



# Belvoir Special School

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## School Council

At the close of nominations we had 5 parents who nominated for the 6 vacant positions available on school council. Therefore Roslyn Mullavey, Darren Maxfield, Jason Voll, Rhonda Strauss and Charles Dean have been duly elected to school council for the next two years. There were also two DET representative positions available on council and these have been filled by Margaret Kinnell and Cas Porter. Andrew Bell has also agreed to continue on council in the community position.

Congratulations to each of the parents and staff who have volunteered to be on school council again.

We still have one position on school council for a parent position that needs to be filled. If you are interested you are welcome to attend our next meeting on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March at 6:00pm here at school. This meeting will incorporate our annual election meeting and we are able to co-opt members of council at this time.

## Swimming Sports

Whilst it has been really wet over the past couple of days the forecast for tomorrow looks like it will be okay for us to hold our annual swimming sports.

28 degrees and little or no wind is forecast, so with a cloud cover keeping the sun and the sunburn away we should have a great day at the pool. We are mindful that some students are more prone to colder weather than others, so if you are concerned about the weather you are welcome to keep your child at home for the day.

Activities will kick off at the pool by 10:30am and will be finished by 1:30pm at the latest. Parents are very welcome to come along and take part in the activities that we have on offer for the students. Buses have been organised to take students to and from the pool, or parents can bring their children to the pool if they choose. Parents are also welcome to pick up their children from the pool at the end of the day (1:00pm). A number of parents have taken students home early from our sports day and this is quite okay as well.

Belvoir Special School swimming sports is not a traditional swimming carnival. The emphasis is on fun and student participation, so the more people we have joining in the better.

As there will be no staff left at school, other than office staff, all students who attend school on Friday will be expected to attend the sports. If you have not returned your note, or do not want your child to take part, please keep them at home tomorrow.

## Individual Learning Plans

ILP's are being completed this week and will be sent home with all students from the end of next week onwards. Parents are asked to read through these documents and if there is a problem or anything that needs to be changed to please let us know as soon as possible.

Student ILP's are a legal document which need to be produced at least twice a year and are used to track student performance and learning towards set goals.

## Buses

A reminder to all parents that student travel on the school buses is not an absolute right and students need to follow the instructions of the drivers and chaperones to ensure that their travel is able to continue.

Over the first 6 weeks of school there have been a few issues that have caused us to call parents to discuss problems with their children and we certainly appreciate the support that parents give us in these instances.

If there is an incident that occurs on the bus parents are asked to contact the school and speak with Andrea for minor problems, or Marg or myself for larger issues. While we do not operate the majority of our buses we are happy to try to fix any issues that may be occurring before they get out of hand and cause students to be excluded from travelling to and from the school on the buses. - *Principal Jamie Gay*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Swim Carnival

Friday 6th March @ Albury  
Swim Centre

### Labour Day Public Holiday

Monday 9th March

### Annual General/School Council Meeting

Wednesday 11th March,  
6.00pm @ Belvoir

### Last Day of Term 1

Friday 27th March -  
2pm Finish

### First day of Term 2

Tuesday 14th April



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



**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 .....

# **This Weeks Purple Moments!**

## **Dylan room 16**

Nominated for following instructions and responding to the music, bells and timers at transition times.

## **Ben Room 12**

Nominated for making good choices and staying on purple all day.

## **Bailey Room 3**

Nominated for following instructions, doing a great job of sitting and listening at circle time.

## **Jesse Room 7**

Nominated for following instructions and completing classroom activities.

## **Kaleb Room 24**

Nominated for following instructions and respectfully listening to others.

## **Tiana Room 19**

Nominated for following instructions and staying on task.

## **Ayla Room 13**

Nominated for following instructions and completing maths tasks.

## **Seth Room 11**

Nominated for beautiful work practicing his letter sounds.

# Room 21 News

I have liked being in Orange Pod this year. I have been reading, cooking, looking at emotions and using the computer. By Matty

This year in Orange Pod I have enjoyed shopping, delivering the fruit, going to the library and going to the skate park. By Jack

I like going to the library. On our outing we chose some books to share. I like doing my therapy exercises. At swimming I have enjoyed making new friends and spending time with them in the playground. By Alyssa

I like being in orange pod because of the teachers and the learning. The classrooms are great and safe and I having good friends. I have learnt a lot in orange and purple. These are my favourite pods. Orange pod is way different than purple pod as it is much bigger with more people. I would like to do more gardening in the school and planting more plants. By Ashley

This year I have been elected as school captain. I enjoyed our outing last week to the Willow Park skate park. We were allowed to bring our scooters and ride them at the skate park. We are going to be looking after one of the gardens at school this year. Last week we cleaned up all the rubbish in the garden we are looking after. By Brody

I like being in Orange Pod this year. I am in a classroom with some of my friends that were in Purple Pod with me. I have been elected as House Captain for Kiewa this year. By Kaleb

I Liked Going to the Library. On Our Outing we chose some books to share. I have enjoyed making new friends. I really like cooking. I'm going to cook a pieces of toast and pancakes for breakfast! By Matilda



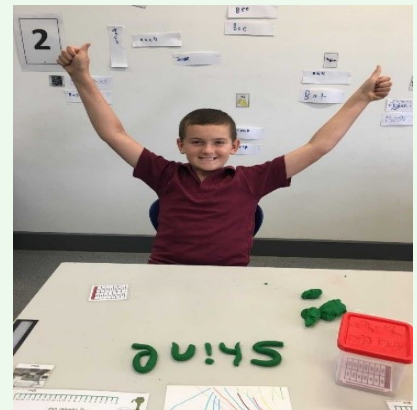
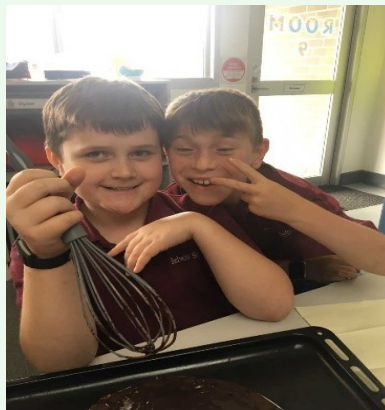


# — Room 9 News! —

We have kicked off 2020 in Room 9 with exciting outings to local parks and the Wodonga Library, with our friends in Room 7.

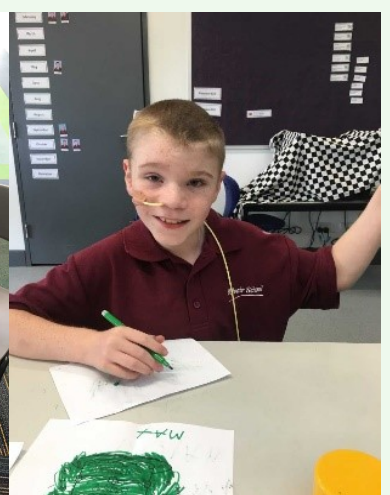


Our appetites have been quelled by cooking healthy pizzas, wraps, sandwiches and not so healthy birthday cakes.



In Maths, we have been weighting and measuring whatever we can get our hands on.

The class has been taking great care of our classrooms plants:  
Lily the Peace Lily and our spring onions.







# **Room 4 News!**

Welcome to Room 4, 2020!

We have had a wonderful start to the year.

We have loved learning about our new classmates, have begun exploring our emotions using the Zones of Regulation program, and are learning to tell others about ourselves in our All About Me Term Topic.

We have been practicing the skills of being respectful, being safe and following instructions. We have shown how we can do these things in community places such as the Wodonga Library and the Dinosaur Park in Albury.



# Room 13 NEWS

Room 13 has been very busy, so far in 2020.

We have been on outings, focussing on how we follow instructions, be safe and be respectful.

We have been creating movies to show our PBS focus.



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## This Weeks Class of the Week is: Room 11:

Room 11 have had a great week this week! The room 11 students have shown respect for each other and others in the pod. Students have worked collaboratively with each other and has been great to see them help each other out. They have participated well in all activities including working with Yellow Pod during our Bluearth sessions.

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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 21<sup>st</sup> February**

Regards,

**Ross Hayward PE Specialist & Sports Coordinator**

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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](http://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](http://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

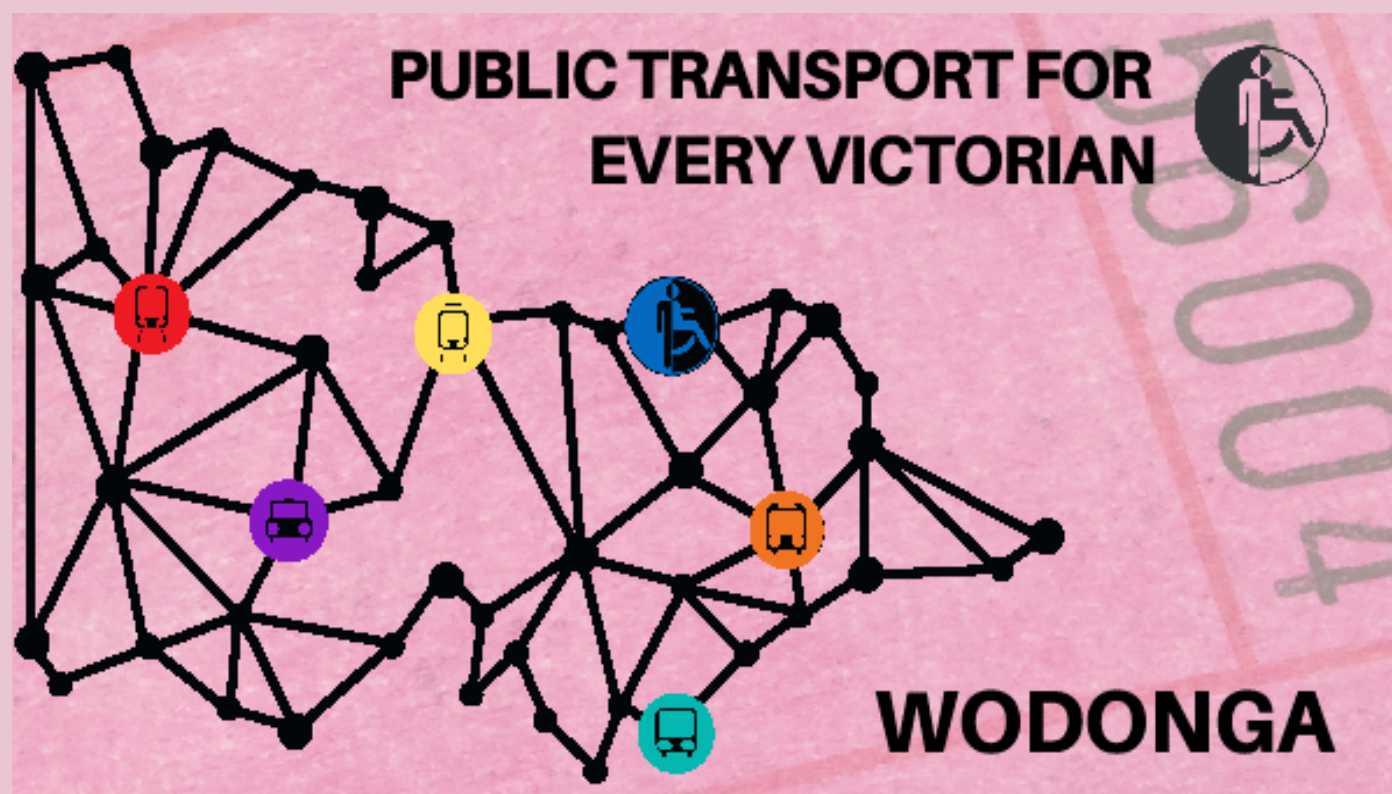
### NOTE: ALL SECTIONS MUST BE COMPLETED BY PARENT/LEGAL GUARDIAN

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.**





**Do you struggle with public transport in your area?  
Join us to improve your campaigning skills and  
lobby for a transport system that works for everyone.**

## **SKILL-UP AND CAMPAIGN WORKSHOP**

**THURSDAY 2ND APRIL**

**10am - 3.30pm**

**Together we can explore different ways to use  
our voices and experiences to bring about  
change.**

Be sure to join the FB Group: Campaign for Inclusive Transport Wodonga  
and book your workshop place through Eventbrite.

You can also call RDAS and register by telephone (02) 6056 2420.

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Strategic Planning Room, TAFE Space, 158 Lawrence Street, Wodonga