

Belvoir Special School Newsletter



38 Gayview Drive, WODONGA, 3690

Dear Parents/Carers/Friends,

On behalf of all Orange Pod students, I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to everyone that attended the Belvoir Biggest Morning Tea. Your presence helped make the event a huge success. It was fantastic to see so many staff, families and members of the community come together to support this important cause.

Students followed safe food hygiene procedures, worked in small teams, followed a series of plating processes, greeted guests, took drink orders, delivered food and drinks to the tables and then cleared and cleaned up afterwards. Opportunities like these allow our greater community to see how capable our students are and to showcase their talents.

I would like to say thank you to Erica for coordinating this event and all the staff and students in Orange Pod for their hard work and support of this initiative.

Thank you to our larger Belvoir Community for your support as these events only work with your participation. All funds raised from this event will be donated to the Cancer Council.

Today we started our final day of term with a crazy hat parade. It was wonderful to see our students parade around with their amazing creations and being supported by family, staff and carers. It was also great to see students demonstrating their audience skills as they cheered on their peers.

Today was the last day of Term one. The students and staff have worked hard over the term to ensure students continue to establish routines and create a supportive and safe learning environment. We look forward to seeing students back on Tuesday the 16th of April for Term 2. We hope everyone enjoys the break and return refreshed and ready to learn!

Easter Raffle

Thank you to everyone who contributed in one way or another to our spectacular easter raffle.

We had 30 prizes to give away. All winners have been notified and from the reactions we received when they picked up their prizes they were very excited.

An extra special thank you should go to our Admin. Staff who constructed the prizes and coordinated the sale of tickets from start to finish. With the amount of raffle tickets sold we raised a grand total of \$941.00 which is amazing. This money will be put towards resources for our students.

Pennie Moffat
Principal

2024 DATES TO REMEMBER

Pupil Free Day
Monday 15th April

First Day of Term 2 for students
Tuesday 16th April

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

BUS PHONE NUMBERS

BUS 1: 0460 935 609

BUS 2: 0460 875 492

BUS 3: 0460 896 490

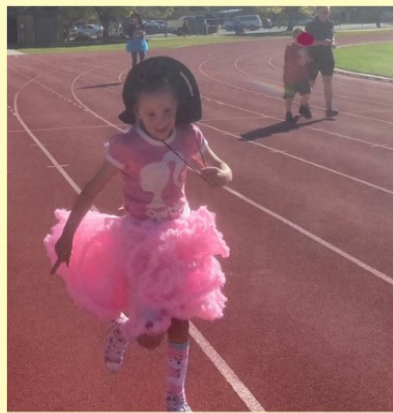
BUS 4: 0460 869 012

Belvoir Bus: 0431 756 813

Room 5 News #2

Elle, Jo & Maddi

We can't believe it's already the end of Term 1! We have achieved so much in Room 5 and Elle, Jo and Maddi are very proud. This week we focused on Easter crafts, including the masks we wore in our crazy hat parade!

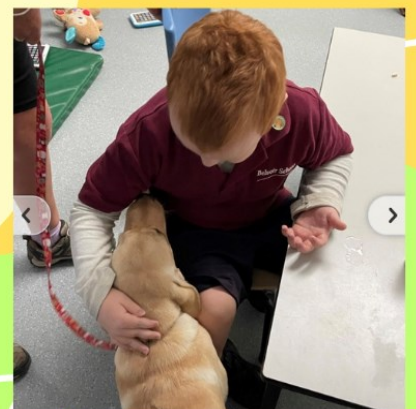


In Literacy we have been working on our full sentences, and having a letter-of-the-week focus. Math has been all about counting- we can skip count by 2 and 5 now! We have even been doing some science experiments, such as 'Fake Snow'.

We were so lucky when Jo bought her puppy, Ralph, in!

This term also gave us the swimming carnival and the athletics carnival which were huge feats for all involved, but so enjoyable.

Room 5 even took home our fair share of ribbons!



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 19 NEWS

Erica, Pam & Sue



What an amazing first term we have had in room 19. Students have settled into the new school year well. This term students have participated in a range of amazing projects and activities across the school, including staff café (delivering/collecting order forms and delivering orders to staff across the school), cooking for and serving at the Biggest Morning Tea, cooking projects in the classroom, designing and constructing a new classroom bookshelf, attending the swimming and athletics carnivals, celebrated birthdays, won awards along with completing classroom learning activities.

We are all very excited for the holiday break and cannot wait to see what term 2 has in store for us! Have a happy and safe Easter break!





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

Sensory Art and Construction

In sensory art and construction, students in Yellow and Green Pod have been having a lot of fun this term. We play with playdough, paint, use blocks to construct towers, draw, colour, do craft projects, make cubbies with boxes, play with coloured rice, enjoy using the bubble wands, have fun with water play activities, draw on the concrete with sidewalk chalk and more.



Wellbeing



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

\$25 VOUCHER
\$150 VALUE

\$15 VOUCHER
\$80 VALUE



PUBLIC TRANSPORT VICTORIA **PT** >

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.



WMY C1 NEWS

Paul & Kellie



What a term! So much jam-packed in to 9 weeks! And capped off this week with our athletics carnival. This term also saw us attend Wodonga Middle Years Swimming carnival and in week 6, our camps week where some of our students embarked on a 3 day camp At Mountain View Retreat in Harrietville where we experienced a range of fun, and enriching activities, such as archery, hut building, bush walking, swimming in the river at Bright and exploring the town, volleyball, indigenous art and many more amazing experiences! It was so good seeing so many of our HIC and FIC kids step out of their comfort zones to try some new, fun activities, and build some amazing connections to peers and staff, across the three days.





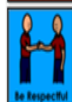
School Expectations



• 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 11 NEWS

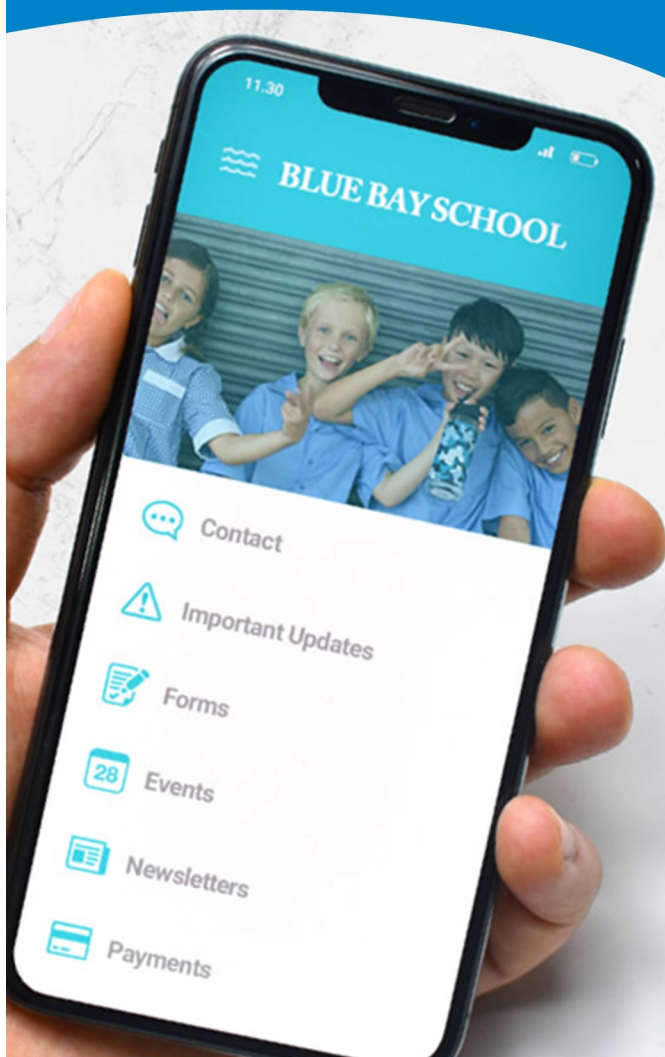
Chloe, Laura & Shirli



Room 11 has had an amazing few weeks. Rory and Ollie have loved hydrotherapy this term and have been having so much fun. We had an amazing day at athletics carnival and came home with a lot of ribbons.



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.