

Belvoir Special School Newsletter



38 Gayview Drive, WODONGA, 3690

Swimming and Outings

Unfortunately the Belvoir swimming program will not be going ahead in term 3. We usually swim in terms 2 and 3, but because of the COVID-19 restrictions that are currently in place we have been unable to use the pool at the leisure centre.

We have got a booking in place for term four, but this will be reliant on all pools being back open to their pre COVID-19 capacity and change rooms being available for students to use. We will also have to rely on other schools cancelling bookings as our booking is outside our regular time slot. But hopefully we will be able to swim by then.

On a positive note we will be able to start excursions and outings again in term 3. We will need to ensure all of the regular precautions are taken to keep everyone safe. And we will also need to be aware of the social distancing requirements that still exist outside of the school grounds. But it will be great to see students getting out and about again next term.

Other COVID-19 Precautions

Over the past couple of weeks we have had a number of staff tested for Coronavirus. All of these have been precautionary and based on staff having symptoms of a cough or a sore throat. Thankfully all results have been negative.

The testing is causing a degree of disruption across the school as staff are not able to return to school until they have received their negative results. This has meant that your child's classroom will probably have had a replacement teacher or Support Staff in place over the past three weeks. This has been a little disruptive and we thank parents and families for their patience during this time.

Scaffolding Going Up

This afternoon there is scaffolding going up around the front of the school. This will be there to allow the solar panels to be erected on the front two buildings early next week.

Unfortunately this could not wait a week until the holidays as the solar rebate is changing on the 1st of July so the installation needs to take place before this date. There will be a little disruption to parent parking this afternoon, but after that there should be no further disruption to the running of the school.

End of Term

Term 2 ends next 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. Jamie Gay - Acting Principal

Emotion Coaching: Connecting with Our Kids

Online Workshop

Help your child to:

- Understand their emotions and be able to communicate how they feel
- Regulate their emotions and calm themselves
- Develop resilience and positive self-esteem
- Develop problem-solving and social skills
- Develop kindness and empathy towards others

This two hour online workshop delivered by Gateway Health is for parents and carers of children 2-10 years of age who would like to learn more about emotion coaching, understanding their children's emotional development and how they can connect with their children.

WHEN: Wednesday 24th June 2020 from 10am to 12pm

WHERE: Online via Zoom

HOW DO I REGISTER: Registrations are essential. To register or ask a question contact:

Gerda on 0429 984 203 or Gerda.schaap@gatewayhealth.org.au

There is no cost for this workshop.



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

Chelsea Room 20

For being respectful and looking after her friends.

Jayden — Room 16

For following instructions in a respectful and timely manner.

Thomas K—Room 7

For following instructions and completing classroom activities.

Luke E — Room 4

Nominated for following instructions and saying his sounds in literacy.

Emily S—Room 20

For following instructions and giving her best effort at a activity.

Jordan G - Room 13

Nominated for following instructions, being respectful by allowing others to complete their work.

Nicklas L—Room 7

For following instructions completing classroom activities.

Harrison - Room 6

Nominated for being safe and having great participation.

Room 4 News

We are so happy and excited to be back at school and are having lots of fun playing with our friends again!

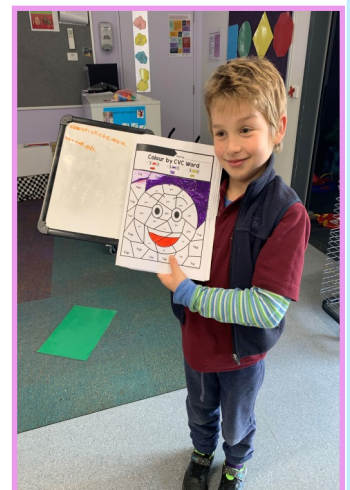
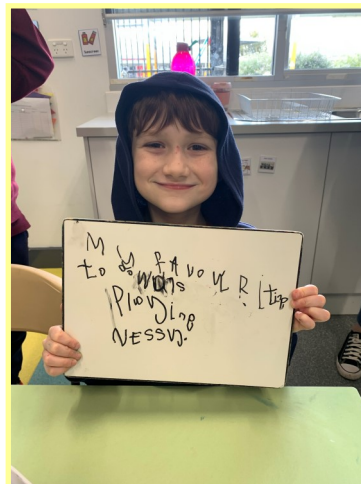
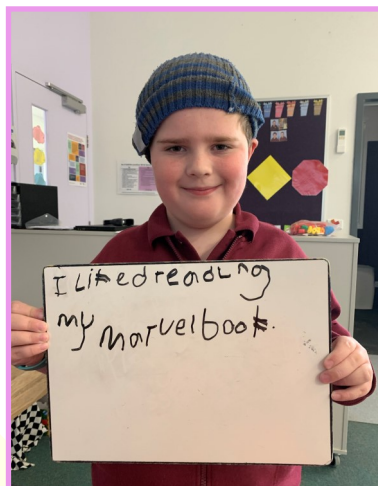
We want to say thank you to our mums, dads and grandparents for helping us to do lots of exciting activities while we were learning from home.

'My favourite part thing to do while I was learning at home was play Nussy' - Xavier Day

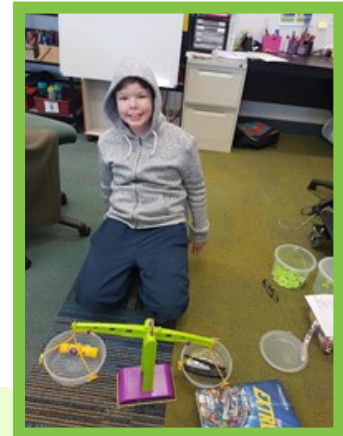
'My favourite thing to do while I was learning at home was reading my Marvel book' - Mack Hochfeld

'My favourite thing to do while I was learning at home was the colour by word' - William Thornton

Now that we are learning at school again, we are exploring and practicing making sounds and building words, responding to questions and making predictions about our book of the week, and making patterns with lots of different materials in our classroom.



The Latest from Room 11



Room 11 have quickly got back into the swing of regular schooling. The students have enjoyed catching up with each other and we celebrated a few birthdays.

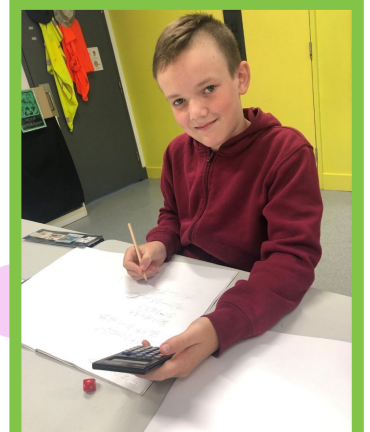
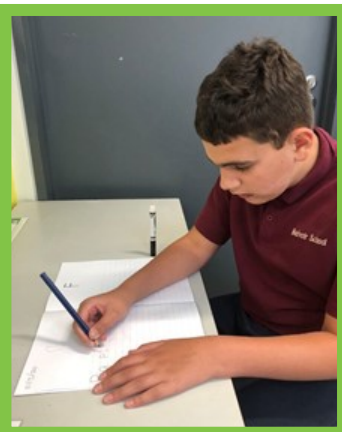
Last week we had prime position to watch large poles go into the Green Pod playground for shade sails and also watched a large tree be taken down and mulched. There was lots of machinery to look at.

We have been consolidating our learning as it is almost the end of the term. This has included practicing our procedure writing and using the books *Chicken Divas* and *Wombat Stew* to help develop our vocabulary and rhyming skills.

This week we enjoyed a tour of the new Life Skills House which will be a fantastic addition to Belvoir. We also made a short video, took photos and wrote in a card to farewell Jamie. We will miss him.

In math we have been continuing to work with scales and measuring items to find out which are heavier or lighter, as well as reviewing our number and pattern topics.

In science we have been learning about habitats and have been doing an experiment with plants in different conditions. We have identified a hypothesis and are observing, measuring and recording our results each week. We are a little worried about the plant that is getting no light and no water!!



Room 12 News

This week Room 12 had an excursion to Belvoir's new Life Skills House. The students had a lot of fun exploring the different rooms and working out if the house had everything you needed to live there. We then chose a favourite room in the house. These are our answers:



The best room was the bedroom because I love it. - Isabel
The house was big. My favourite room was the bedroom because it was nice and big. - Jasper

I was at home that day. From the pictures the home looks big. I like the life skills house. - Rafael

My favourite room was the bedroom because it was a big room - Roy
My favourite room was the bedroom because I would like to sleep there. - Sienna

The house was cool but the inside was messy and too dusty! My favourite room was the kitchen because I like cooking. - Xara

The life skills house was fun. I liked the bathroom the best because it made my claps loud. - Chelsea

I like the life skills house. I like the bedroom the best because I like sleeping - Ben



Update from Room 23

We have been busy in Room 23 since returning back to school. It has certainly been lovely to have everyone back in the classroom, learning face to face again.

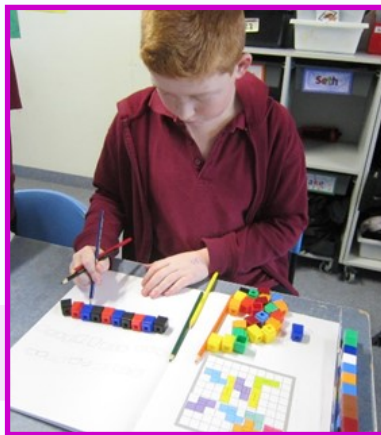
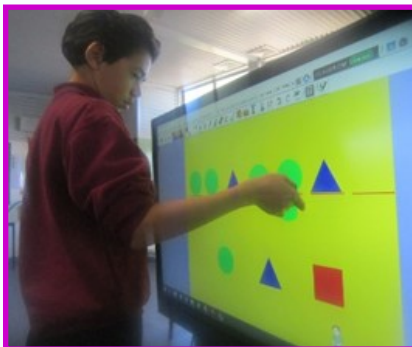
In Literacy we have been looking at procedural texts and writing, focusing on games, recipes and routine procedures. Students have enjoyed playing a variety of games, including Connect 4, Snakes and Ladders and Uno. We have also been acting out different procedures for others to guess, like making a pizza, brushing our teeth and washing our hands.



We followed steps in recipes to make a delicious lemon slice- crushing biscuits, measuring the ingredients and grating and juicing the lemon. We also made pita bread chips and French onion dip, which everyone really enjoyed snacking on.

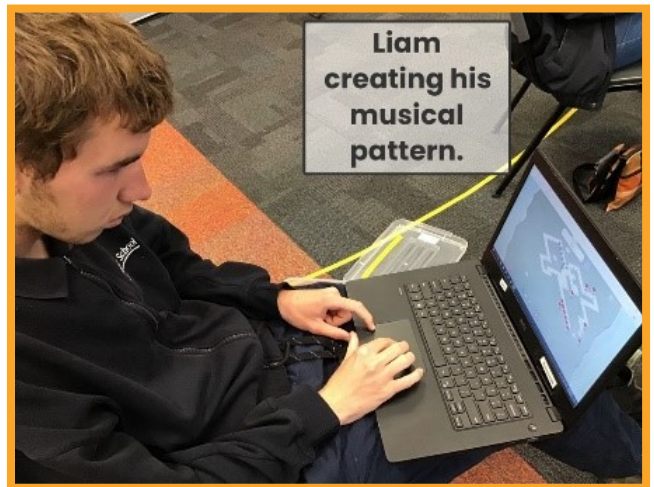
In Maths, students have been working hard on various tasks and activities. We have been looking at different patterns, in particular making and continuing patterns using numbers, shapes and objects; and focusing on addition and subtraction.

We have also enjoyed our Science term topic and learning about different living things and investigating the various habitats in which they live.



Room 21 News

What a busy few weeks Room 21 have had since returning back to school from remote home learning. Students have been learning about time management, writing explicit instructions for others to follow, reading and following instructions and working with wood in art.



VCAL students have also been busy completing assessment tasks this week which have included creating posters for the Pie Drive, planning a party using time management skills, writing and reading instructions and completing their online test for VET.



P.E News

Students have been enjoying playing team sports such as dodgeball, soccer, and hockey in physical education since the return to school. Engaging in regular team sport is not only important for physical health and the development of skills, it also improves mental, emotional, and social wellbeing as well as teaches participants important transferable skills such as:

- Leadership skills
- Teamwork skills
- Communication skills
- Respect for rules
- Time Management



Although many winter team sports are currently not operating, most sporting clubs will be taking enquires and will be able to answer any questions regarding inclusion and participation. If your child is interested in participating in regular team sport please feel free to contact myself, hayward.ross@education.vic.gov.au for advice, or search for 'inclusive team sports' in your area for club contact details.



VCAL Belvoir pie drive



Made by Thurgoona Bakery
Delivery date: Thursday 6th August
Pick up times 1pm or 3pm
Orders due 17th of July 2020

Money going towards Yr 12 Graduation



Belvoir Special School - PIE DRIVE

Please return order by 17th July 2020

Name _____

Room Number _____ Contact Number _____

Contact Number _____

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Please circle your pick up time for Thursday, 6th August 2020:

1:00pm	3:00pm	Bus
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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.