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WELCOME TO TERM TWO AT CALIFORNIA GULLY PRIMARY SCHOOL

On behalf of all staff we welcome back families to CGPS for Term 2. We hope you have had a lovely 'Easter' break, and we are looking forward to a busy, exciting and rewarding Term 2.

EAGLEHAWK ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE - SATURDAY APRIL 25th

The Eaglehawk ANZAC Day Committee and Bendigo District RSL Sub-Branch extend an invitation to attend their annual ANZAC Day Commemorative Service. The community service is to start at 8:30am and will be held on Brassey Square, (Corner Peg Leg and Sailors Gully Rd), Eaglehawk.

ATHLETICS - TUESDAY APRIL 28th

A reminder that the CGPS F-6 Athletics Carnival is being held next Tuesday April 28th. The focus of this event is on having fun and doing your best! We encourage students to wear their house colours and please make sure that extra food and drinks are packed. Please pack clothes to suite the weather. **Buses need to leave on time, please make sure students are at school by 9am.** This event is being held at Lar Birpa Athletics Complex (Formerly Latrobe University), 58 Retreat Road, Flora Hill. Families are more than welcome to attend and show their support!

2027 FOUNDATION (PREP) ENROLMENTS AT CALIFORNIA GULLY PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Department of Education state-wide Foundation (Prep) enrolment timeline:

The timeline advises families when and how to enrol their child into Foundation (Prep) at a Victorian government primary school, including California Gully Primary School.

All government primary schools will follow the Foundation (Prep) enrolments for the 2027 school year.

You can find information and resources about the new timeline, including factsheets, at: [Enrolling in Foundation \(Prep\)](#). You can also download the 'Foundation (Prep) Enrolment Information Pack for Parents/Carers for the 2027 school year' from the [Starting school page](#).

What you need to do:

- Contact CGPS to learn more about our school and the enrolment application process
- Download the Foundation (Prep) enrolment information pack form
[Enrolling in Foundation \(Prep\)](#)
- Submit an enrolment application for Foundation (Prep) by **Friday July 31st 2026**
- You will be notified of the outcome of your application by **Friday August 14th 2026**. If you receive an offer of placement, you will complete enrolment forms to accept the offer by **Friday August 28th 2026**.

We are very excited to communicate with you information regarding the [California Gully Primary School – Transition Program](#), supporting our 2027 Foundation students and families.

- **CGPS Information Session - Tuesday May 12th (6-7pm)**
Prospective 2026 Foundation (Prep) families, occurring in the Community Centre.
- **CGPS - Open Morning: Friday May 15th, 9.15 -11.00am.**
Enjoy a tour of the school with CGPS 'Student Leaders'.

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To report an absence through the school website you can use this link [Report an Absence](#)



MOTHERS' DAY STALL - REQUEST FOR DONATIONS

With Mothers' Day not far away, we are holding a stall to allow students to purchase a small gift for their Mum, Grandparent or a special person in their lives.

We are seeking small donations of items for the stall. Some ideas might be individually wrapped chocolates or toffees, mugs, soaps, plants, or any other items. Any handmade items would also be much appreciated. Please leave your donations at the office. Thank you for your support!

COLD, FLU AND COVID HYGIENE

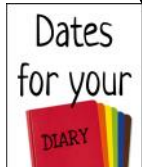
It is that time of year when colds, flu and Covid tend to be more common around our community. Good health hygiene practices can greatly reduce the chance you will become unwell or pass it on to others.

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue or elbow when you cough or sneeze.
- Throw the tissue in a plastic-lined rubbish bin after you use it.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth as germs can be spread that way.

Please discuss the above points with your children and we ask that children remain at home if unwell.

Andrew Frawley
CGPS Principal

Dates for the Diary



- **Saturday April 25th** - ANZAC Day
- **Tuesday April 28th** - School Athletic Sports Day
- **Thursday April 30th** - Grades Three and Four Echuca Excursion
- **Thursday April 30th** - Book Club Issue Three Orders Due Back
- **Monday May 4th** - Grades One and Two Castlemaine Excursion
- **Friday May 8th** - Application for Yeat Seven Placement 2027 Due
- **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.

Thursday April 2nd

Grade 1/C (Leed):

Ryan H. - For his excellent work ethic in all learning tasks and giving it his personal best.

Grade 3/4 A (McKerrow):

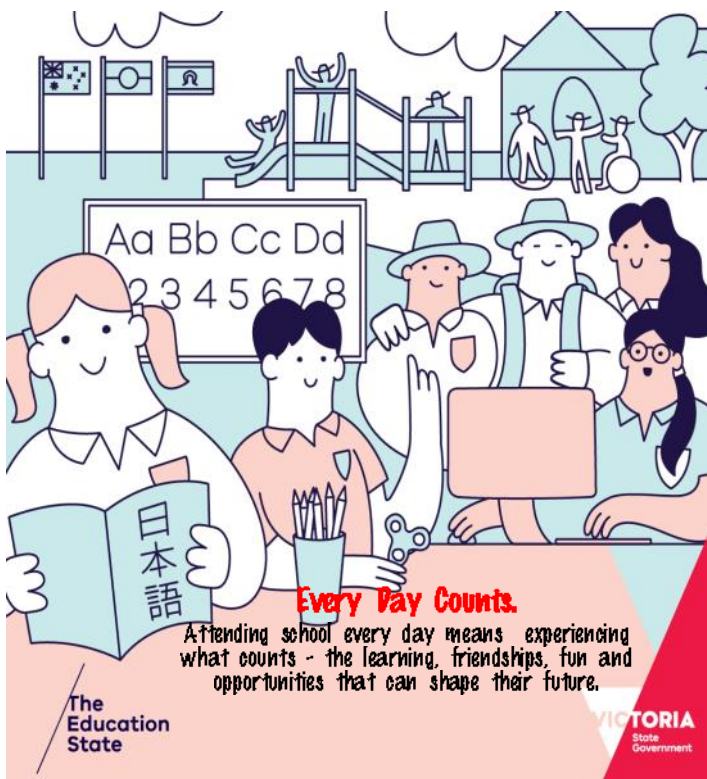
Sianna S. - For excellent participation in sport.
Alexis W.-L. - For excellent participation in sport.

**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.



Issue 3
Open Now!

Every
Book Club LOOP
order earns a

\$5 DISCOUNT
CODE
Included with order confirmation

to spend on our
next Issue.

Conditions apply. LOOP orders only. Redeemable once per issue when you spend \$19.50.

SCHOLASTIC **BookClub**

GratITUDE
Empathy
Mindfulness &
Emotional **L**iteracy



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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.

mckern steel foundation

@mckernsteelfoundation

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

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

Morning tea provided
Enrolments essential

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



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

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)

ST JOHN OF GOD
Bendigo Hospital

Queens ARMS
HOTEL

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.

BOWY CYCLING
PEGGY'S CAFE

Register using the link below



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



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 8077 | 0428 471 077

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admin@bendigojuniorsports.com.au

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