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.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL
WELCOME BACK
It has been a positive start to term 2 and the children have settled back into school routine exceptionally well. To keep up to date with what’s happening around the school continue to monitor the webpage and check the Skoolbag App.

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.

STEPHANIE ALEXANDER KITCHEN GARDEN
Over the school break the vegetable garden has been given a makeover. The area is gradually taking shape and I am excited by the learning opportunities the vegetable garden will present to our students throughout the year.

SKOOLBAG APP - 64 people from our school community have downloaded the App!
Please download the Skoolbag App it is the quickest way to receive information for the whole school or just one grade. The following link provides details of how to install the app. http://www.skoolbag.com.au/forparents.php. Or just go to your provider’s app store and type in skoolbag and it will appear. It’s free!
PREMIERS’ READING CHALLENGE
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. So far we have most of the children registered. Let’s increase the participation to all children by the end of April.

LEARNING CLUB - REMINDER
California Gully Primary School in conjunction with The Smith Family and La Trobe University will officially kick off the Learning Club next Wednesday 22nd April. At this stage we have 15 students in the program which is really positive. Students are still welcome to join the club. Participation forms can be collected from the office.

WELLBEING OFFICER
Kerryn Phillips our wellbeing officer has changed her hours to Thursday and Friday. Kerryn will no longer work on Monday’s. Kerryn is also on leave until Monday 26th April.

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 Saturday April 25th commencing at 8.30 am. The school will be providing a memorial wreath to be laid during the ceremony by members of our school community.

Jason Lee
Principal

Blast off to Disneyland with School Banking
Don’t forget, students who consistently display stellar savings behaviour by making 25 or more Commonwealth Bank School Banking deposits in 2015 will automatically go into the draw to win a family trip to California’s Disneyland. This astronomical prize includes return fights, five nights accommodation, transfers, three days park entry for up to two adults and two kids, plus AUD$2,000 spending money.

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

Parents’ Club Meeting
The next meeting will be held tomorrow, Friday April 17th at 2.00 p.m. in the conference room.

Contacting the Parents’ Club
If you wish to contact the Parents’ club have an email address which is cgpsparentsclub@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:
- April 22nd: Making Pizza Muffins
- April 29th: Plants
- May 6th: Mothers’ Day Craft
- May 13th: Multi-Purpose Room—Adventure Play
- May 20th: Water/Sand Play

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

Join us on Facebook: www.facebook/calgullyplaygroup1

School Assembly starts at 8.55 a.m. Please be on time!
Celebrating Mathematics at California Gully Primary School

This year our school is going to celebrate 100 days of Maths in Term 3.

As part of our Maths program, we are collecting egg cartons, plastic milk bottle lids and plastic takeaway food containers with lids. If you could save these and send them to school, we would appreciate it. Please send them to Mrs Windridge’s classroom.

School Assembly starts at 8.55 a.m. Please be on time!
Can You Help?

The Junior School are in need of empty, clean individual yoghurt containers, margarine tubs, ice-cream tubs and egg cartons. If you have some to spare please hand them to any of the teachers in the Junior building.

Mrs. Carroll is also in need of Red fabric for ANZAC activities next week.

WANTED: Woolworths Dominoes
Grade 2/3 Carroll-Hinton are desperately hunting for any extra Woolworths Dominoes for the classroom. If you have spares and do not need them or are not collecting for your children we would love to have them. Please ask aunties, grandmas, neighbours to give you a hand.

BOOK CLUB
Book Club Issue 3 has been sent home this week. Orders with correct money are due back at school Monday, April 27th 2015.

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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 March 27th**

**Prep/1 Christian:**
- Dante A. - For a great show & tell presentation.
- Noah A. - For bringing a positive attitude to the class.
- Leiam H. - For "bouncing back" quickly this week.

**2/3 Carroll-Hinton:**
- Sienna A. - For having a fabulous & positive attitude towards all her tasks and her schooling.

**2/3 Watt-Holt:**
- Tygah B. - For working well in Math.
- Logan W.-R. - For being organized to start work at the start of the day.

**4/5 Ennor:**
- Bailey A. - For taking on the responsibility of looking after the chooks and displaying leadership qualities with assisting the younger children.
- Shanae B. - For showing excellent commitment to learning her weekly Spelling words.
- Taleah T. - For taking on the responsibility of looking after the chooks and displaying leadership qualities with assisting the younger children.

**4/5 Windridge-Reilly:**
- Terri-Anne C.-G. - For excellent work in guided reading sessions.

**6 McKerrow:**
- Nathaniel H. - For excellent work in reading sessions
- Aaliyah M. - For excellent work with addition and subtraction.

**EGGS FOR SALE**
Our girls are busy laying lots of eggs, $2.50 a dozen. See Wendy in the grade 4/5A room.

School Assembly starts at 8.55 a.m. Please be on time!
HEALTHY LIVING
GREAT TIPS FOR HEALTHY KIDS

TIP 43. FOOD IS NOT A REWARD

Most people give lollies or other sweet things to children as a ‘special treat’ or as a reward for being good. But giving kids these things can set u a lifetime of bad health.

If kids receive sweets for being good, they will associate good behaviour with sugary and fatty foods, which have poor nutritional value. It can also give them the idea that these types of foods are more desirable than fresh, nutritious foods.

Kids need to know that there are everyday foods which provide the nutrition they need to grow and develop; and occasional foods which might contain higher levels of sugar and fat.

What you can do NOW

- Give your kids a hug when they do well.
- Listen carefully to your kids for ideas for very special treats e.g. a visit to the aquarium.
- Plan a special, nutritious meal together to celebrate an event.

Top Tip

Inviting a friend around to play or stay the night can be a reward.

Good Idea!

If you want to give kids something as a reward, keep it simple and inexpensive. Examples are: stickers, some bits and pieces for craft activities, a small joke book.

HOLIDAY LUNCH IDEAS

Quick Pasta Salad

250g Bow shape Pasta
1 zucchini grated
1 carrot grated
310g can corn kernels (drained)
1/2 cup low fat mayonnaise

1. Bring large saucepan of water to boil, add pasta, boil for 8 minutes or until cooked. Drain, place in large mixing bowl.
2. Add zucchini, carrot, corn and mayonnaise, mix to combine.

For more recipes go to www.nutritionaustralia.org

Fresh Fruit Iceblocks

400g watermelon chopped
1 punnet strawberries
2 tablespoons caster sugar
4 passionfruit

1. Blend the watermelon, strawberries and sugar.
2. Scoop passionfruit into bottom of iceblock moulds.
3. Pour the pureed fruit into the moulds, add the sticks and freeze until firm. Makes 6.

Junior School Council Garage Sale

In Term 2 JSC will hold a “garage sale” at the school.

We are collecting any unwanted items you may have and would be willing to donate for our sale.

Please see Kaitlin Christian or Megan Watt for more information or let us know if you have something which could be of use.

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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 17th at 8 a.m. (please note that we will stop serving breakfast at 8.20 a.m.).

Sharing in breakfast together, what a great way for our school community to start to start the day!

We would also like to acknowledge the assistance of Roger King’s IGA in Eaglehawk for providing the food for the breakfast.

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**After School Care**

**Monday to Friday 3.15 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.**

- Available for all parents of California Gully Primary School
- Affordable
- Childcare in a safe and secure environment
- Providing interesting activities for all children
- Permanent/Casual Bookings available
- Emergency bookings always available
Information Session - Year 7 2016

All Bendigo Secondary Colleges have their Information Evening on Wednesday 6th May at 7.00pm. If you are unable to attend on this date, and would like to see what Weeroona College Bendigo can offer, you are more than welcome to attend for a tour and Information Session:

Monday 27th April @ 2.15 – 3.00pm

Car parking is available onsite, Napier Street (at the front of the Gym).

Please meet at the General Office.

For more information, please contact our Office on 5443 2133.
City of Greater Bendigo Whipstick Ward Meetings 7pm - 8.30pm
Ward Councillors – Mayor Peter Cox, Lisa Ruffell and James Williams
Meeting time and date may be subject to change. To confirm, please visit www.bendigo.vic.gov.au

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www.helenogrady.com.au

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Venues:
• Strathdale Park Tennis Club
• St Jude’s Tennis Club (California Gully)
Don’t forget to check out the school’s website www.californiagullyps.vic.edu.au

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Thursday May 7th 2015  
9.30am – 12.30pm

FREE AUTISM AWARENESS EVENT  
Guest speaker: Dr. Richard Eisenmajer

Understanding Autism and Asperger's Syndrome

This presentation will include:
- Brief Introduction to Autism and Asperger's Syndrome
- The common difficulties that people with ASD face at school, work and at home
- Insights into what it would be like to have ASD
- Understanding of behaviour
- Behavioural strategies to help with challenging behaviour
- Tips on making the school, work, and home environments more "ASD-friendly"
- Morning Tea and time to meet and talk to others
- Question and Answer Session

Richard Eisenmajer (PhD) is a Clinical Psychologist with over 20 years of experience working with people with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Richard is Director of the ASD Clinic in New Caled and specialises in helping parents, families, teachers and other professionals to understand and support children and adults with ASD.

All welcome – presentation suitable for adults with ASD, parents, friends, parents, relatives, support staff, carers, allied health workers and anyone who is interested in learning more about autism.

www.bendigoutasm.org.au  email: info@bendigoutasm.org.au

BAAG is an auxiliary group of NAC: Rights Information and Advocacy Centre Inc.

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