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Belvoir Special School

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School Council Positions

Belvoir's School Council is made up of 9 elected Parent Representatives, 3 elected Department of Education Representatives and 1

Coopted Community Representative. The community representative is elected each year at the annual general meeting, while elected representatives from the parent community and the Department are elected for a period of 2 years.

If you are interested in being a part of our school council please contact the school for a nomination form or have a chat to one of our current or retiring school councilors for more information.

School Council meets twice per term. Currently this is on a Wednesday evening from 6:00 – 8:00pm.

Nominations for school council close tomorrow, Friday 28th of February at 4:00pm.

Swimming Sports

Our annual school swimming sports will be held at the Albury pool next Friday 6th of March. Activities will begin at the pool at 10:30 and will finish by 1:30pm. Not all students will be able to last this long and parents are welcome to join us at any time and take their students home at the point where they have had enough.

We will be having a free sausage sizzle on the day and the canteen will be open. Unfortunately we will not have the pool all to ourselves and members of the public will be able to enter so we ask for as many parents to come along and assist as possible. There are a number of jobs that you can assist with and you will be more than welcome either in or out of the pool.

All students must return a note to ensure that they are able to come to the sports. The note also allows students to have a go on the waterslide if permission is given. There is no cost involved for the day; however the notes MUST be returned.

Hopefully the weather will be as it has been over the past few days and we will all have a fantastic day.

Census Day

Tomorrow is school census day. This is the day that will determine how many students that a school has for the year and how much funding they will receive.

As of census day Belvoir had 204 students enrolled in the school with a Full Time Equivalent of 201.6. This is the highest number of students that the school has had on census day and eclipses the 195 students that we had at the school on census day in 2018. - **Jamie Gay Principal**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Swim Carnival

6th March @ Albury Swim Centre

Labour Day Public Holiday

Monday 9th March

Annual General/School Council Meeting

Wednesday 11th March, 6.00pm

Last Day of Term 1

Friday 27th March

First day of Term 2

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This Weeks Purple Moments

Sebastian Room 16

Nominated for showing respect by putting up his hand and waiting in turn during class discussion.

Denham Room 24

Nominated for respectfully listening to others.

Luke Room 4

Nominated for following instructions.

Dylan Room 16

Nominated for following instructions by staying on task.

Ryan Room 8

Nominated for following instructions and great reading.

Jacob Room 11

Nominated for showing great work in BluEarth

Rex Room 9

Nominated for showing great work in literacy.

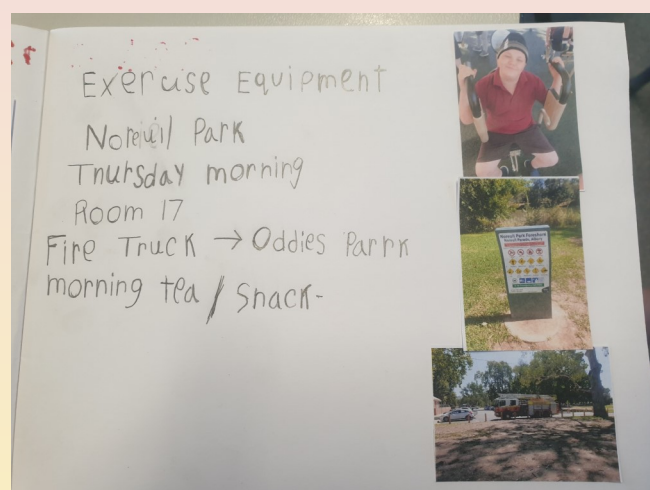
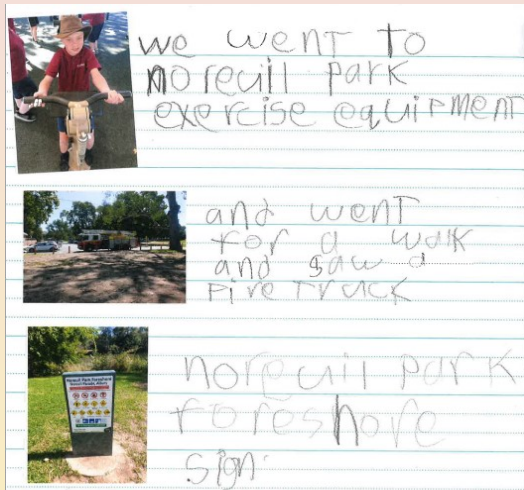
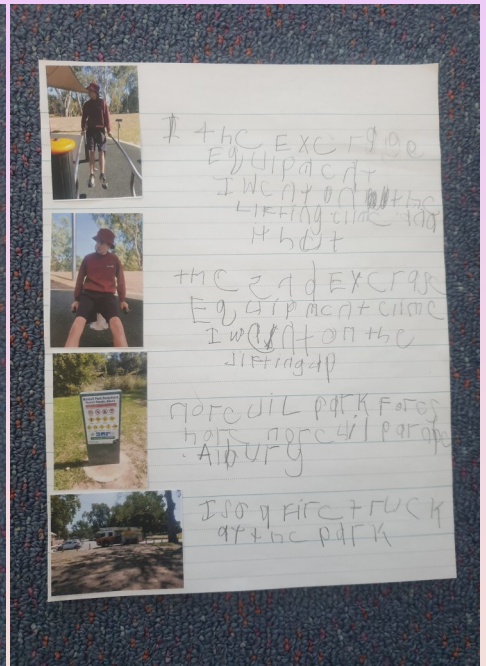
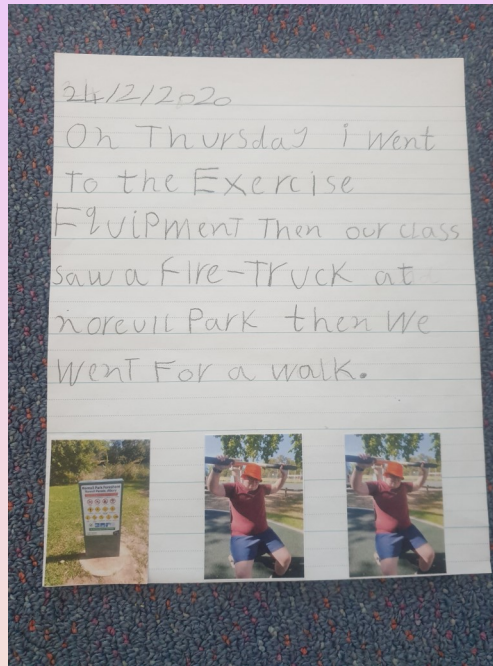
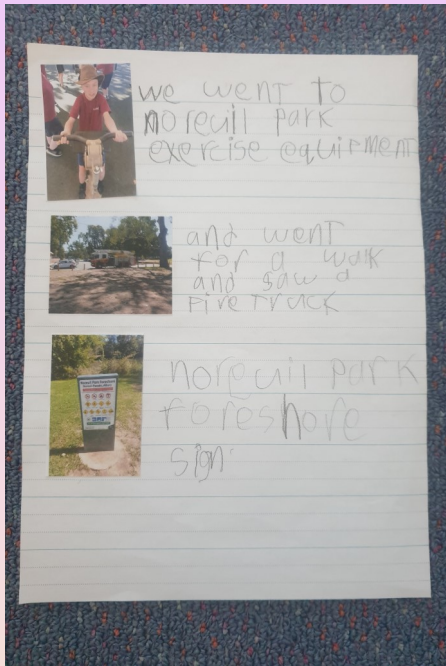
Connor Room 18

Nominated for showing great independence when playing uno.

This Weeks Class of the Week is: Room 12

Room 12 was awarded class of the week this week for showing some amazing handwriting skills and focus while writing about animals through using key words, punctuation and spelling. Well Done Room 12!!

Room 24's Recounts



More From Room 7



Room 20 News

Room 20 have been busy learning living skills by planning a breakfast menu and budget. We have also learnt how to set the table. This week saw the start of breakfast club which we all enjoyed. We could choose from cereals, toast, Milo, milk and orange juice. It was a big hit.





Room 8 News

This term we have been on lots of exciting adventures around town.

Last week we went to the Albury Library/Museum to see the Hairy Maclary exhibition. We viewed the art works and then made our own pet finger puppet or picture.

We then had lunch at the Albury Botanical Gardens Dinosaur Park and used our class dinosaur to compare big and small things.

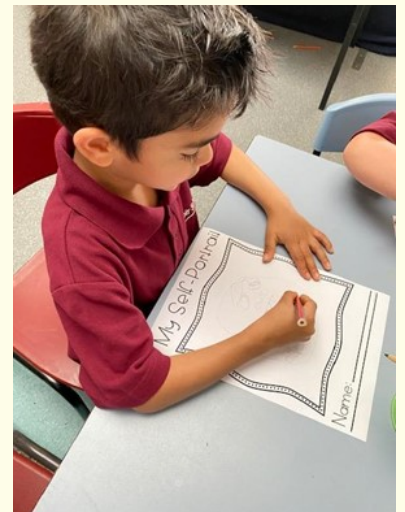
This week we went with Room 12 to Waves Swim Centre for a BBQ lunch and a swim. The weather was fantastic and we had the whole place to ourselves!! We had sausages in bread, played in the Splash Park and had a refreshing swim in the water. A great day out!



Room 3 News!



We have had a very busy start to our year in Room 3! We have 4 new students to Belvoir in our class and everyone has had a great time getting to know each other and starting to learn our school routines. We have enjoyed lots of play, practicing our writing and learning about reading. We have been practicing learning each other's names and we like to play lots of games in class. We have also been using lots of puzzles, playdough, the swing and trampoline to help us be great learners. Everyone enjoyed celebrating Eric's birthday, we shared some tasty chocolate cake!





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/>

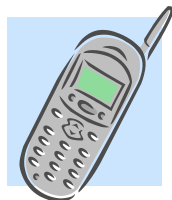
This page is used to promote events, share information and showcase achievements of classes and individual students. We would love for you to share this page with your friends and family so that everyone can see the great things happening in our school.



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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



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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: _____

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.