

Belvoir Special School Newsletter



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Belvoir Principal Position

The selection panel for the new principal position was completed at last night's school council meeting. David Brown, School Council President and Rhonda Strauss will represent the parent body of the school. Marg Kinnell will be the staff representative on the panel and John Pryor and Chris Harvison, Wangaratta SS, will represent the department.

As indicated last week the time lines for the selection process are very tight and there is no guarantee that the new principal will be known before the end of the term. We will continue to update parents and carers as developments arise and this will probably be through the school's website or Facebook page.

School Council

Last night's school council meeting made the following decisions:

A long discussion was held regarding the vision and values of the school over the course of the next 4 years. Following feedback from staff, School Council has written the following statements for the school for our new strategic plan.

School Vision

Together we create safe and inclusive learning environments where all students experience success.

School Values

At Belvoir, we value strong, positive relationships throughout the entire school community that exist in a culture where care, commitment, courtesy and co-operation are paramount.

We support individual achievement based on a student's strengths, supporting individual goals to enable students to be as independent as possible.

Current School Context

Belvoir Special School provides a quality educational program for students aged five to eighteen years with an intellectual disability. The school caters for students living in Wodonga and surrounding area in North East Victoria as well as Albury and Southern NSW. The school's philosophy is reflected in its motto, 'Together We Can'. This is based on the belief that children learn best in a safe, co-operative environment that challenges and supports them to achieve their goals.

Our intentions for the next four years

We will build and embed the school vision and values by having consistent expectations and a collaborative staff ethos. We will use proactive rather than reactive strategies to improve the current educational achievements of all students and we will value and acknowledge the efforts of students and staff.

We will strive to maximise students learning outcomes to give each student the best educational experience, within the framework of the Victorian Curriculum, whilst focusing on fundamental literacy, communication, numeracy and life skills.

We will empower Student Voice through positive participation and capable contributions to create ownership of student learning and opportunities beyond the school boundary.

School council also endorsed two curriculum days to be held on Thursday 27th and Friday 28th of August to allow all staff to complete Protective Intervention Training with staff from Team Teach in Melbourne.

End of Term

In many respects this term has seemed like the longest term, but also the shortest with all children having returned just over two weeks ago.

Term 2 will end on Friday 26th of June at 2:00pm. The early finish is in line with departmental directions regarding term holidays starting one hour earlier. This means that buses will also be an hour earlier than they have been over the past three weeks.

CLASS OF THE WEEK!

This weeks class of the week is Room 8!

This class has been completing all tasks with excellent effort, good listening and great behaviours. Room 8 have also been using kind words. Well done Room 8!



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.



This weeks purple moments

Bella H - Room 22

Nominated for making good choices during her super workout when doing her stair walking.

Ashley - Room 21

For following instructions and her outstanding effort in literacy.

Brad — Room 16

Nominated for following instructions and staying on task.

Jasmine — Room 17

For keeping herself and others safe by practising person hygiene.

Caitlin P—Room 10

Nominated for following Instruction and listening to staff.

Ella G—Room 10

For following instructions and doing great work during maths rotations.

Mack Room 4

Nominated for following Instructions and being respectful.

Taylor Room 6

Nominated for achieving a goal.

Room 3 News



Everyone has settled back into Classroom routines really well and we are excited to see our friends again. Our favourite things to learn about are our science work, learning about mini beasts and living things. We have also been working on our number work and addition.

This week we have been reading the story of 'Wombat Stew'. We have had some fun sensory experiences that match parts of the story. We made some 'mud' in class and had a wonderful time exploring how it felt and the sounds that it makes. Some students said it sounds like 'plop plop', 'ooey gooey', 'squish squish'.



The Latest from Room 10

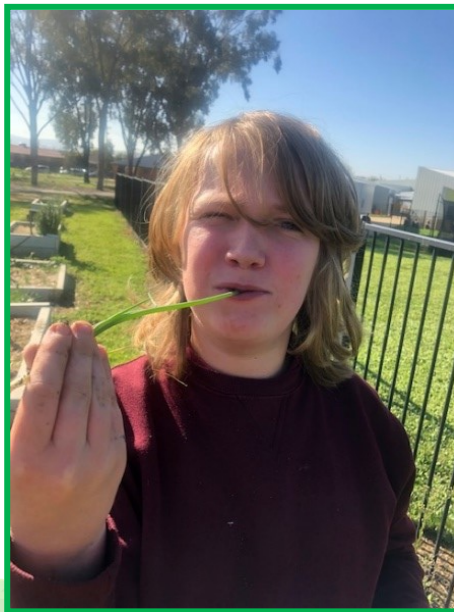


What a busy but wonderful return to school. All students have returned with enthusiasm and were happy to see their friends and staff. All students and families did an excellent job with their remote learning. Upon our return to school, room 10 students enjoyed sharing their experiences of home learning with their peers. Everybody had been focussed and have been engaged in all aspects of their learning. Over the home learning period we celebrated 3 birthdays, which called for a delicious cake on our first day back.



Room 17 News

We have been growing some veggies this year, including spring onions, snow peas and lettuce. Some have grown really well during remote learning. This week we have been doing some weeding ready to plant our next lot of seedlings.



Spring Onions



Snow Peas



Lettuce

Update from Room 18



In Room 18 we have enjoyed being back together again after learning from home for what seemed like forever! To celebrate we decided to make burgers for lunch.

We have been exploring patterns around us in our Maths sessions. We have found many different patterns around the school and by looking out the window on the way to school. Our favourite activity so far has been making patterns with dance moves using GoNoodle. We have used Lego, paper, paint and stickers to create new patterns.



Room 20 News

Coming back from remote learning has made me feel happy because being in lock down for 8 weeks made me feel very isolated and lonely. It is good to be back. I am happy to see my teachers and friends again.

It is also great to see things other than my four walls. The only bad thing about coming back is the fact that it is winter! It's extremely cold and I don't like going to school in the cold.

We have been having lots of fun room 20. We have been catching up on our remote learning. We have been learning how to tell the time across the whole pod. Time is something all of us struggled with in orange pod.

We have also written instructions on how to do something of our choice. Some kids chose milkshakes and smoothies. The milkshakes and smoothies were very nice.

It has been a good third week back at school. I hope you all have a good day! -*Chelsea Pazzo*



Art Room News

It's been a busy return to on site learning over the last couple of weeks in the art room with all students working on different sculpture projects. Yellow Pod students have been busy making paper mache butterflies, bees, caterpillars and ladybugs. Green Pod students have created bright colourful flower pots, with a few man eating fly traps in the mix! Purple Pod students have created mushrooms and are beginning to sew a softie. Orange Pod students have been creating native bee hotels and natural sculptures.



Seth Room 11



Cody Room 19



Max Room 9



Luka Room 11



Curtis Room 19

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



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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.