BOOK FAIR
Our Book Fair Family Event will take place from Monday 1st September and will conclude on Thursday 11th September. Children will have an opportunity to view books on Friday 29th August. Parents are also more than welcome to browse the selection of books once we confirmed opening times. Every sale at the Book Fair benefits the school. We receive a percentage of the money we earn selling the books. This means that we are able to purchase new books to put into our library. The books are supplied by Scholastic and they are sold on a first in basis. Further details will be provided early next week.

NATIONAL LITERACY & NUMERACY WEEK
Next Monday August 25th is Literacy and Numeracy Week. The school will run a number of activities to celebrate the importance literacy and numeracy including:

A Poem in Your Pocket. Children will write a poem, any form they choose. The students keep the poem handy to read to classmates, teachers and parents.

Read for Australia. On Friday 29 August all teachers, students and parents at our school will participate in the Read for Australia activity. The story this year is Sunday Chutney by Aaron Blabey.

Math Fun Night. On Tuesday 26th we are holding a Math’s Fun Night with a variety of activities the family can enjoy. The evening kicks off at 5.30pm with a BBQ being provided for those families who would prefer not to cook for one night! The evening will conclude around 7.00pm. An expression of interest form for the Math’s Fun Night was sent home last week. Please return this by Friday 22nd August if you intend to come to enjoy the activities arranged by the teachers. OR complete the expression of interest form on the back of the newsletter if last week note has been misplaced.
CURRICULUM DAY
Last Monday our teaching staff spent the day at Eaglehawk North Primary School undertaking a full day workshop with retired mathematics lecturer and author George Booker. It was a fantastic professional learning opportunity for all teachers involved. George focused on how we can most effectively structure our teaching to teach addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. I have already noticed when I enter classrooms during their math session teachers putting into practice the skills and knowledge gained at the professional learning workshop. Teachers from California Gully PS, Eaglehawk North PS and Maiden Gully PS will meet in a couple of weeks to share the practice they have embraced and the progress they are making in the classroom.

2015 PREP TRANSITION & ENROLMENT
Planning for the 2015 school year is well underway and one extremely important component of this is our grade structures. If you know of someone who plans to enrol their child at California Gully Primary School or is considering their options please encourage them to contact the school for further information or to start the enrolment process.

If your child will not be attending California Gully Primary School in 2015, we would appreciate you letting us know if you have not already done so.

We are holding a second 2015 Prep Information session on Thursday September 11th from 2.15pm-3.00pm, please let potential families know about this afternoon event.

BOOK WEEK
This week was Book Week and as a way of celebrating all things great about books I took the Grade 5 children to our local Kindergarten, Neangar Kinder. The grade 5 children read a number of books to their buddy, asking questions, discussing the story and looking carefully at the illustrations, and most importantly having fun.

The Grade 5 students were great role models and represented the school exceptionally well. Thanks to Mrs Hinton and Chris who assisted me over the two days.

Jason Lee
Principal

School Assembly starts at 8.55 a.m. Please be on time!
**Library Parents and Friends Helpers**

Are you interested in helping out in the library? We are looking to increase the opportunities our children have to read and borrow. The Library will be increasing its opening times to include two mornings a week. The job will mainly be checking books in and out on the library computer. There are many children who really appreciate the opportunity of having some quiet reading time in the library, as well as to borrow and return more often. If you are able to assist on Tuesday morning before school please let us know.

Many thanks,
Kristy Ryan and Jason Lee

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**BOOK CLUB**

Book Club Issue 6 has been sent home this week. Orders with correct money are due back at school tomorrow, Friday August 22nd 2014.

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

School Assembly starts at 8.55 a.m. Please be on time!
Children from grades 3-6 have been exploring each of the books in each shortlisted category in anticipation for Book Week. We have focused on the shortlisted Picture Book Category. After looking at each of the six books in the category, grades 3-4 and 5-6 have used their netbooks to vote in our Cal Gully Book Week Survey to order the books in their preference. The results were:

Grade 3-4

![Bar chart showing votes for each book] (The Treasure Box, Silver Buttons, King Pig, Parachute, The Windy Farm, Rules of Summer)

Grade 5-6

![Bar chart showing votes for each book] (The Treasure Box, Silver Buttons, King Pig, Parachute, The Windy Farm, Rules of Summer)

**Thoughts from Grade 5-6**

Here are some Grade 5/6 responses as to why they chose to rank the books in their selected order:

- “The reason I chose The Treasure Box is because it has a heartwarming story for any bad day.”
- “I think Rules of Summer is best because I think it’s good to imagine things.”
- “I like Rules of Summer, it was really funny and the windy farm was cool because the uncle went flying.”
- “I love Silver Buttons. It is awesome, it reminds me of me.”
- “I like King Pig because he realized he was selfish.”

**The Winners Are……...**

The Children’s Book Council of Australia have announced the results from their judging panel.

**Younger Readers:**
City of Orphans: A Very Unusual Pursuit by Catherine Jinks

**Early Childhood:**
The Swap by Andrew Joyner

**Picture Book:**
Rules of Summer by Shaun Tan

**Eve Pownall Award for Information Books:**
Jeremy by Christopher Faille & Danny Snell

Thanks again to Parents Club for providing us with all the shortlisted books, the children are really enjoying them! Feel free to come to the library and check out these books on display.

Mrs Ryan

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School Assembly starts at 8.55 a.m. Please be on time!
The 2014 Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge is underway and it has been great to see such a great start by a number of students. The challenge will conclude on the 12th of September 2014. Please discuss with your child/children their progress with the challenge and assist in updating their list of books. Families with internet access are strongly encouraged to support the school by assisting students to register reading at home with their netbooks. Children have been provided with usernames and passwords to log in. It is important to enter books regularly so that it does not become a huge task and the end of the checklist. Please only enter books that are finished, not those being started or that are underway. Further information on the challenge is available at the Challenge Website: www.education.vic.gov/prc

Books from the Premiers’ Reading Challenge are available to borrow from both classrooms and the library. These lists will be verified by teachers at the completion of that challenge. Don’t stop at the end of the checklist, we are looking to reward dedicated Premiers’ Reading Challenge participants with special certificates for reaching reading goals after the checklist has been completed. Some examples are on display on the hallway near the office. Awards will be given to readers who achieve the following fantastic reading milestones:

- 25 Books (Grades 3 – 6)
- 50 books
- 75 Books
- 100 Books

Certificates will be awarded at assemblies. Mr Lee and Mrs Ryan will be looking for some special prize winners at the completion of the challenge. Happy reading!

Mrs Ryan and Mr Lee

Are you able to help the library with Tissues? If you can donate a box (they are less than $1 at Aldi) please give them to Mrs. Ryan on Thursday or hand to Mrs. Cooper in the office.

School Assembly starts at 8.55 a.m. Please be on time!
GREAT TIPS FOR HEALTHY KIDS

TIP 20. KIDS THRIVE ON LOVE

All human beings need love and affection, and especially children. They thrive when they know they are loved and valued.

Being loved gives kids confidence. This means they believe in themselves, know what’s good for them, know how to look after themselves and feel that the choices they make do matter.

Confidence doesn’t mean being a show-off or feeling superior to other people.

Every child has particular abilities, and it’s important for parents to recognise and celebrate them. They might include: honest; a sense of humour; persistence; empathy; being organised; creativity; and being co-operative.

What you can do NOW

- Show your child you love them in whatever way you can.
- Hug them freely.
- Encourage your child to aim for success by taking one step at a time, by asking for help, and by hanging in there. Provide support all the way.
- Recognise your child’s particular strengths and celebrate them.

Good Idea!

As a parent, you may have to expand your idea of ‘success’. It isn’t always about awards and excelling at school. Kids are also successful when they make a tiny step forward in understanding, or in a skill.

Top Tip

Loving your child means setting boundaries. It helps them feel safe and secure.

Can the children in Miss Ennor’s 3/4 class please bring along a box of tissues. There are no tissues left in Miss Ennor’s classroom.

School Assembly starts at 8.55 a.m. Please be on time!
Don’t forget that every Friday is School Banking day and students should bring in their weekly deposit. For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a cool Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for an exclusive School Banking reward item in recognition of their continued savings behaviour. There are new reward items available during Term 3, a swimming bag and a money box. These are on display in the school office.

Remember our school earns 5% commission on every deposit made (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit). Thank you for supporting the School Banking program at California Gully Primary School.

**EGGS FOR SALE**

Our girls are busy laying lots of eggs, $2.50 a dozen. See Wendy in the grade 3/4 room.

**2014 SCHOOL PRODUCTION**

This year’s production is “Kids in Space”. Rehearsals are underway and the children are working hard on learning their lines. Miss Ennor has already started sourcing costumes and props for the performers.

To help make the production a big success George Flack from Flack Advisory Services Group and CVGT Australia have been kind enough to offer sponsorship, we take this opportunity to thank these organisations for their generous support.

There is still more work and preparation to be done before the big night later this term, if you can be of assistance in anyway please see Wendy Ennor.

School Assembly starts at 8.55 a.m. Please be on time!
Congratulations to the following students on being named Student of The Week for their positive attitude to school and social values.

Friday August 15th

Prep/1 Christian:
- Jack B.-R. - For settling into school routines at California Gully Primary School and always doing his best.
- Tae W. - For trying his best during writing groups.

Prep/1 Holt:
- Jackson H. - Wishing your good luck with your hip operation next week.
- Lara T. - For working very well this term in our classroom.

2 Reilly-Peacock:
- Rhys K. - For brilliant singing of “That Eye The Sky”.
- Kohby U. - For remembering the actions to our production song.

3 Watt:
- Shelby G. - For putting 110% into his Subtraction Rap performance.
- Ryan H. - For challenging himself during Subtraction Activities with double regrouping.

3/4 Ennor:
- Benjamin A. - For working well in math sessions.
- Shameka R. - For always giving her best.

5/6 McKerrow:
- Shakira E.-J. - For great use of colour in her art work.
- Olivia T. - For excellent choice of literature.

5/6 Windridge-Doolan:
- Nicholas C. - For working hard on paraphrasing.
- Benjamin P. - For working hard on paraphrasing.

Student Banking

Congratulations to . . .
- Ella S. in Grade 3 for achieving her Silver 20 Deposit certificate.
- Cody S. in Grade 2 for achieving her Silver 20 Deposit certificate.

School Assembly starts at 8.55 a.m. Please be on time!
Parents' Club News

Parents’ Club Meeting
The next meeting of the Parents’ Club will be held tomorrow, Friday August 22nd at 9.05 a.m. in the outside school hours care room, we look forward to some of our new Prep families joining us.

Parents’ Club Lunch Orders
Lunches for Term 3 has a new menu. The Order Forms are printed on orange/gold paper and are distributed to the children every Wednesday. Spare forms are available at the front of the Office or otherwise on the school website. All orders and money need to be into the Office by 9.30 m. Monday mornings. Also if your child is absent on the day of the Lunches could you please contact the Office to cancel the order, this way we can arrange a refund.

Fathers’ Day Stall
The Fathers’ Day Stall is coming up quickly, Friday September 5th. Again children will be able to purchase multiple gifts for their special someone. More information will be sent home closer to the date.

School Production Raffle
For the School Production the Parents’ Club is running a raffle. Tickets will be $1.00 each and will be drawn at the Production on Thursday September 4th. Books were sent home last week. Spare books can be collected from the office. Tickets will also be available for purchase on both nights of the Production. We are also approaching local businesses for donations for the raffle, but if anyone has any contacts that could help we would really appreciate it.

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

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:

- Wednesday August 27th — Macaroni Jewellery/Hair Chalk
- Wednesday September 3rd — Making Cinnamon Scrolls
- Wednesday September 10th — Adventure Play in the Multi-Purpose Room
- Wednesday September 17th — Making Finger Puppets / End of Term Party
- Wednesday October 8th — Adventure Play in the Multi-Purpose Room
- Wednesday October 15th — Shaving Cream Puffy paint

For information of what events are coming up in playgroup please visit the school website Playgroup page.

Join us on Facebook: www.facebook/calgullyplaygroup1
Public forum & free children’s event

Connecting Greater Bendigo

Driving your kids everywhere?

The City of Greater Bendigo is developing an Integrated Transport and Land Use Strategy (ITLUS) to better plan for how the city will grow and how people and goods will move within it in the future. Development of the Strategy has reached a pivotal stage and the City invites you to be a part of this exciting new chapter in Greater Bendigo’s history.

Learn about the ITLUS and be part of the discussion. Bring your kids too, they will be entertained with free activities while you hear from renowned experts:

Andrew Wisdom - Director of Distilled Wisdom
Andrew has addressed a wide range of transport and urban development challenges throughout his 30-year career. As Director of Distilled Wisdom, he believes the way we use our cities needs to change if they are to flourish into the future and meet the needs of all residents to live long, healthy, productive and fulfilling lives.

Dr Paul Tranter - Associate Professor at the University of New South Wales, Canberra
Dr Tranter’s research has made a pioneering contribution in the areas of child-friendly environments, active transport, and healthy and sustainable cities. His paper ‘Active Travel: A Cure for the Hungry Virus’ discusses the dilemma of travelling faster in order to cope with everyday time pressures and how this can lead to a loss of time, money and health. His work also focuses on creating communities for children and busy parents.

City of Greater Bendigo

Date: Sunday August 24, 2014
Time: 11am – 1pm
Venue: The Capital, 50 View Street, Bendigo
Cost: FREE Light lunch and children’s activities

Families attending the public forum will need to register their children to attend the free fun activities (suitable for children aged 3 – 12 years).

To register or for further enquiries:
Email: strategyunit@bendigo.vic.gov.au
Phone: (03) 5434 8148
For all updates and relevant documents, visit: www.bendigo.vic.gov.au/transportplanning

Introducing...

Creative Movement and Relaxation for Kids

Monday’s 4 – 5pm
Term 3, 2014
Starting Aug 4th
Eaglehawk Community House
corner Bright & Reserve Street
Ph: 5446 8322
Cost: Gold Coin

School Assembly starts at 8.55 a.m. Please be on time!
How to Help Your Kids Worry Less
Bendigo

During this two hour workshop we will explore the reasons why children worry and ways parents and carers can support them. It will include ideas as well as practical tools to assist children to manage their worries.

Term 3, 2014
When: Tuesday 16th September 2014
Time: Arrive and registration 6.15pm
Session: 6.30pm - 8.30pm
Where: CatholicCare Sandhurst Function Room, 176-178 McCrae St, Bendigo
Cost: Free
Child Care: Sorry, child care is not provided
Facilitators: Ky Gregg and Anne-Marie Brett
Parking: On-site parking available - enter via 116 Hargreaves Street

For bookings and enquiries phone Ky Gregg on 5438 1300
Groups are subject to minimum and maximum numbers. Early registration is encouraged.

Step Families Workshop
Bendigo

This three hour workshop will provide an introduction to the unique and often complex issues associated with step family relationships. It will cover children, the parenting role and couple dynamics.
This session is appropriate for those planning or already re-partnered with children. This session would be helpful as an introduction to the Making Step Families Work, a six week course for couples.

Term 3, 2014
When: Saturday 20th September 2014
Time: Arrive and registration 9.45am
Sessions: 10.00am - 1.00pm
Where: CatholicCare Sandhurst Function Room, 176-178 McCrae St, Bendigo
Cost: Free
Child Care: Sorry, child care is not provided
Facilitators: Ky Gregg and Naville Williams
Parking: On-site parking available - enter via 116 Hargreaves Street

For bookings and enquiries phone Ky Gregg on 5438 1300
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Run For Dad Fun Run
Bendigo

FATHER’S DAY SEPTEMBER 7, 2014
Charity Fundraiser

6.8km run - Eaglehawk to Bendigo
2.5km walk - Rosalind Park
- Raising funds for prostate cancer research and awareness
- Sashes for all sections
- Bus to the start for runners
- Breakfast included in entry

ENTER AT:
www.atleticsbendigo.org.au

E-mail: info@athleticsbendigo.org.au
Web: www.cqig.org.au/bendigo then "Events"
Enquiries: Phone Keith 3453 4644 01

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Meet & Greet:

School Holiday Program
Bookings Open August 25th
If you’re interested in booking your child in for our School Holiday Program, bookings open August 25th.
Visit our website for more information or contact our friendly staff today!

Facebook: @BendigoYMCA1
Email: stephanie.eames@ymca.org.au
Phone: 5445 8300
Website: www.bendigoymca.org.au

Hey Kids, the Bendigo Gem Club is open Tuesday nights for Kids Club!
If interested get Mum or Dad to leave a message for Lynda Scott on 5442 3691

Harvest Moon Festival 2014
Saturday, 6th September 2014
Family Activities from 5.30pm, entertainment from 6.30pm
Dai Gum San precinct (Golden Dragon Museum)

For more information visit www.bendigochinese.org.au
Parents Don't Forget

You are more than welcome to join us for Breakfast!

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 Netball 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 will continue tomorrow Friday August 22nd at 8 a.m. (please note that we will stop serving breakfast at 8.20a.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 the day!

We would also like to acknowledge the assistance of Roger King’s IGA in Eaglehawk for providing the food for the breakfast and their weekly donation of fruit for the Fresh Fruit Friday program in the Junior School.

School Assembly starts at 8.55 a.m. Please be on time!
Don’t forget to check out the school’s website www.californiagullyps.vic.edu.au

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Literacy and Numeracy Week 25-31 August 2014

California Gully PS Math’s Games Night
– Fun for the whole family

When: Tuesday 26th August
Where: Junior Building
Time: 5:30pm-7:00pm
BBQ tea will be provided with a gold coin donation (on the night)

For catering purposes we need to know whether you will be attending our Math’s Games Night. Please complete the following attendance slip and return to school by no later than Thursday 21st August.

___________________________________________________________________
(please return to the office)

The ____________ family will be attending the Math Games Night.

Number of family members attending _____

BBQ tea Yes ____ No ____