



# Belvoir Special School

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## NDIS Therapists

Over the past few weeks Belvoir has received a number of requests to allow speech therapists, occupational therapist and physiotherapists into the school to work with individual children. Belvoir currently has 189 students enrolled in the school and the vast majority of these students have an NDIS plan of some description. Clearly we are not able to accommodate all requests for space for the various therapists to work in.

Parents are reminded that all NDIS therapists must have permission from the school before they undertake any therapeutic work with students. This is Department of Education policy and includes therapists that are visiting the school to observe students in class for the first time.

A link to the Departments NDIS Funded Therapy and Schools policy is below and this will give all information to parents regarding the use of NDIS funded therapist during the school day.

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/learningneeds/Pages/ndisfundedtherapy.aspx>

This guide is also available in hard copy from the office. Please contact Andrea or Viv if you would like a copy sent home. The school will always allow Therapy staff to come in and observe students and speak with staff when completing assessments. We may allow some therapists to work with students whilst they are at school and this decision will be made on a case by case basis. Several factors will be taken into consideration when these decisions are made including parent work commitments, difficulties relating to transport, distance families live from Wodonga, availability of an appropriate space within the school and the ability for school staff to supervise therapists on site. Many other schools have a blanket ban on NDIS therapists coming into their school. Belvoir does not intend to do this at this point in time.

Based on space alone the school is not able to have all of the current therapists that are working with our students doing so during the school day. We hope that parents will understand this and work with us to achieve an appropriate outcome for each Individual student.

If you would like further clarification regarding this or the school policy please feel free to give me a call.

## Student Support Group (SSG) Meetings

Thank you to all families who have completed their SSG meetings so far. These meetings are a legal requirement and need to be held at least twice each year. Parents will also have the opportunity to request a further two SSG's each year at the beginning of term 2 and 4.

Minutes from the SSG's need to be signed by parents to ensure that they agree with the goals and priorities that have been proposed. Individual Learning Plans developed as a result of the SSG's will be sent home to all families later in the term.

## Curriculum Day

A reminder to all parents that Monday 18<sup>th</sup> of February is a Curriculum Day for the school and all staff will be working, but students are not required at school.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 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

### Nominations for School Council Open

Thursday 21st February

### Nominations for School Council Close

Friday 1st March 4:00pm

### School Council Meeting for new Councillors

Wednesday 20th March

## School Council

School Council met for the first time this year last night with the following decisions being made: Council reviewed the school Annual Improvement Plan for the year and asked questions about our planning for 2019. A copy of the key improvement strategies and goals for the year will be available on the school's website shortly. Council reviewed and endorsed a number of policies including Student Attendance, Social Media, On Site Supervision and Excursion policies. Each of these will be updated and posted on the school website shortly. If you can't wait, a copy of the policies is available from the office. School Council also endorsed a fundraising plan for the school for the remainder of the year. We will have one fundraiser each term for an external charity and a couple of lunches a term that will be optional for students to be involved in. All of these will be run by the Senior students in the school as part of their VCAL studies. Finally nominations for School Council Elections will be held for parents and staff from next week onwards. Nominations will open next Thursday and close on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> of March. If you are interested in being a part of school council or would like further information, please feel free to give me a call.

**Jamie Gay Principal**



## This Weeks Purple Moment Winners



### **Matilda Stanton**

Doing your jobs well

### **Will Batty**

Moving safely on our outings

### **Levi Kelly**

For being helpful

### **Jacob Rooney**

For following instructions and  
Completing classroom activities.

### **Kaiden Hunt**

Great waiting

### **Ky Pottinger**

Completing your writing tasks

### **Kaitlyn Holland**

For following instructions and  
Completing classroom activities.

### **Isabella Biggs**

Following the intructions of the  
classroom adults in a respectful and  
timely manner.

### **Class of the week: room 16**

Showing respect and resilience throughout lots of different challenges,  
welcoming each other and supporting each other in each session.

#### **BELVOIR SPECIAL SCHOOL STUDENT ABSENCE FORM**

Student Name:.....

Class:.....

Date of Absence:.....

Reason For Absence:.....

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 SCHOLASTIC

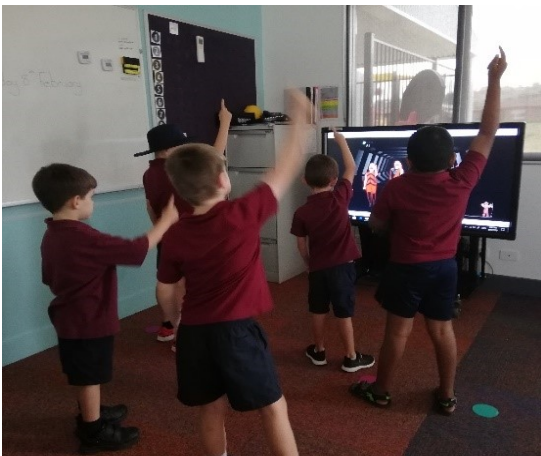
# **BOOK CLUBS**

**Book club orders are due  
Friday 15th February**

# Room 1 News!

Welcome to 2019! Over the last two weeks, our students in Room 1 have been familiarising with the program, new routines and getting to know each other through a range of activities such as story time, numeracy, literacy, cooking, and art. This term we will be focusing in the weather and toys that require pushing and pulling. We have listened stories about activities that people do during the day and night time. Our students noticed that people that work at night include hospital workers, train and truck drivers, bakers and post office workers amongst others.

We have also been enjoying moving our bodies during movement breaks and enjoyed our first outing to Willow Park and the Wodonga Library. Well done busy boys in Room 1!





## 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  
Rotary Clubs of Wodonga



## 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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WILL BE RECOGNISED IN THIS WAY FOR MANY YEARS .

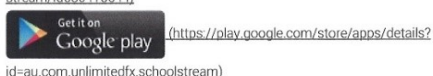




Free for parents, students and staff of registered schools

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/>

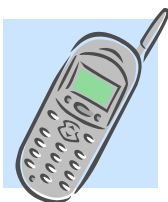
This page is used to promote events, share information and showcase achievements of classes and individual students. We would love for you to share this page with your friends and family so that everyone can see the great things happening in our school.



**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 4 News!**

In Room 4, for the last 3 weeks, we have been working extremely hard at getting to know our new friends and settling into our new school routines. We have welcomed our new friends, Christian and Dom, who are new to Belvoir this year, and have had a great time chatting about all of the fun activities we did during the holidays.



We have already been on 2 Community Access Outings with our friends in Room 6, and are learning all about the choices we can make while we are out in the community that will keep us safe, and will ensure we have heaps of fun! We have done a great job at listening to our teachers, following instructions and sharing lots of activities with our friends.



We are so excited for all of the fantastic activities that we have planned for the rest of the term, including going to the Swimming Carnival later in March, learning about the weather, and exploring lots of different play-spaces around Albury/Wodonga on our outings.

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: \_\_\_\_\_

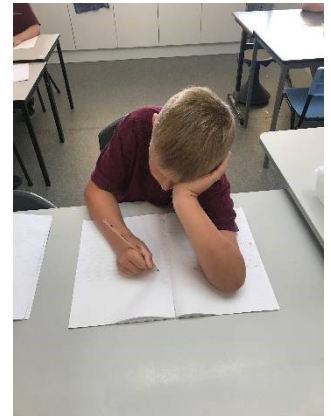
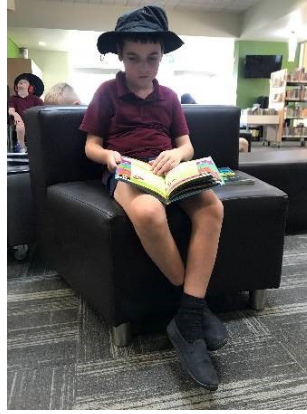
I also give permission for my child/children to use the slide on the day of the carnival.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_



# Room 9 News!

All the students in room 9 have settled back into school routines nicely. We enjoyed our first outing to the Library where students choose books of interest to read in our classroom. During our writing sessions we have been focusing on sight words and hearing sounds in our words for spelling.



## 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://www.facebook.com/headspaceAlburyWodonga)

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



# **Room 15 News!**

Well Hello! Room 15 have been having a great start to the year. We are busy investigating the topics of Weather and Force. We've asked Graham to set up a couple of weather stations around the school - so stay tuned for our findings. As it is the beginning of the year, we have been getting to know each other and working on our friendships. We have gone on a couple of outings already. We travel with Room 13 and have been having a great time exploring Wodonga and building friendships between the two classes.

Cooking lessons have started in which we have made hot chips from scratch and Ham and Cheese Toasted Sandwiches. Below you can see Isiah, James and Kaleb enjoying their hot chips. The students peeled, sliced and fried the potatoes themselves. It was great to see what amazing skills they already have in the kitchen. We look forward to sharing more news with you all soon.





# It's on Again!!

## 2019 Best Border Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019

*At Albary Botanical Gardens*

9 a.m. till 3 p.m.

Major Prize Draw - **\$5,000** in  
Cash Prizes plus many more!!



**Food  
stalls**

**Face  
Painting**

**Jumping  
Castle**

**Games &  
Giveaways**

**Hunt  
starts at  
11a.m.**

**Live Music  
during the  
afternoon**

Registrations open 9.a.m

Entry price \$10 per head

(for Prize draw and hunt) until sold out

*Tickets may be pre-booked  
and paid for at either*



*485 Deax Street, Albary, or*

**W | 200 years**

*613 Deax Street, Albary*

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# **Room 20 News!**

We have had an excellent start to Term 1! This week we had our first outing to the Wodonga Library then Willow Park and our School Captain voting day.

I went to the skate park with my classmates. I also played basketball and we had lunch there. Then we took the bus and went back to school.

By Jennifer

It was fun. There are good books. We borrowed books. We also had lunch at the skate park. Then we went back to school on the bus.

By Isaac

There were three students going for School Captain, they are going to be good role models. There were a few people who went for School Captain and Vice Captain. They wrote their speeches then read it to Orange and Purple Pods. Then they put on a piece of paper the vote and put it in the box. The official announcement of the results is on Friday at 2:40pm.

By Mark

There were three students in our class that went for School Captain. Last week on Friday we had to go to the hall to read our speeches to the rest of Orange Pod and all of Purple Pod. After all the speeches, all of Orange Pod and Purple Pod had a chance to vote. This Friday we will have the official announcement in the hall at assembly.

By Emily

In Orange Pod we wear a blue shirt with VCAL on the back, write articles for the newsletter, have different teachers teach us from Orange Pod, complete Food Safety before cooking and have outside play second.

By Blake

Room 20 and 19 had a wonderful day at the skate park. We had lunch at Willow Park then I ran up the hill.

By Gabe





## 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 \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_