

Belvoir Special School Newsletter



38 Gayview Drive, WODONGA, 3690

Welcome Back Everyone

It was fantastic to greet all of our students as they returned to the school on Tuesday. Seeing each of them has certainly brought a smile to all of the staff and made the last 6 weeks of home learning all worth while.

Teachers and ES have used this week to go over some of the learnings from the first half of the term and will continue to review work over the coming few days to ensure students are settled and ready to move onto the next stage of their learning.

If you have any learning packs still at home, please send these back in with your children as soon as possible. Staff will go through this work and ensure that this work is acknowledged and corrected where appropriate.

End of Day Arrangements

All schools have been asked to limit the number of parents and adults that are onsite when students are being dropped off and picked up at the start and end of each day.

Belvoir has tried to do this by asking parents who are picking students up not to be on site prior to 2:55pm. There are a number of parents who have heeded this request and we say thank you to you all.

We aim to have all buses loaded and off site by 2:50pm each afternoon. Parents will then be able to come through the first set of gates and wait for the remainder of students to be released. To enable this process to be done as smoothly as possible we now ask that parents stay in your cars until the buses have left.

Teachers are being instructed not to give a detailed hand over at this time. We are trying to keep social distances as far as possible and hope that everyone understands this. If an explanation of the day is required we will let you know and give you a call once you are at home.

This is difficult for all of our staff to do as it goes against our regular practices and our desire to relay information. But is it being done to protect all staff, students and parents in these unprecedented times.

Welfare Support

We understand that this term has been very difficult for many of our families. I encourage any family that needs additional support to contact one of our Primary Welfare staff, Mandy Knight or Sandii Greaves and they will be able to talk through any issues that you may have. There are a number of government support services that have been put in place to assist families with a range of issues during the current pandemic and Mandy and Sandii can work with you to get the best support necessary.

Future Newsletters

Over the past 6 weeks all communication from the school has gone home to parents and carers via an electronic format. This has been seen as very effective by most families. So to assist in reducing our costs and impact on the environment we will now be emailing the newsletter to each family via the primary email address that was given at the time you enrolled your child with us. If you need to update this email address, please do so immediately.

The newsletter will also be placed on school stream and the school's website to ensure that it is accessible to as many families as possible.

If you continue to want a hard copy of the newsletter please contact the school and this will be arranged.

-Jamie

ART ROOM NEWS

It has been fantastic to see all the work that was completed while students were learning from home! I have been blown away by the engagement and effort of our students! Well done everyone. It has also been great seeing and working with everyone back at school, getting messy and beginning our sculpture units! -Naomi



ART ROOM NEWS



Learning From Home

TJ celebrated his birthday over the weekend, enjoying the sunshine with his family and cake as well! Purple POD are growing their own seeds for their term topic. Here are TJ's seeds. Aren't they growing tall?!



OTHER:

**NEXT SCHOOL
COUNCIL MEETING:
JUNE 10TH**

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



REFOCUS
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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.

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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.