**IT’S NOT OKAY TO BE AWAY**

**STUDENT ABSENCE DATA 02/02/2012 to 21/05/2012**

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The current absence rate (average) has just passed 3 days per student. This does not seem extreme but has doubled since the end of term 1. Late arrivals continue to rise which can impact significantly on the learning needs of individual students if it becomes a consistent pattern.

If you are having problems getting your child to school or you are finding it hard to arrive on time please speak to myself or Kerryn to see how we might be able to support you.

**STUDENT ATTENDANCE**

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<th>Total Students</th>
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<td>176</td>
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Congratulations to the 41 students who have so far achieved 100% attendance for the entire year. It is also encouraging to see just over three quarters of the students are attending school 95% or more of the time. This equates to no more than 3 days absent for the entire year. Well done!

If your child has been absent without explanation please contact Nicole in the office.

Next Monday ‘Unexplained Absence’ forms will be sent home. The form indicates days where a child has been away but no absent note has been returned to school. These forms will be forwarded to families twice a term to ensure our attendance records are up to date.
EDUCATION WEEK
OPEN MORNING
It was great to see so many of the parents and family members visit the school and spend some time with their children both in the classroom and yard. The Prep/1 children have done a wonderful job constructing vehicles as part of their ‘Transport’ theme and it is well worth taking a look at their amazing machines.

REGIONAL CROSS COUNTRY
As the students returned to school from the Regional Cross Country event it was encouraging to hear all the positive comments about the day. The children performed to the best of their ability which is all anyone can ask and as importantly they enjoyed their time at the racecourse. Well done to all of the children for representing the school with such distinction.

LIBRARY VISIT & PERFORMANCE
The Grade 5/6 students were fortunate enough to visit the Bendigo Library and be entertained by Stig Wemyss. Stig performed scenes from various Andy Griffiths stories. Stig was very interactive involving both the students and teachers in his performance. An engaging, fun and informative performance was enjoyed by all.

PREP ENROLMENTS 2013
If you have a child who will be attending California Gully Primary School in Prep next year, you are most welcome to enrol at any time. Early enrolments assist us to put in place staffing, grade structures and facilities for next year. When enrolling your child, you will need to provide with the enrolment form:
1. A copy of the birth certificate (we can make copies of originals if necessary) and
2. A school entry immunisation certificate obtained from The Australian Childhood Immunisation Register (ACIR). Phone 1800653809 or visit the Medicare office with your Medicare card and they can print one for you.

Enrolment forms are now available for collection from the office. The 2013 Information Booklet is currently being reviewed but will be available before the end of term.

Jason Lee
Principal

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Don’t forget to check out the school’s website www.californiagullyps.vic.edu.au

**HEALTHY LIVING**

~ Try these Healthy Sandwich Fillings ~

- Try chicken, avocado and lettuce or vegemite and cheese.
- Vary meats - include lean ham, chicken, turkey, tuna or salmon (in springwater).
- Add low fat cheeses - they’re a great source of calcium for growing bones.
- Use a variety of vegetables - include grated carrots, zucchini, lettuce, cucumber and sliced tomatoes (pat dry to prevent sandwiches going soggy, and place in between dry fillings).
- Try different spreads such as chutney, cranberry sauce, mayonnaise, avocado, tomato relish, ricotta, cottage or cream cheese.
- Cut healthy sandwiches in fun shapes for variety and to encourage eating
- Peanut butter, alfalfa, grated carrot and sultanas.
- Ham, crushed pineapple and grated cheese (with salsa or tomato spread).
- Left over roast vegetables (with pesto).
- Roll a banana in wholegrain bread and drizzle with honey to make a “banana hot dog”.
- Make a mixture of tuna, mayonnaise, celery, carrot and corn and store in a container as an easy sandwich spread.

**WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY**

Active Kids are Healthy Kids
Friday May 18th 2012

Last Friday we had over 100 of our children (plus some parents and teachers) who walked, scooted, skated or cycled to school. That was a wonderful effort and certainly a healthy way to start the school day.

**EGGS FOR SALE**

Our girls are busy laying lots of eggs, $2.50 a dozen. See Wendy in the grade 5/6 room.

School Assembly starts at 8.55 a.m. Please be on time!
Congratulations to the following students on being named Student of The Week for their positive attitude to school and social values.

Friday May 18th

Prep/1 Christian: Caleb C. - For a superb effort in writing this week.
Richard P. - For putting in his best effort in Maths.
Cody S. - For super efforts during Maths classes.

Prep/1 Peacock: Zander C. - For being most helpful when cleaning up after art. Great sorting of materials.
Myan P. - For being a creative and careful worker during art activities.

2 Carroll-Hinton: Ella B. - For working co-operatively in groups and being a wonderful leader.
Hannah C. - For caring for the school environment.

3/4 Hartney: Tyson A. - For being kind, caring and a good friend.
Phoenix P. - For always producing her best quality work.

3/4 Tanner: Nathaniel H. - For giving his personal best during class.
Eve O’S. - For always being an attentive listener.

5/6 Ennor: Ellyssa H. - For producing writing pieces of a very high standard.
Logan W. - For always contributing to class discussions.

Janie-Maree P. - For excellent work in C,A.R.S. Reading.

5/6 Windridge: Claire D. - For doing her personal best in Maths.
Kayla F. - For working very well in reading groups.

BOOK CLUB

Book Club Issue 4 has been sent home and is due back (with correct money) at school on Wednesday, May 30th.

School Assembly starts at 8.55 a.m. Please be on time!
PARENTS CLUB NEWS

Parents’ Club Meeting
The next meeting of the Parents’ Club will be Friday June 1st, after assembly in the school conference room - opposite the office. All are welcome to attend.

Lunch Orders
Our next lunch order day will be Tuesday May 29th, we will be having Hot Dogs with a choice of sauce or cheese. Orders are due back at school by 9.30 a.m. on Friday May 25th. No late orders will be accepted.

LONG GULLY NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE MICROGRANTS
Grants from $1,000 up to $5,000 (now has been increased to $5,000) to be administered via the Long Gully Neighbourhood Centre.

Who can Apply?
⇒ Not for Profit community groups and organizations who have effectively been effected by the 2009 Bracewell Street Bushfire, or who are working with affected residents/communities.
⇒ Informal groups of residents (e.g. neighbours) who have been affected by the 2009 Bracewell Street Bushfire.
⇒ Applicants must be based within the City of Greater Bendigo.

There are two categories of Funding:
⇒ Community Arts Projects
⇒ General Community Project Grants

If you are a member of any structured not for profit organisation, or a voluntary interest group situated within the boundaries of Specimen Hill, California Gully, Eaglehawk and Maiden Gully you could be eligible to submit an application.

If you have a potential project in mind contact Tony Plant (Microgrants Officer) on 0408 590 589 for further information and assistance. Application forms and written guidelines can be collected from the Long Gully Neighbourhood Centre or you can phone the centre on 5442 1165 and request an emailed version.

PLAYGROUP
Tuesdays and Thursdays 9.30 a.m. - 11.00 a.m.
in the Outside School Hours Care room.

We have some big ideas in the pipeline for Playgroup, the first of many plans to come is a change of time from 9.30 a.m.—11.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.
We always try to encourage the healthy eating and SunSmart messages that are taught to our students at school, to provide a great foundation for our future students.
The next Playgroup sessions will be Tuesday, May 29th and Thursday, May 31st. Please bring along a healthy snack and drink. All Welcome!

Join us on Facebook: www.facebook/calgullyplaygroup1

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During Round 8 the closest scoring game was the Port Adelaide win over North Melbourne by 2 points, the next closest win went to Collingwood by 12 points when they played Geelong. The biggest margin at the final siren went to Sydney who beat Melbourne by 101 points. Due to their 69 point loss to Adelaide, Carlton have now slipped to 7th on the AFL ladder and are in great danger of leaving the top 8. St. Kilda are fast closing in on gaining a spot in the 8 and a win over the 4th placed Sydney will see them gain that position.

Not one of our tipsters managed to tip anymore than 8 winners during Round 8, congratulation to Jeanette T., Taylah P., Ross P, Bob T, Gerard I, Donna B., Patrick B. and Brodie A. for being the best tipsters during Round 8. A further 10 people tipped 7 winners. Because she managed to tip the 8 winners Jeanette T. has taken over the top of the leaders board. At the other end of the board, Callum G. is still sitting at the “top”. The lowest tipsters for Round 8 was Lachie F, he wasn’t able to tip any winners at all this week after tipping 6 winners last week that was a bit of a bad luck for Lachie. The next lowest tipster was Deanne P. who only tipped one winner, let’s hope husband Ross and daughter and Taylah are not making life to difficult for her.

Good luck to all our tipsters for Round 9.

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**CELEBRITY TIPSTER ROUND 9**

- **Jakoby A.**

**Geelong** will win this very close game against the Western Bulldogs at Etihad on Friday night. This will be a relatively easy win for **Hawthorn** when they play Richmond.

Port Adelaide will be shaking their heads in disbelief when they suffer a surprising loss to **Gold Coast**. This game will be a close win for **Sydney** when they play St. Kilda.

This maybe the first game at their new home ground, Skoda Stadium, but Greater Western Sydney will lose again, this time to **Essendon**.

**Adelaide** will have the home ground advantage at AAMI Stadium leaving Collingwood the losers.

North Melbourne will not be strong enough to win, in this game against **Brisbane**.

Melbourne are having a dismal year and will not be able to win this week either when they play **Carlton**.

Fremantle will play a good hard game, but this game will belong to **West Coast**.

The school is registered for the Paul’s “Collect-a-Cap” program. Please keep collecting from friends, family and neighbours the specially marked caps from Paul’s milk bottles. **Washed Paul’s “Collect-a-Caps” can be handed into the office.**

School Assembly starts at 8.55 a.m. Please be on time!
It’s back and easier than ever to participate and get valuable resources for our school!
We are excited to be taking part in the 2012 Woolworths Earn & Learn program.
Last year, we were able to purchase some great resources with the points we earned, thanks to you.

From now until July 1st 2012, you can collect stickers at Woolworths that go towards Earn & Learn points. For every $10 you spend at Woolworths (excluding the purchase of tobacco, liquor and gift cards), you will receive a sticker. These stickers can then be given to your children to collect on a special sticker card (these were attached to the Bell Topper a couple of weeks ago). Once it is completed, they can simply bring it back here to school Woolworths collection box situated in the school office. If you would like more sticker cards please just ask at the office.
The more points we earn, the more we can redeem from a choice of over 7,000 educational resources including mathematics and English resources, art & crafts materials and much, much more!
We are grateful for your support and look forward to a successful program.

Enrolment Applications 2013
Families are urged to contact LMPA to find out about enrolment in kindergarten and pre-kindergarten for 2013.

REMEMBER: Enrolment applications are accepted at any time
Enrolment application forms across Bendigo, Gannawarra and Swan hill are available from any kindergarten or from the LMPA website: www.lmpa.org.au
Now is a great time to visit kindergartens and get a feel for all the exciting things that early childhood education has to offer. Please call each kindergarten to make a time to see the program and to have time to talk to the educators there.
If you have any questions please contact LMPA on 5443 1229.

THOUSANDS OF VICTORIANS NEED YOU RIGHT NOW.

Patients need blood all year round. Winter is a critical time for the Australian Red Cross Blood Service due to many regular donors being unable to donate due to colds or the flu. Are you able to help save the lives of Victorians by giving blood in July? Whether it’s your first time or you are a regular donor, every donation saves three lives.

Your local Blood Donor Centre is located at:

Opening hours:
Monday 8:00 am to 7:30 pm
Tuesday 8:00 am to 7:30 pm
Wednesday 12:30 am to 7:30 pm
Thursday 1.30 am to 7:30 pm
Friday 8:00 am to 3:00 pm
Saturday (1st & 3rd) 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

Did you know that blood plays a critical part in saving the lives of cancer patients? If you are aged between 16–70 years and feeling well you may be eligible to donate blood. For more information or to make an appointment call 131 456 or visit www.donateblood.com.au. If you are interested in giving blood as a group please contact:

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“Blue Light Disco “
For Primary School Aged Children
Long Gully Multi Purpose Building
On Long Gully Reserve
25th of May 2012
4pm-6 pm
No Pass Outs

Interested in playing hockey for the U/13 Juniors? Join the Eaglehawk Hockey Club today! A great community sporting team that needs more junior players. All skill levels accepted!
Phone: Janine  0438-530-158
Email: eaglehawkhc@gmail.com
Training Thursday’s 6.00 to 7.00 p.m. at the Ashley Street Hockey Complex (All are welcome)

HOOK IN 2 HOCKEY - Bendigo, Ashley St. Try a sport with a difference! Day 1 of 6 week clinic starts Sat 16th June (we break for school hols and finish Sat 18th Aug). Sessions are Sat mornings, 9.30am - 10.15am for ages 6-12yrs. Cost is $65 for sessions + hockey pack - stick, shin pads, ball, replica Kookaburras tshirt & goal. Great fun & good coaches. Register online at www.hcv.sportingpulse.net or contact Kerri Wellman, H2H Coordinator at hcv.hin2h@gmail.com on 5449 3527.

NEW HOCKEY PLAYERS WANTED - To join in our U13 Friday night competition. No hockey experience necessary, just enthusiasm! Coaches are on field to help direct so ideal for beginners, boys and girls alike. Games played at 5.30 & 6.30pm. Clubs provide shirts. Please contact Kerri Wellman on 5449 3527 for further information.

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