



Belvoir Special School

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Welcome and Welcome Back

It was fantastic to see all of the returning students yesterday as school resumed for the 2020 school year. Belvoir welcomed a number of new students to the school yesterday and our largest group of foundation students ever today. Including our part time students we now have over 200 in the school. Belvoir also welcomed 2 new teachers to the school this year and 2 returning teachers. Jess Murphy will be working in VCAL for the first 6 months of the year sharing a class with Olivia in room 21. Jess is an experienced teacher who has done a few CRT days with us previously and will be a great asset to the school. Kathryn Bonham will also be working at Belvoir for the year. Kathryn is replacing Jess Bell in the Performing Arts classroom on Monday to Wednesday while Jess is on maternity leave.

We also welcomed back Olivia Jacobs and Lauren Gibbons to the school. Both ladies have returned on a part time basis from Maternity leave and will be working in room 3 and Purple POD during the year. Finally I would also like to welcome Neve Hickey who will be working in the front office this year as our administrative trainee. Neve has replaced Ashleigh this year and I am sure that she will also do a fantastic job in this role. Welcome Neve.

Farewell

Over the holidays we had 3 staff resign their positions. Tammi Portelli and Kathy Hamilton have already finished their work with us and Emma-Kate Charlton will have her last day with us on Friday. I would like to thank all three ladies for the fantastic contributions that each of them have made to the school over a number of years and we certainly wish all three of them the very best for the future. All of these positions have been advertised and we expect that they will be filled shortly.

Change to Assembly Day

This year we have decided to change our Assembly day from Friday to Wednesday afternoon. We have found that Friday's can be very disrupted at times and by going to a Wednesday we hope to give a little more priority to the assembly each week. Our First Wednesday assembly will be held at 2:40pm next week.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Year 7 Immunisations

Monday 24th February 9.00am

Swim Carnival

6th March @ Albury Swim Centre

9.30am to 2.30pm

Labour Day Public Holiday

Monday 9th March

Finance Committee Meeting

Wednesday 4th February

12.00 noon @ Belvoir

School Council Meeting

Wednesday 12th February

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 02 6059 8987 and speak with either Marg 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

Does your child want to learn the drums?



Term 1 - Drumming Lessons starting at Belvoir 2020

Drumming	Duration	Parent Cost
Individual	30mins	\$31.00 per session x 8 sessions = \$310 a term.
Group: 4 Students	30mins	\$10.75 per class x 8 session = \$86 a term.

One year down and I'm looking forward to what 2020 can bring. I was amazed last year at the talent of the students at Belvoir and looking forward to continuing the drumming journey with them.

There is limited space for new students who would like to join a group class or private lessons.

Requirements: 1 Complete the information slip below and hand into office
2 All student fees to be paid before the beginning of term.

Monies can be dropped off at the office in a marked envelope or deposited into my Bank Account.

**Hume Bank Bradley S Lamont
BSB 640-000
Account No 61288359**

Unfortunately I will be unable to teach your child if the fees have not been paid, please contact me if you need to discuss payment arrangements.

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Belvoir Drumming Lessons Term 1 2020		
Student's Name		Group Session \$86 per term
Parent's Name		
Parent's contact number		Individual Session \$248 per term
Parent's email		

I would like my child _____ (Student's name) to participate in

☐

Individual Sessions

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Group Sessions

Drumming lessons Term 1. I understand that I will be paying for these classes in full, before they start.

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I have paid for Term 1

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I have made Payment arrangements with Brad

Parents Signature _____ Date _____

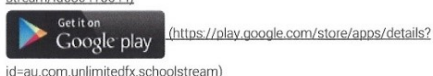
PLEASE ATTACH THIS FORM TO MONEY OR IF MAKING A DIRECT DEPOSIT STILL DROP THE FORM INTO THE BELVOIR OFFICE.



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/>

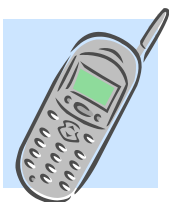
This page is used to promote events, share information and showcase achievements of classes and individual students. We would love for you to share this page with your friends and family so that everyone can see the great things happening in our school.



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'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



Swimming Carnival Permission

Belvoir's annual swimming carnival will be held on Friday 6th March at the Albury Swim Centre. On the day students will need to wear swimmers, sun smart hat and sunscreen. Students will be bussed to and from the carnival, leaving the school at approximately 930am and returning 230pm.

Please note: To ensure the safety of all students, parents /carers of students in prep classes **must** attend on the day to assist with your child's supervision.

A free sausage sizzle will be provided for students at 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 complete the following permission slip and return to the **office** by **Friday 21st February**

Regards,

Ross Hayward PE Specialist & Sports Coordinator

I _____ give permission for my child/children _____

_____ to participate in the annual swimming carnival at the Albury Swim Centre. I also give permission for my child/children 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: _____

CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATION FORM

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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 (Gold Card)**

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

**Applicants must provide a copy of the Veteran Affairs Gold card

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 ____ / ____ / ____

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/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx

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 (28 January 2020) or term two (14 April 2020).

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/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx

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 2020 closes on 26 June, 2020.

CSEF payments cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years.

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