

The Bell Topper

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Thursday August 14th 2025

BOOK WEEK (AUGUST 16th - 22nd) AND BOOK PARADE: WEDNESDAY AUGUST 20th, 9.00 a.m.

The theme for the 2025 Children's Book Week, which will run from August 16th to August 23rd, is "Book an Adventure!". This theme celebrates the 80th anniversary of Children's Book Week and encourages young readers to explore new worlds through stories. We will celebrate across the week although the all-important 'Book Parade' (weather permitting) will occur on Wednesday August 20th, starting at 9am. Parents and families are more than welcome to attend.



THE 2025 PARENT, CAREGIVER AND GUARDIAN SURVEY

This survey will be available to complete online from Monday August 18th to Friday September 19th 2025. The survey seeks feedback on school climate, community engagement in learning, teaching practices for student engagement and outcomes, and attitudes towards school attendance.

Links for the survey will be emailed to families today and we look forward to a high response rate from our community. Please note: the survey portal will not open until Monday.

AFL FOOTY (SANDHURST DIVISION) CARNIVAL - MONDAY AUGUST 11th

On Monday the CGPS football team represented our school at the Sandhurst Division Primary School Football Carnival. Congratulations to all students that represented the school. All children should be commended for their fantastic attitude, effort, enthusiasm and teamwork in the games played. Thank to Mr. Price and Rohan for coaching, and to the many families that were able to show their support.



NO ASSEMBLY - FRIDAY AUGUST 15th

Due to the number of classes across the school attending 'Word Spot' tomorrow as part of the Bendigo Writers Festival, we will not hold an assembly. Thank you for your understanding.

CGPS PARENT COMMUNICATION AND GUIDELINES

We want to ensure that all school-related concerns are addressed effectively. If an issue arises, please reach out to the appropriate staff member so we can work together toward a solution.

We ask that families avoid contacting other parents directly about school matters, as this can cause misunderstandings. Thank you for helping us keep communication constructive and supportive.

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SUMSMART - HATS

We are encouraging all families to start the search to find school hats as the weather (every-now and then) starts to warm up and UV index increases. It is extremely important to have hats available at school from mid August. CGPS support the use of sun protection measures when the **UV index levels are 3 or higher**. In Term 4 the 'No Hat No Play' policy will be followed at all times. Hats can be purchased from Centavic Clothing, or a Navy Blue Bucket/wide brim is fine.



FATHERS DAY STALL— CAN YOU HELP?

The Fathers Day Stall is coming up and we are seeking donations of gifts or a gold coin to go towards the purchase of gifts. If you can help please leave your donation in the school office.

SCHOOL ARRIVAL TIMES

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. Thank you for your care and understanding.

Andrew Frawley
CGPS Principal

Dates for the Diary

- **Friday August 15th** - Grades One to Six Writers' Festival Excursion
- **Saturday August 16th to Saturday August 23rd** - Book Week
- **Wednesday August 20th** - Book Week Book Parade - 9.00 a.m.
- **Wednesday August 20th** - "The Blurbs" Performance
- **Thursday August 21st** - Grades Five & Six 'Passions & Pathways' Session Two
- **Thursday August 21st** - Gym Program
- **Thursday August 28th** - Gym Program
- **Thursday September 4th** - Father's Day Stall
- **Friday September 12th** - Grades Five & Six 'Passions & Pathways' Session Three
- **Monday September 15th** - School Council Meeting
- **Friday September 19th** - Last Day of Term Three 2.15 p.m. Dismissal



Children's Book Week
16–23 August 2025

BOOK AN
Adventure



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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 August 8th

Foundation A (Hinton):

- Logan B. - For showing stamina and perseverance at the gym program.
- Max W. - For trying hard to read fluently.

Grade 1 (Leed-Martiniello):

- Koah K. - For his enthusiasm and confidence at Palmer's Gym this week!
- Luke M.-S. - For doing his best in every learning task and gaining more confidence each week.

Grade 1/2 A (Carroll-Dillon):

- Elliotte E. - For great work making arrays in her division work. Well Done!
- Shayla J. - For great work making arrays in her division work. Well Done!

Grade 1/2 B (Ennor):

- Ryder J. - For being an amazing partner in problem solving activities.
- Chase R. - For being an amazing partner in problem solving activities.

Grade 3/4 A (McKerrow):

- Willow L. - For excellent planning of a fable.
- Casey O - For excellent work with fables.

Grade 3/4 B (Ryan):

- Layla B. - For working hard on her fable writing.
- Amity H. - For always giving her best and setting a great example for others.
- Callum T. - For his persistence when working with clocks.

Grade 5/6 A (Price):

- Imogen P. - For her great attitude during our first gym session.
- Indianna W. - For her great attitude during our first gym session.

BENDIGO & SURROUNDS

ALL GIRLS PROGRAMS





4 - 7 YEAR OLDS

Learn the skills of AFL through fun and engaging activities

Thursday 4pm to 5pm starting 7th August for 5 weeks!

Location: Weeroona Oval, Bendigo

COST \$20 - USE DISCOUNT CODE: 80A87728

REGISTER NOW





7 - 12 YEAR OLDS

Develop your skills through modified match play

Thursday 4pm to 5pm starting 7th August for 5 weeks!

Location: Weeroona Oval, Bendigo

COST \$20 - USE DISCOUNT CODE: 80A87728

REGISTER NOW



PLAY.AFL







Celebrating 10 years

Delivering 1,000kg of free fruit to Bendigo school children every week



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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

BOOK AN ADVENTURE with Woodland Collection Bookshop

SATURDAY 16TH
AUGUST

Dress Ups
Giveaways
Treasure Hunts
And More!

FREE FOR ALL

10AM TO 2PM

9 Mitchell Street,
Bendigo



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VIC SCHOOLS MTB SERIES 2025

ROUND 7 - BENDIGO
SUNDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER

**REGO
OPENING 25TH
AUGUST**



Sunday 7th September
Bendigo MTB
Spring Gully Trails

NEW RIDER INFORMATION


The AusCycling VIC Schools MTB Series has been running for over a decade and provides new and experienced school-aged riders with a fun and inclusive racing experience. The focus is on having a go, riding your bike with friends and keeping active whilst representing your school.

The AusCycling School's Mountain Bike Series runs from May to September, with rounds in different locations across Victoria. Cross country (XC) is the type of mountain bike racing on offer, with both novice and race categories available, starting from under nine and continuing through to under nineteen. The course and trails allow for maximum fun and a bit of challenge! Courses are primarily single-track, with some up and down. If there are more advanced features, newer riders always have the option to a B line.


How do I participate?
Entries are open to all 6 to 18-year-old riders enrolled at school or home-schooled. Each event will be listed on EntryBoss.

Do I need to be an AusCycling member to enter?
No, entry into each event includes insurance coverage for each rider for the duration of the day event. But we know that these events are super fun and encourage riders to find out more about their nearest MTB club.

If you have any questions, please reach out to mtb@vic.auscycle.org.au



Scan for more information on the series





TERM 3 PROGRAMS

IDDY BIDDY BALL

2-4 YEAR OLD'S

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BIDDY BALL

4-8 YEAR OLD'S

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AUSSIE HOOPS

5-10 YEAR OLD'S




Term 3 basketball program registrations are still open!

Wanting to get your child into basketball, our development programs are a great start. Focusing

on fundamental skills with a emphasis on fun 🎉

Visit our website for more information on all programs - <https://bendigobasketball.com.au>



KIDS ART CLASS

Supportive of all abilities and neurodiversity
SMALL CLASSES TO ENSURE INDIVIDUAL ATTENTION

Tuesday afternoons
July 22 - 16 Sept

TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST
WWW.DONUTSTUDIOS.AU

Contact us directly
hello@cbchange.org
1300 402 504

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Loddon Mallee Regional Parenting What's On Term 3, 2025

Strengthening family relationships and building capacity for parents and carers to better understand and support their children.

Note: Multi-session programs are only available for residents in the Loddon Mallee region.

- Bookings are essential for all of our programs and workshops, places are limited -

Download our [What's On flyer](#)

Single-Session Workshops

Building Resilience in Kids Knowing Your Teen

For parents with kids aged up to 12 For parents with teens aged 10+

When: Monday, 8 September

Time: 10.00am - 11:30am

Cost: FREE

Where: Kangaroo Flat Library

When: Monday, 18 August

Time: 9:15am - 10:45am

Cost: FREE

Where: Bendigo Library

REGISTER HERE

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admin@bendigomajorleague.com.au

SUMMER JUNIOR FUTSAL

AGE GROUPS
7 AND UNDER
9 AND UNDER
11 AND UNDER
13 AND UNDER
15 AND UNDER
17 AND UNDER

MONDAY COMPETITION LEAGUE

WEDNESDAY BEGINNERS LEAGUE

WHERE: 1-3 WATERSON CRT GOLDEN SQUARE
WHEN: 6/10/2025 TILL 2/4/2026
COST: \$75 PER TEAM PER GAME
INSURANCE: \$50 PER TEAM
REGISTRATIONS CLOSE: 26/9/2025



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SUMMER JUNIOR NETBALL

AGE GROUPS
11 AND UNDER
13 AND UNDER
15 AND UNDER
17 AND UNDER

THURSDAY NIGHT COMPETITION LEAGUE

WHERE: 1-3 WATERSON CRT GOLDEN SQUARE
WHEN: 6/10/2025 TILL 2/4/2026
COST: \$105 PER TEAM PER GAME
INSURANCE: \$70 PER TEAM
REGISTRATIONS CLOSE: 26/9/2025



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2/1 Whip Court, Long Gully

California Gully Primary School

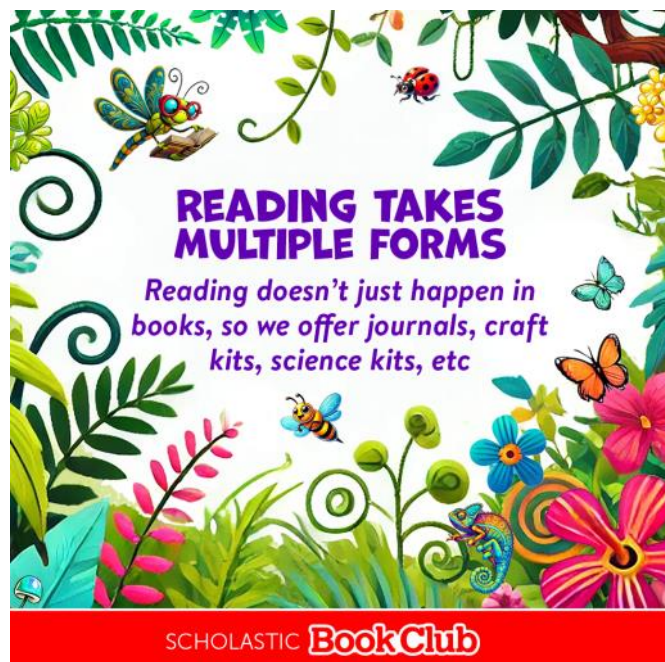
	Garment	Kids Sizing	Adults Sizing
	Teal/Ink Navy/White Short Sleeve Polo	\$30.00	\$32.00
	Teal/Ink Navy/White Long Sleeve Polo	\$33.00	\$35.00
	Ink Navy Rugby Top	\$37.50	\$39.50
	Ink Navy 1/2 Zip Polar Fleece Jumper	\$39.50	\$42.00
	Navy Hooded Windcheater	\$38.00	\$40.00
	Ink Navy Double Knee Hemmed Track Pants	\$28.00	\$30.00
	Navy Bucket Hat	\$15.00	
	Navy Broadbrim Hat	\$15.00	

Our School Uniform supplier, Centavic Clothing, are pleased to offer an online uniform shop for California Gully Primary School through their website:

<https://www.centavicclothing.com.au/>

Parents can place an order for uniforms, with the option of paying online, over the phone or on the day of collection.

We advise that any students needing to try on uniform items book an appointment as due to the size of the storefront Centavic Clothing will be prioritising those with appointments when needed. This booking system can also be found on the Centavic Clothing website.



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