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Thursday April 28th 2016

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  - Parent Surveys Due
  - Lunch Orders Due
- Tuesday May 3rd
  - Gym Program
- Wednesday May 4th
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- Thursday May 5th
  - Mothers’ Day Stall
- Friday May 6th
  - Mothers’ Day Breakfast
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  - School Council Meeting 7.00 p.m.
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  - Family Astronomy Evening

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Important Reminder
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- Secondary Schools Information Evening 7.00 pm. Start - Wednesday May 4th
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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.

Asthma
We have a significant number of children who through their enrolment documentation or diagnosis once at school have asthma. It is imperative that the parent or carer of a child with asthma provide the school with an up-to-date asthma management plan, ensure their child brings a Ventolin puffer AND spacer to school every day.

ANZAC Day Service
THANK YOU to the Keely, Isabel and Daisy (three of our Junior School Council members) for participating in the ANZAC Day service in Eaglehawk on Monday morning. OnCe again the speakers at the service provided a powerful insight into the struggles of so many who have been to war and returned to face the challenges of life post-war and the family members whose lovesDones have been to war and have not returned.

NAPLAN
The annual NAPLAN tests begin on Tuesday, 10th May for Year Three and Five students. The results of the testing provide information for our teachers on the impact our teaching and learning program is having on the learning growth of students. The aim is to see one year’s learning growth for every student no matter what level they start at. The NAPLAN results provide useful information, that combined with other assessment tasks helps our school build on its current practice. Information for Parent brochures will be forwarded to parents and carers of children in Grade 3 & 5 next week.

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STUDENT ATTITUDES TO SCHOOL SURVEY (SATSS)
This week the Year Five and Six students participated in the SATSS which is conducted in all primary and secondary schools in Victoria. The information gained from the surveys gives the school useful information on how the students perceive the various elements of school life, such as their safety, connectedness to school, connectedness to peers and the teaching and learning. The results will be made available to the school later in the year and when we receive them the school staff and I will analyse the results closely.

PARENT SURVEY
The Parent Surveys are due on Monday 2nd May. The school staff and I recognise it is very important to have a clear understanding of what you the parents feel is important in the education of your children. So please complete the parent survey (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. Thank you to the parents who have already returned the survey!

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 a long 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 in the conference room after assembly on a date to be advised. 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 last week raised $100.00 thank you to all who purchased a lunch order and a big thank you to the ladies that helped prepare them. Like all Parents’ Club fundraisers the money raised from Lunch Orders goes towards purchasing items for the school that we otherwise don’t have funding for. Next Wednesday, May 4th, we will be offering jaffles for lunch. There will be a variety of fillings children can order in their jaffles including spaghetti, baked beans, tomato, cheese or ham. Jaffles will be $1.50 each. Order forms will go home today (Thursday April 28th) and are due back on Monday May 2nd before 9.30 a.m. Orders need to be placed in the pink tub located in the school office. Please have correct money in the envelope and your child's name and class written on the form and the envelope. Please also remember to tick what your child would actually like to have for lunch; we had a couple of forms last week with a name and money but no preferences chosen for what the child wanted for lunch.

Mothers’ Day Stall
Mothers’ Day is approaching quickly. The Parents’ Club are having a Mothers’ Day stall on Thursday May 5th. There will be a variety of gifts for your child to choose from with prices ranging from .50c to $5.00. Children can purchase a gift for Mum or a Special Person. Parents’ Club are still accepting donations for the stall. Some ideas are wrapped chocolates, lollies mugs or handmade goodies. Thank you for your support.

Parents’ Club

SCHOOL CALENDAR

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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!
Grade 5/6 Parliament House and Immigration Museum Excursion

Excursion to Parliament House and Immigration Museum


We had to get to school by 7:30 and the bus left at 7:35. It took about 2 hours to get to Melbourne. Once we got there, we walked into Parliament House and waited to go into the Immigration Museum.

Once we were there, we went into a room full of charts and went into a large room and sat down at tables. There were 5 tables, and there were five teachers next to them. We listened to Sam talk about immigration and we got to open the passport. Inside were clothes and writing. We could dress up in them. After that we went around the Museum. At one point there was a split open boat and you could go inside it. It was cool.

After we had gone through the Immigration Museum, we walked to Parliament House. It took forever to get there and eventually we got a tram. After the long walk, we were so tired that we are sitting and there was a seat open boat and we could go inside it. It was cool.

Melbourne Excursion

On Tuesday the 19th of April both grade 5/6 classes went to Melbourne to go to the Immigration Museum and Parliament House.

When we got there, we arrived at the Southern Cross Station then we walked to the Immigration Museum. We went with Sam to learn about immigrants. Each group got a person. My group’s person’s name was Lam Huu Minh and Cuc Lam, they came from Vietnam. They left their home because of war. They came to Australia by boat. Then we walked to the actual museum and we had to fill our passport with task in them.

Then we caught a tram up to Parliament House. We did a role play on a debate about whether or not we should have to pay for plastic bags. I was a person to speak as the Member for Wendouree and I spoke about how we shouldn’t have to pay. At the end I was tired but I enjoyed it.

Terri-Anne

Immigration Museum & Parliament House

On Tuesday 19th of April 2016, grades 5/6 M and 5/6 W went to Immigration Museum and Parliament House in Melbourne. Firstly, 5/6 W went to the Immigration Museum. We first learnt about how people got here and some stories about people who fled their country and came to Australia. We got a passport and we had to fill it out while we walked through the museum.

After that, we caught a tram up to Parliament House. We learnt about the history of Parliament and we did a role play on a debate about whether we should have to pay for plastic bags. I was a person to speak as the Member for Wendouree and I spoke about how we shouldn’t have to pay. At the end I was tired but I enjoyed it.

Terri-Anne
Last Thursday Miss Ennor’s Grade 3/4 class made quiche with vegetables from our garden. Every child quite happily ate the fruits of their labour!!!

As you can see; when the children eat what they have cooked in the St. Pahine Alexander Kitchen Garden program they sit at tables that have been set with plates and cutlery much the same as they would eat dinner at home.

**Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Cooking**

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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 22nd

Prep Dillon:
Kiara B. - For her consistent effort with home reading and ring-word practice.
Ella B. - For working beautifully in library.

1/2 Peacock-Hinton:
Tawseef H. - For being an animated dinosaur in drama.
Tuler K.-S. - For contributing in class discussions.
Sharna S. - For trying really hard in library every week.

3/4 Ennor:
Nathan B. - For his valuable contributions to class Literacy, Numeracy and History discussions.
Mason F. - For reaching 75 days of Home Reading.
Oscar G. - For consistent behaviour in Specialist Areas, Well done.
Jade H. - For her success in her work with addition algorithms.
Emily K.-S. - For displaying perseverance in Numeracy.

3/4 Reilly-Carroll:
Mia A. - Always well behaved in Specialist Areas.
Cody C. - For making a big effort to complete all class tasks this week.
Declan T. - For working really hard in shared reading and writing on persuasive texts.

5/6 McKerrow:
Lily G. - For her excellent role play at Parliament House.
Chloe H. - For her excellent role play at the Immigration Museum.
Phoebe S. - For working well in Library for Mrs. Holt.

5/6 Windridge:
Dakoda B. - For completing the Premiers’ Reading Challenge.
Terri-Anne C.-G. - For making good choices and standing up for herself appropriately.
Keely F. - For completing the Premiers’ Reading Challenge.
Errin H. - For working well in Library for Mrs. Holt.

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TIP 29. KIDS NEED REGULAR MEALS

These days food is available 24 hours a day and many people eat whenever they want. For some, there are no rules about when to eat. It can be a good idea to eat only when you are hungry, but children need the regular supply of nutrition from eating at regular times. Besides the nutritional value of regular meals, kids benefit from time together with the family.

What you can do NOW
- Decide on regular mealtimes each day. Even when everyone is rushed, you can aim for set tome when meals are served.
- Offer small servings if your child prefers to eat little and often.
- If your child is not hungry, simply take the plate away and make no fuss.

Good Idea!
Plan the week’s menus ahead of time and stock up on the necessary ingredients. Then involve the kids in some preparation. This will avoid last minute stress about what to serve.

Top Tip
Eating involves more than filling yourself up. It involves sitting with others and feeling fed both by the food and the company.

WASTE & LITTER - FREE LUNCHES

On Clean Up Australia Day and Schools Clean Up Day, (held every year in March), hundreds and thousands of students and volunteers across the country clean up their local environment, reducing the amount of rubbish polluting our beaches, parks, creeks and streets. Within the school environment, the quantity of rubbish can be reduced by decreasing the amount of packaging used for school lunches.

There are numerous alternatives to plastic and foil based packaging which include: paper bags, reusable plastic containers, non-wax lunch paper or reusable sandwich bags. When selecting paper bags or paper wrap, choose recycled paper. Instead of purchasing boxed juice or plastic drink containers, refill existing drink bottles from your home with water.

By reusing lunch bags you can save money, decrease demand for natural resources needed to make new bags, and cut down on the amount of rubbish.

According to www.cleanup.com.au, 37% of rubbish collected on Clean Up Australia Day 2004 was made of plastic, so instead of using 20 to 40 plastic sandwich bags per month, try to use just one plastic container. Reusable plastic storage containers are also great to keep left-over foods stored in the fridge at home.

Many schools have a regular “package free” lunch day which not only helps the environment, but also encourages fresh fruit and vegetables.

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 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:

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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California Gully Primary School

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 29th at 8 a.m. (please note that we will stop serving breakfast at 8.20 a.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

Proudly funded and supported by:

California Gully Primary School Learning Club

Has Started!!!

The Learning Club has fun, interactive activities and games to improve literacy and numeracy skills and develop confidence. All sessions are fully supervised.

Light refreshments are provided.

If interested in participating, please complete a Registration Form at the School Reception desk.

The Learning Club is proudly supported by The Smith Family & La Trobe University.

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