

# Belvoir Special School Newsletter



38 Gayview Drive, WODONGA, 3690

Dear Parents/Carers/Friends,

End of week Two already, Term 3 is flying by.

Don't forget that next week we will be holding Student support group meetings, these meeting are such a valuable opportunity to discuss all short term and long-term goals that you might have for your children.

It was mentioned last week in our newsletter, on Friday July 19th we held out annual NAIDOC week incursion day celebration. The day was a huge success and showcased what an amazing school community we have here at Belvoir. It was a whole team effort; a special thanks must go to staff and Rosie Schultz who coordinated the activities for the students. The day finished with a traditional smoking ceremony and welcome to country, this was conducted by local Dhudoroa man Derek Murray.



Thankfully, there are only 5 short weeks left of winter, one of the coldest ones from recent memory. It's been great to see so many students rug up and dress appropriately for the colder weather, however, the number of casual jumpers we are seeing is increasing. If any families are needing school jumpers, please reach out to the school. We have such an amazing school community and one that we should all be incredibly proud of, lets wear our uniform and show off who we are.



**Andrew Dear**  
*Leading Teacher -  
 Wellbeing and Inclusion*

**DON'T FORGET!**

**SCHOLASTIC**  
**Book Club**  
 orders are due:

**Thursday**  
**1st August, 2024**

**2024 DATES TO REMEMBER**

**School Council Meeting**  
 Wednesday 31st July  
 6.00pm

**Student Free Day**  
 Friday 2nd August

**Book Week Parade**  
 Wednesday 21st August

**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





# Life Skills News

*Anthea*



Semester 2 has gotten off to a flying start with classes switching from Life Skills to Food Tech, and Food Tech to Life Skills. Students have been very excited for the change.

In Week 1 all Food Tech classes made Lemon Myrtle Damper. In Life Skills yellow and green pod classes are learning all about washing and drying dishes. Purple pod is learning to set the table, clear the table, load and unload the dishwasher with some important conversations occurring around how these skills are helpful if you are wanting to get a job in hospitality. Orange pod students are learning to fold fitted and flat sheets.

Life Skill tasks are practised over a period of 2-3 weeks before switching tasks. It would be fabulous if you could support your students to practise these skills at home in between. In Food Tech students are making a different recipe each week, if you can please send in a container so your students are able to share their cooking with you.

NAIDOC week celebrations saw students back in the kitchen on Friday where students combined from different pods to make Lemon Myrtle Cupcakes. It was fabulous to see the students supporting each other and sharing their kitchen skills during these mini lessons. The lemon myrtle cupcakes were certainly a hit with both staff and students, with many students nabbing another cupcake as they exited school on Friday afternoon.

This week Primary Food Tech classes have made playdough and Secondary have made apple and cinnamon muffins. Orange pod students have also continued with Staff Café making and serving up Lemon Slice and Giant Cornflake Cookies this week.







# Arts Festival

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12th - 15th  
August

Belvoir performances:

Tuesday 13th @ 1:15: Belvoir Choir and Rooms 9 & 10  
Wednesday 14th @ 11:30: Rooms 7, 11, 12

Spectator entry \$5 per day.

**Galvin Hall, WSSC, Woodland St,  
Wodonga**

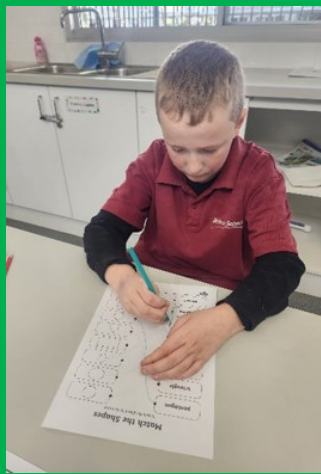
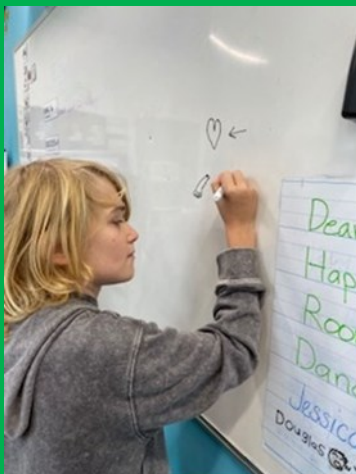




# ROOM 9 NEWS

Room 9 have had a fantastic start to term 3. Everyone enjoyed participating in a range of different NAIDOC activities last Friday. Students experienced a smoking ceremony, explored artefacts and engaged in Yolunga games, cooking, dance and art.

During numeracy this term we have begun learning about shapes and are focusing on developing our descriptive language during writing sessions. Student have also begun our new term topic “Our River - The Murray” and are enjoying participating in cooking as a new specialist program for Room 9 this semester.





Dear Parent/Caregiver,

Your child has been offered an opportunity to attend this year's Children's Christmas Party

The party is only for children with disabilities and complex needs, where they can enjoy just being a 'kid' again, there will be lots of rides, face painting, activities, a 3 hour stage show, yummy food and of course, Santa and 3 presents, all provided completely **FREE!**

This year's party is being held at:

**The Wodonga Sport & Leisure Centre  
Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2024  
10am – 1pm**

If you are interested in your child attending this year's Party, please send this form back to your school or organisation that informed you about the Party. Your school or organisation will then get in touch with the organisers of the Christmas Party to register your interest and perhaps you might be lucky to receive an invitation!

To see what happens at a Party, please have a look at some of the videos on our website: [sccpau.com.au](http://sccpau.com.au) and if you have any further questions about the event, you may visit: [sccpau.com.au/faqparents](http://sccpau.com.au/faqparents).

**Remember, this is only a request for an invitation, not a guarantee that you will receive one. You will be advised by your school or organisation at the end of September if you are successful in obtaining an invite.** Each year, we have over 2,000 requests for children to attend and it's not possible to accommodate that many children.

This form needs to be back to your school or organisation before 13<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

Yes, I would like to register my interest for my child to attend.

Child's Name: .....

Age: ..... (must be under 12 years)





Its Term 3 so....let me re-introduce our team....



**Leah – Wellbeing Liaison.** Happy to help with all your general wellbeing needs, food parcels, uniforms, access to services etc Provide support to students in Out of Home Care, ensuring the students support group inclusive of teaching staff, external services, families, carers etc work together to enhance all aspects of the student experience.

Leah works M-Th

[leah.sisley@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:leah.sisley@education.vic.gov.au)

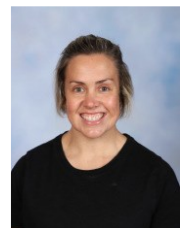


**Andrew – Koori Engagement & Attendance.** Can help with re-engaging student who are disengaged or at risk of disengaging in schooling, as well as supporting Belvoir's Koori students.

Supports implementation & running of SRC to enhance student voice across the school.

Andrew works M,T,W,F & alternate Thursdays.

[andrew.dear@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:andrew.dear@education.vic.gov.au)



**Grace – Mental Health Practitioner:** Our school MHP will support the mental health and wellbeing needs of our students. They will also help our teachers to identify and respond to student's mental health and wellbeing concerns. Our MHP is Grace Churches. Grace is a Mental Health Accredited Social Worker and will be on site Tuesday-Friday (weekly), Monday (fortnightly).

Students and their parents/carers who would like to discuss their suitability to engage with the MHP service can contact Grace.

[grace.churches@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:grace.churches@education.vic.gov.au)

The wellbeing team works together with classrooms and school leadership to provide an inclusive, supported environment, ensuring all students and families at Belvoir have success and provide equal access to services in our community that may be of benefit.

As the term moves forward the team will be working on contacting all our families to check in.

### **What's on this Term?**

- Breakfast Club – Available Daily for all students from 8:40am – 9am.
- NAIDOC Week was celebrated on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> of July with a wonderful day full of activities for students wrapping up with a Smoking Ceremony and whole school assembly.
- SSG Meetings – Week 3 (next week) Most of you will have already booked your students goal setting session but if not contact your classroom teacher
- Parent/Carer & special person morning tea. As part of connecting to the community we are inviting those able to join us post Book Week Parade for a morning tea. A casual opportunity to connect with other parents. Would love to see you all there. This will be on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> of August – mark it in your calendar!!
- R U Ok Day. This is our key event for Term 3 and will occur in Week 9!!
- Keep your eyes peeled for more information on this closer to the day.

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- Online absentee forms
- Events and reminders



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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.