

# The Bell Topper

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Thursday August 31<sup>st</sup> 2023

### TEACHER AIDE APPRECIATION WEEK AUGUST 28<sup>th</sup> to SEPTEMBER 1<sup>st</sup>

Australian Teacher Aide Appreciation Week is this week and the perfect time to celebrate the wonderful work teacher aides do in schools. CGPS acknowledge, appreciate and recognise the positive impact teacher aides have on the lives of students, teachers and families within our community.



### FLU AND COMMON COLD AND COVID CHALLENGES

It is very clear that there are many illnesses within communities at present and they are impacting on the health of many. This is no different at CGPS with many classes having a number of students away each day. It is important to note that staffing both teachers and Education Support staff has been extremely challenging due to illness. We are working extremely hard to keep normal class structures and programs going at present although we are asking for your assistance - **if your child is unwell please keep them home and also make**

**contact with the school to inform.**

Illnesses such as the common cold, flu and COVID are easily transmittable, and we need healthy kids and teachers at school. We understand this is a difficult time although keeping everyone healthy is a priority at this point of the year.

### 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.

### 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. It is extremely important to have hats available at school before the end of term. The school needs to 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.



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## 2023 PARENT/CAREGIVER/GUARDIAN OPINION SURVEY WE WANT OUR PARENTS, CAREGIVERS & GUARDIANS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents / caregivers / guardians think of our school. The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education that is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behavior, and student engagement. The survey is optional but we encourage all families selected to participate. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

**An email was sent on Monday, August 7<sup>th</sup>,** to our randomly selected parents / caregivers / guardians to participate in this year's survey.

The Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey will be open from **Monday August 7<sup>th</sup> to Friday September 8<sup>th</sup> 2023.**

### Dates for the Diary

- **Friday September 8<sup>th</sup>** - Last Day for Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey submissions
- **Monday September 11<sup>th</sup>** - School Council Meeting
- **Tuesday September 12<sup>th</sup>** - D.A.S.H. Community Showcase
- **Friday September 15<sup>th</sup>** - Last Day of Term Three
- **Friday September 15<sup>th</sup>** - Colour Explosion Fun Run
- **Monday October 2<sup>nd</sup>** - First Day of Term Four
- **Thursday October 5<sup>th</sup>** - First Delivery Day of Walker's Doughnuts Fundraiser
- **Monday October 9<sup>th</sup>** - School Council Meeting
- **Thursday October 12<sup>th</sup>** - Delivery Day for Walker's Doughnuts Fundraiser
- **Thursday October 19<sup>th</sup>** - Delivery Day for Walker's Doughnuts Fundraiser
- **Thursday October 26<sup>th</sup>** - Final Delivery Day of Walker's Doughnuts Fundraiser

KIDS SHOWS WITH MARTIN HEPPELL  
TOURING VICTORIA SEPTEMBER 2023

THE  
**RESILIENCE PROJECT**

**3 HAPPY TRICKS**

FRANKSTON 16 SEPTEMBER	DANDENONG 22 SEPTEMBER	GEELONG 25 SEPTEMBER
WODONGA 20 SEPTEMBER	DAREBIN 23 SEPTEMBER	BENDIGO 26 SEPTEMBER
WANGARATTA 21 SEPTEMBER	BALLARAT 24 SEPTEMBER	SHEPPARTON 27 SEPTEMBER

TICKETS AT [LIVENATION.COM.AU](https://www.livenation.com.au) **LIVE NATION**

**Book Club rewards your School!**

Every purchase you make earns your child's school 15% of your order value in Scholastic Rewards that can be used to purchase valuable educational resources that benefit your child.

**SCHOLASTIC Book Club**

CLICK TO ENLARGE

**Y GAMES** 11 - 16 Year Olds

Peter Krenz Leisure Centre • Eaglehawk

**Wednesdays 4 - 5PM**

Basketball, Dodgeball, Indoor Soccer, Swimming and more!

FREE ENTRY - SUPERVISED BY YMCA STAFF  
Call 0448 753 936 for more info

PETER KRENZ

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# D-A-S-H

Dynamic . Active . Safe . Healthy



## Community Showcase

Join us to see the project ideas for positive change created by the Grade 5 & 6 students

**California Gully Primary School**  
4/14 Staley St, California Gully

**Tuesday 12th September**  
**2.15pm - 3.15pm**



Blue Light Victoria's  
D-A-S-H program received grant funding  
from the Australian Government.

An afternoon tea will be provided to  
celebrate the achievements of  
the DASH students

Our grade 5/6 students have been involved in the DASH program this term. It has been run by Ben Harper, from Blue Light Victoria, every Tuesday. We have learnt about community, values and our strengths. We have looked at issues we have identified in our local community and have had visits from emergency services personnel and Bendigo City Council.

We are working in groups on a project for our local community. We will present our ideas at the **DASH Showcase on Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 2.15.** (see above flyer). We will vote for our favourite project and one group will win **\$2,000** to assist them to implement their idea. You are invited to attend the showcase. Please email if you are planning to attend as it will assist us with catering for afternoon tea.

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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 25<sup>th</sup>

### Foundation Hinton:

Mirabella N. - For asking 'where' in class discussions.

### Foundation Tonkin:

Tander F. - For working hard on expanding his ideas in writing.

### Grade 1/2 Price:

Koby W. - For a great attitude in Mrs. Carroll's class.

### Grade 2/3 Carroll-Dillon:

Billie D. - For mastering the rock climbing wall at gym.

Eden G. - For always having a positive and enthusiastic attitude towards her learning. Well Done!

### Grade 3/4 Ennor:

Pippa A. - For being a caring and co-operative class member.

Elaina W. - For great work with our Cubes and Hoops Activity.

### Grade 3/4 Ryan:

Willow D'A. - For working hard on multiplication strategies.

Jaxon J. - For being an eager participant in Book Week activities.

Jakobe L. - For being an eager participant in Book Week activities.

### Grade 5/6 McKerrow:

Ruby G. - For excellent answers during writing lessons.

Sophie O. - For excellent work during writing lessons.



## Mini festival

& also our Annual General Meeting

SUPPER PROVIDED | LIVE ART & ENTERTAINMENT | FIRE TWIRLING  
 LICENSED VENUE | CONNECT WITH THE BURRA COMMUNITY

13 September - 6pm - Eaglehawk Football and Netball Club

[www.eaglehawkfestivals.com.au/2023-agm](http://www.eaglehawkfestivals.com.au/2023-agm)



WEDNESDAY 13 SEPTEMBER

6.00PM - 8.00PM

LA TROBE UNIVERSITY  
 EDWARDS ROAD, FLORA HILL

#### Facilitator:

- Rebecca Fry: Healthy Kids Advisor, Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Foundation

#### Panel:

- Sara Smilevska: Paediatric and Specialist Medicine Senior Clinical Dietitian and Lecturer Dietetics and Human Nutrition, La Trobe University.
- Dr Elise Hunkin: Senior Lecturer and Course Coordinator - Early Childhood, La Trobe University.
- Linto Thomas: Director Community Engagement, Regional Victorians of Colour, and parent of two young children.

**FREE EVENT. REFRESHMENTS INCLUDED.**

<https://engage.latrobe.edu.au/understanding-childrens-nutrition>



REGISTER HERE

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Get your Colour on, California Gully P.S is hosting a Colour Explosion Fun Run!

The Colour Explosion School Fun Run will be on 15/09/23 from 1:30pm to 2:15pm.

Not only are we hosting an awesome Colour Explosion Fun Run, Students can order up to a total of 5 prizes based on their donations received. They can even mix and match!

Students have received a sponsorship book with instructions on setting up their cybersafe, online fundraising profile at [www.australianfundraising.com.au](http://www.australianfundraising.com.au). This is an entirely online fundraiser, all cash donations must be converted to online donations to redeem your prizes.

#### Extra Incentives to Fundraise!

- ★ Online Golden Coins – complete fun online tasks to redeem an extra \$75 towards your prize credit.
- ★ Monty the Monstar's Bonus Prizes – achieve milestones to unlock Monty's bonus prizes.
- ★ \$10,000 JB HI FI Spending Spree for one organisation's highest fundraising student – it could be you!
- ★ Our school will win an extra \$5,000 if we have the highest average fundraised amount per student in 2023.
- ★ A Play Station 5 Gaming Bundle – see your child's sponsorship booklet for more!

Happy fundraising!

— Your Health Link —

## National Photographic Competition

HEALTHY LIFE HEALTHY YOU

FREE  
TO  
ENTER

Mid North Coast  
Local Health District

www.yourhealthlinkphotocomp.com.au

Primary and high school students are encouraged to grab their trusty camera or mobile phones/tablets to capture images that promote 'Healthy Life - Healthy You' for a chance to win a range of great prizes.

Schools are also the big winners with prizes that support healthy canteen programs.

Competition closes  
8 October 2023

Competition Partners

## envisage<sup>it</sup>

Enabling Visions and Growing Expectations

### Empowering Families.

Envisage is a **FULLY FUNDED** program open to parents and caregivers raising children aged 0-8 years with disability or developmental concerns.

This 5 part program has been co-designed with parents, carers, service providers, health professionals and researchers to empower families.

Each workshop is for 1 hour and it is also recommended that you spend additional time (approx 1 hour per week) preparing for the upcoming workshop reviewing the materials and resources on our learning platform. The 5 workshops cover:

- 1

What is health and well-being in early child and family development?
- 2

Child, sibling and family development
- 3

Parenting is a dance led by the children
- 4

Looking after myself so I can look after my family
- 5

Communication, Collaborating, Connecting

ENVISAGE Families Australia is funded by the Australian Government, Department of Social Services. Go to [dis.gov.au](http://dis.gov.au) for more information.

@envisagenetwork
 Envisage Australia
 @envisagecommunity



"Meeting and sharing experiences with other caregivers was enlightening and opened up my world as I know I'm no longer alone on my journey." - Parent, Victoria

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# FUN-RAISER!

DELECTABLE DOUGHNUTS

\$20 PER BOX / OCTOBER 5TH, 12TH, 19TH  
AND 26TH 2023



## CLASSIC SAMPLER

2 X JAM  
2 X NUTELLA  
1 X STRAWBERRY JAM  
1 X CHOCOLATE JAM



## CUSTARD SAMPLER

2 X CLASSIC CUSTARD  
2 X BRONUT  
1 X CHOCOLATE BOSTON CREAM  
1 X STAWBERRIES & CREAM

**\$5 FROM EACH BOX**  
**WILL BE DOUGH-NATED TO**  
**CALIFORNIA GULLY PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**HOW TO ORDER?**  
**SCAN THE QR CODE,**  
**COMPLETE THE FORM**  
**& PAY ONLINE**



**PICK UP THURSDAY OCTOBER 5TH, 12TH, 19TH AND 26TH 2023.**  
**SHED AT SCHOOL AT 3.00 P.M**

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**BUNJIL**

# NETBALL CLUB

Want to get back into Netball or keen to learn?  
**BUNJIL NETBALL CLUB WANTS YOU!**

Any Players wanting to play -  
**Gr3, 11U, 13U, 15U, 17U & Open age groups**

Contact AMANDA 0429 944 457



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# Bendigo

**CRICKET CLUB**



## JUNIOR REGISTRATIONS OPEN

The Bendigo Cricket Club welcome all returning and new players to register for the 2023/24 season via the PlayCricket website.



We invite all youngsters to join our club, where opportunities abound.

Bendigo CC players hail from varied & diverse backgrounds, & regardless of your experience or skill level, you will have a place with us.

Round up your mates and get on board with the Goers! Simply scan the QR code or click [HERE](#) to get started.



If you have any difficulty registering or want further info - email us at [bendigo@club.cricketvictoria.com.au](mailto:bendigo@club.cricketvictoria.com.au)

**CODECAMP**

## School holiday camps on sale now!



**NEW Minecraft Engineers**

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Book now at [codecamp.com.au/flyer](https://codecamp.com.au/flyer)

**SAVE \$25** Use coupon code **EARLY25** at checkout

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Term 4, 2023

Loddon Mallee Regional Parenting

# What's On In Term 4

All programs are delivered by our qualified and passionate facilitators.

## Multi-Session Programs

### Tuning in to Kids | 6 Sessions, Mondays

For parents and carers with kids under 12

Kids with emotional intelligence have better concentration, make friends more easily, and are better able to regulate emotions. In this program you'll learn to help your child understand and manage their feelings.

**FREE | Mondays, 16 October - 20 November**  
**In-person, CatholicCare Victoria Bendigo office | 10:30am - 12:30pm**



### Tuning in to Teens | 6 Sessions, Tuesdays

For parents with kids aged 12 plus

The adolescent years are among the most challenging for parents to navigate. This program helps parents build strong relationships and ensure positive interactions with their teenager, even in difficult times.

**FREE | Tuesdays, 17 October - 21 November**  
**Online, via Zoom | 10am - 12pm**



### Our Kids | 6 Sessions, Tuesdays & Thursdays

Post-separation program

This program explores how ongoing parental conflict affects children, how you can support your children through changing family relationships as well as how to develop effective communication with your co-parent.

**\$150 (\$75 Concession)**  
**- Online Zoom | Tuesdays, 17 October - 21 November | 6pm - 8pm**  
**- In-person, CatholicCare Victoria Bendigo office | Thursdays, 12 October - 16 November | 12:30pm - 2:30pm**



Register: [www.catholiccarevic.org.au/register](http://www.catholiccarevic.org.au/register)

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Term 4, 2023

Loddon Mallee Regional Parenting

## Single-Session Workshops

### Building Resilience in Kids

For parents with kids aged under 12

Resilience is not just about managing current stresses, but also developing skills for dealing with challenges throughout life and enhancing mental health. In this workshop, parents learn how to help kids develop skills, habits and attitudes for building resilience.

**FREE | Tuesday, 3 October**

**In-person, Korong Leisure Centre @ Wedderburn P-12 College**  
**9:30am - 11:00am**



### Kids and Worry

For parents with kids aged under 12

This workshop explores reasons why children worry and ways parents and carers can support them. It will include ideas and practical tools to help parents and carers assist children to manage their worries.

**FREE | Thursday, 2 November**

**Online, via Zoom | 12:00pm - 1:30pm**



### Tech Strategies for Families

For parents with kids aged 0-8 years

Parenting in a world driven by technology presents a set of challenges for parents, guardians, grandparents and carers. Tech is a part of our reality, but setting boundaries around its use is not always easy.

**FREE | Thursday, 16 November**

**Online, via Zoom | 9:30am - 11:00am**



Register: [www.catholiccarevic.org.au/register](http://www.catholiccarevic.org.au/register)

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## The Value of Reading

**Children who have access to books at home do better in school.** Having books in the home is more important than parents' education levels as a marker for success in school.

**Independent choice is key to keeping children engaged in reading.** Children are more likely to read and finish books if they pick the books themselves.

**The simple pleasure of reading** can have a powerful impact on the mental, social and emotional health of children.

**SCHOLASTIC BookClub**



**centavic**  
CLOTHING

**2/1 Whip Court, Long Gully  
California Gully Primary School**

Dpt.	Garment	Kids Sizing	Adults Sizing
1	Teal/Ink Navy/White Short Sleeve Polo	\$28.60	\$30.80
2	Teal/Ink Navy/White Long Sleeve Polo	\$32.30	\$34.10
6	Ink Navy Rugby Top	\$35.20	\$36.85
4	Ink Navy 1/2 Zip Polar Fleece Jumper	\$36.30	\$39.60
5	Navy Hooded Windcheater	\$35.20	\$36.85
7	Ink Navy Double Knee Hemmed Track Pants	\$24.20	\$27.50
13	Navy Bucket Hat	\$14.30	
13	Navy Broadbrim Hat	\$12.10	

Our School Uniform supplier, Centavic Clothing, are pleased to now 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 COVID-19 capacity limits we will be prioritising those with appointments when needed. This booking system can also be found on our website.

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# FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY

Benefiting the health  
and wellbeing of our  
Bendigo school children



**FREE CHILD TICKET**

**CODE:  
BRAVES-091**

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