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Thursday August 21st 2025

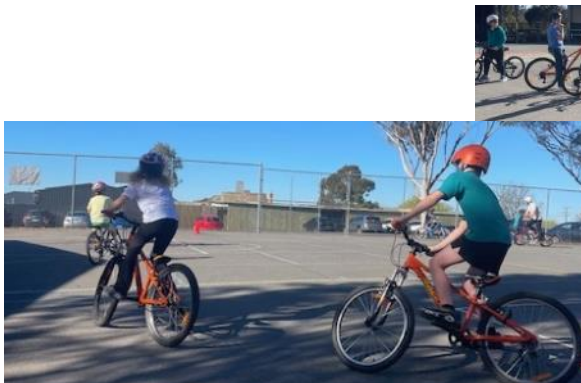
BOOK WEEK (AUGUST 16th - 22nd) AND BOOK PARADE

Thank you to all families for the support of the Book Parade yesterday. This is always an incredible event as we celebrate the enjoyment of reading and the theme this year – Book An Adventure. The creativity and effort shown by our families is very much appreciated. We were also very lucky to have the amazing Blurb's again visit CGPS, and were able to connect students to a range of books using incredible songs, dance and humour.



RAMPFEST - BIKE AND SCOOTER SESSIONS

Adding to our busy week, we have been extremely fortunate to have Harrison from Rampfest visit CGPS to continue our learning and skill development when riding, scooting, and keeping safe when participating in active travel. Harrison has been lots of fun and students have enjoyed their time in each session. We thank the City of Greater Bendigo for their support and funding for this visit.



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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 last Thursday (with the newsletter).

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.

SUNSMART - 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. 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.



ASTHMA & ALLERGIES

If children need medication for Hay Fever and/or allergies through the school day please bring it to the school office, clearly named with pharmacy label attached. Make sure that the medication is in date. Inform the school office if your child has been medicated before school on any particular day. If your child is asthmatic please provide an up-to-date asthma plan, medication available at school and, if appropriate, a spacer.

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.

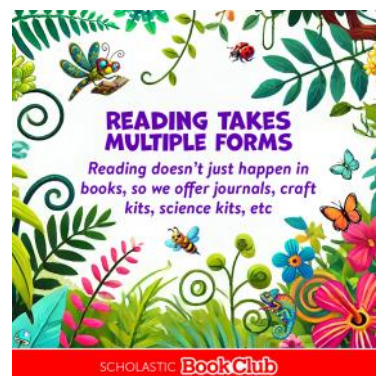


SCHOOL ARRIVAL TIMES

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.

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Dates for the Diary

- Saturday August 16th to Saturday August 23rd - Book Week
- Monday August 25th - Book Club Issue Six Orders Due
- 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



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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 15th

Foundation A (Hinton):

- Hugo C. - For working hard to put his best effort into learning tasks.
Jack W. - For great progress with reading his heart words.

Foundation B (Tonkin):

- Asher A. - For showing enthusiasm and a good attitude in everything he does.
Frankee R. - For showing confidence and perseverance during the gym program.

Grade 1 (Leed-Martiniello):

- Margot LaB. - For her excellent work researching a sea turtles for her Information Report.
Aarlo T. - For his excellent research work when researching Jellyfish for his Information report.

Grade 1/2 A (Carroll-Dillon):

- Elleanor G.-W. - For showing excellent research skills for her information report. Well Done!
Bobbey M.-S. - For showing excellent research skills for his information report. Well Done!

Grade 1/2 B (Ennor):

- Maci H. - For displaying excellent Smart Spelling Dictation skills.
Austen L. - For excellent work on researching his sea creature.

Grade 3/4 A (McKerrow):

- Skylah S. - For excellent work writing her fable.
Izaihaz Z. - For working well with Kath on writing his fable.

Grade 5/6 A (Price):

- Etha C.-B. - For his positive attitude and teamwork at school football.
Brianna S. - For her positive attitude towards tasks and setting to work quickly and sensibly.

Grade 5/6 B (Windridge-Lee):

- Seth B. - For his 'Have a Go' attitude at Gym.

LA TROBE SPORT HOLIDAY CAMPS

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MULTI-DAY PACKAGES AVAILABLE! REGISTER
FOR THE SPRING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS TODAY!

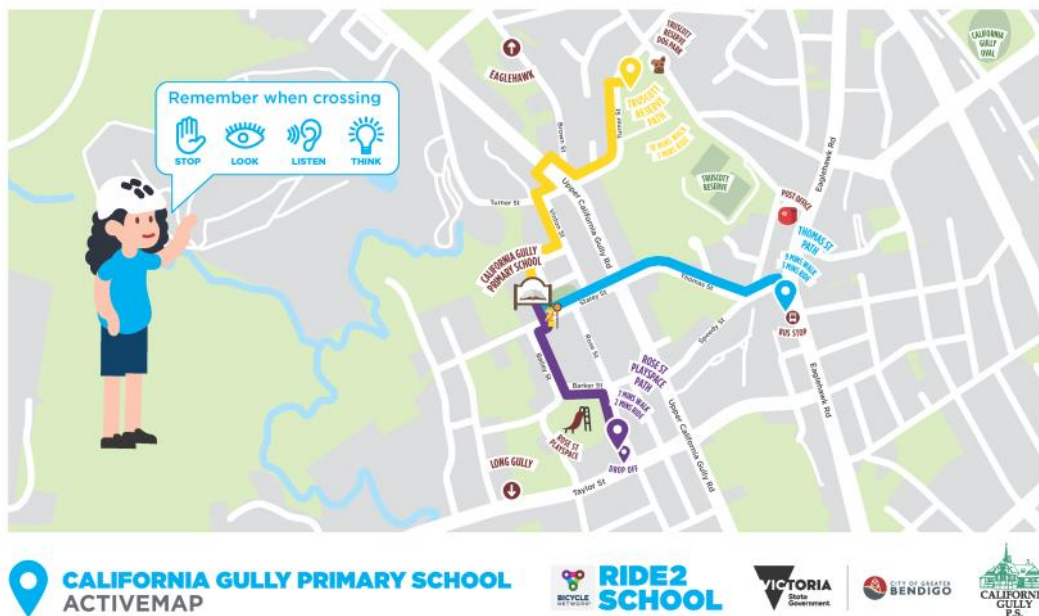
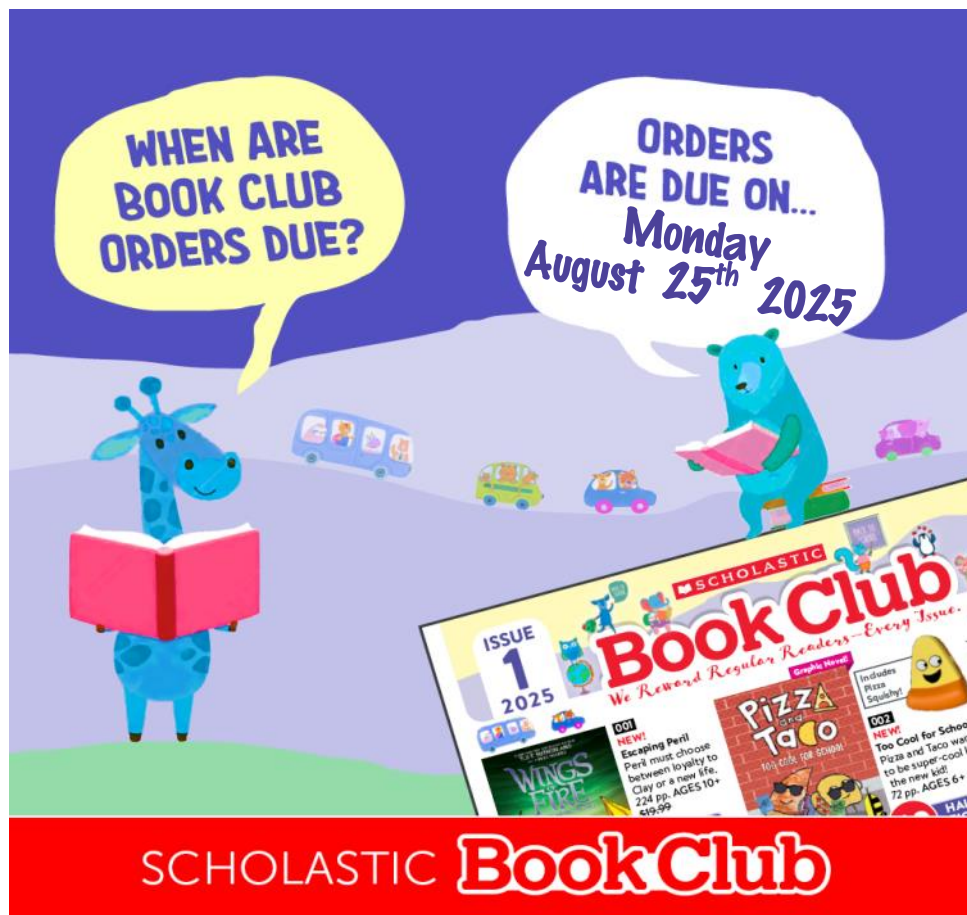
[Secure Your Tickets Now!](#)



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fresh fruit friday



Celebrating 10 years

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

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Made possible thanks to our Foundation Partners



Bendigo Community Health Services

smalltalk



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

VIC SCHOOLS MTB SERIES 2025

#ROUND 7- BENDIGO
SUNDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER

REGO
OPENING 25TH
AUGUST



Sunday 7th September
Bendigo MTB
Spring Gully Trails

VIC SCHOOLS MTB SERIES 2025

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 Schools 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.auscycling.org.au



Scan for more information on the series



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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

For parents with kids aged up to 12

When: Monday, 8 September

Time: 10.00am - 11:30am

Cost: FREE

Where: Kangaroo Flat Library

REGISTER HERE



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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





SUMMER JUNIOR NETBALL

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AGE GROUPS
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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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