MISSION
At California Gully Primary School we educate students to be lifelong learners and well informed and productive community members who are well prepared to become active, engaged and responsible citizens of the local and global community.

IMPORTANT REMINDER
- End of Year Concert - Thursday December 15th
- End of Year Celebration at the Eaglehawk Pool - Friday December 16th
- Last Day of 2016 School Year 1.30 p.m. Dismissal - Tuesday December 20th
- School Office Open for Payments - Monday January 23rd 2017
- School Office Open for Payments - Wednesday January 25th 2017

END OF TERM DISMISSAL: EARLY FINISH AT 1.30 p.m.
All students will be dismissed at 1:30pm on Tuesday 20th December. Children will have their normal morning recess break at 11.00am, and need to be picked up at 1:30pm prior to having their lunch.

2017 TERM 1, WEEK 1

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Letters for ‘Welcome to 2017’ Grades Foundation to 6 meeting times have been forwarded to parents and carers with the children’s school reports (or in separate envelopes in some instances). If you did not receive a letter please contact the school office as soon as possible to confirm your meeting time.

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GRADUATION
The Year 6 Graduation took place on Wednesday night and the students dressed for the occasion and were engaging as they delivered their speeches of their memories at California Gully Primary School. The students and staff enjoyed a lovely meal organised and prepared by Kath, Chris and supported by a number of staff working behind the scenes. Together they ensured the students had an enjoyable evening. Well done to the students who waited on the Year 6 students and staff during the evening they did a superb job. Finally thank you to Noel Claridge, Principal at Eaglehawk Secondary College for allowing us to use the secondary college’s facilities.

Student Awards
The awards ceremony also took place during the evening and the following students have been acknowledged:

Empowering Eaglehawk Peter Krenz Student of the Year Awards - Ella Baldwin and Jazmin Tolley
Parents Club Award – Jessica Brown and Phoebe Skinner
George Speedy Citizenship Award - Isabel Porter
Rotary Junior Citizenship Award – Shii-an Bell
Victorian Primary School Sports & Academic Award- Keely Fullerton

DEPARTING FAMILIES
There are 8 families that will be ending their association with us when the Year 6 students move on at the end of the school year. Many of the families have been with the school for a significant number of years with other siblings having already passed through. I would like to thank all of the families for their support over the years.

CANTERBURY CAROLS
I would like to congratulate the children who performed at the Canterbury Carols in Eaglehawk last Sunday night. Our group of students did a wonderful job singing in front a very large audience. It was obvious the children had an enjoyable time and had a lot of fun representing the school. Thank you to Mrs Holt for coordinating the children on the night and running the practice sessions leading up to the event.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS
This is our final newsletter for the year, may I wish all children, parents and staff a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year. I would like to thank everyone for all the hard work undertaken throughout the course of the year. We have a dedicated staff who work extremely hard to provide the children with the best primary school education. Complementing this is a very supportive parents group who assist in so many ways from helping in the classrooms, fundraising, school council, preparing fruit for students on a weekly basis, and various other school activities. Your role is vital to the schools overall success. Finally we have a great group of children who deserve a well-earned rest. ‘It takes a community to raise a child’

Jason Lee
Principal
Parents’ Club Meeting
The next meeting of the Parents’ Club will be in the conference room early next year.

Contacting the Parents’ Club
If you wish to contact the Parents’ club have an email address which is cgpsparentsclub@gmail.com.

Parents’ Club Christmas Raffle
Tickets for this have gone home.
Prizes so far:

1st $100.00 Hamper (Donated by the Parents’ Club)
2nd X-Drone Mini G-Shock Remote Control Drone
3rd Crochet Owl (Donated by Renee Jenkins)
4th ‘Stampin’ Up’ Pack including a free card making class voucher (Donated by Renee Jenkins)
5th 4 x Tubs of Billy G’s Cookie Dough & Cookie Cutters (Donated by the Parents’ Club)
6th 4 x Tubs of Billy G’s Cookie Dough (Donated by the Parents’ Club)

If you would like to make our raffle bigger and better, you can leave donations of non-perishable food items at the office.
The raffle will be drawn at the end of year concert tonight, Thursday December 15th.
Thank you to all families who support the Parents’ Club.

School Calendar

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GREAT TIPS FOR HEALTHY KIDS

TIP 7. JUST MUCKING AROUND IS GOOD FOR YOU

Life can be stressful for adults and kids too, and everyone benefits from a rest now and then. These days many people have forgotten the art of ‘just mucking around.’ It means not doing anything in particular, not being organised or structured.

It can seem like a waste of time, but it’s one of the healthiest things you can do, especially as a family. Hanging around, laughing over silly things, just watching the clouds go by is relaxing and refreshing.

It helps your mind turn off for a while and it lets your body relax.

What you can do NOW

- Resist the urge to tell the kids to keep busy.
- Show the way by taking timeout and enjoying yourself rather than always trying to get things done.
- Stock up on board games suitable for the whole family to play.

Top Tip

Some kids who lie around watching TV to pass the time may seem relaxed but often they feel exhausted. What they need is some fresh air and physical activity.

Good Idea!

Suggest that the family set a side a time each week when they don’t have to do anything or be anywhere in particular. No television, no computers games, no PlayStation - just general mucking around. It may be hard at first, but you’ll come to love it.

~ Merry Christmas ~

We at Nutrition Australia wish you all a very Merry Christmas and hope you have a happy and safe holiday. Here’s a great recipe for “Christmas Fruit & Coconut Balls.” These are a fantastic idea to cool down during the warm, summer weather!

**Ingredients:**
- 250g ricotta cheese
- 1/2 cup finely chopped fresh pineapple
- 1/2 cup finely chopped mango
- 1 cup sultanas
- 1 finely chopped banana
- 1 1/2 cup desiccated coconut
- Extra coconut for coating

**Method:**
1. Mix the ricotta cheese and fruits thoroughly together with a wooden spoon.
2. Add enough coconut to bring the mixture to a firm consistency.
3. Take teaspoon amounts of mixture and roll into small balls
4. Roll the balls in coconut and chill until firm.
Congratulations to the following students on being named Student of The Week for their positive attitude to school and social values.

**Friday December 9th**

Prep O’Sullivan:
- Biankah B. - For showing amazing attitude in our swimming program.
- Kiara B. - For her wonderful commitment to home reading.
- Marley T. - For trying his best at swimming.

1/2 Peacock-Hinton:
- Riley Co. - For being a co-operative and helpful class member.
- Dylan C. - For bringing a positive attitude to all his school activities. Well done!
- Tawseef H. - For concentrating well as we practice our actions for the concert.

3/4 Ennor:
- Sienna A. - For being an enthusiastic class member.
- Nathan B. - For being an enthusiastic class member.

5/6 McKerrow:
- Shanae B. - For excellent efforts in the swimming program.
- Sam G. - For excellent efforts in the swimming program.

5/6 Windridge:
- Dakoda B. - For working well in Water Safety sessions and improving her skills.
- Zac B. - For working well in Water Safety sessions and improving his skills.
- Jayde C. - For working well in Water Safety sessions and improving her skills.

The Eaglehawk Junior Football Club is seeking players in all age groups for the 2017 season. As well as having sides in under 9, under 10, under 12, under 14, under 16 and Youth Girls (under 19), in 2017 we have the opportunity to also field girls sides in under 12 and under 15. If you are interested in playing, please come along to our Season Launch Day at Canterbury Park Oval on Sunday 19th February 2017 from 11.00am. Enquiries to Gavin Parkes, Secretary, on 0448 374 455 or eaglehawk.jfc@gmail.com.

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PLAYGROUP
Let’s get together and build on friendships.

Wednesdays
9.30 a.m. - 11.30 p.m.
in the Outside School Hours Care room.

Please bring along a piece of fruit to share.
We follow the healthy eating guidelines and encourage the SunSmart messages that are taught to the students at school, to provide a great foundation for future students.

Session dates and activities:
February 8th 2017 To Be Confirmed

For information of what events are coming up in playgroup please visit the school website Playgroup page.

Join us on Facebook: www.facebook/calgullyplaygroup1

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School Holiday Program
Bendigo | Moama | Kangaroo Flat | Castlemaine
January 3 - January 28, 2017
BOOK NOW: www.bendigo.ymca.org.au

Catch the savings bug with school banking every Tuesday.
Eaglehawk Branch
CNR High & Church St
Eaglehawk VIC 3556
P: 03 5446 8511
Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited,
ABN 11 068 049 178. AFSL 237879. (528522) (04/10)

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HURRY!
ONLY 5 UNITS AVAILABLE PER MONTH!

Free Dental Screening
'The oral health of your children is important to us'
Bendigo Health is offering free dental screens to students at California Gully Primary School on Monday 20th & Tuesday 21st of February 2017

As part of this assessment a report will be provided to parents/guardians with our findings and recommendations.
Consent forms will be available to have your child seen.
If you have any questions please contact
Bendigo Health Dental Service on ph: 5454 7994.

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