to keep our Belvoir community safe and well through the cooler months.

## ENROLMENTS 2025

We are now taking enrolments for 2025 and on Monday the 27th of May at 10am we will be running a Year 6/7 information session and school tour for prospective families. If you know of a child who will be starting school in 2025 or transferring in 2025 and family is looking to enroll at Belvoir Special School, I ask that you please inform them of the Year 7 2025 Tour.

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

Kind regards,

Michelle Heintze-Moller

**Assistant Principal- Student Health and Wellbeing (Acting)**

## 2024 DATES TO REMEMBER

### Year 6/7 information session

27th May 10.00am

### Finance Meeting

7th June

### Kings Birthday

### Public Holiday

10th June

### School Council

12th June

## 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

# Room 5 News #3

Elle, Jo & Maddi

Term 2 has been off to a flying start in Room 5, and we can't believe it's already halfway done! We have been fortunate to have access to 'Room 2: Learn to Play' and the Interception Program run by our very own Cassie and her OT Students, Ash and Immy.



In literacy, we are continuing to build our reading and writing stamina and having a letter of the week focus. Math has seen us look at money, even opening our own class shop! We have also looked into measurement, building our vocabulary with words such as shorter, taller, heavier, lighter, more and less.

We have also made some beautiful arts and crafts to celebrate Mother's Day, ANZAC Day, and ES Appreciation Day.

What a busy bunch we are!



# IDAHOBIT

*International Day Against LGBTIQ+ Discrimination (IDAHOBIT) is held annually on 17 May– Week 5*

The Department of Education is committed to ensuring all Victorian government schools are respectful, safe and inclusive places of learning and work for all students, staff and members of our school communities.

As part of this commitment, the department supports all schools to join the many other schools and workplaces across the country to recognise International Day Against LGBTIQ+ Discrimination (IDAHOBIT) on Friday 17 May 2024.

This is to support lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and gender diverse, intersex, queer, questioning and asexual (LGBTIQ+) people in our schools and the community, in accordance with Department of Education’s equal opportunity and anti-discrimination policy for students and employees, and the obligations in the Child Safe Standard 5 to uphold diversity and equity for everyone regardless of their background, characteristics or beliefs.

We believe it is important to teach our students about acceptance, respect and inclusivity. By doing so, we are not only creating a safe and supportive environment now, but also preparing students to thrive in a global society.

Patrick Burns (Safe Schools/ Department of Education) will be delivering professional education to our staffing group during our staff meeting in week 5. We look forward to continuing to work in partnership with you and all our families to support everyone to be safe and thrive at our school.

For more information, refer to the IDAHOBIT website [www.idahobit.org.au](http://www.idahobit.org.au) .







# ROOM 11 NEWS



This week in Room 11, we have been going on the bus to the Wodonga Leisure Centre for Swimming Lessons. The students have been having so much fun learning how to swim and playing games in the water. The students have been getting more confident in the water every-day trying new things from going into the deep end, jumping into the pool or going away from the lane ropes. During Sensory with Linda the students made Sherbet as a science experiment. The Sherbet was loved by some of the students and not by others, but they all tried it.



# 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)





# ROOM 24 NEWS



It's been an action-packed term 1 and 2 for our students as they dove into a range of exciting activities and learning experiences.

Last week our students made a splash in swimming lessons, honing their aquatic skills and building water confidence. They've also been hitting the pedals, mastering bike riding techniques and enjoying the great outdoors.

We've had the pleasure of celebrating some special milestones this semester as a few of our students turned 18! It's been a joy to celebrate these memorable occasions and share in the excitement of reaching adulthood.

Students have also been applying the skills that they have learned through cooking and life skills lessons during our numeracy lessons with a focus on mass, volume and length. Lastly, we're proud to have taken part in the Belvoir Biggest Morning Tea, coming together as a community to raise funds for a worthy cause. It was a fantastic opportunity to enjoy some tasty treats while supporting those in need.



## School Vaccination Program: BELVOIR SPECIAL SCHOOL

School vaccinations are being conducted at this school on **Thursday 13 June 2024**

The following vaccines will be offered on this day:

YEAR LEVEL	VACCINES OFFERED
YEAR 7 MALE & FEMALE STUDENTS	Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) 1 Dose Only Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis 1 Dose Only
YEAR 10 MALE & FEMALE STUDENTS	Nimenrix (Meningococcal ACWY) 1 Dose Only

These vaccinations are funded as part of the Victorian Secondary School Vaccination Program. Should your child miss out on starting their vaccination course this year they may not be eligible to receive them for free in subsequent years.

To consent to your child being vaccinated please provide online consent for vaccination using the link provided as per the instructions below. If you **DO NOT** wish to have your child vaccinated or if your child has **already been vaccinated elsewhere**, please select the relevant **NO Denied consent** fields using the link provided, as per the instructions below. Please complete the online consent process as soon as possible as vaccination cannot proceed without consent.

### How to provide online consent for vaccination for **Year 7** students:

To complete online consent for your Year 7 child's school vaccinations, click on the following link Yr 7 – <https://portal.cirv.vic.gov.au/PrivacyCollection/?id=7f54c130-19e7-ee11-904d-000d3ae1ab1a&Year7>

### How to provide online consent for vaccination for **Year 10** students:

To complete online consent for your Year 7 child's school vaccinations, click on the following link Yr 10 – <https://portal.cirv.vic.gov.au/PrivacyCollection/?id=c2bf8c2c-19e7-ee11-904d-000d3ae1aeaf&Year10>

## Instructions once you have clicked on the correct link

Once in the portal, you will be able to view information about the vaccine/s being offered as part of the school vaccination program. Please read this information carefully.

1. Once in the portal, click next.
2. Enter your mobile number.
3. You will receive a text message with a 6 digit code – enter this code on the screen.
4. Confirm your child's school and Year level, if correct click next.
5. In the student details section, enter your child's:
  - First name
  - Surname
  - Gender
  - Date of birth
  - Medicare number



- Position on the Medicare card
  - Indigenous status
  - Address
6. Click next.
  7. Provide consent for the vaccine. Click edit. Select yes granted, if you would like your child to receive the vaccine at school OR no denied, if you would NOT like your child to receive the vaccine at school.
  8. As parent/consenter enter your details as follows:
    - First name
    - Surname
    - Relationship to student
    - Mobile number
    - Email
  9. Click next.
  10. Review the Pre-Immunisation checklist and enter any pre-existing medical conditions, severe allergies or previous reactions to vaccination. If there is none, please leave blank
  11. Click next
  12. Review all entered information and ensure it is correct.
  13. Click confirm at the bottom of the screen.
  14. You will receive a confirmation email. Please keep this as it has a confirmation code that you will need if you want to change/amend consent prior to the vaccination day.

**The benefits of providing consent online:**

- Receive email notifications when vaccinations are given
- faster upload of vaccination records to the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR)
- Ability to change or amend consent through the online parent portal

If your child is to be vaccinated at school, please ensure they are wearing their sports uniform and have eaten breakfast on the day.

Parents/guardians who wish to withdraw their consent for any reason may do so by logging into the parent portal and using your confirmation code to change the online consent. You can also email Council's Immunisation Team on [immunise@wodonga.vic.gov.au](mailto:immunise@wodonga.vic.gov.au) **before** the vaccination day.

If you have any enquiries about the program or your child's vaccinations, please contact Wodonga Council's Immunisation Team on 1800 655 360.





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](https://bit.ly/TEENSmay24)

Contact us

✉ [educate@acd.org.au](mailto:educate@acd.org.au)

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



## 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>



# **Are you a parent of a child with a disability?**



**We want to hear about your  
child's educational experiences.  
Participate in this research being  
conducted by Monash University  
along with other universities  
around the globe from the UK,  
Italy, Norway, India, Canada and  
many other countries.**

**Participation involves completing a  
brief online survey. For more  
information or to take part, please  
visit:**

<https://www.linkedin.com/feed/update/urn:li:activity:7157860480076730370/>

[https://monash.azure.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_6lJbenooX0zX010](https://monash.azure.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6lJbenooX0zX010)



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

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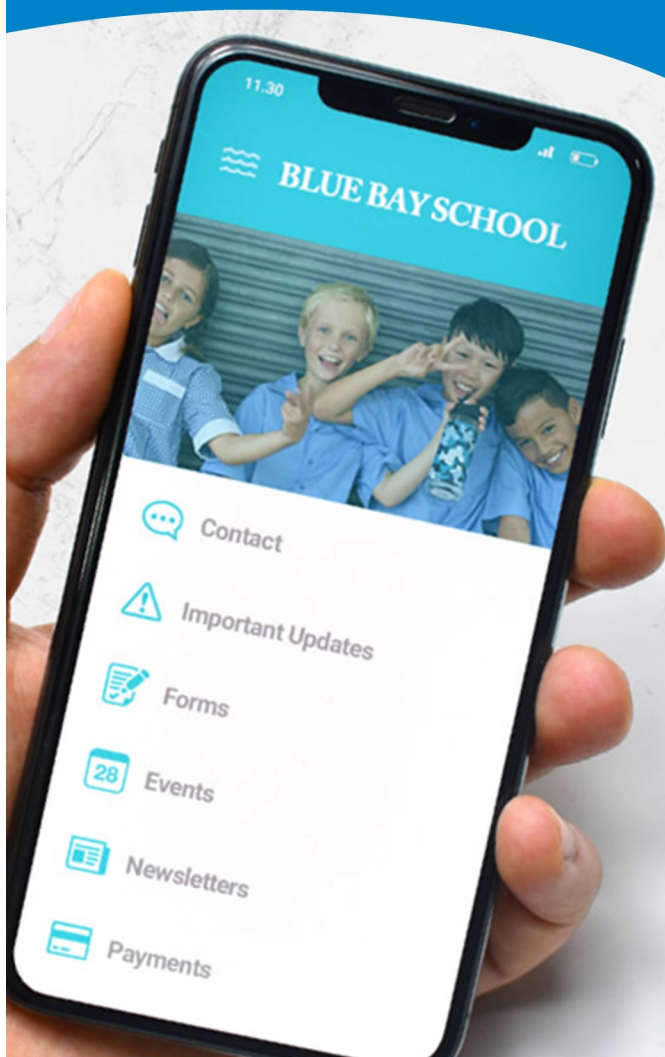
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Any enquiries contact centre coordinator 0424 298 821



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- Events and reminders



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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.