

Belvoir Special School Newsletter



38 Gayview Drive, WODONGA, 3690

Dear Parents/Carers/Friends,

It is hard to believe it is Week 6! As I walk through the playground and visit classrooms, it is a delight to see happy, engaged learners making the best of every day. I must congratulate all our staff for ensuring students are happy and safe and all their learning needs are being met.

This weekend we have our big fundraising event happening, The prestigious Jack Maher Classic. Wodonga Racing annual Charity Gala this year will be supporting Belvoir Special School and Community Crew @ Albury. Funds raised from this event will go towards purchasing equipment that supports our students' safe and meaningful engagement within the school environment. Equipment we are hoping to purchase includes gravity relaxation chairs, sensory crash pads and ceiling hoist.

ENROLMENTS 2024

We are now taking enrolments for 2025. 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 ask them to contact the school.

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

Winter Clothing Reminder!

Winter and colder days are on the way!

This is your friendly reminder to check that you have cold weather uniforms (pants, trackies, jumpers) ready for those chilly days.

If you need assistance with purchasing of new winter uniform items please contact the Wellbeing Team on:

02 6058987 or email leah.sisley@education.vic.gov.au

Leah Sisley - Wellbeing Liaison Officer

If your child is away.

Being away from school for one day a fortnight equals missing 1.5 years over 13 years of school

If for any reason your child must miss school, there are things you can do with your school to ensure they don't fall behind:

- Inform the school
- Speak with your child's classroom teacher to ensure your child is not missing out on educational opportunities.

Remember, every day counts.

If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher as early as possible.

Openly communicating with your child's school about all absences is a good way to prevent attendance issues being escalated to a School Attendance Officer. A School Attendance Officer is a Department of Education and Training Regional Director who has authority to follow up attendance issues.

If you're having attendance issues with your child, please let your classroom teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.

Pennie Moffat
Principal



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

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 6 NEWS

Tonia, Sian, and Brit



This term Room 6 students have been lucky enough to participate in the Interoception program run by Cassie and our OT students Ash and Immy. The students have thoroughly enjoyed these lessons with the crowd favourite being the big parachute.

This semester our term topic is all about different materials and chemical science and our Learn to Play room has been set up to represent this. Our students have loved exploring and experimenting with different materials in this classroom.

In literacy we continue to focus on our core handwriting skills program and reading stamina.

In numeracy we are focusing on measurement and have enjoyed using the scales to indicate which item is heavier or lighter.

We look forward to seeing what else this term brings us.



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Charlotte explored the guitar and tambourine in performing arts today!

Little Angler Kits

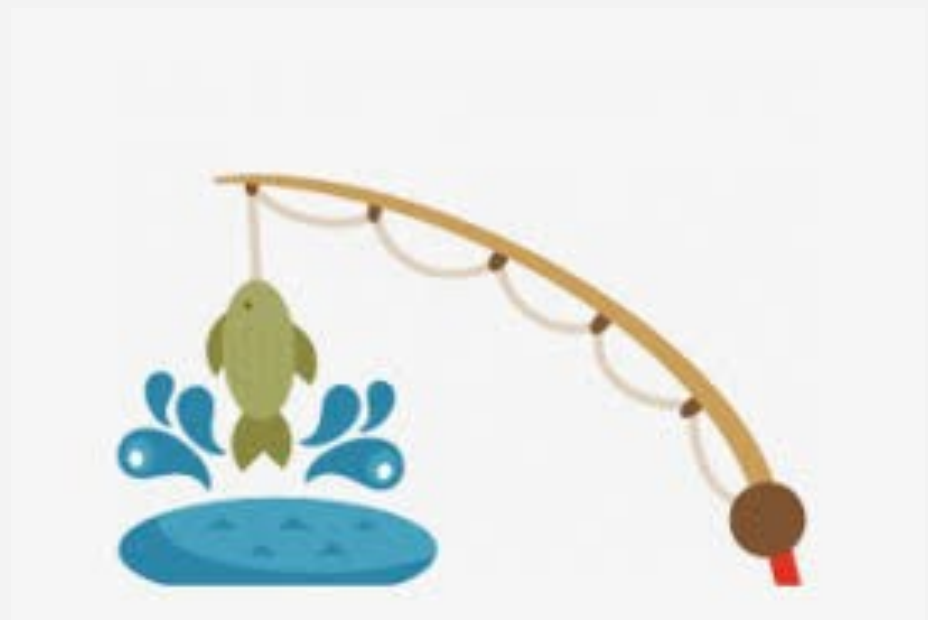
All Primary-aged students enrolled at Belvoir are eligible to receive a “**Little Angler Kits**” as part of a FREE state government initiative. The kits include a rod, reel with line, tackle tray, some tackle (including hooks and lead sinkers) and information on how to use the equipment.

If your child is in **Yellow or Green pod** and would like to claim their free fishing rod and kit, please contact the school to arrange pick-up.

For students in **Purple or Orange pod**, who would like to join a waitlist for a fishing rod and kit, please speak to the office to record your child’s name.

Rods must be picked up by a parent or guardian and will not be set home on the bus.

All rods must be collected from the school no later than Friday 7th of June.



Belvoir soccer superstars

Last week, a group of purple and orange pod students attended a soccer competition day in Wangaratta.

Special schools from across north-east Victoria attended the day to compete in a friendly tournament.

There were some amazing skills on display from our team but most importantly they played fairly and respectfully against our opponents. The staff that attended couldn't have been prouder to see the way that our students represented Belvoir.





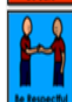
School Expectations



• 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 12 NEWS

Kitty, Gail and Rachael

In Literacy, we have continued to learn about procedural texts. Our focus has been on mastering the art of sequencing and following procedures, with a highlight being our hands-on experience in learning how to make recipes. Last week we learnt to make pizza and this week it was Scones. Students have enthusiastically accepted the challenge of not only understanding the structure of procedural texts but also working on their own procedural writing skills.

Over in Maths, we learned about measurement in the first few weeks. From measuring our heights in centimetres to engaging in the competition of creating the heaviest trays using blocks, our students have been fully engaged in exploring various units of measurement. This week, our focus is on subitising. Through engaging board games involving dice, students have been sharpening their practical counting abilities while having a lot of fun.

In respectful relationships, students are learning about the concept of personal strengths and discovering how to cultivate them through cooperative games. For our term topic 'Chemical Science' we are conducting fascinating experiments to observe reactions firsthand, students have been actively involved in predicting outcomes and documenting results with enthusiasm. As we look ahead to the remainder of the term, the Room 12 staff is looking forward to a fun term of learning and continuing to build our relationships and routines.



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



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.

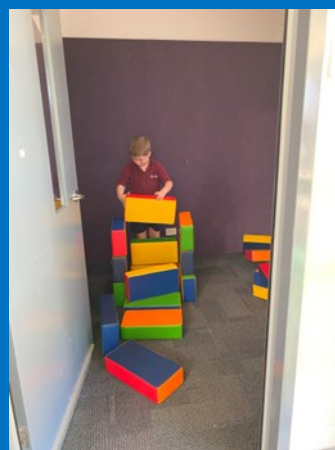
How to apply

Students can apply directly to their school.

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

VISUAL ARTS NEWS

In Term 2 the Yellow and Green Pod students have had a lot of fun doing some science experiments as well as sensory art and construction. The students enjoyed making square bubbles and painting with marbles. They made a catapult, a lava lamp and sherbet, and they designed their own packaging for this. They also have had a great time playing with large soft construction blocks to make towers and cubbies, as well as the regular activities such as playdough, bubbles, drawing, painting, and cutting and pasting.



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.