



Belvoir Special School

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Principal James Gay

School Council

The first meeting of the Belvoir School Council was held last night with the following decisions being made:

A number of policies were discussed as a lead up to the school review which will take place over the next 5 weeks. These policies include:

Statement of Values and School Philosophy

Child Safety, Responding and Reporting Policy. This policy includes our Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse Policy and Procedures.

Onsite Supervision and Excursion Policies were also examined and updated.

All of the policies are available from the office for parents to view and they will be popped onto the school website as well.

School council also looked at the updated school budget for 2020 and how we were using our funds. The schools cash budgeted is expected to be around \$1,500,000 for this year. This is a substantial amount of money and School Council is responsible for the allocation and use of these funds for the benefit of all students who attend Belvoir Special School.

New School Councillors

The Belvoir School Council will be looking for at least two new parents to take a role on school council in the coming weeks. Nominations for school council will be called for next week; however, not all of the current members of the council will be re-nominating for their positions and we will require at least two new parents to fill vacancies.

If you are interested in helping to improve the school and having a say in where the money for the school is spent, then I strongly urge you to nominate for council.

Meetings are held twice per term and last for around 2 hours. They are currently held on a Wednesdays night between 6 and 8pm although this can be changed once a new council is elected.

If you are interested or would like to know more,

please contact the office or go to www.education.vic.gov.au/parents/going-to-school/Pages/get-involved-at-school.aspx

Mobile Phones at School

The introduction of a ban on all mobile phones at schools in Victoria has been well respected by students at Belvoir.

Phones are being handed in to the office and to classrooms and are being returned to students at the end of the day.

Thank you to all parents for supporting the school in the implementation of this policy and we hope that this continues into the future.

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. We have also had a number of requests for reports to be written for students who are currently having NDIS funding reviews completed.

Belvoir currently has over 200 students enrolled in the school and the vast majority of these students will have an NDIS plan or be in the process of getting or reviewing an NDIS plan. Clearly we are not able to accommodate all requests for space for the various therapists to work.

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.

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 Neve if you would like a copy sent home.

The school will 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, availability of an appropriate space within the school and the ability for school staff to supervise therapists on site.

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

The school is often asked for updates on students who are having a review of funding. Our allied health staff are not going to be writing reports for such purposes. Allied Health staff are employed to work with students and their teachers at school. They monitor and support interventions, exercise programs and communication strategies that are put in place within the school. They write reports for school funding purposes only. If these reports can be used to support NDIS applications we are happy to provide copies if requested by parents. As a school we will be ignoring all requests from service providers unless directly asked by parents to respond.

One of our Primary Welfare staff, Mandy Knight, is happy to assist parents with NDIS questions. But she cannot attend and advocate for families at all NDIS interviews. Parents are the best advocates for their children, or there are advocates available to assist parents working through NDIS issues.

The NDIS does have an impact on the work that we do at Belvoir and we are happy to assist where possible, but we receive no funding to do this work and it is **NOT** core business for our school.

This Weeks Purple Moments

Taylor Letts

Nominated for following instructions and being respectful.

Jack Wallace

Nominated for being respectful and being ready to learn.

Xara Sedgwick

Nominated for being respectful and completing tasks during morning circle.

Servanda Portsmouth

Nominated for making good choices and great participation in Bluearth.

Alyssa Ward

Nominated for being respectful and being a role model in the yard.

Sebastain Day

Nominated for being respectful by putting hand up and waiting during class discussion.

Rory Earle

Nominated for being respectful, being responsible and working independently.

Lara Harris

Nominated for being respectful and helping Michelle in class.

This Weeks Class of the Week is: Room 8!

Room 8 settled in to Green Pod very well, had Excellent behaviour on their excursion to Bunnings, showed great team work in their classroom as well as completing all activities to the best of their abilities. Room 8 has a go even when it is tricky and has been great role models in the playground.

Congratulations on your great efforts boys. We are proud of you.

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

School Council Meeting

Week 7

Last Day Term 1

Friday 27th March

First Day Term 2

Tuesday 14th April

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.

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:

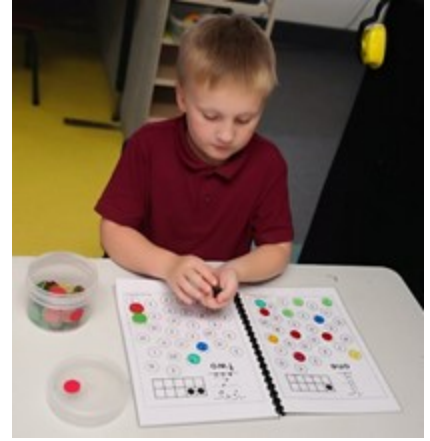
- DHS will use information I have provided to DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- this consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled 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.

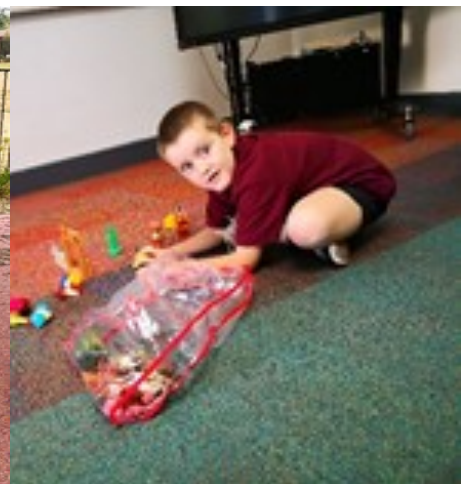
Signature of applicant _____

Date ____ / ____ / ____

ROOM 6 NEWS!



A warm welcome to our prep boys who have joined room 6. Our boys have been getting used to how a school day runs. This week was our first week of specialists. ART, PE and Performing Arts. We have also been for a bike ride on the bike track and explored the sensory garden. We have enjoyed many books together. One book that we have recently read is 'Whose Nose'. I look forward to seeing all our boys grow, learn and form new friendships throughout the term.





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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: _____

ROOM 18 NEWS!

In Room 18 we have enjoyed getting to know each other, playing UNO as a whole class and helping people.

We have been learning about different ways to use our bodies and minds as part of our Term Topic. We have experienced things like throwing a Frisbee, meditation, colouring/drawing and using bubbles and straws to look at how we breathe.

On our first outing, we walked around the lake at Belvoir Park and looked at all the things that we can use there to move our bodies.





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.

.....Cut here.....

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

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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 _____

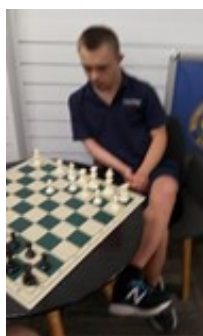
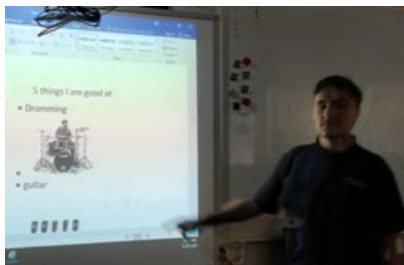
PLEASE ATTACH THIS FORM TO MONEY OR IF MAKING A DIRECT DEPOSIT STILL DROP THE FORM INTO THE BELVOIR OFFICE.

Room 22 news!

Welcome to 2020! Over the last two weeks, our students in Room 22 have been familiarising with the orange pod program, new routines and getting to know each other through a range of activities such as news time, writing speeches and about things we like, literacy, cooking, and outings. This term we will be focusing in being involved with the community. We have discussed about what sort of events our students will organise throughout the year.

Our students have been practising their listening and collaboration skills as well as becoming immersed in their VCAL, Pinicle and Sensory subjects.

We have also been learning our classroom jobs and getting to know other orange pod students during outside play breaks. Looking forward to a great year Room 22!





PE NEWS!

This term students across the school will experience ANZ Hot Shots Tennis. The program is designed to help every student, no matter their age or ability, jump in and start playing tennis. The physical skills students will learn through the program include, throwing, bouncing catching, striking and hand eye coordination and are taught through movement games and challenges. If your child expresses a keen interest in tennis private coaching and Hotshot programs are available through Wodonga Tennis Centre. 1 Dalgleish Street, Wodonga Victoria 3690 (02) 6024 6354.

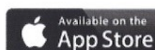




Free for parents, students and staff of registered schools

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



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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/>

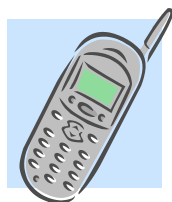
This page is used to promote events, share information and showcase achievements of classes and individual students. We would love for you to share this page with your friends and family so that everyone can see the great things happening in our school.



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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