

Belvoir Special School Newsletter



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School Council

School Council held its annual general meeting last night with the following decisions being made. David Brown was elected as School Council President for the first time. David has taken over from Rhonda Strauss who has been School Council President for the Past 2 years. Congratulations on your appointment David. Rhonda was elected as the Vice President of school council and has taken over from David. On behalf of the school community I would like to thank Rhonda for her efforts in supporting the school over the many years that she has been on school council and to thank her for her time as President. Marg Kinnell was elected as the School Council Secretary and takes over from Cas Porter. Our School Council still has one vacancy on it and if there are any parents who are interested in taking a role on School Council they are more than welcome to attend our next meeting on April 29th.

Decisions made at Council included: The ratification of the following policies; Anaphylaxis Management, Child Safety, Visitors Policy, Camp Policy, Digital Technology Policy, and Excursion policies. Each of these policies are available to parents and you can ask for one from the front desk of the school. The policies will also be located on the school website shortly. The school will spend around \$25,000 to shade the new play space in Green POD. Hopefully this work will be completed shortly. The Belvoir Special School Post School Expo was also approved again this year. It will be held in August and will showcase a range of post school options for students to consider once they leave school. The event is only one that takes place on the border and one that has students attending from NSW and Victorian Mainstream schools.

Swimming Sports

Congratulations to Ross and his team on an outstanding swimming sports once again. The weather was nearly perfect on the day and the students who attended had a great time both in and out of the water. Congratulations to Murray House on winning the sports again this year. The red team have a great tradition of getting lots of people to the sports and taking part in each of the events, but it is getting closer! Thank you to all of the parents who came along and were a part of the day. It was great to see so many people there participating with their children and enjoying the activities that there on offer.

Coronavirus

There has been a lot of information in the media regarding the Coronavirus. As a school who has a number of students who have a reduced or compromised immunity we are particularly aware of the risks that an outbreak of the virus would cause many of our students.

At this point in time there are no staff, students or family members at the school who have a confirmed case of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) or are a close contact of a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the past 14 days. 'Close contact' is defined by DHHS as someone who has had at least 15 minutes of face-to-face contact with a confirmed case, or shared a closed space with someone for more than two hours with a confirmed case.

Should either of these points occur Belvoir is required to contact DHHS and the Department of Education. They will then inform the school as to the actions that will need to be undertaken to ensure all staff and students are as safe as possible.

Good hygiene practices are the most effective means of minimising the spread of COVID-19, and our school will continue to encourage these practices.

Unless we have a student/family member or staff member in one of the two above categories, we do not need to take further action. However as a school we will be increasing the cross infection cleaning routines that all classrooms undertake and will be continuing to promote the positive hygiene messages across the school.

How Can Parents Help

Please notify us immediately if you or your child falls into one of the two categories listed above.

Encourage good personal hygiene practices at home.

Keep your child at home if they are unwell, especially if they are showing signs or symptoms of a respiratory infection.

Everyone can protect against infections by practising good hand and respiratory hygiene.

Here are some tips that we all can follow:

1. Cover your mouth and nose when coughing and sneezing with a tissue, or cough into your elbow.

2. Dispose of the tissue into a bin and then wash your hands afterwards.

3. Wash your hands regularly using soap and water, including after using the toilet, and before eating. Please refer to the Department's coronavirus web page for the latest advice and information. - Jamie Gay

UPCOMING EVENTS

Last Day of Term 1

Friday 27th March -

2pm Finish

First day of Term 2

Tuesday 14th April

BUS NUMBERS

BUS 1: 0408691885

BUS 2: 0417041196

BUS 3: 0407563474

BUS 4: 0408698635

This Weeks Purple Moments!

Logan room 7

Nominated for being respectful and safe while making good choices.

Christian Room 4

Nominated for following instructions from his teacher.

Jet Room 6

Nominated for following instructions when lining up.

Dominick Room 4

Nominated for doing his best learning during literacy.

Austin Room 22

Nominated for being respectful and participating during the oracy session.

Dyane Room 19


Nominated for having great answers in a class discussion.

Jayden Room 16

Nominated for keeping himself and other safe by staying with in vision of supervising adults.

Brad room 16

Nominated for being respectful through putting up his hand and waiting during class.



This weeks class of the week is Room 21!

Room 21 had great participation in the Swimming Carnival last week with in swimming activities and races. Students showed great leadership skills and helped their peers and staff to set up, run and then pack up the swimming carnival.



PE News!



Swim Sports Day

After a couple of very wet days leading up to the swim sports day it was a little uncertain what the conditions would be like on the day. As it turned out, it was perfect, and we couldn't have hoped for better weather!

Many thanks to the all the staff, students and parents who helped make the day a huge success. The events ran smoothly, the students had fun and it was great to see excellent levels of participation and some healthy competition.

Congratulations to all the students who participated in events and to this year's winning house Mitta who finished with the most points. Pod Champions will be announced at next week's assembly!





Room 16 news

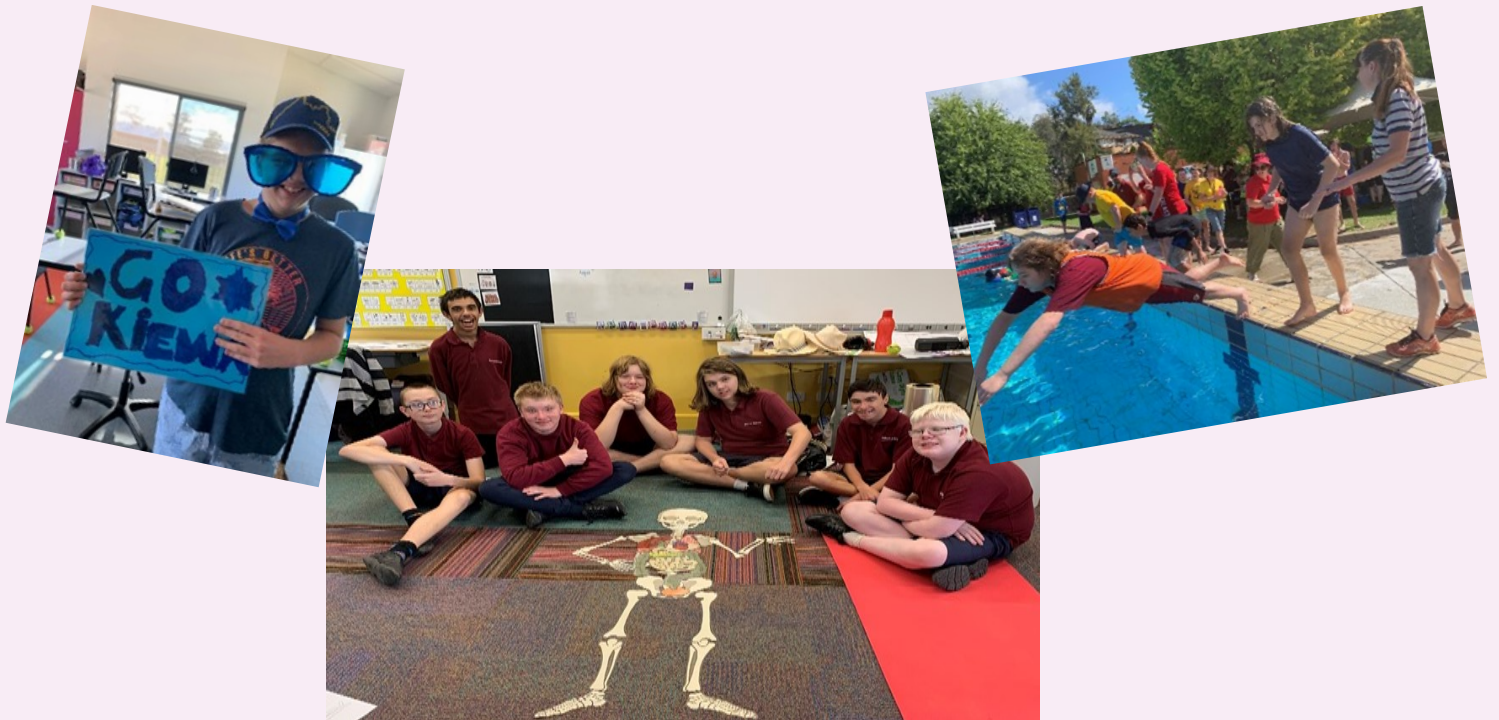


This year has been a busy and productive year for room 16 so far.

We have enjoyed our outings with room 23 and learning about the body and the changes that we all go through.

We have focused on becoming the best people that we can be through our Respectful Relationships and PBS sessions.

There weren't many of us at the swimming carnival but we all gave our best and had a ball with the rest of Purple and Orange pod.



Room 5 News!

Last week we went on our very first excursion. Unfortunately it was pouring with rain, but we were able to play a game of Bingo searching for objects out in the community. We also got to practice our PBS focus of lining up and staying with the group. We had so much FUN!



We have just started the Learn to Play program. This is where we learn how to play with different toys, share with our friends and how to solve problems in stories. This is so much fun!



We have been working on our reading stamina over the last two weeks. This will take us some time but we are very proud of ourselves for improving our independent reading time from 3 to 13 minutes.



Numbers, numbers, numbers!! Our focus has been using strategies for counting (e.g., count all) up to 9 and learning how to order numbers up to 9th. Our teachers are very proud of our effort!



Room 10 News

What an amazing term we have had in room 10. It has been a fantastic start to the year, with all students settling into our new class well. We have enjoyed cooking, and many exciting adventures around Wodonga and Albury. Visiting many of our local parks, and libraries. We also participated in our annual swimming carnival, where all students did an amazing job. The day was filled with fun, smiles and laughter. All students tried their best and showed an incredible amount of sportsmanship. Well done to all!

We are all looking forward to seeing what the rest of the year has in store for us!



**SATURDAY
23RD MAY**

THE PRESTIGIOUS

Jack Maher

CLASSIC

INCORPORATING THE BELVOIR SPECIAL SCHOOL

**FUNDRAISING
LUNCH**

Belvoir Special School



RAISING MONEY FOR KIDS WITH A DISABILITY



TABLES OF 8-10

\$130pp

INCLUDES: 2 Course meal, beer, wine & soft drink, prime viewing from the Deck plus Members area access after the event.

**WITH GUEST SPEAKERS DEBBIE KEPITIS
PART OWNER OF RACING ROYALTY WINX**

PLUS former Belvoir student & Racing Wodonga media personality JACK MAHER

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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/>

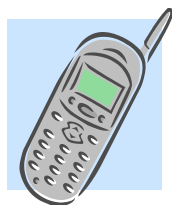
This page is used to promote events, share information and showcase achievements of classes and individual students. We would love for you to share this page with your friends and family so that everyone can see the great things happening in



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

Yes, I would like to have my weekly newsletter emailed to me:

Name:

Email address/s