FROM THE PRINCIPAL

CURRICULUM DAY
On Monday 7th May all teaching staff participated in professional development in a number of curriculum areas. Steve O’Connor (Ultranet coach) and Carolyn Williams (regional network literacy officer) worked with staff focussing on how the Ultranet can be used as a tool to assist students with their learning. Steve and Carolyn also worked with the junior school staff looking at how the Ultranet can be used as an effective learning tool with the junior students.

Vince Dobbs our Regional Network Leader discussed a range of strategies which can be used to effectively engage students in their learning. This session was valuable as it consolidated much of the work we already do but also provided new ideas which I am sure will be implemented by all classroom teachers. Overall it was quite a beneficial day in which everyone gained some new knowledge and skills.

NAPLAN
The National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy testing will be conducted on Tuesday 15th, Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th May. These tests are for Grade 3 and Grade 5 students only. Students will be tested on Language Conventions, Writing, Reading and Numeracy. The classroom teachers have been working with the students in preparation for the testing days. It is important that students arrive on time so as not be disadvantaged in any way (testing in some areas can take up to an hour). The tests require stamina and good concentration. If you have any concerns about the NAPLAN program, please contact me.

EDUCATION WEEK
The week of 21st - 25th May is Education Week here at California Gully Primary School.
We have a variety of activities occurring during the week to celebrate and recognise the exceptional talents of our students’ and staff.

Wednesday 23rd – Open morning, Regional Cross-Country Grades3-6 & Library visit Grade 5&6 (Stig Wemyss- actor and comedian presenting stories from author Andy Griffiths).

Thursday 24th-Australian Folklore Incursion (Whole School)

Friday 25th-Prep-Two excursion to Echuca

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE
Just a reminder that parents and guardians are required to sign out children who are leaving school early. Also children arriving late to school must be signed in.

Jason Lee
Principal
It’s back and easier than ever to participate and get valuable resources for our school! Here’s a recap of 2011’s fantastic results:
- Woolworths gave more than $4.5 million worth of resources to over 6,900 schools across Australia.
- The school earning the most points received $5,374 in resources!
- Over 6,000 items were selected, highlighting just how important the breadth of range was to participating schools.

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 last week’s Bell Topper). Once it is completed, they can simply bring it back here to school or you can drop them into your local 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.

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**SCHOOL CALENDAR**

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**EDUCATION WEEK**

School Assembly starts at 8.55 a.m. Please be on time!
Don’t forget to check out the school’s website www.californiagullypsvic.edu.au

HEALTHY LIVING

“Beanz Meanz” … More Beans Please!

This "Beanz Meanz" vegetarian recipe is a great way to encourage kids to eat beans. It is packed full of fibre and high in protein (from kidney beans) as well loads of vegetables to ensure kids are meeting their daily nutrient requirements - for this reason beans are often called a vegetarian “meat”.

Ingredients
- 2 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 onion, peeled and chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, peeled and minced
- 1/2 cup chopped carrot
- 1/2 cup chopped celery
- 1/2 cup chopped red capsicum
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin & chilli powder
- 800g (1 can) chopped tomatoes
- 800g (2 cans) red kidney beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 cup frozen corn kernels

Topping
- 1/2 cup shredded low fat cheese
- 1/4 cup chopped chives

Method
- Heat oil in large saucepan. Add cumin and chilli and stir until they become fragrant.
- Cook onion until translucent then add garlic.
- Add carrot, celery and red capsicum and cook until they soften slightly.
- Add tomatoes with juice and stir in with vegetables. Bring mixture to boil then reduce heat and allow to simmer for 15 to 20 minutes.
- Beans and corn can now be added to chilli mixture and stir to combine.
- Serve 1/2 cup of chilli on top of wholegrain toast, brown rice or noodles. Alternatively serve 1 cup by itself and top with shredded cheese and chopped chives.

Active Kids are Healthy Kids

Friday May 18th 2012

Next Friday is National Walk to School Safely to School Day. On that day it would be fantastic to see as many children, parents and teachers walk (or ride) some or all of the way to school. A great healthy way to start the school day!

Why it’s good to walk to School?
- It’s fun – you can meet friends and see things you would miss in a car
- It’s good for the environment
- It’s a healthier alternative than driving

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 4th

P/1 Christian: Samuel G. - For sensational efforts in all Maths activities.
                   Ryan H. - For being an attentive listener and always putting in his best effort.

P/1 Peacock: Cameron N. - For making excellent progress with his "ring word" program.
                  Ella S. - For diligently completing her homework and striving to always do her best.

2 Carroll-Hinton: Toby F. - For a great start to Reading Recovery.
                    Tyler H. - For a champion effort in class with ONE arm.

3/4 Hartney: Elizabeth C. - For being caring and co-operative all week.
                 Jordan H. - For training really hard for the Cross Country.

3/4 Tanner: Elisha L. - For her improvement on Cross Country running.
                   Tanika M. - For always trying her best in all activities.

5/6 Ennor: Kobie C. - For an excellent start to term 2.
                 Sophie K. - For being a helpful and caring class member.

5/6 McKerrow: Alkira B. - For application to improving her reading skills.
                    Olivia G. - For completing her Premiers' Reading Challenge.

5/6 Windridge: Julie S. - For working well in Maths.
                  Emily W. - For working well in Maths.

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!
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 15th, we will be having Hot BBQ Chicken rolls with mayo and gravy as well as salad rolls with chicken. Orders are due back at school by 9.30 a.m. on Friday May 11th. **No late orders will be accepted.**

Mothers’ Day Raffle
The Mothers’ Day raffle will be drawn tomorrow, Friday May 11th, at assembly.

1st Prize $100.00 Coles/Myer Voucher
2nd Prize $70.00 Coles/Myer Voucher
3rd Prize $50.00 Coles/Myer Voucher

Mothers’ Day Stall
The Mothers’ Day Stall is tomorrow, Friday May 11th. The Parents’ Club will be selling gifts that range from $1.00 to $5.00.

Las week the Parents' Club purchased 3 sets of Paul Jennings books for worth $25.00 each for use in Mr. Tanner’s, Miss Ennor’s and Mr. Mac’s classrooms.

**Thank You for your support**
**The Parents’ Club**

**CATHOLIC COLLEGE BENDIGO**
**ENROLMENTS - YEAR 7, 2013**
Each year Catholic College Bendigo welcome new students. For students currently in Year 6, a Transition Day is held to experience life as a Year 7 student. Hence, students in Year 6 are invited to attend for a Transition Day on Thursday May 31st. If you are interested in your Year 6 student attending Transition Day, **it is necessary to register** by contacting Mrs. Trish Martin, College Registrat on 5449 3466 or email tmartin@ccb.vic.edu.au to register attendance.

**PLAYGROUP**
**Tuesdays and Thursdays 9.30 a.m. - 11.00 a.m.**
**in the Outside School Hours Care room.**
The next Playgroup sessions will be Tuesday, May 15th and Thursday, May 17th. Please bring along a healthy snack and drink. All Welcome!

School Assembly starts at 8.55 a.m. Please be on time!
Don’t forget to check out the school’s website www.californiagullyps.vic.edu.au

Junior School Footy Tipping Council 2012

67 points was the difference at the end of 2 games during Round 6. Essendon defeated Brisbane and Carlton defeated Greater Western Sydney (obviously) by this margin. Gold Coast seem to be improving in 2012, their loss to Fremantle was only by 7 points. Geelong defeated Melbourne by quite an impressive amount, 43 points. The narrowest margin for Round 6, Adelaide’s defeat of Sydney by just 5 points. Congratulations to Harry G. for being the only tipster during round 6 to tip 9 winners. 8 tipsters were just 1 point from achieving the same feat, congratulations to the Hartland Family, Jeanette, T, Murray T, Eve O’S, Cody B, Kay G, Brady E and Bob T. At the other end of the board, Callum G. is still sitting at the “top”. The lowest Tipsters for Round 6 were brothers Keeley G and Callum G. who both only tipped two winners. Phoenix P, Keely F. and Susan C. were only marginally better, they each tipped 3 winners. Good luck to all our tipsters for Round 7.

Leaders Board

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Celebrity Tipster Round 7

- Ella S.

Melbourne will have a very surprising win over Hawthorn.
This week will see the first ever win for Greater Western Sydney when they play last year’s debutantes Gold Coast.
Adelaide will play a good string game, but the win will go to Geelong.
This week will see an easy win for Sydney when they play Richmond.
Essendon will try hard but will not be strong enough to beat West Coast.
Brisbane will have the home ground advantage at the GABBA and will surprise even themselves when they defeat Collingwood.
North Melbourne will not be strong enough to beat Western Bulldogs.
Fremantle may be sitting above them on the ladder, but we will witness a surprising win for Port Adelaide.
St. will not be strong enough to beat the 1st placed West Coast Eagles.

Eaglehawk Community Solar Forum

Feel good about generating your own electricity!!
The Goldfields Solar program provides a win-win offer for you to install a solar PV system on your roof and limit electricity price rises, as well as doing something good for the environment.
Come along to the Goldfields Solar Presentation to be held at the Manchester Unity Hall, High St., Eaglehawk on Tuesday, 15th May from 6.00pm.
Refer to www.goldfieldssolarhub.org.au or contact Keith on 0428 581198 for more details.

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

Netball Report for May 5th:
We had a tough week in Netball with none of our 4 teams winning. Black Ninjas played better than expected against some very tall Grade 5 girls who have now been put up a division and the Red Rockets have been put back to Div 2 after a tough game up in Div 1. Special mention to Jaimie Lea B for stepping up and having a great game in the Red team.

A correction from last week, Best Player for Black Ninjas was Keisha, not Chara who was Captain. Sorry about that Keisha!

Team of the Week is Cal Gully Blue
A great game of netball this week. Kayla and Emily stepped up to play with Cal. Gully Blue, Kayla playing Centre and demonstrating she can give it her all and Emily as Goal Shooter getting a few goals, it is great to have both girls in our team. Alkira and Hayley are both back after injuries, Alkira put in her best effort in Wing Attack and Hayley playing her first ever game in Wing Defence and doing her best. Madi played another really good game as Centre which resulted in the ball getting down our end for a few goals.

Sophie played yet another really great game which resulted in getting the teams “Best on Court”, top job Sophie. Zoe played another great game as Goal Keeper putting in 100% and with that big Rocket arm nearly going the whole length of the whole court, great defending Zoe keep it up. Steph is always happy to be put wherever I put her, put in a great effort as Goal Shooter which got her a few goals for the team, really good game Steph.

Round 3 Best Players:
Black: Phoenix P. White: Nate B. Blue: Sophie K. Red: Ellyssa H.

Game Times for May 12th:
Black: 17am Crt 7 White: 11am Crt 3 Blue: 9am Crt 4 Red: 9am Crt 11

We hope to see you there cheering our teams on!
Don’t forget to check out the school’s website www.californiagullyps.vic.edu.au

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**PLAYERS REQUIRED**
Friday nights  
Starting at 5.30  
PETER KRENZ LEISURE CENTRE  
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COME AND ENJOY A FUN, FRIENDLY GAME OF BASKETBALL.  
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**Parents Victoria Online Conference**
Parents and other interested participants are warmly invited to take part in the sixth annual online conference to be held by Parents Victoria. The conference will be held non-stop on the internet during Education Week, commencing at 6.00 a.m. on Sunday 20 May, with discussion topics including:  
Celebrating Public Education  
Travel to School  
Multiculturalism  
Curriculum  
Bullying  
Mental Health  
School Payments and Funding  

There is also the opportunity to comment on other Education issues that may concern you.  
No special software is needed just an internet-connected computer and a browser. The online discussions are very easy to join in, and guidelines about how to participate are provided. There are prizes for schools for participation.  
The conference is proudly sponsored by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development  
For further information, email: office@parentsvictoria.asn.au  
Telephone (03) 9380 2158 or visit: [www.parentsvictoria.asn.au](http://www.parentsvictoria.asn.au)

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