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Wednesday April 1st, 2026

END OF TERM- THURSDAY APRIL 2nd

Please reflect on the incredible growth that has taken place for children from the start of the year. Thank you to all families and carers for the support and care. Our school day will finish at **2.15pm**, tomorrow, Thursday April 2nd. This will also be a Junior School Council Casual Clothes Day. On behalf of everyone at CGPS, have a fantastic Easter break and safe travels.



SCHOOL COUNCIL - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

On Monday CGPS held our School Council AGM where office bearers were elected for 2026. We will provide details of our School Council members in a newsletter next term although important to pass on our sincere thanks, to all that support essential volunteer positions within our school community.

CELEBRATING MILLI—OUR WELLBEING DOG

At the end of Term 1, we will be saying a special goodbye to one of the most valued members of our California Gully Primary School community – Milli, one of our Dogs Connect Wellbeing Dogs.

For nearly eight years, Milli has supported the wellbeing of students, staff and families through her calm and gentle presence. She has helped students regulate emotions, build confidence and feel safe and connected at school. Whether in classrooms or out in the yard, Milli has brought comfort, joy and many smiles to our community.

Milli has played an important role in strengthening our positive school culture and supporting our wellbeing approaches, including The Resilience Project.

Thank you, Milli – you will always be a special part of our CGPS 🐾 Nala will continue attending and share all of the daily CGPS news when they catch up each afternoon.



Andrew Frawley
CGPS Principal



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SCHOOL ARRIVAL TIMES AND EARLY COLLECTION

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.

Early Collection: If your child needs to be collected early from school, please do not go to the classroom to collect your child. All children must be collected from the office. If you would like to collect your child early from school please let the office and your child's classroom teacher know at least 30 minutes prior to collection, but preferably before the start of the school day.

Thank you for your care and understanding.



CSEF

(Camps, Sports & Excursion Fund)

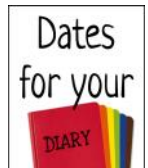
Applications are open for families who are Health Care Card holders to apply for this funding - forms are available from the school office if you haven't already completed one (please note only one application needs to be completed, all children in your family can be on the same form). When completing your application please bring along your current Health Care Card, this is needed for the application to be accepted. Your health Care Card needed to be valid on January 28th 2026 for you to be eligible.

If you are a Health Care Card holder please do not miss out on this funding.

Application Forms are available from the school office or return the copy that was in the Parent Contribution Booklets in November 2025.

Dates for the Diary

- **Thursday April 2nd** - Last Day of Term One 2.15 p.m. Dismissal
- **Monday April 20th** - First Day of Term Two
- **Monday April 27th** - School Council Meeting
- **Saturday April 25th** - ANZAC Day
- **Tuesday April 28th** - School Athletic Sports Day
- **Thursday April 30th** - Grades Three and Four Echuca Excursion
- **Friday May 15th** - National Walk Safely to School Day
- **Monday May 18th** - School Council Meeting
- **Friday May 22nd** - Division Cross Country Grades Three to Six
- **Monday June 8th** - King's Birthday Public Holiday
- **Tuesday June 9th** - Curriculum Day—Student Free Day
- **Monday June 22nd** - School Council Meeting



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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

Foundation A (Hinton):

Bonnie M. - For brilliant blending of sounds and re-reading.

Foundation B (Tonkin):

Alexander H. - For writing a brilliant dictated sentence.

Haizley H. - For ensuring her work is always presented neatly and taking pride in her work.

Grade 1/2 A (Carroll-Dillon):

Allira C. - For great work on her sequence story writing. Well Done!

Braylen L. - For great work with sequence story writing. Well Done!!

Grade 1/2 B (Ennor):

Declan McG. - For writing a great orientation for 'The Mice'.

Grade 1/C (Leed):

Theodore S. - For being a terrific helper with his peers in the classroom.

Max W. - For writing a terrific introduction to his Narrative about bears.

Grade 3/4 A (McKerrow):

Lexi L. - For excellent work in math lessons.

Letaiah M. - For excellent work in writing lessons.

Grade 3/4 B (Ryan):

Tander F. - For always being a helpful and kind member of our class.

Ryker G. - For writing excellent Haiku poems.

Annalise M. - For writing excellent Haiku poems.

Grade 5/6 A (Price):

Jaxson B. - For having a positive attitude and being a great role model.

Grade 5/6 B (Reilly-Lee):

Seth B. - For putting his best effort into his writing - being both imaginative and informative.

Malik J. - For showing initiative and having great ideas when making our scarecrows. The best help!

SAVE THE DATE



Friday 15 May 2026
National Walk Safely to School Day

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The Smile Squad free school dental program is coming to our school

The Smile Squad team from Bendigo Health is coming to our school soon.

Smile Squad is the Victorian Government's free school dental program.

This means *all* students can receive a free dental check-up, preventive services, and treatment at school.

How to access free dental care

We need your consent before we can provide services.

Consent is usually provided by a parent or guardian.

Sign up to Smile Squad at: <https://bit.ly/smilesquadvic>

OR use the QR code below:



Paper copies of the consent form are also available. Please contact the school office if you would like one.

The electronic consent form can be translated into more than 100 languages, and the paper form is currently available in 13 languages.

Smile Squad oral health packs

All children deserve a healthy smile, and the Smile Squad free school dental program is working hard to help make this happen.

Your child(ren) will soon receive a free oral health pack to bring home. The pack contains a toothbrush, full-sized toothpaste, and an oral health brochure. Please take a moment to read the brochure—it is full of useful tips to help your family eat well, drink well, and clean well for life.

Standard strength toothpaste

Smile Squad provides standard-strength fluoride toothpaste, which is generally recommended for ages six and over unless advised otherwise by a dental or trained health professional.

If your child is under six, please speak with a dental or trained health professional to determine whether this toothpaste is suitable. Alternatively, you may choose to put the toothpaste aside until they turn six or give it to another family member.

Do I need to attend my child's appointment?

No, you do not need to attend your child's appointment. You are welcome to attend if you wish, and you can choose to take your child to a community dental clinic if that suits your family better.



fresh fruit friday



Running for over a decade, the program now delivers 1,300kg of free fruit to Bendigo school children every week.

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Made possible thanks to McKern Foundation and our supporting partners:



Want to support the program? Contact us to sponsor and provide more fruit to your school.

Bendigo Community Health Services

smalltalk™
Giving you kids a great start!



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

School Holiday Workshops



LEGO MANIA

LEGO FUN

SportzRulz Australia presents LEGO MANIA!

Register your child's expression of interest today. Children can enjoy building different Lego sets catering for the beginner through to the master. All ages welcome.

Children under 10-years of age to be accompanied by an adult.

LEGO MANIA BUILD
UNLEASH YOUR CREATIVE
SIDE WITH STEM FOCUSED

ACTIVITIES

COST \$15.00 PER PERSON
X10 KIDS PER SESSION

WORKSHOP 1

TUESDAY 7TH OF APRIL
SESSION 1: 10AM-12PM
SESSION 2: 1PM-3PM

WORKSHOP 2

WEDNESDAY 8TH OF APRIL
SESSION 1: 10AM-12PM
SESSION 2: 1PM-3PM

WORKSHOP 3

WEDNESDAY 15TH APRIL
SESSION 1: 10AM-12PM
SESSION 2: 1PM-3PM

WORKSHOP 4

THURSDAY 16TH APRIL
SESSION 1: 10am-12pm
SESSION 2: 1PM-3PM

SPORTZRULZ
AUSTRALIA
CONTACT:

admin@sportzrulz.com.au
(03) 4448 2020



Now you can support Bendigo Book Fair all year round!



Bendigo Community Farmers Market
2nd Saturday, monthly

Secondchance Market
Various dates

Easter Book Fair
April 3-6th

Spring Book Fair
September 25-27th



For more info, visit bendigofoodshare.org.au/bookfair

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Every Day Counts.
Attending school every day means experiencing what counts - the learning, friendships, fun and opportunities that can shape their future.

The Education State

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State Government

UV AHEAD

SunSmart.

Slap! on your **hat** and Slop! on **sunscreen**, when the UV is 3 or above.

Even on cool and cloudy days.

In Victoria, UV is 3 and above generally from mid-August to the end of April.

sunsmart.com.au

Use all the [Icons]

Agencies: [Icons]

Cancer and [Icons]

SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

DRAMA 8-18 YRS ONE-DAY WORKSHOP	DANCE 8-18 YRS ONE-DAY WORKSHOP
CREATIVE PLAY 5-7 YRS ONE-DAY WORKSHOP	SCREEN ACTING 4-18 YRS VARIOUS WORKSHOPS
DISCOVER DANCE 8-18 YRS FIVE-DAY PROGRAM	TAP INTENSIVE 8-18 YRS THREE-DAY PROGRAM

How To Book

- 1 Scan the QR Code
- 2 View class timetable
- 3 Select 'Book Now' and login or create an account
- 4 Select 'Make A Booking' for your preferred workshop(s)



Stage School Australia

JUNIOR INDOOR CRICKET
U12 • U14 • U16 6-A-SIDE COMPETITION

TERM 2 & TERM 3
MONDAY NIGHTS
\$265 PER PLAYER - NO WEEKLY PAYMENTS

REGISTER NOW

1-3 Waterson Court, Golden Square VIC 3555
(03) 5447 1077 | 0428 471 077

bendigomajorleague.com.au
admin@bendigomajorleague.com.au

Gratitude
Empathy
Mindfulness &
Emotional Literacy



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THE GOURMET PANTRY  **THE BENDIGO**

DO YOU LOVE YOUR FOOTY?

FEATURING:
Famous Fitzpatrick Cup & Medal
Giveaways, skills acquisition and a whole lot more...

WHO WILL WIN THE FITZPATRICK MEDAL?

FITZY FITZY!

JUNIOR FOOTY

FUN HOLIDAY PROGRAM

A TWO DAY PROGRAM FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

TUESDAY, 7 APRIL
WEDNESDAY, 8 APRIL
8:30am - 4:30pm
Venue: Atkins St, North Bendigo

REGISTER ONLINE 

\$85 per day
\$160 for 2 days

THE PROGRAM CATERES FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

THE GOURMET PANTRY  **THE BENDIGO**

FUN HOLIDAY PROGRAM DETAILS

The North Bendigo Football Netball Club will be holding a Football based holiday program.
THE PROGRAM WILL RUN ON TUESDAY 7 APRIL & WEDNESDAY 8 APRIL.
Time schedule from 8:30am to 4:30pm
The program is applicable to ages ranging from 5 to 15.
WE ENCOURAGE BOTH BOYS AND GIRLS TO BE INVOLVED.

Day One (Tuesday 7 April)

Day one will be based at Atkins St, North Bendigo and will focus on a variety of Football based activities.
These include Australian Rules Football skill acquisition, healthy lifestyle and nutrition, Day 1 Draft and trades and beginning of the Fitzpatrick Cup.
Morning and afternoon snacks as well as lunch will be provided for participants on this day.
Structured aged games, with an emphasis on fun, will feature throughout the day.

Day Two (Wednesday 8 April)

Day two will be based at the Atkins St, North Bendigo and will focus on a variety of Football based activities and more.
Wednesday will see the business end of the famous Fitzpatrick Cup culminating in the Grand Final and the prestigious vote count of the Fitzpatrick Medal.
Morning and afternoon snacks as well as lunch will be provided for participants on this day.
Parents/guardians are more than welcome to visit throughout course of the two days, especially the staging of the Famous Fitzpatrick Cup and the prestigious Fitzpatrick medal kicking off from 3.15 pm on the Wednesday of the program.

The program will be co-ordinated by experienced teachers and incorporates male and female accredited personnel (Working With Children Certified).
We encourage both boys and girls to be involved in the program.
The program will run regardless of the weather conditions (with modified activities).
The program incorporating Tuesday 7 April & Wednesday 8 April is priced at \$160 (or \$85 for single day).
All enquiries phone 0409 495 372 (Nathan)

EASTER SUNDAY 5TH APRIL 2026

SANDEMAN BUILD

NEIL MACDONALD DRAGON MILE



MILE LONG FOOT RACE ON THE FAMOUS EASTER PROCESSION ROUTE

 WHERE: PALL MALL AT GOLD MONUMENT
TIME: 10:00AM START
Scan the QR code for more information on pricing, age groups, registration and live results or visit:
<https://my.raceresult.com/377219/>

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 **BENDIGO EASTER FESTIVAL**
APRIL 3-6

 **BENDIGO AC HARRIERS**

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160+ LEGO® EXHIBITS / FUN WITH BRICKS PLAY AREA / PIXEL ART PLAY WALL
BENDIGO BRICK MARKET / COFFEE & FOOD VENDORS / LUCKY BRICK & RAFFLE

BENDIGO BRICKS

2026

CELEBRATING 10 YEARS 2016-2026

11-12 APRIL **BENDIGO EXHIBITION CENTRE**

TICKETS \$10
BENDIGOBICKS.COM
& AT THE DOOR

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LET'S HAVE SOME FUN WITH

EAGLEHAWK HOCKEY CLUB



Come & Try / Bring a Friend

Junior Training • 5:30pm – 6:30pm

Run Club / Senior Warm Up • 6pm – 6:30pm

Senior Training • 6:30pm – 7:30pm

Thursday 12th March & Thursday 19th March
14-30 Ashley Street, Ironbark



We have equipment you can borrow, bring your own mouth guards.



The grass stains you get playing as a kid stay with you your whole life. So for fun, friendship, and getting your hands dirty, it's gotta be NAB AFL Auskick.

PLAY.AFL/AUSKICK

NORTH BENDIGO AUSKICK CENTRE

Friday | 5:30pm - 6:30pm

Starting 1st May | North Bendigo Oval

Auskick Coordinator | Gemma Douglas

ALL GIRLS GROUPS AVAILABLE



REGISTER NOW

In one fun-filled day, kids will learn and play footy in a safe, inclusive environment. They'll pick up new skills, play mini-games and get creative with designing a footy or uniform. Plus have a footy goodie bag to take home.



4-7 YEAR OLDS*

Our youngest players learn footy through fun, age-appropriate games that build skills, confidence and teamwork, led by NAB AFL Auskick coaches.



7-12 YEAR OLDS

Older kids level up their footy skills through modified game play and challenging activities that build teamwork, leadership and lasting memories in a fun, energetic day.

*Kids can join NAB AFL Auskick if they are turning 5 in the calendar year (before 30th June in WA).

BENDIGO AFL SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

MONDAY 13TH APRIL | 9AM-3PM
WEEROONA OVAL, BENDIGO
\$55 PER PERSON



RIDE LIKE A LEGEND

Celebrating 10 years of Women on bikes having a blast

Date: Sunday May 3rd

Time: 10am – 2pm

(riding 10:30-1:30)

Ages: 3yrs to as old as you like

Categories to suit all ages and riding abilities, race it or ride it!

Limited Edition jersey for all Challenger and Cool Kids entries.

Food vans and coffee available on the day.



ST JOHN OF GOD
Bendigo Hospital

Queens ARMS
HOTEL

BOWY
CYCLING

PEGGY'S
CAFE



Register using the link below



<https://my.raceresult.com/389742/registration>

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