

Belvoir Special School Newsletter



38 Gayview Drive, WODONGA, 3690

**If you can learn at home you must learn at home.
But just for one more week!**

Return to school in week 7

All staff and students will return to Belvoir on Tuesday 26th of May.

There will be a curriculum day on Monday 25th of May for staff to prepare for the transition back to school and ensure that we have everything in place to allow this to occur. No students will be at school on this day.

Additional cleaning will be carried out across the school from Monday 25th onwards and we will have all the necessary protections in place to ensure the highest standards of hygiene are maintained.

The Victorian Chief Medical Officer has determined that social distancing is not required for students as they return to school. However adults will require social distancing so we will be putting in place a change to drop offs and collections at either end of the school day.

Parents will not be allowed into the school grounds. They will be required to drop their children at the front gate and then leave. It is the adults that are at greatest risk of catching and transmitting the virus so we will be trying to minimise adult contact and interaction as far as possible.

We will also be looking at possibly changing bus times to stagger the end of the school day and reduce congestion at this time. We will let parents know what changes will be made after we have spoken with Dysons tomorrow.

Learning from Home in week six and beyond

Tomorrow will be the last week that learning from home packs are prepared and delivered to families. I understand that a number of families have enjoyed the extra time with their children over the past few weeks and the learning packs have been positively received and worked through by students. But all good things must come to an end and teachers will now be expected to concentrate on delivering face to face teaching for the last five weeks of term.

Many families may have concerns about a return to schooling but the Victorian Chief Medical Officer has said that it is safe for the vast majority of staff and students to return to school. The Department has also made it very clear that schools are not required to continue to send learning from home packs home to families who choose to keep their children at home and not send them back.

If your child has a genuine medical reason for not attending school from the 26th of May onwards then please contact me and we can talk this through. However we will be following the Department's guidelines and will only be supplying work to complete at home in exceptional circumstances.

Learning at School in week six

Some students will still be attending school next week. Belvoir will continue to have staff on site to cater for these students. All of the requests for next week have been approved and we will find it very difficult to accept any further students for next week.

Thank you

Finally thank you to all of the families who have worked so hard over the past five weeks to make learning from home work as best as they can. Your efforts and understanding is greatly appreciated by all staff.

- Jamie



Mothers Day!



Ethan did a fantastic job at following instructions to create some yummy biscuits for Mothers' Day J Thank you for sharing your pictures!



Josh McLennan giving his mum the Mother's Day card he made, through home learning. Happy Mothers Day to all our mum's and caregivers.



Learning From Home — Science



Here are some pictures from room 12, one of Ben working on his science of growing a bean, and two of Chelsea enjoying some sensory play with play dough that her Mum made.



Jayden completing a science project that mum and dad gave him.



Room 5 News



Cooper, Declan and Ethan from room 5 completing at home learning activities. These including matching numbers, reading and using the coloured rice that Naomi sent home as part of her sensory art activity.



Room 5 News



Kyle who is happy learning at home with his new glasses.



Ethan practicing his math skills and making amazing art works with leaves.



Room 4 News



Mack (Room 4) has been enjoying exploring his garden and making artworks using living things for our Minibeasts Term Topic. Here is his 'Leaf Man' and some leaf rubbings.



Mack has also been hard at work practicing his writing skills. Here he is doing his own drawing of a Lion in response to our book of the week - 'A Lion in the Night'.



Room 4 News



Cam (Room 4) has been using his race car set in maths to learn about first, next and last.

Luke (Room 4) has been learning lots of new life skills while at home. Here he is being safe in the kitchen while he prepares a fruit salad with his sister.



Luke also helped his sister lay a floral wreath on ANZAC Day.

Room 8 Learning From Home



I am so proud of all of the students in Room 8. I can't wait to see you all again on the 26th of May! - Tanya

LEARNING AT HOME

Chelsea Room 12
engaging with a science
sensory activity. Here
she is interacting with
the leaves for the
lion's mane



Seth Summers Room 11

Codey Climbing a tree.



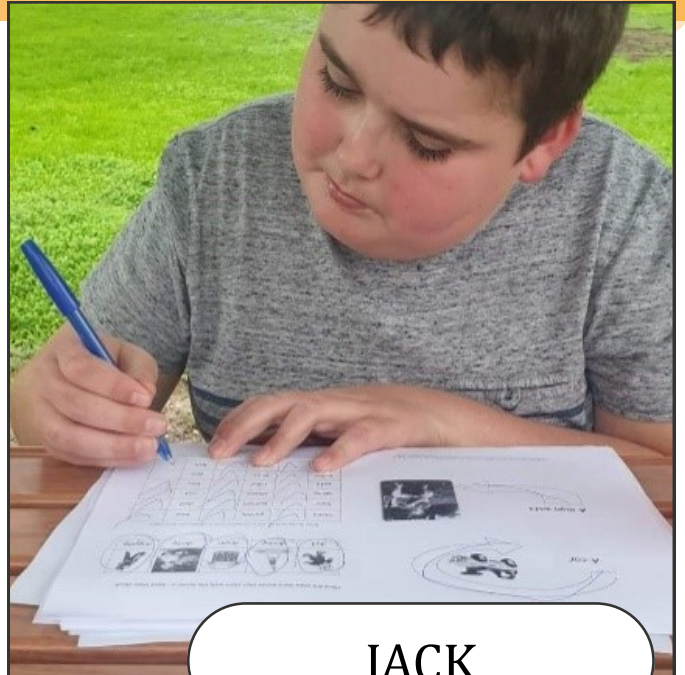
Codey T hard at work.

Learning From Home in Orange pod!



AUSTIN

Austin enjoyed his Art activity this week!



JACK

Jack has been really busy with his home learning. He has been completing lots of tasks at home. Great work Jack!



ASHLEY

Ashley has been busy with his VCAL work as well as completing his Acts of Kindness at home which has included going out collecting wood as well as vacuuming the house. Ashley has said that he is enjoying home learning but wants to come back to school as he misses his friends!!



JACK

Jack has also been helping out with the Mowing!

Learning From Home in Orange pod!



Gabe has been very busy this term helping paint the house, doing his school work and exercising by going on 8km walks.

Jess had an Outing to Noriel Park. She has been completing mosaic pictures, matching objects and helping Mum cook.



Trent has been working hard this term completing all his work. He finishes his work as quick as he can so he has more time to do fun stuff, like cut wood with his new chainsaw. Shannon has been very busy working at home with Mum. He has really enjoyed cooking, and playing on his new swing set.

The Australian Government has worked with experts to develop guidelines to help you, as parents and educators, support children and young people to build daily routines for better health.

The 24-Hour Movement Guidelines include a picture of what a day for a child or young person should look like, including time for physical activity, limiting sedentary activities, and getting adequate sleep.



Following these guidelines may be challenging at times; however, meeting them will benefit health. Achieving these guidelines is associated with better health and leads to improved body composition, cardiorespiratory and musculoskeletal fitness, cardiovascular and metabolic health, academic achievement and cognition, improved mental health and emotional regulation. For those not currently meeting these guidelines a progressive adjustment towards them is recommended.



Australian 24-Hour Movement Guidelines for Children and Young People (5 to 17 years):
An Integration of Physical Activity, Sedentary Behaviour, and Sleep

FOR MORE INFORMATION,
VISIT WWW.HEALTH.GOV.AU

NOTE: These guidelines are relevant to all apparently healthy children and young people (5–17 years) irrespective of gender, cultural or language background, geographic location or the socio-economic status of the family. These guidelines may be appropriate for children and young people with a disability or medical condition; however, a health professional should be consulted for additional guidance.



GUIDELINES FOR HEALTHY GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT FOR CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE (5 TO 17 YEARS)



A GUIDE FOR PARENTS & EDUCATORS

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Keeping children and young people with disability strong

**The NDIS and COVID-19:
Information for families and
young people with disability**

NDIS participants under 7 years:
10am, 5th May 2020



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Keeping children and young people with disability strong

**The NDIS and COVID-19:
Information for families and
young people with disability**

NDIS participants between 7 and
18 years: **11:30am, 7th May 2020**



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Keeping children and young people with disability strong

**The NDIS and COVID-19:
Information for families and
young people with disability**

NDIS participants aged 18–25
and beyond: **3pm, 12th May 2020**





REFOCUS
RESILIENCE & RESPONSIBILITY

CONNECT & YARN

In this time of **COVID 19** we are reaching out to our Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander children, young people, parents, carers, families, Elders and community by providing **1800 REFOCUS (1800 733 628)** and **Press 1** which is a free confidential telephone service if you would like to connect & yarn about stresses that are occurring for you in this time.

BUS NUMBERS

BUS 1: 0408691885

BUS 2: 0417041196

BUS 3: 0407563474

BUS 4: 0408698635

OTHER INFO:

Uniform shop hours

Beleza Wodonga :

Monday, Wednesday and
Friday, from 12pm to 5pm.

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.

Please contact Andrea or Neve on 6059 8987 if you have any changes.

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.

Surnames between

A-D = Red -Mitta

E-K = Green -Murray

L-Q = Blue -Kiewa

R-Z = Yellow -Hume

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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(<https://www.schoolstream.com.au>)



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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

Available on the App Store (<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/school-stream/id680416544>)

Get it on Google play (<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=au.com.unlimitedfx.schoolstream>)

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

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