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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

- Book Club issue 3 Orders Due - Thursday April 21st
- Parents’ Club Meeting - Friday April 22nd
- ANZAC Day Public Holiday - Monday April 25th

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

TERM 2 - WELCOME BACK

It has been a positive start to term 2 and the children have settled back into school routine exceptionally well. We have a number of exciting activities planned for the term. To keep up to date with what is happening around the school continue to monitor the webpage and ensure you have the Skoolbag application on your phone. http://www.skoolbag.com.au/forparents.php.

PROMOTING OUR SCHOOL

We are always looking at ways of promoting our school to new families. I believe one of the most effective ways to promote the school is through you, the parents. If you know anyone moving into our area, has a child attending your child’s pre-school or who has a child starting Prep next year and is considering their school enrolment options, then talk to them about our school and please invite them contact the school and set up a time for a tour.

LEARNING CLUB BACK FOR TERM 2

Learning Club for 2016 has been postponed by a week and will now be commencing on Tuesday 26th April from 3.15pm – 4.45pm. If you are interested in sending your child/ren to Learning Club please see Nicole at reception for enrolment details. Learning Club is a partnership between The Smith Family & La Trobe University.

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PREMIERS’ READING CHALLENGE (PRC)
We encourage all children to participate in the Premiers Reading Challenge. Registration forms were sent home mid-way through term 1 but there is still plenty of time to join and complete the challenge which concludes in September. There are books appropriate for all ages and abilities so there is no reason why as part of the children’s daily reading they cannot enjoy the success of completing the Premiers’ Reading Challenge. At the end of Term 1 I placed information in the newsletter indicating how important reading regularly is. I have included this again as I see it is crucial to each and every child’s education.

Home Reading
Home reading is an important aspect of a child’s schooling. It increases a child’s broader knowledge of the world, teaches them good habits and organisational skills (reading each night) and provides an opportunity for students to appreciate the experience of reading. I recently attended a workshop focusing on literacy for school leaders and the following information resonated with me.

How important is practice?
Students who read:
- less than 1 minute a day read 8,000 words a year.
- 4.6 minutes a day read 282,000 words a year.
- 20 minutes a day read 1.8 million words a year

We can teach reading to anyone at any age BUT we cannot compensate for a lack of practice.

I believe it paints a very important picture in relation to children reading regularly or being read to (and importantly is evidence based). Please take the time to listen to your child read on a nightly basis as the long term benefits are enormous. Ask your child ‘have you borrowed a book from the library to read at home?’

ANZAC DAY SERVICE
All members of our school community have been invited by the Bendigo District RSL to attend the ANZAC Day Commemorative Service at Brassey Square in front of the Eaglehawk Town Hall on Monday April 25th commencing at 8.30 am. The school will be providing a memorial wreath to be laid during the ceremony. Students from our school will be involved in the wreath laying ceremony.

Jason Lee
Principal

CSEF (Camps, Sports & Excursion Fund)
Applications are now open for families who are Health Care Card holders to apply for the funding - forms are available from the school office, when completing your application please bring along your current Health Care Card, this is needed for the application to be accepted.

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Parents’ Club Meeting
The next meeting of the Parents’ Club will be Friday April 22nd in the conference room after assembly. All welcome.

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

Lunch Orders
Lunch Orders will be available on Wednesday April 20th. It will be a special treat week! Hot Dogs and Dim Sims will be available to order. Forms will go home this week and are due back on Tuesday April 19th. Extra forms will be available from the office.

Mothers’ Day Stall
The Mothers’ Day stall will be held in May (date to be confirmed). The Parents’ Club have purchased gifts to sell at the stall, but if there are any families who would like to donate things for the Mothers’ Day stall they are more than welcome!! Some ideas are mugs, wrapped lollies, pens, notepads, magnets etc. or hand-made goodies are always a winner. Thank you for your support,
Parents’ Club

EMPOWERING EAGLEHAWK
California Gully Primary School has been successful with past Empowering Eaglehawk grants and have applied for another grant this year. To apply for the grant we need 10 people/families to visit the Bendigo Bank and discuss banking options. Better still if you bank with the Bendigo they will donate money to Empowering Eaglehawk. Please see Nicole for more information and pick up a card to take with you. Thanks in advance.

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This year we will again celebrate 100 days of Maths. Each week in the newsletter we will have a focus on Maths. Here is a puzzle page for all the family. Level 1 and 2 are generally for younger students, but you can do whatever levels you wish. Children may complete them on their own or they may need some assistance. We hope you enjoy them. Bring in your neat answers and we will display them on the Maths Board in the undercover area. It would be great to see some work up on display each week!
GREAT TIPS FOR HEALTHY KIDS

TIP 27. KIDS CAN LEARN TO LIKE NEW FOODS

When it comes to trying out new foods, some kids are more adventurous than others. Many kids go through a stage of wanting only very specific foods, and they won’t consider anything else. For example, they may eat a particular cereal and perhaps a spread on toast, but little else.

It’s more difficult to convince picky eaters to try other foods, but with gentle persistence you can expand their tastes. One approach that parents commonly use is ‘Try it, you might like it’. Kids can be surprised at how much they do like the taste of a new food.

The trick is to keep offering the new food. Eventually your child will get the message that this food is being served regularly and they may as well try it.

What you can do NOW

- Serve new food along with foods that you know your child loves.
- Show an interest in foods from other cultures and foods you’ve never tried before.
- Ask your kids to join you in cooking new foods.

Top Tip

When you introduce a new food to your child, serve it at the beginning of the meal when your child is hungry.

Good Idea!

Sometimes kids will be more likely to try food in one form rather than another, such as parsnip mashed with potato rather than slices of baked parsnip. Think about the different ways you can serve up new foods.

Food, Glorious Food

The following recommendations are part of our - Kids ‘Go for your life’ program at school:

- Children are encouraged to drink water only at school.
- Children should bring drink bottles filled with water only into class.
- Fruit and vegetables should be included in lunch boxes everyday.
- Chips, twisters, noodles, biscuits and high sugar drinks are considered to be occasional food and should not be in lunch boxes.

Please note that during the break at 11.30 am the children are only permitted to eat nutritious food such as sandwiches, wraps, dairy foods, fruit and vegetables. Any occasional food that they bring can be eaten at the 1.30 pm break.

In the past some children have informed us that they are responsible for packing their own lunches and this may explain why we sometimes see lunch boxes with too much occasional food (chips and twisties mainly), and not enough healthy food in them.

The children have been informed that these occasional foods are not suitable as they:
- are very low in nutritional value
- are high in saturated fat and/or sugar and/or added salt.
- provide excess kilojoules

After revising the Healthy Food Pyramid and discussing the school’s policy on healthy eating with the children, we are now also asking for your support. We need to ensure that the children are ready and able to learn each day by them having the necessary fuel (provided by good food) to keep them alert and receptive to learning.
Our first Clubs session for 2016 was held on Wednesday March 23rd. The children had a great range of things to choose and they had a great time!

A big thanks to all the parents who helped, provided equipment, and took a Club group.

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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.

**Thursday March 24th**

**Prep Dillon:**
Kaiden W. - For trying very hard during writing sessions this week.

**3/4 Ennor:**
Tygah B. - For improving his work habits.
Jade H. - For working well on mathematics.

**5/6 McKerrow:**
Ayla L. - For excellent recording in her reading diary.
Zeppelin R. - For his encouragement and patience when working with preps.
Phoebe S. - For excellent recording in her reading diary.

**5/6 Windridge:**
Ella B. - For working well in writing sessions.
Isobel G. - For being a friendly and co-operative class member.

**Thank You!!!**

We would like to thank everyone for your support with our zooper dooper and icy pole fundraiser. We raised just over $200.00. Half of the money was donated to the Good Friday Appeal and the rest will go to our JSC funds for school landscaping.

J.S.C
EGGS FOR SALE
Our girls are busy laying lots of eggs, $2.50 a dozen. See Wendy in the grade 3/4A room.

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:

April 13th  Multi-Purpose Room - Adventure Play
April 20th  Handprint Canvas & Keepsake Craft
April 27th  Cupcake Decorating (Jazmyn’s Birthday)
May 4th    Multi-Purpose Room - Music & Dancing
           (Mackenna’s Birthday)
May 11th   Mothers’ Day Morning Tea & Craft
May 18th   Finding Treasures - Exploring Our School
May 25th   Planting Seeds
June 1st   Bookmaking—Playgroup Stories
June 8th   Playdough Fun
June 15th  Multi-Purpose Room - Adventure Play
June 22nd  Pyjama Party - Last Playgroup Term 2

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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BOOK CLUB

Please order online and pay with your card at www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP. If you are unable to order online, then put the order and money in cash in an envelope marked with your child’s name and give to the class teacher.

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Join us at our weekly Breakfast Program

Every Friday from 8 a.m. to 8.20 a.m.

Thanks to Empowering Eaglehawk, The Eaglehawk Football Club and the Peter Krenz Leisure Centre/YMCA we have a community breakfast program for all families (parents are more than welcome to attend) and staff of California Gully. The community breakfast program continues tomorrow, Friday April 15th at 8 a.m. (please note that we will stop serving breakfast at 8.20a.m. any children who arrive after 8.20 a.m. will miss out). Sharing in breakfast together, what a great way for our school community to start to start the day!

Introducing FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY

Benefiting the health and wellbeing of our Bendigo school children

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