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Thursday November 27th 2025

KIDS ACTIVE TRAVEL PACKS - FOUNDATION 2025 AND 2026

A final gift from the CoGB and Kids Active Travel team last week. Our current and future (2026) Foundation students received an active travel pack to enjoy and explore. The pack included a drink bottle, CGPS – Active Map and other goodies to explore. On behalf of the CGPS community, we pass on our thanks and appreciation to Jo, and the team at CoGB for their support of the Kids Active Travel Program over the past 2 years.

TRANSITION PROGRAM—STATEWIDE ORIENTATION DAY

Our next Foundation transition visit will take place on **Tuesday December 9th**. This is also the State-wide Orientation Day for students moving into Year 7 in government schools. Within CGPS, students will move into their classrooms for 2026 during the morning. Information for parents will also be sent home on this day, outlining the Grade structure, classroom placements and allocated teacher.



WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 10th - CALIFORNIA GULLY PRIMARY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CONCERT 2025

Our CGPS Christmas Concert 2025 is just around the corner, and we can't wait to celebrate the festive season with our school community.

This will be part of a day of celebration – classroom parties, disco, Christmas outfits and finishing off with a small concert. We will provide more information over the coming week. Join us for an afternoon of wonderful performances from 2.20-3.20pm.

GRADE SIX GRADUATION & CALIFORNIA GULLY PRIMARY SCHOOL CELEBRATION - THURSDAY DECEMBER 11th

On Thursday December 11th, our Grade 6 students will enjoy the day celebrating their graduation from primary school. The day will include activities in Bendigo, lunch and a ceremony being held at school in the afternoon, beginning at 3.30pm.

TERM 4 CURRICULUM DAY - FRIDAY DECEMBER 12th

On **Friday December 12th**, staff will focus on a range of areas including 2026 planning and the CGPS Teaching models.

Please note that students will not attend school on this day.

Andrew Frawley
CGPS Principal



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Social Media Minimum Age Coming 10 December



How to support your child under 16 with the new social media age restrictions

From 10 December 2025, the *Online Safety Amendment (Social Media Minimum Age) Act 2024* will require social media platforms to:

- prevent children and young people under 16 from having a social media account
- deactivate or freeze existing accounts held by people under 16.

Delaying access to social media protects the health and wellbeing of young people and gives them extra time to build real world connections and digital literacy skills.

The responsibility will be on the social media platforms, not parents, carers, children or schools, to implement these new restrictions.

Most popular social media platforms will be age restricted. These include Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, TikTok, X (formerly Twitter), Reddit and YouTube.

Messaging services and online games, as well as apps and platforms that support health and education, can still be used.

How to help under 16s prepare for the change

Parents and carers play an important role in supporting their children to be safe online.

To help get under 16s ready for the social media minimum age requirements, you can go to the [eSafety website](#) to learn more about the social media age restrictions and find [tips on how to talk about social media age restrictions with young people](#).

What the change means for our school

At our school, all age-restricted social media platforms are blocked for student use on the school network.

To keep up to date about the new social media age restrictions, visit the [eSafety website](#) and [subscribe](#) to their newsletter.



Dates for the Diary

- **Friday November 28th** - Years Three & Four Aquarium Excursion
- No Assembly
 - **Tuesday December 9th** - Statewide Transition Day
 - **Tuesday December 9th** - School Council Meeting
 - **Wednesday December 10th** - Christmas Concert
 - **Thursday December 11th** - Grade Six Graduation
 - **Friday December 12th** - Curriculum Day—No Students Required at School
 - **Friday December 12th** - 2026 Booklist Portal Orders Close
 - **Friday December 19th** - Last Day of 2025 School—Dismissal
- 2026**
- **Monday, January 19th** - School Office is Open for Parent Contribution Payments and Lodging of C.S.E.F. Applications
 - **Tuesday, January 20th** - School Office is Open for Parent Contribution Payments and Lodging of C.S.E.F. Applications
 - **Wednesday, January 21st** - School Office is Open for Parent Contribution Payments and Lodging of C.S.E.F. Applications
 - **Tuesday, January 27th** - Staff Resume for 2026

2026 Student Booklists

The Student Booklists for 2026 were sent home on Friday November 7th, the online ordering system opened on Monday November 10th. If your child did not bring home their booklist information please speak to their classroom teacher. Orders are required to be placed on-line with [Education Plus](#) by

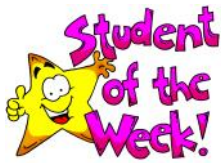
Friday December 12th 2025

Below are the codes for each year level for 2026

Foundation	CGP02026T
Year One	CGP12026V
Year Two	CGP22026R
Year Three	CGP32026G
Year Four	CGP42026Q
Year Five	CGP52026K
Year Six	CGP62026A

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Congratulations to the following students on being named
Student of The Week
for their positive attitude to school and social values.

Friday November 21st

Foundation A (Hinton):

- Hunter M. - For encouraging his classmates and being the class 'cheerleader'!
- Wyatt T. - For taking responsibility for his own learning and working on his addition at home.

Foundation B (Tonkin):

- Aria D. - For showing enthusiasm and a great attitude in everything she does.
- Mason R. - For being able to explain his mathematical thinking in different ways.

Grade 1 (Leed-Martiniello):

- Imogen R. - For her focus and concentration during all learning tasks.
- Milani R. - For her thoughtful responses in our persuasive writing.

Grade 1/2 A (Carroll-Dillon):

- Tander F. - For using a number of different strategies when solving money problems.
- Elijah L. - For using a number of different strategies when solving money problems.

Grade 1/2 B (Ennor):

- William C. - For an excellent description of Mr. Scare, the scarecrow.
- Lexi L. - For being a kind and helpful class member.
- Chase R. - For being a kind and helpful class member.

Grade 3/4 A (McKerrow):

- Hamish J. - For excellent playing of the fractions game.
- Nellie W. - For excellent playing of the fractions game.

Grade 3/4 B (Ryan):

- Alexis F. - For her hard work placing fractions on a number line.
- Opal L. - For working hard to include detail in her narrative.
- Zane W. - For his hard work placing fractions on a number line.

Grade 5/6 A (Price):

- Cage A. - For his participation and attitude at BioLAB.
- Levi B. - For his participation and respect at BioLAB.
- Imogen P. - For her participation and attitude at BioLAB.

Grade 5/6 B (Windridge-Lee):

- Braxtyn B. - For his interest, attention and participation at BioLAB.
- Emily D. - For working well in reading sessions.
- Zac G. - For his thoughtful thank you to the BioLAB crew.
- Elaina W. - For doing her personal best in all areas of the curriculum.

SCHOOL ARRIVAL TIMES

Morning Drop-off: We remind all families that children should not be onsite prior to the 8.40 a.m. bell. At this point staff are on duty and actively supervising. Please respect this request for the safety of all students, staff and families.

Late Arrival: If your child is late in arriving at school (any time after 9 a.m.) they must sign in at the office prior to going to the classroom. Thank you for your care and understanding.





fresh fruit friday



Celebrating 10 years

Delivering 1,000kg of free fruit to Bendigo school children every week

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Made possible thanks to our Foundation Partners



Bendigo Community Health Services

smalltalk



Supported playgroup

California Gully Primary School

A free, fun playground for parents/carers and children to learn together

Fridays
9.30-11.30am
Staley Street, California Gully

Morning tea provided
Enrolments essential

Contact facilitator
Tiffany Holschier
0498 642 909
tiffanyholschier@bchs.com.au

Our smalltalk playgroups run for two hours a week during school terms. Each session focuses on a different parenting strategy to promote children's learning and development.

bchs.com.au

LIMITLESS SPORTS

SUNDAY 30TH OF NOVEMBER

LA BIRPA ATHLETICS TRACK 9AM-12PM



FAMILY FUN DAY OF INCLUSIVE AND ADAPTIVE SPORTS FOR PEOPLE OF ALL ABILITIES AND ALL AGES!

TRY INCLUSIVE SPORTS, ENJOY HEALTHY SNACKS, LEARN ABOUT PARA SPORT PATHWAYS AND DISCOVER ACCESSIBLE COMMUNITY SPORT CLUBS IN BENDIGO AND SURROUNDS!

FREE EVENT

ACCESSIBLE BIKES AND RUNNING FRAMES!
DANCING, CHEERLEADING AND TUMBLING!
SENSORY ZONE, FACE PAINTING, FAMILY PICNIC AREA AND MUCH MORE!

SCAN TO LET US KNOW YOU ARE COMING!



COME AND TRY

JUNIOR BADMINTON

WHERE: 140 VICTORIA STREET, EAGLEHAWK

AGES: 7-18

FIRST TWO NIGHTS ARE FREE

SESSION TIMES

WEDNESDAYS

SESSION 1: 7-10YRS 6:10PM TO 7:00PM

SESSION 2: 11-14YRS 7:10PM TO 8:00PM

SESSION 3: 15-18YRS 8:10PM TO 9:00PM

SCHOOL TERMS ONLY

FRIDAYS

JUNIOR COMPETITION 6:45-8:30PM

SCHOOL TERMS ONLY



TEXT 0478 435 301 TO ENQUIRE TODAY



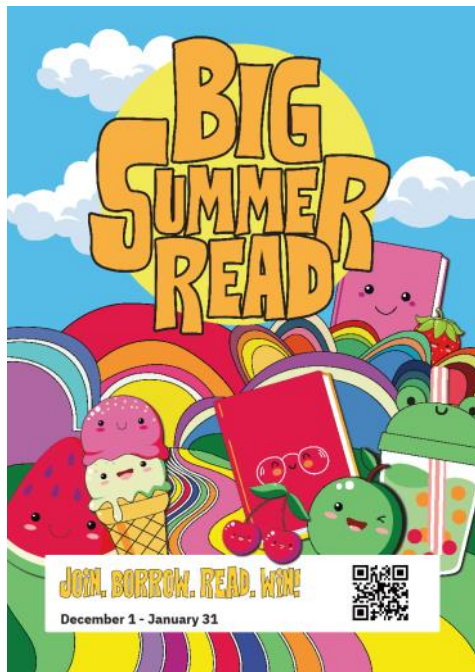
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LOST PROPERTY

We have a large number of jumpers in lost property at the moment, unfortunately many items are un-named so makes it very difficult to return to owners. The Lost Property Basket is located outside the community centre to provide an opportunity for children, parents and carers to collect any missing uniform. We also remind families to please name all lunch boxes, drink bottles and clothing worn to school.



Grade 6 Orientation Day

Tuesday 9th December
9:00AM - 3:10PM



8:50AM Students will meet in the Gym.

What to Bring?

Pencil Case, Workbook,
Water Bottle, Hat.

What to Wear?

Current Primary School
PE Uniform.

Free BBQ Lunch
Other snacks will be
required for second break.



For more information visit www.facebook.com/eaglehawkchildrensfestival



Gratitude
Empathy
Mindfulness &
Emotional Literacy



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**2/1 Whip Court, Long Gully
California Gully Primary School**

	Garment	Kids Sizing	Adults Sizing
	Teal/Ink Navy/White Short Sleeve Polo	\$30.00	\$32.00
	Teal/Ink Navy/White Long Sleeve Polo	\$33.00	\$35.00
	Ink Navy Rugby Top	\$37.50	\$39.50
	Ink Navy 1/2 Zip Polar Fleece Jumper	\$39.50	\$42.00
	Navy Hooded Windcheater	\$38.00	\$40.00
	Ink Navy Double Knee Hemmed Track Pants	\$28.00	\$30.00
	Navy Bucket Hat	\$15.00	
	Navy Broadbrim Hat	\$15.00	

Our School Uniform supplier, Centavic Clothing, are pleased to offer an online uniform shop for California Gully Primary School through their website:

<https://www.centavicclothing.com.au/>

Parents can place an order for uniforms, with the option of paying online, over the phone or on the day of collection.

We advise that any students needing to try on uniform items book an appointment as due to the size of the storefront Centavic Clothing will be prioritising those with appointments when needed. This booking system can also be found on the Centavic Clothing website.

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2026 TODAY!**

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For ages 4 - 18.

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THE ULTIMATE SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM



**BOOKINGS
NOW OPEN**

THERE'S SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE AT ROCKETEERS

Take the stress out of the school holidays with Rocketeers. Featuring over 500 wonderfully unique experiences that will ensure your child's school break is extraordinary!

From The Pickleball Open featuring our yummy Peachy Dreams desserts, to DIY Tie Dye Bags and Cookie Jars (filled with cookie mix!), and creating beautiful collage art inspired by Jeannie Baker's book *Window* at Big Art Day – and everything in between!



DID YOU KNOW?

You don't have to attend the school where we operate to use our awesome holiday programs. Simply book into any of our convenient locations.



**Build
Friendships**



**Discover
Adventure**



**Create
Memories**



**Have lots
of fun!**

**BOOK INTO SCHOOL
HOLIDAY FUN NOW!**

**SAVE UP TO
\$135 PER
SESSION*!**



Child Care Subsidy
available for
eligible families.

*Saving is based on 90% max CCS on select Adventures (excursions). Check MyGov for your eligibility.

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