



# Belvoir Special School

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PHONE: 02 6059 8987

## **Principals Message**

### **Curriculum Day**

Belvoir will be holding a Curriculum Day for all staff on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> of February. This is our second Curriculum day for the year and these days are very important for all staff and their professional development.

On the day staff will be learning how to keep all of us safe when we are confronted by students who display aggressive behaviour. Rod Catterall and two associates will be working with the whole staff for the day. We understand that these days can be very disruptive for families and we do apologise for this. There are a further two curriculum days allocated for the year. These will be held on the last day of term 3 and the last day of term 4.

### **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.

### **Parental Payments**

School Council has set the fees for 2019 at \$250 per student. This money goes towards paying for all the weekly excursions and outings that all students go on.

This includes the cost of transport and all entry costs for the outings. This fee applies to all students at the school.

The school owns our own buses and the cost of running these vehicles is heavily subsidized by school council.

Other schools in the local area charge \$10 or more for excursions that take place during the year. As each of our classes have weekly outings this could amount to \$400 or more depending upon destination. We do acknowledge that some parents may have difficulty paying this fee; therefore, those who are eligible for the CSEF payment will have this amount credited towards their fees.

The only other cost that will be asked of parents will be the cost of the camp for Green, Purple and Orange PODs.

All of these camps will take place in the second half of the year and costs associated with these camps will be sent home to all parents before the end of the term.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **School Council General Meeting**

Wednesday 13th February

6.00pm @ Belvoir

### **Pupil Free Day**

18th February

### **Year 7 & 10 Immunisations**

Friday 22nd February 9.00am

### **Swim Carnival**

8th March @ Albury Swim Centre

9.30am to 2.30pm

### **Labour Day Public Holiday**

Monday 11th March

### **End of Term**

5th April - 2.00pm Finish

### **School Council**

The first meeting of the Belvoir School Council will be held next Wednesday. There are at least two vacancy on school council following the retirement of two councilors with their students leaving the school at the end of 2018.

If you are interested in seeing what school council does then please feel free to come along to our meeting on Wednesday evening from 6:00 – 8:00pm.

### **Life Skills House**

Well there has certainly been some movement over the last couple of weeks and this weekend (weather permitting) we will see the slab being poured for the life skills house.

The school would like to thank the following businesses for volunteering their labour and costs since Christmas. Fletcher Plumbing, Neil's Pest Control, Colombera Constructions (Concreters), Grants Concreting, Begleys Backyard and Baxters Concrete. If you need any concreting done (Driveways, footpaths, patio's etc.) then call Kyle of Colombera Constructions 0438 068 690 and I am sure they will be willing to assist.

**Jamie Gay**  
Principal

# **Room 7 News!**

Room 7 has settled into the first term of 2019 nicely. We have welcomed our new student who began at Belvoir this year and we are making new friends. Each day we start our day with some Circle Time where we share information with the group and learn about working and communicating together.

We participate in a Yoga program each morning where we listen to a story set with yoga moves and then remember facts about the story to share with the group.

We have been exploring the activity options in the classroom. Some of these have included playing with slime, blowing bubbles, having a foot spa, and painting. We have also worked with puzzles, participated in building activities, sharing the train set and playing games such as snakes and ladders on the big carpet, memory card games and many others. Everyone has enjoyed having the pop up tent in the courtyard as an extra space for quiet time.



It has been a great start to the term, we have already enjoyed a visit to the art room where we got to do some printing with shaving cream and ink and we are looking forward to what Naomi has planned for us to do in the coming weeks.

In Room 7 we are having a focus on healthy eating and we have made a huge list of fruits and vegetables and talked about trying to bring at least one piece of fruit to school from home every day to eat at our special fruit time in the mornings while we listen to our focus story being read. We are looking forward to the rest of the term and have many things planned. Please check student diaries regularly for further information, we are always happy to hear from you too



## 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](http://WWW.LIFESKILLSHOUSE.COM.AU)  
and click "Buy a Brick"

Life Skills House  
Belvoir Special School  
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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](http://lifeskillshouse.com.au) and click "Buy a Brick"

JODY & MEGHAN  
FITZWILLIAMS  
STUDENTS

FITZWILLIAMS FAMILY  
2010-2015

COMPANY NAME  
ACTIVITIES

☺ Zoe Smith ♥

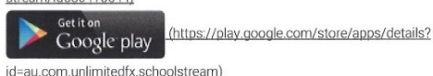
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Free for parents, students and staff of registered schools

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/>

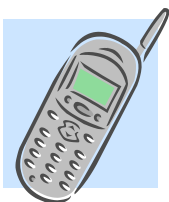
This page is used to promote events, share information and showcase achievements of classes and individual students. We would love for you to share this page with your friends and family so that everyone can see the great things happening in our school.



**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](mailto:gray.andrea.j@edumail.vic.gov.au)

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

Name: .....

Email address/s .....



# **Room 13 News!**

Last week, the crew from Room 13 travelled to McLean Park in Wodonga for our first community access visit for 2019. Students had a great time playing basketball and cricket, as well as using the flying fox, swings and climbing on the spider web. It was great to see students utilising the exercise equipment to work on their fitness levels....something that we will be focusing on this year!



1<sup>st</sup> February, 2019



Dear Parent/Carer,

Belvoir's Annual Swimming Carnival will be held on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> 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 **22<sup>nd</sup> February 2019**

Regards,

Ross Hayward

Physical Education Specialist

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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](http://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](mailto:headspaceAW@gatewayhealth.org.au)  
02 6055 9555

**Weekly workshop info will be available on our facebook page**  
[facebook.headspaceAlburyWodonga](https://facebook.headspaceAlburyWodonga)

headspace National Youth Mental Health Foundation is funded by the Australian Government Department of Health

**GIG**

**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](mailto:headspaceaw@gatewayhealth.org.au)

# JOIN US FOR A SPEEDFORCE SHOWING!

SATURDAY 9TH FEBRUARY  
6.30 PM

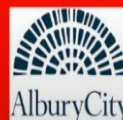
Albury North Public School  
868 Mate Street North Albury  
Entry by donation

For RSVP or more details  
ph: 0403 853 828

The venue is accessible. Doors open 6pm The showing runs for approximately 45 mins. There will be no food or drinks available for purchase at the venue so please bring a water bottle



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# **Room 19 News!**

## **Our first week in Orange Pod**

MY first week of VCAL was fun because I got to make new friends and try new things and I get to wear a navy blue shirt. Its different in orange pod because I have to get in the routine of eating first then going out for play. The work is hard but I still complete it all and I try my best. I am looking forward to learning new thing throughout the year. I love helping my class mates in class and in our class we have 3 fantastic teachers in my class

By Charlea

My first week in orange pod is pretty busy and fun. I have an awesome teacher Mel with awesome ES staff Amanda and Melinda. We do lots of hard work such as maths, WRS (known as work related skills) and writing. We are also trying to get to know our career plan to know what we are going to do when we finish school. I made some new friends in my new pod too and I can hang out with my old friend again. I am looking forward to doing cooking so I can make cakes and I can make dinner for my family.

By Austin

My first week in VCAL was good I enjoyed myself, I met new people and tried new things. The work is harder though but it's okay. We get to wear dark blue shirt, they have the letters (VCAL) on the back. It's different because in purple pod they go outside first but in orange, we eat first. I just need to get used to it. I love helping kids in my class.

By Maddy







You are invited to attend

## The Gold Cup Charity Luncheon

Funds raised go towards projects that will benefit children with disabilities and special needs in the local area

**Thursday 21 March 2019**  
**11.30am for 12.00pm Start**

Committee Marquee (Trackside)  
Albury Racing Club, Fallon Street, Albury

Cost \$120

*Includes entry to racecourse, luncheon, 3 drink tickets, auction & wonderful raffle prizes to be drawn on the day.*  
Drinks at bar prices  
Men Welcome

To guarantee your seat, please RSVP and pay for your tickets by THURSDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2019  
Contact your Committee Host or <https://www.facebook.com/goldcupcharity> or [goldcupcharity@gmail.com](mailto:goldcupcharity@gmail.com)

Please email any DIETARY REQUIREMENTS

Tickets are non-refundable

Direct debit payments to **Account Name:** Gold Cup Charity Limited **BSB:** 640 000 **Account Number:** 111208063

**Payment Reference :** first initial and surname (eg J Smith)



## ***Helping your Child to read***



Reading together is a valuable thing to do. Reading increases the vocabulary of children, as well as expanding their understanding of the world, and gives them confidence when using language. Reading is also an important way to make the link between spoken words and written words.

### **Some general tips:**

Set aside time for reading every day. Reading before bedtime is a good habit to get

into.



Look for rhyme, rhythm or repetition in books. This will help develop your

child's love of language.



Allow your child to read at their own pace. Model good pace when you read to them.

## CSEF ELIGIBILITY

Below is the criteria used to determine a student's eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

### Criteria 1 – Eligibility

To be eligible\* for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- on the first day of Term one, or;
- on the first day of Term two;
- a) Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the *State Concessions Act 2004*, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR
- b) Be a temporary foster parent, and;
- c) Submit an application to the school by the due date.

\* A special consideration eligibility category also exists. For more information, see: [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

### Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria

School is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between six and 17 years of age inclusive.

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between five and 18 years inclusive.

CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooled, or TAFE.

### Eligibility Date

For concession card holders CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian's concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on the first day of either term one (29 January 2019) or term two (23 April 2019).

## PAYMENT AMOUNTS

### CSEF payment amount

The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student.

- Primary school student rate: \$125 per year.
- Secondary school student rate: \$225 per year.

The CSEF is paid directly to your child's school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child.

For **ungraded students**, the rate payable is determined by the student's date of birth. For more information, see: [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

**Year 7 government school students** who are CSEF recipients are also eligible for a uniform voucher. Secondary schools are required to make applications on behalf of parents so please register your interest at the school.

## HOW TO COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FORM

### NOTE: ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN

1. Complete the PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN DETAILS section.  
Make sure that the Surname, First Name, and Customer Reference Number (CRN) details match those on your concession card. You will also need to provide your concession card to the school.  
If you are claiming as a Foster Parent or a Veteran Affairs Pensioner, you will need to provide a copy of documentation confirming your status as a temporary Foster Parent or provide your Veterans Affairs Pensioner Gold card to the school.
2. Complete the STUDENT/S DETAILS section for students at this school.
3. Sign and date the form and return it to the school office as soon as possible. The CSEF program for 2019 closes on 28 June, 2019.

CSEF payments cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years.

Queries relating to CSEF eligibility and payments should be directed to the school.



**CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATION FORM**

Belvoir Special School  
54 Gayview Drive, West Wodonga 3690  
Ph: 02 6059 8987  
Fax: 02 6059 4772  
ABN: 59 686 470 64

School Name

School REF ID

**Parent/legal guardian details**

Surname \_\_\_\_\_

First name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Town/suburb \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Contact number \_\_\_\_\_

Centrelink pensioner concession **OR** Health care card number (CRN)

-  -  -  **OR**

☐ Foster parent\* **OR** ☐ Veterans affairs pensioner

\*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

**Student details**

Child's surname	Child's first name	Student ID	Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	Year level

I authorise the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry of my Centrelink customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Australian Government Department of Human Services (DHS) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

- DHS will use information I have provided to DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- this consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DHS and provide it to DET so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
- if I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.
- information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services and /or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_