Calendar
Tuesday April 28th
Whole School Gym Program
Tuesday May 5th
Whole School Gym Program
Thursday May 7th
⇒ Mothers’ Day Stall
⇒ Parents’ Club Lunch Order Day
Monday May 11th
School Council Meeting
Tuesday May 12th
Whole School Gym Program
Saturday May 16th
JSC Garage Sale
Sunday May 17th
Working Bee
Thursday May 21st
Parents’ Club Lunch Order Day
Every Tuesday and Friday
8.30 a.m... - 8.55 a.m.
Library Open for borrowing and returning books and quiet reading
Every Wednesday 9.30 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.
Playgroup
Every Friday 8.00 a.m... - 8.20 a.m.
Breakfast Program

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

PARENT SURVEY
The school staff and I believe it is very important to have a clear understanding of what you the parents feel is important in the education of your children. We work hard to provide an academic program that both engages the child and challenges them to achieve their best. We also provide extra-curricular activities to compliment the formal classroom program. However we are also aware that it is extremely valuable to get the views of our parent population. A parent survey will be sent home tomorrow and should take no longer than 10 minutes to complete. The survey focuses on school connectedness, school programs and communication. The more surveys returned the better we will understand what you see are the strengths of our school and what we might build upon and or change. I emphasise we need as many surveys returned as possible and as a small incentive the names of the families who return the surveys will go into a draw for a $50 gift voucher.

WORKING BEE - MARK IT ON YOUR CALENDAR
A working bee will be held on Sunday May 17th from 9.00am to 11.30am. A separate form will be sent out next week highlighting the tasks to be undertaken.

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.

School Assembly starts at 8.55 a.m. Please be on time!
SCHOOL COUNCIL
On Monday night we held our April school council meeting. Key conversations focused on the Community Relations Team which will be responsible for promoting the school across the wider community. The Community Relations Team will be comprised of teachers, school councillors and parents. If you are interested in being part of this team please speak to me. Sub-committees are an important body of school council and our facilities sub-committee plays an important role in keeping the schools grounds maintained in good condition. To be part of a sub-committee you do not need to be on school council so if there are any parents interested in being part of our facilities sub-committee please speak to me.

NAPLAN
Students in Grades 3 & 5 will be involved in the National NAPLAN Testing on May 12th, 13th and 14th. More information will be sent home closer to these dates.

NO SMOKING ON SCHOOL PROPERTY
Late last term information was released regarding laws being introduced banning smoking inside school property and within four metres of entrances to schools. This means that fines can now be issued to anyone breaching this law. Officers from councils will be responsible for enforcing the bans and can issue fines of $147. Signs will be placed around the perimeter of our school shortly. I am sure as a school community we will take note of these new laws and act accordingly.

SKOOLBAG APP - 65 people from our school community have downloaded the App!
Please download the Skoolbag App it is the quickest way to receive information be it information for the whole school or just one grade. http://www.skoolbag.com.au/forparents.php. It’s free!

Jason Lee
Principal

MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY
April 27th - May 1st Whole School Gym Program Learning Club Breakfast Program 8.00 a.m. to 8.20 a.m.
School Banking Day
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May 11th - May 15th School Council Whole School Gym Program Learning Club Breakfast Program 8.00 a.m. to 8.20 a.m.
School Banking Day
May 18th - May 22nd Learning Club Parents’ Club Lunch Order Day Breakfast Program 8.00 a.m. to 8.20 a.m.
School Banking Day

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Parents’ Club Meeting
The next meeting will be held on a day to be confirmed in the conference room.

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

Thursday Lunches
Lunch Orders have commenced today. Lunch Orders will be held every second Thursday. Dates will appear on the Calendar in the newsletter but all dates for Term 2 can be found on the Parents’ Club page of the school website.

Aver & Line Family Portrait Fundraiser - Sunday May 17th
Last week a flyer was sent home with all newsletter families outlining the Parents’ Club’s first fundraiser for the year. To book your family portrait session visit www.schoolinterviews.com.au and enter code UJ36W. Bookings need to be made by Wednesday May 6th For further information please contact Donna on 0403 267 821.

Mothers’ Day Stall
This year the Parents’ Club have decided to not do a Mothers’ Day Raffle and also not to ask for donations for the Mothers’ Day Stall.
Our stall will be held on Thursday May 7th. We are allowing children to come through in their classes and at this time they can purchase up to 2 gifts. Once all classes have been through any child who has money left over and would like to purchase more gifts can come back to the stall when announced.
The gift prices will range from $1.00 to $5.00. As the Parents’ Club will not be running a raffle, they will be providing all the gifts offering a large range and number. This way it will allow children to purchase for their siblings who may not be at the school, for those who have extended families or those who just want to spoil Mum!
If you would still like to donate gifts we will greatly accept them.
Thank you for your continued support of the Parents’ Club.

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 29th Plants
- May 6th Mothers’ Day Craft
- May 13th Multi-Purpose Room—Adventure Play
- May 20th Water/Sand Play
- May 27th Papier Mache Piñata

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

Grade 4/5 WR have been practising their mental addition and subtraction skills by playing this warm up game.

**Money Money Money**
We require coins (or notes) from other countries that can be used as a resource in our Maths room. We need these for sorting activities in the junior school. If you are able to spare one or two coins or notes, we would appreciate your donation. Please give your coins to either Annette, Linda or leave them at the office.

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Don’t forget to check out the school’s website www.californiagullyps.vic.edu.au

Our Excursion
On Thursday the 17th of April, the upper level of California Gully went into Bendigo central. While there we went to Imagining Ned, an exhibition at the art gallery, the post office gallery, an exhibition which was about WWII. After all that we went to the RSL and learnt about WWII. At the art gallery, we had a tour guided by Rosemary. We started in a room with a fridge that was painted on. Then we went to a room with paintings by Sidney Nolan, in there we did our own imagining Ned Kelly. After the room with Sidney Nolan’s work we saw a room with Adam Cullen’s work. After that we exited via Homeless, the painting.

At the old post office, we saw outfits that soldiers wore and what they took with them. We also did a hunt and learnt about soldiers. There was a bit about soldiers sending postcards to family and friends at home. We also learnt about charities and the Red Cross Foundation.

At the RSL, we learnt a lot about World War II and the horses. Out of the many horses only one made it out. We also asked questions and saw a wall with people who served in the war.

I enjoyed this day out and I hope others will get the chance to experience it. I mostly liked the bayonet at the old post office.

By Michael M.

On Thursday the 16th of April, Grade 6 Mac went to the art gallery, the post office gallery and to the RSL Museum. At the art gallery they had the ‘Imagine Ned’ exhibition. At the RSL Museum they had the anniversary of the Anzacs. At the old post office we had to do some activities about the war. This was held in central Bendigo.

At the Art Gallery they had mostly everything of Ned Kelly’s. They had Ned Kelly’s armour which we saw first. We also saw his face mask that got made when he died. They also had his rifle and lots of paintings of him. Most of the paintings were painted by Sidney Nolan and Adam Cullen.

Next we went to the old post office to do some activities about the war. We had to find out what massive rings were made out of and how long someone had owned it for. It was also very dark in the old post office.

Finally we went to the RSL Museum where they told us about World War II. They had three rooms to have a look in. Two of the rooms had lots of named files. The third room had too many things to tell about. They also had a part upstairs which had the same kind of things in it. Then we got called down near the door to talk about the Vietnam war with a returned soldier from that war.

At the end we got onto the bus and went back to school to have lunch. It was a fun and interesting day apart from getting sore feet from walking around all day.

By Lachie F.

On Thursday, the 16th of April, Grade 6M went to the Ned Kelly exhibition. It was called “Imagining Ned”. We travelled on a bus to the Bendigo Art Gallery. We also visited the RSL Art Gallery and the old post office.

Firstly, we went to the exhibition of Ned Kelly. Our tour guide, Rosemary, took us around, showing us the paintings. We also saw Ned Kelly’s armour, his rifle and death mask. One of the famous Ned Kelly painters, Sidney Nolan, had a tapestry of his painting.

Afterwards, we walked down to the old post office. We had to do an activity where we went around to find answers to the questions on a sheet. Once we finished, we had a look around.

Next, we went to the RSL War Memorial. We were allowed to look in the three rooms full of things that troops used in the World Wars. Once we had a look around, we got to learn more about the Vietnam troopers, like what they ate and what they used and wore.

It was great learning about the history of not only Ned Kelly, but also the Anzac’s. I learnt lots about the history of both.

By Mickayla B.-W.

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Bendigo Excursion

On Thursday the sixteenth of April grade 4 to 6 got on a bus to go to town. While we were down town we went to the art gallery to see the Imagining Ned exhibition, the old post office gallery and the RSL museum.

When we went to the art gallery we went into a white room where there was a painting and in glass cases was the real armour of Ned Kelly, his rifle and his death mask. When we walked into another room there were realistic and cartoon drawings of Ned Kelly, a really old film and paintings. Before the tour ended we got the chance to draw a picture of what Ned Kelly looked like to us.

Then we went to the old post office. We got an activity sheet to walk around and find the things that they said on the sheets there was a lot of old items they were all inside a glass box to protect them from everything and everyone.

Finally we went to the RSL. There were three rooms the first room was kind of like a waiting room. The second room had lots of badges from the war, war clothes and lots of really old money. In the last room there was more money and badges and more war clothes, even some for women. In the same room there was a couple of stairs that you could go up where there were more clothes, a bike and a board of names on the wall.

We all got back on the bus and went back to school. My favourite part was Ned Kelly’s death mask at the art gallery in the ‘Imagining Ned’ exhibition. I would go back and see the art gallery again.

By Shae McO.

Can You Help?

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.

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.

On Thursday Grade 4,5 and 6 went for an excursion.

Firstly we went to the Library. I read ANZAC books. I read a book called The Beach of Gallipoli with Jordan. After that we went to the Old Post Office. We got a piece of paper that had questions on it.

Then we went to the Bendigo R.S.L. Museum. There was someone who was Paul. I got a photo in front of the medals.

Finally we went to the Art Gallery. There were lots of pictures of Ned Kelly. The artists drew him many different ways. We got to draw him how we thought he looked like. It was a great day. I really liked it. It was awesome.

By Ryan H.

Yesterday grade 4/5E went on an excursion to Bendigo.

First we went to the library. Miss Ennor read us three ANZAC stories. I almost cried during Roly The Donkey. Then we went to the Old Post Office it has a small ANZAC gallery we walked through, I saw some canned corn meat. Next we went to the Bendigo R.S.L. Museum on the front of the building I found eight Moore’s and seven O’Brien’s. On the inside there were bombs and bullets. There were uniforms and guns.

Finally we went to the Art Gallery. We went into the Imagining Ned. We saw Ned's amour and Ned Kelly’s death mask. We saw some paintings of Ned Kelly and recycled art of the Kelly Gang and his gun.

By Jess M.

Yesterday, the 16th of April, grade 4/5E went to the centre of Bendigo for an excursion.

First we went to the library. Miss Ennor read some ANZAC books, called ANZAC Biscuits, Roly The Donkey and ANZAC Ted. Some of us had a chance to get a book with our library card. I got a Geronimo Stilton call The Amazing Voyage The Third Adventures of the Kingdom of Fantasy.

Next we went to the Old Post Office Gallery. Ella and I had a activity sheet about a ANZAC display. We found some bullets, swords and a helmet.

After that we went into the RSL Museum. I saw my great grandfather’s coat and tie. Peter said we can go to have a look everywhere. I saw all of the cannon and bombs.

Soon after that, we walked to the Art Gallery. I was partners with Ella. Rosemary took us around the Imagining Ned. There was big paintings, little paintings. Ned’s Armour was twice the weight of me. We got into groups and I was with my mum.

I really liked this excursion and I think everyone else did too!

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

**Friday April 17th**

**Prep/1 Christian:**
- Ryan B. - For good behaviour in class this week.
- Jackson H. - For a wonderful return to school. Fantastic effort in all areas.
- Jedd S. - For trying his best in all areas of the curriculum.

**2/3 Carroll-Hinton:**
- Jesse B. - For a positive attitude and fantastic listening.

**2/3 Watt-Holt:**
- Jackson G. - For working hard and offering assistance to everyone in the Kitchen Garden Program.

**4/5 Ennor:**
- Jess M. - For excellent use of language features in her writing.
- Georgia R. - For being a helpful, polite and caring class member.

**4/5 Windridge-Reilly:**
- Errin H. - For showing interest and representing our school well on the excursion to the Art Gallery and the R.S.L.
- Myan P. - For showing great respect and representing our school well on the excursion to the Art Gallery and the R.S.L.
- Brodie R. - For excellent work in reading groups working on fact and opinion.
- Ella S. - For working hard on her addition algorithms.

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**EGGS FOR SALE**

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

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GREAT TIPS FOR HEALTHY KIDS

TIP 44. DIETS CAN BE DANGEROUS

Kids should never be placed on a restrictive diet, except for when a doctor recommends it for medical reasons. In such a rare case, the doctor or dietician would supervise the diet.

To grow and develop in a healthy way, kids need a variety of foods. If they are active, they use a lot of energy. Whenever they are at school, study or do their homework, they use energy. It is nutritious food that tops up the energy and keeps them going.

What you can do NOW

- Avoid using the word ‘diet’ to your kids, especially if they are worried about their weight.
- Call it ‘healthy eating’, because that’s what it is.
- Provide plenty of fresh foods for them to enjoy.

Good Idea!

Kids may hear a lot of talk about diets, but it is up to adults to steer clear of that thinking. If children learn early that wholesome nutrition together with physical activity will keep them healthy and well for life, they will be less likely to worry about dieting as teenagers.

Top Tip

A nutritious eating plan is not a restrictive diet. It provides lost of choice and diversity.

Drinks for Kids

There are many opinions regarding the best beverage choice for your child, whether it be water, milk or 100% fruit juice. However, nutritionists across the globe all agree that water should always be your first choice when selecting a thirst quenching drink.

Why?? There are many benefits to drinking water including:
- It does not cause dental caries
- It is thirst quenching
- It has no energy or kilojoules and no caffeine
- It prevents dehydration
- It costs nothing

Dehydration is a major issue for children; they can easily become dehydrated because they haven’t developed thirst signals. Children need to be encouraged and reminded to drink throughout the day.

Other drinks such as cordial, soft drinks and fruit juices are high in sugar and promote dental caries. Juice contains natural sugars that is concentrated, while soft drinks and cordials have added sugar.

Milk should be encouraged as a healthy beverage. Choose low fat, plain milk types for strong bones. Try dairy smoothies, e.g. banana smoothies, or milkshakes and warm milk with Milo.

BOOK CLUB

Book Club Issue 3 were sent home last week. Orders with correct money are due back at school Monday, April 27th 2015.
Junior School Council

Garage Sale
Saturday May 16th the 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.

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.

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 24th 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.

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

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Information Session - Year 7 2016

All Bendigo Secondary Colleges have their Information Evening on Wednesday 6th May @ 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.

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**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  

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Cnr Sailors Gully Road and Peg Leg Road, Eaglehawk                          |
| Raywood    | Monday May 18 | Raywood Hall  
Inglewood Street, Raywood                                                  |
| Bendigo    | Monday 1 June | Bendigo Library, Activity Rooms 1 & 2  
259 Hargreaves Street, Bendigo                                             |
| White Hills| Monday June 29| White Hills Football Club, clubrooms  
Scott Street, White Hills                                                   |
| Woodvale   | Monday July 27| Woodvale Hall  
Daly’s Road, Woodvale                                                       |
| Neilborough| Monday August 17| Neilborough Hall  
Murchison Street, Neilborough                                               |
| Sebastian  | Monday August 31| Sebastian Hall  
Sebastian Road, Sebastian                                                   |
| Long Gully | Monday September 14| Long Gully Pavilion  
Cunneen Street, Long Gully                                                  |
| North Bendigo | Monday October 12| North Bendigo Pavilion, North Bendigo Recreation Reserve,  
Atkins Street, North Bendigo                                                |
| Eaglehawk  | Monday October 26| Eaglehawk Town Hall, Council Chamber  
Cnr Sailors Gully Road and Peg Leg Road, Eaglehawk                          |
| Bendigo    | Monday November 16 | Bendigo Library, Activity Rooms 1 & 2  
259 Hargreaves Street, Bendigo                                             |

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**Toddlers**  
Bendigo  
This two-hour workshop will give parents and carers of toddlers the opportunity to share ideas and experiences with others. We will discuss toddler development and the joys and challenges this stage brings to your family. Discussion will also focus on parenting strategies you may use for this age group.

**Term 2, 2015**  
Monday 1st June  
9.45am - 12.00pm  
$10 (55 if health care card recipient)

**Catch the savings bug with school banking every Tuesday.**

Eaglehawk Branch  
CNR High & Church St  
Eaglehawk VIC 3556  
P: 03 5446 8511

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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

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Program:
9.15am – 9.30am – Arrival
9.30am – 9.40am – Welcome and Introductions
9.40am – 11.10am – Dr. Richard Eisenmajer
Understanding Autism and Asperger’s Syndrome
11.10am – 11.40am – Morning Tea
11.40am – 12.20pm – Question & Answer Session
Closing Comments from Richard
12.20pm – 12.30pm – Conclusion of Event

Although this is a FREE event, there will be an opportunity for those attending to contribute a small donation to support the Alpine Asperger’s Support Group. Donations can be made via Bank EFT, and will be acknowledged in the event program.

A formal RSVP is not required, however if you are part of a group attending, it would be helpful if you could let us know numbers for catering purposes as soon as possible. Thank you.

www.bendigoaspg.org.au Email: info@bendigoaspg.org.au
BASG is an autonomous group of the Autism Information and Advocacy Centre Inc.

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