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EAGLEHAWK ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE - SATURDAY APRIL 25th

A sincere thank you to CGPS student leaders and families for representing our school community at the Eaglehawk ANZAC Day Commemorative Service held last Saturday. As always, this was an amazing opportunity for students and the wider community to show their respect on such an important day.

Lest We Forget.

ATHLETICS - TUESDAY APRIL 28th

Well done to all students that participated in our F-6 athletics carnival on Tuesday. The focus of this day is having fun, doing your best and supporting each other! Thanks to the families that attended to show your support.

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. Thank you to families that have donated a beautiful range of gifts that will support the Mother's Day Stall to be held next **Friday May 8th**. Gifts will range from \$1-5.

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'.

Respect * Personal Best * Care

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



CROSS COUNTRY - THURSDAY MAY 7th

We will be holding our whole school F-6 Cross Country next Thursday 7th May. The focus of this event is on personal best, participation, and enjoyment. We are encouraging students to wear their house colour's and please ensure appropriate footwear is worn for the run. We will be walking to Truscott Reserve after recess, with the first event (Prep/One) to begin at approximately 12 noon. We also encourage parents and carers to attend, showing your support and assisting around the course. Please keep an eye on our Facebook page if the weather looks wet or any late changes. **Grade 3-6** students will attend the Goldfields Sandhurst Cross Country on Friday May 22th.

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.

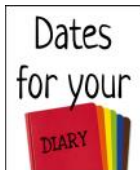
- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue or elbow when you cough or sneeze.
- Throw the tissue in a plastic-lined rubbish bin after you use it.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth as germs can be spread that way.

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

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| • Monday May 4th | - Grades One and Two Castlemaine Excursion |
| • Thursday May 7th | - School Cross Country Event |
| • Friday May 8th | - Application for Year Seven Placement 2027 Due |
| • Friday May 8th | - Mothers' Day Stall |
| • Monday May 18th | - School Council Meeting |
| • Friday May 22nd | - Division Cross Country Grades Three to Six |
| • Friday May 22nd | - National Walk Safely to School Day |
| • Monday June 8th | - King's Birthday Public Holiday |
| • Tuesday June 9th | - Curriculum Day—Student Free Day |
| • Monday June 22nd | - School Council Meeting |
| • Friday June 26th | - Last Day of Term Two |



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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 April 24th

Grade 1/2 B (Ennor):

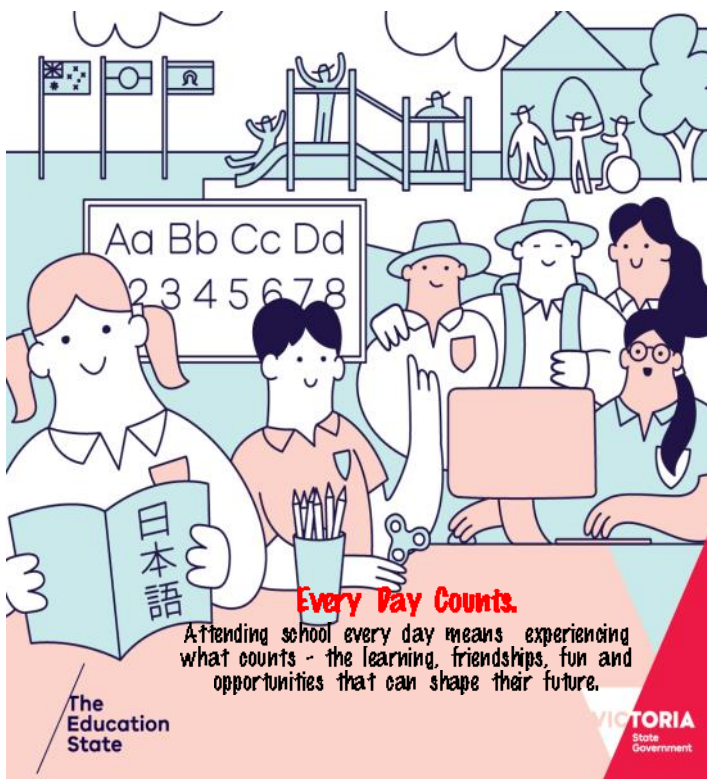
- Isaiah C. - For an excellent holiday recount.
- Eleanor S. - For an excellent holiday recount that was well edited for capital letters and full stops.

Grade 3/4 A (McKerrow):

- Oliver B. - For excellent work writing his narrative.
- Caitlin B. - For excellent work writing her narrative.

Grade 5/6 B (Reilly-Leel):

- Anneliese C. - For having a great start to term two and showing a positive attitude to her learning,
- Alexis F. - For showing an increased patience and tolerance when working with others.



FRIDAY 22 MAY 2026

Gratitude
Empathy
Mindfulness &
Emotional Literacy



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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.





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

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@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.



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

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.

STEM CLUB

ADVENTURE STARTS AFTER SCHOOL!

PREP - GRADE 6
8 WEEK PROGRAM

Weekly STEM sessions that spark imagination and build real skills.

\$100 PER TERM THURSDAYS | 4-5PM

DISCOVERY CENTRE

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Are you supporting a family member or friend with disability, mental illness, age or health issues? Even if it's just for a few hours every week, you could be a **young carer**. This may look like....



Being a young carer might feel lonely. But you're not alone.

Carer Gateway has **free support** for **young carers** aged 25 and under.

Carer Gateway may support you with things like help at home, young carer social events, counselling or study help.



Scan to learn more

Free support, call now!
1800 422 737
carergateway.gov.au



SUPPORTING NEURODIVERGENT CHILDREN IN COMMUNITY SPORT

FREE WORKSHOP
FOR SPORTS COACHES &
PHYSICAL ACTIVITY PROVIDERS IN GREATER BENDIGO

Monday 11th May, 6pm-8.30pm
@ Epsom Huntly Recreation Reserve

or

Sunday 21st June, 2pm-4.30pm
@ Lake Weeroona Pavilion

or

Wednesday 8th July, 6pm-8.30pm
@ Lake Weeroona Pavilion

Light refreshments provided



Scan the QR code to register for the workshop or visit:
<https://www.trybooking.com/DKRWV>

This **FREE** workshop will help community sports clubs and physical activity providers understand neurodiversity and how to implement practical strategies to create inclusive, supportive environments for neurodivergent children. This interactive workshop is a neuro-affirming session developed and facilitated by people with lived experience

Contact Jo at Sports Focus for further information on 5442 3101 or joc@sportsfocus.com.au



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.

Register using the

link below



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



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

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)

bendigo@spjcricket.com.au
admin@bendigojcricket.com.au

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SCHOOL PHOTOS 2026 - VIEW IMAGES NOW

2026 School photos of your child are now ready to view online

Children should have brought a copy of this form home late last term with their unique code. If your child did not please email the school for their code.

2026 Image code:

To view images follow these
3 easy steps...



- 1 Go to order.arphotos.com.au and enter the 2026 image code for your child and 'continue'
- 2 Enter your email address and password to login to your account and view images
- 3 View images, select a photo package, then select the photos you want to include before finalising your order



If you haven't purchased from us before, go to order.arphotos.com.au and enter your child's 2026 code, then follow the prompts to enter your details and create an account. Once you've created an account you can view images, order photo packages and download images.

Once online you can:

- Share the images with family & friends for FREE
- Select & purchase photo packages to suit your needs using YOUR choice of images
- Choose from multiple layouts to create your package
- Download portrait images of your child



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ACTIVE KIDS ARE HEALTHY KIDS

JOIN US
FRIDAY 22 MAY 2026

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

Until they're ten, children must always hold an adult's hand when crossing the road

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