

# Belvoir Special School Newsletter



38 Gayview Drive, WODONGA, 3690

## Belvoir Principal Position

The Belvoir Principal position has been advertised and applications close on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> of June. We will have a new principal by the start of term three, but we may not know who this will be before the end of this term.

As parents are aware, I stood down from the principal position and have been acting in the role since the start of the year. In order to give the new principal a clean slate to work with I will be leaving Belvoir at the end of term 2 to take up a new position at Sale and District Specialist School.

The position in Sale is an acting one and I can return to Belvoir at the beginning of next year. But if not, I have thoroughly enjoyed the past 12 years as the head of our fantastic school and certainly wish all students, families and everyone connected to the school all the very best for the future, whatever that may hold.

## Reports

All teaching staff are currently finalising reports for the semester. These reports will look different to those produced in the past as they are simplified to reduce the workload on staff. Reports will still contain information about student progress in literacy and numeracy and give an indication of what has been completed in other subject areas. A general comment will also be included in reports.

All parents will be offered a Parent/Teacher meeting at the beginning of term 3 to discuss student progress, future goals and to review student achievements from the first half of the year. Reports will be sent home to all families in the last week of term.

## Life Skills House

After three long years since its inception and a number of delays along the way the Life Skills House is just about finished. The Rotary club volunteers have worked tirelessly over the past couple of weekends to plant the gardens and finalise all of the internal building works. We will have the cleaners complete a complete clean of the house and then allow staff in to have a look through in their teams.

Marg and the year 12 students have been tasked with furnishing the house ready for it to begin operations at the start of semester two. This will also happen over the last few weeks of the term. Unfortunately, we haven't got an official opening date for the house due to the COVID-19 restrictions, but we will be showing students through the house before the end of the term and hope to have it open for parents to have a look through in the last week of the term.

Congratulations to all of the tradies, the volunteers and to those who have raised funds to allow this fantastic resource for the school to come to fruition. I am sure that students are really looking forward to having this as a part of their learning into the future.

A special mention to our former Assistant Principal Ebony Mitchell who had the vision for this house all those years ago and certainly worked tirelessly in the early stages to get the funding and cooperation of the organisations in place.

## Monday is a Holiday

A reminder to all families that Monday is a public holiday in Victoria and there will be no school on this day.

-Jamie

# CLASS OF THE WEEK!

## ★ Room 20 - Class of the week ★

Amanda, Dylan and Scott nominated Room 20 for class of the week. All students have returned to on site learning in a very positive, settled manner and completed a wonderful first week back. They have been very focused on their work and have supported one another in catching up on their unfinished work from remote learning. All students also dealt with change in ES staff very well and were very respectful and polite to both Jess and Dylan (ES replacement).



### **BUS NUMBERS**

**BUS 1:** 0408691885

**BUS 2:** 0417041196

**BUS 3:** 0407563474

**BUS 4:** 0408698635

**BELVOIR BUS:** 0467 796 331

### **Uniform shop hours**

Beleza Wodonga :

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

### **OTHER:**

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

### **BOOK CLUB:**

**DUE NEX THURSDAY<sup>THE</sup> 11TH  
JUNE**



# This weeks purple moments

## Jesse T—Room 24

Nominated for following instructions!

## Chelsea P -Room 20

Great work in Maths by being respectful and following instructions.

## Dylan —Room 16

Showed respect by putting up his hand and waiting his turn during Class discussions.

## Ethan —Room 22

Following instructions by ensuring diary was ready to be checked in tub.

## Noah Shahi—Room 9

Working well with others.

## Jacob Rooney—Room 11

Following instructions during literacy rotations, writing a procedural text.

## Christian W—Room 4

For being respectful and using his words.

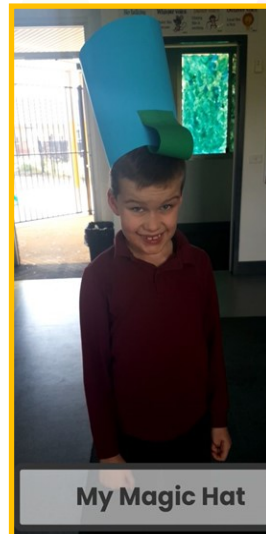
## Taylor L—Room 6

For making good choices, being respectful and working safely.

## Set h W—Room 6

For making good choices and being kind to his friends in the playground.

# Room 1 News



Room 1 have settled back into learning at school very positively. We started the week with a bit of imagination, with our book of the week being 'The Magic Hat'. We had lots of fun designing and creating our own magic hats. They gave us all different types of superpowers.

In Maths we have been focusing on numbers, shapes, data collection and comparison, but we had lots of fun this week creating and making our own shapes.

We explored our bike track area to discover different types of plants.





# Room 1 News

This is something I discovered on our Plants walk for science



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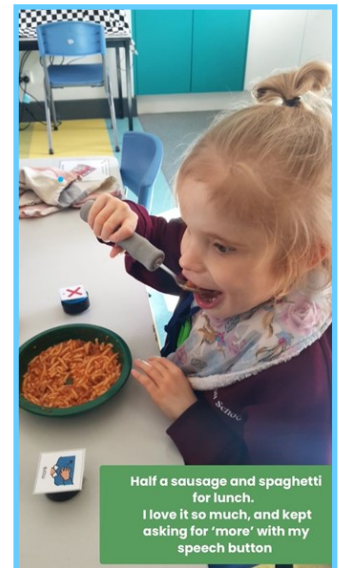
My Magic Hat



Performing Arts



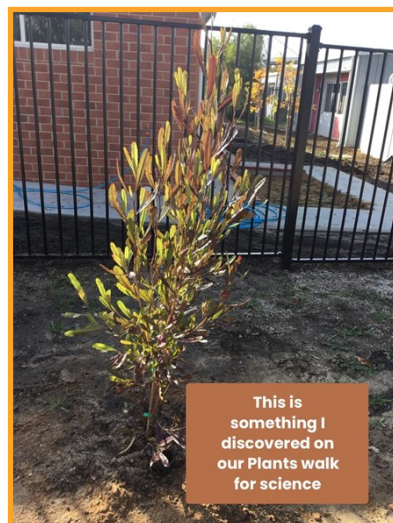
Half a sausage and spaghetti for lunch. I love it so much, and kept asking for 'more' with my speech button



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# Room 8 News

## HELLO EVERYONE and WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

Room 8 have enthusiastically returned to school and everyone has made a very smooth transition back into classroom learning. Students are proud of all their achievements at home and really enjoyed learning with their families.

This week we have celebrated the birthdays of Scotty and Ryan. Both boys were born on the same day!! We shared blue cupcakes, had hot chips for lunch and sang 'Happy Birthday' twice.

Together we have been learning about procedural writing. We have been reading and writing instructions, recipes and steps to complete a range of tasks from getting ready for school to making delicious cakes and biscuits.

In maths, we have been focusing on place value and weight. We have added and subtracted numbers, used scales to measure items, played dice games and we always enjoy the interactive tasks and games on the whiteboard.

In Science, we have continued to learn about living things. We have learnt that plants need the sun, water and soil to grow and survive and that animals need water, food, shelter and air. We are doing experiments on plants and testing if they can grow without sun or water.

Room 8 are all so happy to be back learning and playing together again and we have been trying along beautifully.

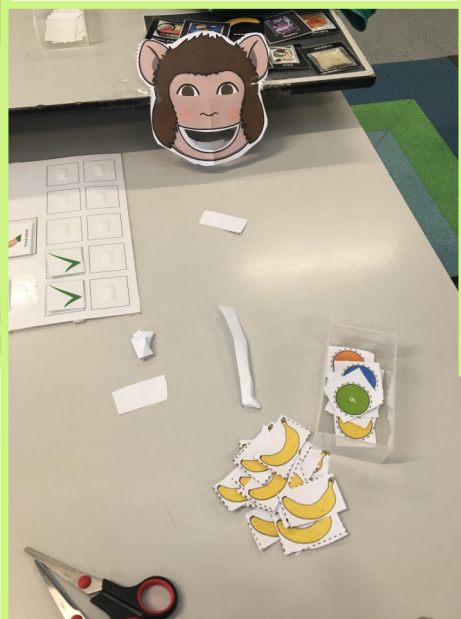
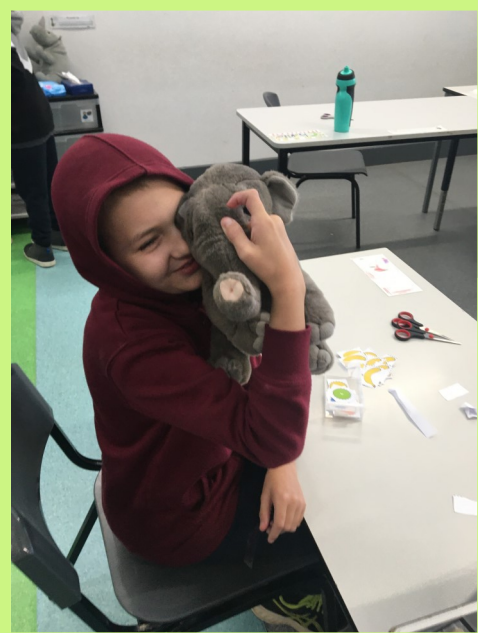


# Room 9 News

## The Cool Dude's room

We have missed our teacher David and we hope he recovers well. We have enjoyed playing games like maths tiggy and beating the teacher at the dice game.

We enjoy a game called silent tiggy where we work in quiet and the person who talks is 'IT' until the next person talks. Brenda and David are the best.





# Room 13 News

We have been very busy getting back into our routines of learning from school, such as checking in with our emotions.

We are learning the procedure for playing games that we know so well and changing the rules – we are hoping to become millionaires.

In maths we are looking at patterns, enjoying playing Tetris and identifying patterns in the home, with animals, and with numbers or beads.





# Update from Room 16

Room 16 have all been very happy to return to school to see their classmates and friends. Together we have been looking at how to play different games and tried to be good sports while playing them.



Together we have explored books, and found their important parts and features. We practiced applying what we knew about time, patterns, and numbers to play games and complete activities together.



We have investigated desert and grassland habitats to understand their features and things that live and thrive within them.



# Room 19 News

This week we have thanked our parents/carers by writing thankyou cards and making them a delicious chocolate slice. There have been quite a few changes at school since we have been back. We wrote about some of the changes we have noticed. — Jamay

The students on the bus now go home at 2:45pm and the rest of the students that don't go on the bus stay at school until 3pm. We use hand sanitiser when we come to school, before outside and home time.

**Camron**

I have liked coming back to school. I hated being at home it was quite annoying I was bored. I like being at school so I can see my friends and play basketball.

**Dayne**

Our assembly is now on a Monday through the speakers. I miss setting up assembly because I liked doing it and I am hoping it goes back to normal soon.

**JC**





## 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**  
RESILIENCE & RECOVERY

**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.

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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.