

The Bell Topper

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Thursday August 28th 2025

THE 2025 PARENT, CAREGIVER AND GUARDIAN SURVEY

This survey will remain open until 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 on Thursday August 14th (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 an, if appropriate, a spacer.



FATHERS DAY STALL— CAN YOU HELP?

The Fathers Day Stall is next Thursday, September 4th, 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. Gifts will range in price from \$1.00 to \$5.00.

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



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Dates for the Diary

- **Tuesday September 2nd** - Grades One & Two Aquarium Excursion
- **Wednesday September 3rd** - Grades Three & Four 'Hope in Action' Excursion
- **Thursday September 4th** - Father's Day Stall
- **Tuesday September 9th** - Foundation Aquarium Excursion
- **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
- **Monday October 6th** - First Day of Term Three
- **Wednesday October 29th** - Bendigo Cup Day Public Holiday
- **Monday November 10th to Friday November 14th** - Swimming Program
- **Thursday November 20th** - Grades Five & Six BioLAB Excursion

LOST PROPERTY

We have a large number of jumpers in lost property at the moment, unfortunately many items are un-named so makes it very difficult to return to owners. The Lost Property Basket is located outside the community centre to provide an opportunity for children, parents and carers to collect any missing uniform. We also remind families to please name all lunch boxes, drink bottles and clothing worn to school.



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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 21st

Foundation A (Hinton):

Braxtyn R. - For showing perseverance and determination with Rampfest.
 Iylah Z. - For showing perseverance and determination when riding a bike at Rampfest.

Foundation B (Tonkin):

Aiyanah B.-B. - For showing confidence when riding a bike at Rampfest.

Grade 1 (Leed-Martiniello):

Austin L. - For never giving up when learning to ride a bike for the first time!
 Milani R. - For her perseverance during Rampfest and riding a bike for the first time.

Grade 1/2 A (Carroll-Dillon):

Tander F. - For excellent work in problem-solving in Maths sessions. Well Done!

Alilyah O. - For excellent contributions during Maths sessions. Well Done!

Grade 1/2 B (Ennor):

Haill B. - For doing a great job collecting information for his ocean report.

Lexi L. - For always working well in Math sessions.

Grade 3/4 B (Ryan):

Nate B. - For his positive attitude at gym.

Charliy J. - For her resilience during Rampfest.

Scarlett L. - For always doing her best and setting a great example for others.

Grade 5/6 A (Price):

Trent G. - For his attitude and thoughtful contributions at the Art Gallery.

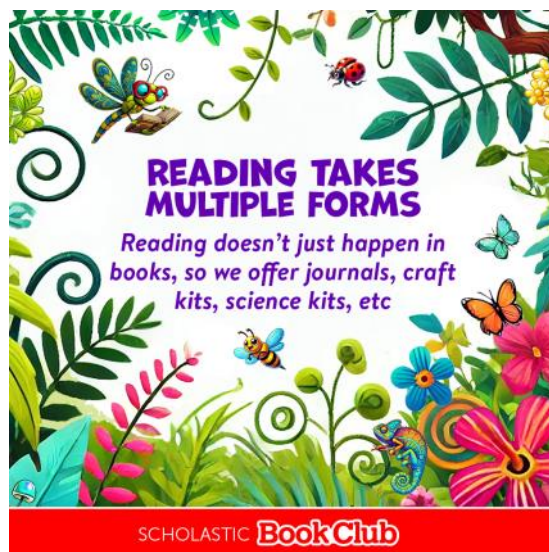
Pippa McK. - For being a respectful and helpful friend to her peers.

Jaidah S. - For her attitude and thoughtful questions at the Art Gallery.

Grade 5/6 B (Windridge-Lee):

John C. - For trying his best and participating in our gym sessions.

Zac G. - For displaying all our school values at our Passions and Pathways Roadshow day.



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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

AFL GRAND FINAL WEEK SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

Celebrate the lead up to the AFL Grand Final with us!

BENDIGO - MIXED

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	REGISTER
TUESDAY 23 RD SEPTEMBER	9AM-3PM	STRATHFIELDSAYE RECREATION RESERVE, TANNERY LANE	

BENDIGO - ALL GIRLS

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	REGISTER
TUESDAY 30 TH SEPTEMBER	9AM-3PM	WEEROONA OVAL, BENDIGO	

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- Auskick (ages 4-7) - learning AFL skills through fun activities
- Superkick (aged 8-12) - put your AFL skills into practice with modified match play
- Dancing, AFL trivia, competitions and FUN!
- \$55 per person which includes a football

YOUTH SOCIAL GROUP



TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS

3:30PM - 6:00PM

Social Youth group.

Activities include, Sports Days, Video Games, Arts n Crafts, Lego, Cooking and much more!!

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Bendigo Spirit's Membership Promo — Kids Go Free for children aged 5–14!

There are also significant savings across other membership options:

- Adult Full-Season Memberships: Starting from \$108
- Concessions (including students aged 14–18): From \$90

This means a family can attend all **9 home games** at **Red Energy Arena** for \$216 total — that's just \$24 per game. All members, including Free Child Members, will receive a membership pack.

LA TROBE SPORT HOLIDAY CAMPS

LA TROBE SPORTS CAMPS (AGES 6+)

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

[Secure Your Tickets Now!](#)



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VIC SCHOOLS MTB SERIES 2025

#ROUND 7- BENDIGO
SUNDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER

**REGO
OPENING 25TH
AUGUST**

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 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 16-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@auscycling.org.au



Scan for more information on the series



Sunday 7th September
Bendigo MTB
Spring Gully Trails





MULTISPORT *School Holiday Camp*




22 & 23 SEPTEMBER 2025
9:30AM - 3:00PM
5 - 15 years old

Try out basketball, netball, volleyball + more
with Bendigo's biggest athletes

REGISTER HERE






SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMP

DATE: 29 - 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

TIME: 10:00AM - 3:00PM

COST: \$80 (1DAY) \$150 (2 DAYS)



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