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The Bell Topper
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Thursday August 4th 2016

Calendar
Monday August 8th
School Council Meeting

Thursday August 11th
School Photo Day

Monday August 29th
Curriculum Day

Thursday September 1st
Fathers’ Day Stall

Friday September 2nd
Fathers’ Day Breakfast (TBC)

Saturday September 3rd
Triva Night

Every Tuesday and Friday
8.30 a.m. - 8.55 a.m.
Library Open for borrowing
and returning books and quiet
reading

Every Wednesday 9.30 a.m.
- 11.30 a.m.
Playgroup

Every Friday 8.00 a.m.
- 8.20 a.m.
Breakfast Program

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MISSION
At California Gully Primary School we educate students to be lifelong learners and well-informed and productive community members who are well prepared to become active, engaged and responsible citizens of the local and global community.

IMPORTANT REMINDER
• Parents’ Club Supplied BBQ for all Children and Staff - Friday August 5th
• Parents’ Club Lunch Order Day - Wednesday August 10th
• School Photo Day - Thursday August 11th
• Curriculum Day - Monday August 29th
• Triva Night - Saturday September 3rd

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

MISSING BIKE
A bike was left in the bike rack last Friday and over the weekend went missing. If anyone has seen the bike could they contact the school and talk to Mr Lee. The bike looks very similar to the one below.

TRANSITION TO EAGLEHAWK SECONDARY COLLEGE
The school will soon be making decisions on possible groupings for the grade six students attending Eaglehawk Secondary College next year. If you have questions or concerns about the placement of your child please make a time to come and speak with Mrs. Windridge or Mr. Mac.

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PRINCIPALS AS LITERACY LEADERS

Last Thursday I attended a professional development day in Melbourne (my third for the year and now one to go) which focused on literacy and how as a school leader I can continue to make a positive impact on the literacy outcomes for our students. The literacy focus is Reading and the information presented by the lectures reinforces the need for a sound assessment schedule that will identify the needs of the children which we can then build upon. Once we understand the needs of our students we need to have a balanced reading program that incorporates oral language, vocabulary, letter-sound identification, phonological awareness, and comprehension and fluency development. I look forward to continuing to work with the teachers in this area and together making a difference for our students.

TRIVIA NIGHT - REMINDER

School Council will be running its Trivia night on Saturday September 3rd. This is one of school council’s major fundraisers for the year. I urge you to keep this date free and organise a table for the evening. It is always a very entertaining evening!

Apart from attending on the night I also seek your assistance with prizes. We have a major prize for the eventual winner but also smaller prizes for our silent auction. If you own your own business or know someone who does and can possibly donate a prize small or large please speak to Nicole in the office, Natasha Fullerton (School Council President) or me. We have official letters that can be passed onto businesses. All businesses will be recognised on the night and via other social media outlets, such as our Facebook Page and webpage.

To book a table or just to indicate your attendance and to be placed on a table please speak to Nicole at the office.

Key reminders

PREP ENROLMENTS 2017

Parents are reminded that children commencing school in 2017 should now be enrolling their child. This will ensure your child can participate in our school’s transition program and be visited in their pre-school setting by our Prep/Transition teacher during Terms 3 and 4. You can obtain an enrolment form from the school office.

When enrolling your child, you will need to provide with the enrolment form:
1. A copy of the birth certificate (we can make copies of originals if necessary) and
2. A school entry immunisation certificate obtained from The Australian Childhood Immunisation Register (ACIR). Phone: 1800653809. Having a reasonable idea of our Prep numbers at this stage of the year helps immensely. Please pass this message onto any parents outside of our school community who are intending to enrol their children here next year.

CURRICULUM DAY - EARLY REMINDER

On Monday 29th August all teachers will be attending a literacy professional development day. Children are not required at school on this day.

School Calendar

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PARENTS CLUB NEWS

Principals’ Day Lunch
Friday, August 5th is Principals’ Day; to celebrate Parents’ Club are providing a BBQ lunch for all students and teachers.

Fathers’ Day Stall
The Fathers’ Day stall will be Thursday September 1st. Parents’ Club have purchased enough gifts for the children to purchase a gift for Dad or Specials Person. But if you would like to donate something to make our stall bigger and better your are more than welcome to. Some gift ideas that always go down a treat are wrapped lollies or chocolate, mugs and socks.

Parents’ Club Meeting
The next meeting of the Parents’ Club will be in the conference room after assembly tomorrow, Friday August 19th. New members are welcome.

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

Lunch Orders
The next two lunch order days have been scheduled for Wednesday August 10th and Wednesday August 24th. On Wednesday August 10th hot dogs will be on the menu and on Wednesday August 24th dim sims and ham wraps will be on the menu. Order forms will be sent home soon for both these days.
Thank you for your support.
Parents’ Club
This year we will again celebrate 100 days of Maths. Each week in the newsletter we will have a focus on Maths. Here is a puzzle page for all the family. Level 1 and 2 are generally for younger students, but you can do whatever levels you wish. Children may complete them on their own or they may need some assistance. We hope you enjoy them. Bring in your neat answers and we will display them on the Maths Board in the undercover area. It would be great to see some work up on display each week!
Congratulations to the following students on being named Student of The Week for their positive attitude to school and social values.

Friday July 29th

1/2 Peacock-Hinton:
- Tyler K.-S - For neat handwriting in his holidays workbook.
- Carmella S. - For careful counting forwards and backwards when solving simple equations.

3/4 Ennor:
- Oscar G. - For being an enthusiastic learner with a positive attitude.
- Charlotte L. - For persevering in Bike Ed and for riding unassisted.
- Lachlan W. - For using the correct mathematics and literacy language.

3/4 Reilly-Carroll:
- Jesse B. - For working sensational this week and ‘tuning’ back into learning after his holidays!
- Taylah B. - For always trying her best in all tasks and showing respect to others.

5/6 Windridge:
- Tom B. - For completing the Premiers’ Reading Challenge.
- Myan P. - For excellent writing of descriptions and complex sentences.
- Taylor T. - For excellent work on complex sentences.

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GREAT TIPS FOR HEALTHY KIDS

TIP 41. EATING TOGETHER MAKES SENSE

Whatever the style of your family, it makes good sense to eat together at the table as often as you can. It is a good opportunity to spend time with each other. By eating nutritious family meals, kids develop healthy eating habits, and they benefit from eating in a nurturing environment. It’s also a chance for them to learn good table manners.

What you can do NOW

♦ Turn the TV off during mealtimes.
♦ Introduce new foods to everyone in the family.
♦ Expect help with clearing the table and cleaning up.

Good Idea!

Most families are very busy these days, with family members rushing off in all directions. If it’s too difficult to meet for meals, choose just one mealtime in the week to eat together, such as Sunday lunch or dinner.

Top Tip

 Invite your child to come up with a menu for a family meal, then help with the shopping and the preparation.

8 WAYS TO GET KIDS TO EAT A VARIED DIET

1. **Enjoy a variety of foods.** Serve up a variety of healthy foods each day. These include fruit and vegetables, legumes (such as dried peas, beans and lentils), wholegrain cereals, low fat dairy, lean meat, fish and skinless chicken. Low fat or skim milks are not suitable for children under two years of age. However, for children over two years, low fat milk is recommended.

2. **Shop healthy.** If you haven’t got a healthy variety in your kitchen pantry or cupboard, you can’t put it on the table. Try avoid having “sometimes” foods such as confectionary in the cupboard as children will then see them as “everyday” foods.

3. **Go for quality, not quantity.** Children serves may be small. It all depends on their age and appetite. Variety is the important ingredient.

4. **Stick to three meals and two snacks every day.** Growing children need to be fed regularly and often.

5. **Begin their day with a healthy breakfast.** It improves concentration, assists learning and builds stamina.

6. **Give your children choices.** Offer kids a few healthy choices. For instance, ask if they want an apricot or a plum, beans or broccoli, an egg or tuna sandwich.

7. **Lunch boxes that go crunch.** Skip the chips. Fruits and vegetables make a great snack or lunch box addition. Try corn on the cob, carrots, small Lebanese cucumbers, green beans, cherry tomatoes, celery, stone fruit, grapes or berries.

8. **Frozen fruits.** Frozen fruits are great for snacks or dessert. Try frozen grapes, bananas, mango wedges or even dried fruit like sultanas.

Source: www.goforyourlife.vic.gov.au
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Thanks to Empowering Eaglehawk, The Eaglehawk Football 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 continues tomorrow, Friday August 5th 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 to start the day!
California Gully Walk and Ride to School – July 21
Can we improve our walking and riding numbers?

MSP Photography
School photography made simple

Your photo day: Thursday August 11th 2016

Parents, please remember...
On photo day, please send your child to school with:
1. A completed envelope (even if not placing an order or ordering online)
   NB: Family envelopes can be picked up from the office before photo day
2. Best school clothes (clean is always best!)
3. Their best smile!

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Digital Citizenship

Grades 3-6 have been learning what it means to be a Digital Citizen in ICT. Digital citizenship is about confident and positive engagement with digital technology.

A digital citizen is a person with the skills and knowledge to effectively use digital technologies to participate in society, communicate with others and create and consume digital content. This really means that we are learning to be safe and responsible online.

The three core principles that digital citizens should practice are: Engage Positively, Choose Consciously and Know Your Online World (from the office of the Children’s eSafety Commissioner)

Grades 5-6 have been making posters to promote these principles both in our school and in the wider school community.

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Session dates and activities:

August 10th  To Be Confirmed

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FUN . FITNESS . FRIENDS

JUNIORS SQUASH AT BENDIGO SQUASH CLUB
Our junior comp is led by our friendly, cat to all skill levels, registered coaches and is designed for:
- Fun and friendly atmosphere
- Children between the ages 11 and 17
- Long term social bonds created
- Safe environment

FREE PROTECTIVE EYEWEAR FOR EACH NEW JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP

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California Gully Primary School
Learning Club
We are happy to announce the return of Learning Club in Term 3

There are 8 very excited student teachers from La Trobe University planning some very electrifying lessons

The first session will be on

**Tuesday 26th July**

and will run for 8 or 9 weeks

The Learning Club has fun, interactive activities and games to improve literacy and numeracy skills and develop confidence.

All sessions are fully supervised.

Light refreshments are provided.

If interested in participating, please complete a Registration Form at the School Reception desk.

The Learning Club is proudly supported by The Smith Family & La Trobe University.

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