

# Belvoir Special School Newsletter



38 Gayview Drive, WODONGA, 3690

Dear Parents/Carers/Friends,

Today we held our whole school assembly in the hall. It was wonderful to see all our students being an amazing audience, sitting beautifully and clapping and celebrating the achievements of their peers.

This week a number of classes showcased their artistic capabilities through mini performances to school students and staff. Orange Pod delivered a performance of their own songs they have written and learnt with using their band skills while yellow and green demonstrated their amazing percussion skills using home made instruments and boomwacker!

As the winter weather starts to settle in, everyone is reminded that it is important that your child is kept at home if they have:

- a temperature (more than 37.5°C)
- a cough
- a runny nose
- a sore throat
- muscle aches

This way we can continue to support the well-being and health of everyone at the School.

**REMINDER: The school will be closed on Monday 10th June for Kings Birthday Public holiday.**

## Notify the school of your child's absence.

Protecting the safety and well-being of children through the reporting and monitoring of absenteeism is the responsibility of both parents/carers and schools.

**Please remember to contact the classroom teacher or call the school on 6056 8987 early in the morning if your child is going to be away or late for school so your child's absence can be recorded correctly.**

For further information on the processes and procedures our school uses to record, monitor and follow-up student attendance, please refer to our Policies page on the school website.

## 2025 ENROLMENTS

Enrolments are now open!

**NEW FAMILIES:** If you know of any family who might be interested in finding out more about Belvoir, please encourage them to book a tour or chat with our Administration Staff on [\(02\) 6059 8987](tel:0260598987)

*Pennie Moffat*  
**Principal**



## 2024 DATES TO REMEMBER

**Kings Birthday  
Public Holiday  
10th June**

**School Council Meeting  
12th June @ 6.00pm**

**Last Day Term 2  
Friday 28th June  
2.00pm Finish**

## 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**

## FIC (known as R3) News



Term 2 this year has been very busy at FIC. We started a new Humanities Term Topic called All Mixed Up. Through the unit we are learning about mixtures, how to make and separate them and what their purposes are. This is a very hands on unit that has been lots of fun to be a part of. So far, we have made playdough, Oobleck, created rust, learned about chromatography and made marble paper with common vegetable oil! You can see the amazing pictures below.



We have also been exploring the Term Topic in the Science Lab, where we have explored what happens if we heat metals (they expand and then when it cools, they shrink back to normal). Also, we explored when we burn steel wool, the steel wool weighs more than it did before we burnt it – because it is now mixed with oxygen which then turns into iron oxide (rust). This was fascinating to watch.



Another very cool thing we got to investigate was a kidney. We learned all about how the kidney functions and what it's main purpose is – then we got to cut it up and locate all it's internal components. We all were very intrigued as to what each section does and we even got to use a microscope to see it in great detail.





# Food Tech & Life Skills News

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Food Tech and Life Skills has continued to be filled with lots of learning this term.

In Food Tech students have continued to make a new recipe each week with Apple Crumble featured here from our Yellow Pod students and Vegetable Fritters and Gulab Jamun (Indian Doughnuts) from our Purple Pod students. We have been continuing to work on following each step in a recipe, and using our equipment safely, especially sharp knives and hot objects.

In Life Skills we have continued to learn housekeeping skills. We have practised the art of folding sheets, changing doona covers and working out how to undo and redo buttons on the doona covers. Cleaning the bathroom (and even the toilet) has been a surprising highlight for many students as has using the vacuum cleaner safely and appropriately.

Next semester students will swap their lessons so complete the other subject so please keep a lookout for the relevant note to check for allergies and reactions to different food items and cleaning products and return to school.





### World Environment Day: Wednesday 5th of June (WK8)

World Environment Day is to encourage awareness and action to protect our environment. This year's campaign focuses on land restoration, desertification and drought resilience.

This week all students have had an opportunity to engage in an interactive classroom activity of planting vegetable and flower seeds in individual pots to take home. Our students were very eager gardeners and had a wonderful time learning about the importance of looking after our environment.





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.

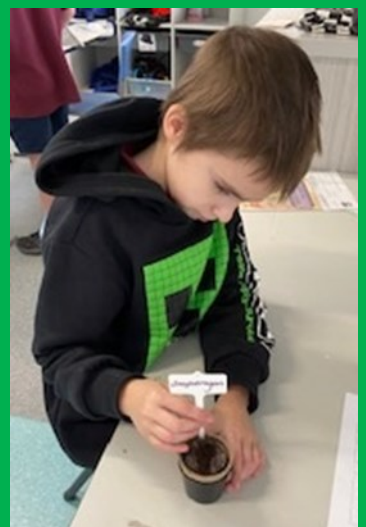
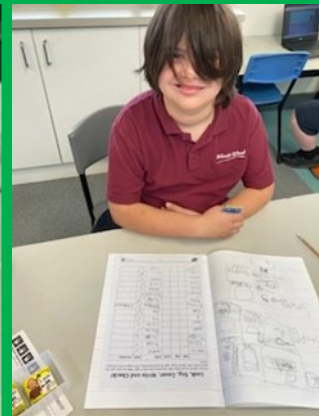
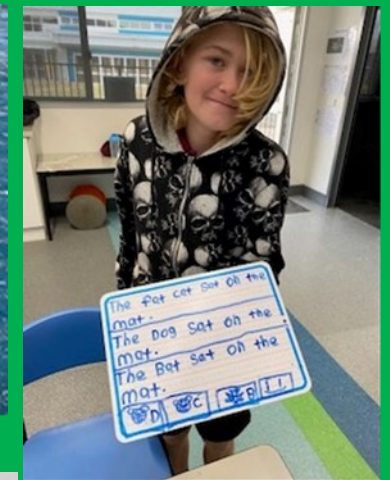


# ROOM 9 NEWS



*Danae, Brendan, Jacinta, Jessica & Drew*

Room 9 have been very busy this Term. We have enjoyed our term topic Chem Lab, including making slime. In week 5 we had Green Pod swimming; this was very successful, and students had lots of fun developing their swimming skills. During literacy students have been learning how to write a procedure and enjoyed working as a group to draw and write each step. During maths students have been learning about measurement including length, height, weight, and capacity. Students used informal units such as blocks to measure and compare the length and height of different objects. This week we have also enjoyed an outing to Ernest Grant Park in Thurgoona and celebrated World Environment Day on Wednesday. Students each had the chance to plant their own seeds to grow some carrots and snapdragons, we are looking forward to watching these grow over the coming weeks .





# ALBURY GANG SHOW



Albury Entertainment Centre

A two and a half hour show put on by the Scouts and Guides from the Albury / Wodonga region.

Filled with singing, dancing and comedy skits.

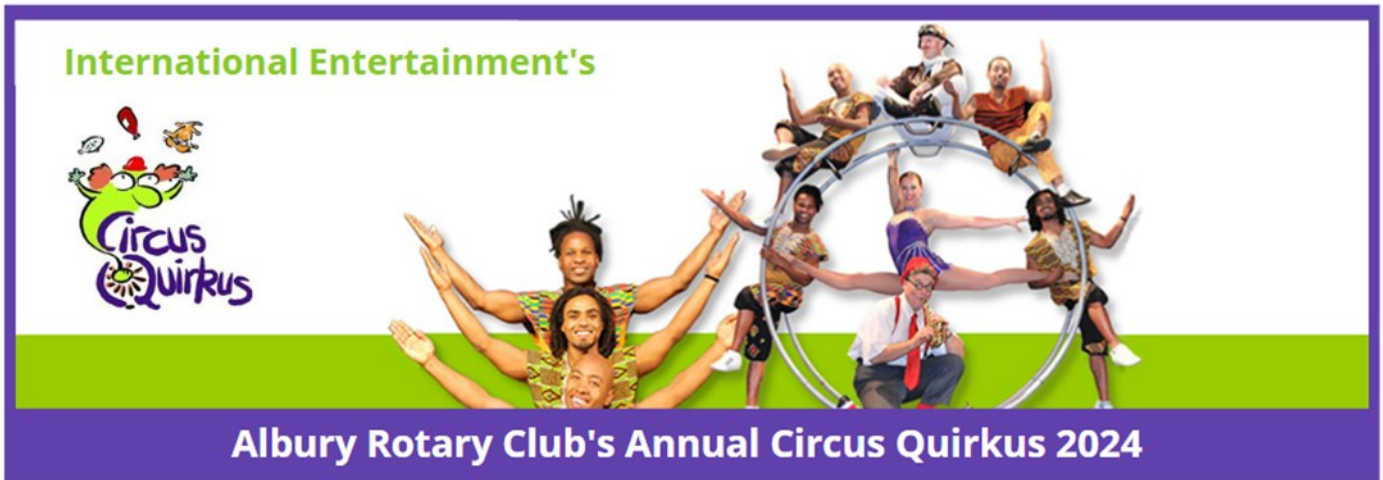
Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June – 7:30pm

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June – 1.30pm & 7:30pm

Tickets \$25 each; Group 10+ \$22pp

For bookings contact

<https://alburyentertainmentcentre.com.au/whatson/albury-gang-show>



## CIRCUS QUIRKUS 2024

**WE ARE HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE OUR ANNUAL CIRCUS IS BACK!**

COMMERCIAL CLUB - ALBURY

Monday 29th July – 11am, 4.30pm & 6.30pm (Running time: 80 mins)

FREE TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES FROM YOUR ORGANISATION/SCHOOL

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## CIRCUS QUIRKUS 2024

**NAME**.....

**NUMBER OF TICKETS:** .....

**(REMEMBER THAT EVERY PERSON REQUIRES A TICKET FOR ENTRY)  
TO AVOID MISSING OUT ON TICKETS PLEASE RETURN THIS  
FORM TO SCHOOL BY FRIDAY 19TH JULY, 2024.**

# Albury Wodonga Careers Expo

Thursday 13 June 5.30 - 7pm

The Scots School Albury

Free entry.

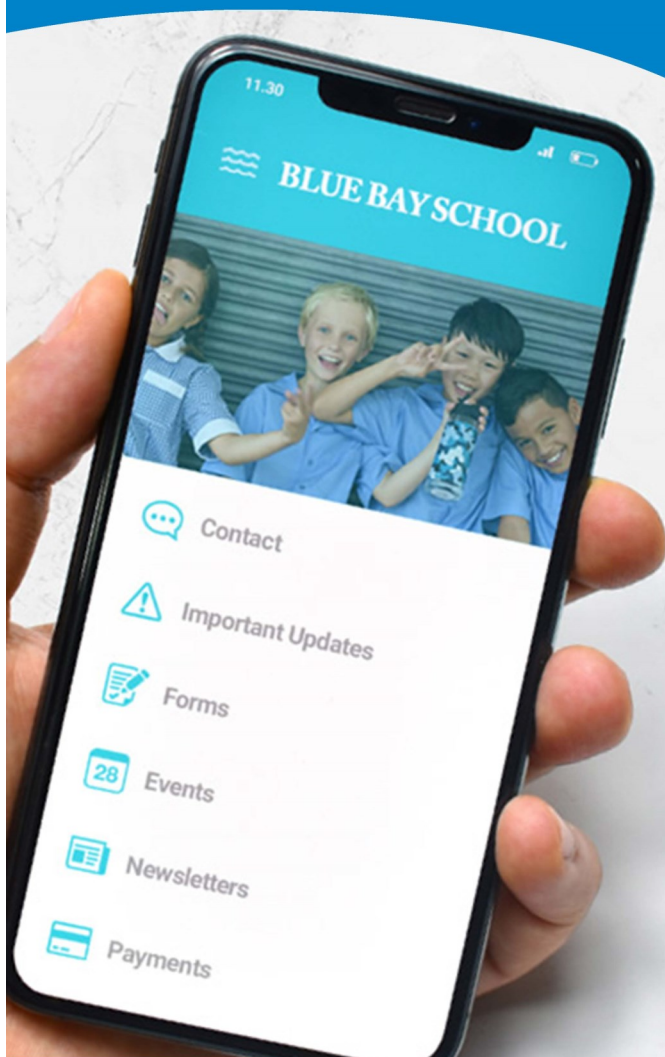
Exhibitors include: VIC, NSW & ACT universities, TAFEs, businesses, government, apprenticeship and traineeship support, gap year opportunities.

Hosted by: Regional Industry Education Partnerships (RIEP),  
Albury Wodonga Careers Advisers Association





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- 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.