



Belvoir Special School

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Principals Message

Welcome and Welcome Back

It was fantastic to see all of the returning students yesterday as school resumed for the 2019 school year. Belvoir welcomed a number of new students to the school yesterday and 4 new foundation students today. Including our part time students we now have 190 students in the school.

Belvoir also welcomed 1 new teacher to the school this year and 3 returning teachers. Courtney Riebeling is teaching in Orange POD this year. Courtney worked at Belvoir in 2018 as a CRT in a number of different rooms and it is great to have her working with our oldest students this year. We also welcomed back Michelle and Candace who are working in room 6 and Tanya Harvey who is working in rooms 11 and 12 during the year. Finally I would also like to welcome Ashleigh Craven who will be working in the front office this year as our administrative trainee. Ashleigh has replaced Nicole this year and I am sure that she will also do a fantastic job in this role. Welcome Ashleigh.

Student Support Group (SSG) Meetings

All staff will be contacting parents over the next couple of weeks to arrange for a formal student support group meeting. These meetings are a requirement for all of our students and need to occur at least twice per year. Parents are asked to bring along any ideas that they have for their child's learning program and to consider priorities that they have for their student both in the short and long term. It is a regional requirement that all SSG minutes are signed by families as a record of the meeting. Some staff will have parents do this at the SSG while others will send them home to be signed. These minutes will be used to develop each students Individual Learning Plan (ILP) and a copy of this will be sent home for all parents to keep and monitor across the course of first semester.

Farewell

Over the holidays we had 2 staff resign their positions. Our OT, Amy Groat, has left the school to work at Noah's Ark and Alethea Jones has left to work at St Francis catholic school. We wish both of these staff all the very best. Both of these positions have been advertised and we expect that they will be filled shortly.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Pupil Free Day

18th Feb

End of Term

15th April 2pm

USEFUL NUMBERS

Dysons bus 1:	0408 691 885
Dysons bus 2:	0417 041 196
Dysons bus 3:	0407 563 474
Dysons bus 4:	0408 698 635
Belvoir bus:	0467 796 331
Wodonga Taxi:	6024 3444
Albury Taxi:	6025 2255
School:	6059 8987

Parental Concerns or Issues

Belvoir prides itself on our positive and quick reaction to any parental concerns or issues that may arise across the course of the year. 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 call the school on 0260 598 987 and speak with either Ebony or myself, or they can come up to the school and see us directly. One of us is usually free most mornings or afternoons.

Outside of regular school hours parents are able to contact me on my mobile, 0407 933 629, and I will be only too happy to try to resolve any problems which have arisen.

Belvoir wants to keep communication channels open with all of our families, so if you have an issue or concern, please give the school a call and we will endeavor to solve it for you as quickly as possible.

Jamie Gay
Principal

Notice Board



SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALES

'At Belvoir we have generous families who send in second hand uniforms to sell or pass on to others in need.

Unfortunately, we have run of storage space for these items and quite often don't have the sizes in stock families require.

We have developed a partnership with the MS COMMUNITY SHOP, 156 High Street Wodonga in the hope they can raise some much needed funds to continue supporting our community. Unwanted uniforms can still be passed on the school, however families are encouraged to take unwanted uniforms/clothing and other household items to the shop directly.

Mandy - Student Wellbeing.

Life Skills House
Belvoir Special School
Rotary Clubs of Wodonga



Buy a Paving Brick

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THIS FORM

ENGRAVING DETAILS MAX 17 CHARACTERS PER LINE

Please print clearly using ALL CAPITAL. Max 3 lines per brick.

LINE 1

LINE 2

LINE 3

Name :-

Address:-

Phone No.-

Email:-

Donation via Bank Transfer to:
Rotary Club of Belvoir Wodonga
BSB 633-000
Account No. 162185789
Reference: Your Name

YOUR DONATION OF \$50 PER PAVING BRICK
WILL BE RECOGNISED IN THIS WAY FOR MANY YEARS .
SEE WWW.LIFESKILLSHOUSE.COM.AU
and click "Buy a Brick"

Life Skills House
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Buy a Paving Brick

Your chance to be part of a great project to build a house where young people with special needs will learn the essential skills of independent living. This is a project of the Rotary Clubs of Wodonga in partnership with Belvoir Special School.

This is your opportunity to assist the fundraising and see your support recognised in a clay paving brick outside of the house where students will learn to cook, clean and do laundry, all in a realistic home environment.

Buy a brick to recognise your family, or multiples for your children or grandchildren as every brick will help bring this great project to fruition.

Further information is available from our web page lifeskillshouse.com.au and click "Buy a Brick"

JODY & MEGHAN
FITZWILLIAMS
STUDENTS

FITZWILLIAMS FAMILY
2010-2015

COMPANY NAME
ACTIVITIES

☺ Zoe Smith ♥

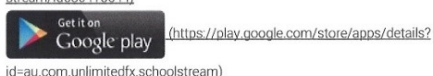
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Free for parents, students and staff of registered schools

How to get the school stream app on your mobile device

1. From your mobile device go to The App Store (iPhone/iPad) or Google Play (Android), search for School Stream and download the app to your phone
2. Once School Stream has finished installing, open the app, type your school name into the search THEN select your school
3. If you are prompted to accept push notifications, you will need to select OK



Check Out Our School's Web Page!

As many of you may already know, Belvoir has created a Web page. You can access the page by going on to <https://www.belvoirss.vic.edu.au/>

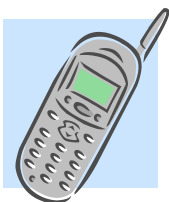
This page is used to promote events, share information and showcase achievements of classes and individual students. We would love for you to share this page with your friends and family so that everyone can see the great things happening in our school.



Belvoir Special School

'Together we can'

CONTACT DETAILS



Could all families please make sure that they inform the school office whenever they have any changes to any of their contact details e.g.. home/mobile

phone numbers, change of address etc.

It's extremely important that we have up to date information in case of emergencies.

School Athletics - House Groups

Students, Staff and Parents are put into groups according to their surnames. Each group has a name and colour and its requested that everyone wears clothing the colour of the house they are allocated to.

<u>Surnames between</u>	<u>Colour</u>	<u>Name</u>
A-D =	Red	-Mitta
E-K =	Green	-Murray
L-Q =	Blue	-Kiewa
R-Z =	Yellow	-Hume

Electronic Version of the Newsletter

Would you like to receive the school newsletter via email?

As our school is going green, to save on using excess paper we would like to offer you the option of having the newsletter sent to you electronically. If you like this idea please fill in and return the slip below to the office, or email Andrea at: gray.andrea.j@edumail.vic.gov.au

Yes, I would like to have my weekly newsletter emailed to me:

Name:

Email address/s

1st February, 2019



Dear Parent/Carer,

Belvoir's Annual Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday 8th March 2019 at the Albury Swim Centre. On the day students will need to wear swimmers, sun smart hats, sunscreen and bring plenty of water. Students will be bussed to and from the carnival, leaving the school at approximately 9:30am and returning by 2:30pm. Classes will not be operating, as all staff will be at the carnival.

If you wish to transport your child you will need to let your child's teacher know and ensure they are at the pool by no later than 10:00am and be picked up by 2:00pm

A free sausage sizzle will be provided to all students for lunch and the pool canteen will be open throughout the day to purchase snacks. The pool will also open their slide to students throughout the day and again with your written permission your child can use this facility.

Please note that department of policy requires students with epilepsy to have an up to date Epilepsy Management Plan for swimming/water sports signed by a treating doctor before being allowed to swim/use the slide, which must not be more than 12 months old and be received by the school prior to the day.

Parents/carers of prep students must attend on the day to assist with the supervision of their child.

Please complete the following permission slip and return to the office no later than **22nd February 2019**

Regards,

Ross Hayward

Physical Education Specialist

I _____ give permission for my child/children _____ to participate in the 2019 Annual Swimming Carnival at the Albury Swim Centre and to be bussed to and from the venue.

Signed: _____ Dated: _____

I also give permission for my child/children to use the slide on the day of the carnival.

Signed: _____ Dated: _____

Healthy headspace Workshops

Eight skills-based interactive workshops that will help build ideas and tools to maintain wellbeing

Join in as you want, pick which topics interest you and turn up on the day

13 Feb: Sleeping Well

27 Feb: Physical Health for wellbeing

13 March: Communicating with confidence

27 March: Mindfulness and relaxation

10 April: Understanding and accepting myself

24 April: Understanding my anger

8 May: Managing my feelings

22 May: Healthy thinking



headspace
Albury Wodonga

155 High Street, Wodonga VIC 3690
Tel 02 6055 9555 Fax 02 6024 5792
headspace.org.au

Who

Young people aged 12-25

Family and friends also welcome

When

Wednesdays

Fortnightly starting 13 Feb 2019

5.00-6.00pm

Where

headspace Albury Wodonga

155 High Street Wodonga

In Gateway Health building, near back entrance

More info or register interest

headspaceAW@gatewayhealth.org.au

02 6055 9555

**Weekly workshop info will be available on our facebook page
facebook.headspaceAlburyWodonga**



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GENDER IDENTITY GROUP

The Gender Identity Group (GIG) is a therapeutically-based support group, running fortnightly at headspace Albury Wodonga.

If you're 12-25 and identify as trans or gender diverse, and want to gain knowledge in a caring group environment, please call Edwina or Melissa on (02) 6055 9555 or email headspaceaw@gatewayhealth.org.au