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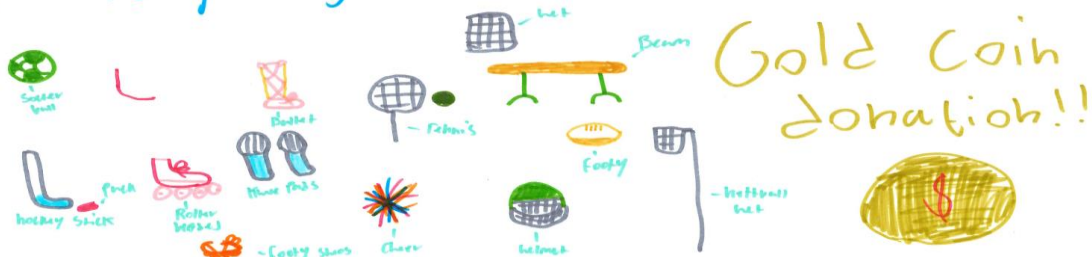
Thursday August 6th, 2026

Hobby Day - Friday 14th August

Raising money for jirrahlinga

Wild Life Sanctuary

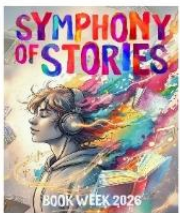
Dress as your hobby/sport and more.....



HOBBY DAY – FRIDAY AUGUST 14th

JSC are asking students to come dressed as something linked to a favourite hobby and donate a gold coin donation if you can. All money raised will be donated to Jirrahlinga Wildlife Sanctuary in Chewton.

BOOK WEEK AND PARADE (WEDNESDAY AUGUST 26th)



The theme for the 2026 Children's Book Week, which runs from August 22nd to 28th, is 'Symphony of Stories', encouraging young readers to explore new worlds through books.

We will celebrate across the week, with the all-important Book Parade (weather permitting) taking place on Wednesday August 26th at 9:00 am.

SUN SMART - 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. It is extremely important to have hats available at school from mid-August. 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 always be followed. Hats can be purchased from www.equalthreads.org.au , 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.

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ILLNESS

Unfortunately, we have continued to see high levels of illness following the school holidays, with many students, staff and families reporting a range of illnesses. These continue to impact the health of our school community.

If your child is unwell, please keep them at home and notify the school of their absence.

Illnesses such as the common cold, influenza and COVID-19 spread easily, and we need healthy students and staff at school. Keeping everyone healthy remains a priority.



AEU – STOP WORK SCHEDULED (WEDNESDAY AUGUST 19th)

As an agreement between the state government and AEU members is not yet in place and the dispute remains unresolved, AEU members at CGPS may be stopping work again for 24 hours on Wednesday August 19th, 2026. We will provide further communication next week on the impact for CGPS students on this day. Thank you for your understanding.

RE: NATIONALLY CONSISTENT COLLECTION OF DATA ON SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY (NCCD)

Every year, all schools in Australia participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (NCCD). The NCCD process requires schools to identify information already available in the school about supports provided to students with disability. These relate to legislative requirements under the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* and the Disability Standards for Education 2005, in line with the *NCCD guidelines* (2019).

Information provided about students to the Australian Government for the NCCD includes:

- year of schooling
- category of disability: physical, cognitive, sensory or social/emotional
- level of adjustment provided: support provided within quality differentiated teaching practice, supplementary, substantial or extensive.

This information assists schools to:

- formally recognise the supports and adjustments provided to students with disability in schools
- consider how they can strengthen the support of students with disability in schools
- develop shared practices so that they can review their learning programs in order to improve educational outcomes for students with disability.

The NCCD provides state and federal governments with the information they need to plan more broadly for the support of students with disability.

The NCCD will have no direct impact on your child and your child will not be involved in any testing process. The school will provide data to the Australian Government in such a way that no individual student will be able to be identified – the privacy and confidentiality of all students is ensured. All information is protected by privacy laws that regulate the collection, storage and disclosure of personal information. To find out more about these matters, please refer to the [Australian Government's Privacy Policy](https://www.education.gov.au/privacy-policy) (<https://www.education.gov.au/privacy-policy>).

Further information about the NCCD can be found on the [NCCD Portal](https://www.nccd.edu.au) (<https://www.nccd.edu.au>).

If you have any questions about the NCCD, please contact the school.

Andrew Frawley
CGPS Principal

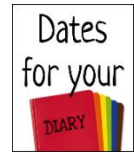
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Dates for the Diary

- **Tuesday August 11th** - Year Seven 2027 Acceptance Forms Due Back to the School Office.
- **Thursday August 13th** - Gym Program
- **Thursday August 20th** - Passions and Pathways Session Two – Grades Five and Six
- **Saturday August 22nd to Friday August 28th** - Book Week
- **Wednesday August 26th** - Book Week Parade at 9.00 a.m.
- **Friday September 11th** - Passions and Pathways Session Three – Grades Five and Six
- **Friday September 18th** - Last Day of Term Three



HEALTH ALERT – HAND, FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE

We have had a reported case of Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease.

Hand, foot and mouth disease is a common, contagious viral illness that mainly causes fever, painful mouth sores, and a blister-like rash on the hands and feet. It mostly affects young children under 10 and typically clears up on its own within 7 to 10 days.

Signs and Symptoms

- **Fever and tiredness** start first, 3 to 7 days after catching the virus.
- **Sore mouth and throat** with small red spots that turn into painful blisters inside the mouth, sides of the tongue, and gums.
- **Skin rash** with small blisters or red bumps appearing on the palms of the hands, soles of the feet, and sometimes the nappy area.

Treatment and Care

- **Pain relief** using paracetamol or ibuprofen to lower fever and ease discomfort (do not give aspirin).
- **Fluids** are very important; offer plenty of water or cold foods like smoothies and icy poles to help soothe sore mouths.
- **Let blisters heal** naturally without popping them.

Prevention and Spreading

- **Highly contagious** through saliva, fluid from blisters, coughs, sneezes, and poo.
- **Wash hands** often with soap and water, and clean contaminated toys or surfaces.
- **Keep children home** from school or childcare until all fluid in the blisters has completely dried up.

SCHOOL ARRIVAL TIMES AND EARLY COLLECTION

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. *Before School Care is available if dropping off children before 8.40 a.m. Enrolment details are found later in the newsletter.*

Late Arrival: If your child is late arriving at school (any time after 9 a.m.) they must sign in at the office prior to going to the classroom.

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Early Collection: If your child needs to be collected early from school, please do not go to the classroom to collect your child. All children must be collected from the office. If you would like to collect your child early from school, please let the office and your child's classroom teacher know at least 30 minutes prior to collection, but preferably before the start of the school day. To support Child Safe and OHS procedures, we ask that everyone respects this request. Thank you for your care and understanding.



California Gully Primary School – School Uniform

Our school uniform supplier, State Schools Relief (SSR), has rebranded its online store to Equal Threads which will continue to provide quality, affordable uniforms while supporting students across Victoria.

There's nothing you need to do. Our school uniform range, ordering process and service all remain the same. Families can continue to easily find and purchase items using the familiar 'Shop by School' option on the new website.

Every purchase made through Equal Threads helps support students experiencing disadvantage with the essentials they need to feel confident, included, and ready to learn.

Visit the new website at

<https://www.equalthreads.org.au/collections/california-gully-ps>



**Gratitude
Empathy
Mindfulness &
Emotional Literacy**



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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 July 31st

Grade 1/2 A (Carroll-Dillon):

- Evie S.-C. - For great work with fractions. Well Done!
- Evelyn Y. - For writing a well planned story. Well Done!

Grade 1/2 B (Ennor):

- Mason R. - For having a fantastic week.

Grade 1/C (Leed):

- Charlie C. - For being a kind and supportive class member.
- Braxtyn R. - For being a terrific classroom helper this week.

Grade 3/4 B (Ryan):

- Mirabella N. - For her hard work representing 2D shapes on maps.
- Eli S. - For always showing empathy and being a great friend.



Looking towards 2027 Term 1

PROPS THEATRE

@propstheatre @f

Stage One for 5 - 8 years
Stage Two for 9 - 12 years

LOCATION
82A Mitchell Street Studio
www.propstheatre.com.au
Enrolments OPEN

SCAN ME

Every Day Counts.
Attending school every day means
experiencing what counts - the learning,
friendships, fun and opportunities that
can shape their future.

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Be a part of the

SYMPHONY OF STORIES

nab AFL Auskick
4-7 YEAR OLDS*
Your introduction into Australian football centred around game-based activities kids love.

AFL Superkick
7-12 YEAR OLDS
Designed for any child to give it a go, with a focus on skill development and learning how to play the game.

*Kids can join NAB AFL Auskick if they are turning 5 in the calendar year (before 30th June in WA)

BENDIGO ALL GIRLS AUSKICK AND SUPERKICK CENTRE

WEEROONA OVAL, BENDIGO

STARTING AUGUST 25TH

TUESDAYS 4:15PM - 5:15PM

Register to go in the draw to win a Richmond AFLW Guernsey!

AUSKICK

SUPERKICK

Are you supporting a family member or friend with disability, mental illness, age or health issues? Even if it's just for a few hours every week, you could be a **young carer. This may look like....**

- Going with them to appointments or helping with medication
- Cleaning the house or helping with other chores
- Providing emotional support when someone feels sad
- Taking care of younger siblings

Being a young carer might feel lonely. But you're not alone.

Carer Gateway has **free support** for **young carers** aged 25 and under.

Scan to learn more

Carer Gateway may support you with things like help at home, young carer social events, counselling or study help.

Free support, call now!
1800 422 737
carergateway.gov.au



Bendigo Community Health Services

smalltalk
Learning your kids a great start

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

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EARLY HELP FAMILY SERVICES

Early Help Family Services is here to support you and your family in your community and be available where you live, work, learn and play.

Early Help is available to parents/caregivers and families with children from birth to 18 years.

Early Help can provide;

- Individual support for families and caregivers
- Safe and confidential parenting groups
- Connection to peer support groups
- Support, information and referrals to help with parenting, child/adolescent behaviour, housing, family problems, mental health and disability

**"GETTING THE RIGHT SUPPORT EARLY
CAN MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE"**

Want to know more? Please speak with your Early Help Family Worker or speak with a school staff member who can refer you to the Early Help Family worker.

Early Help Family Worker

Imogyn O'Neill

Contact

0417 189 640

Email

Imogyn.oneill@anglicarevic.org.au

Location

Bendigo

Anglicare Victoria, Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency (VACCA) and Tweddle Child and Family Health Service deliver Early Help to families in the West Melbourne area.



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Up to
90%
of Child Care costs
can be covered
by Child Care
Subsidy!

Enrolments Now Open!

Enrolments are now open for families to enrol.

Enrolments are completed online at
www.theircare.com.au and usually
takes approx. 15 to 20 minutes to
complete.

See FAQs on our website
theircare.com.au/families

Exciting News: OSHC Partnership with TheirCare

We're thrilled to announce a brand-new partnership with **TheirCare**, a leading independent provider of Outside of School Hours Care (OSHC)! Starting July 2026, TheirCare will be joining our school community to deliver exceptional care and unforgettable experiences for our students.

What does this mean for our families?

- **Safe & Supportive:** TheirCare creates a welcoming environment where every child feels valued and secure.
- **Fun & Engaging:** Kids will enjoy a variety of play-based learning programs designed to spark creativity, build friendships, and develop essential life skills.
- **Inclusive & Inspiring:** Every child is encouraged to explore, discover, and grow—together!

As well as offering After School Care, they are also offering Before School Care.

Want to learn more?

Visit www.theircare.com.au or call TheirCare's friendly support team on **1300 072 410**, alternatively you can email Angela.Waters@education.vic.gov.au.



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TheirCare
Where Kids Love to be!

California Gully Primary School

Social, enjoyable & fun experiences for children

Develop creativity, life skills & confidence through play

Qualified, caring & engaged staff

Exciting & thoughtfully developed programs

Healthy & Yummy food provided each day

Bookings now open!

	Monday - Friday Hours of Operation	Fee before Child Care Subsidy*	Out-of-pocket fee after Child Care Subsidy**
Before School Care (BSC)	8:00 AM TO 8:30 AM	\$25.00	\$0.00
After School Care (ASC)	3:00 PM TO 6:00 PM	\$25.00	\$0.00
Half Day Program	9:00 AM TO 4:00 PM	\$65.00	\$0.00
Holiday Program	7:30 AM TO 4:00 PM	\$80.00	\$0.00

*Standard fee rates before Child Care Subsidy (CCS) based on fees charged for Child Care Subsidy (CCS) based on fees charged for Child Care Subsidy (CCS) based on fees charged for Child Care Subsidy (CCS)

Cancellation Fee
(No Child Care Subsidy applied to Cancellation Fee)
BSC/ASC within 48 hours of session start time: \$5.00
Holiday Program within 5 days of session start time: \$10.00
Same day cancellation fee is out-of-pocket session fee

Late Booking Fee
(Child Care Subsidy is applied to Late Booking Fee)
BSC/ASC within 48 hours of session start time: \$5.00
Holiday Program: book less than 5 days from the session start time fee is \$10.00

Late Pick-up Fee
(Child Care Subsidy does not apply to Late Pick-up Fee)
\$1 per minute after service close time.

To register visit theircare.com.au

Book Now

Save up to 90% with child care subsidy

Service phone number: 0478 834 327

Your service Coordinator will be available during session times.

TheirCare support team is available between 6.30am - 9pm weekdays (Eastern Standard Time) on 1300 072 410 or info@theircare.com.au

Immune Deficiencies Foundation Australia proudly presents 2026 CIRCUS QUIRKUS

Circus Quirkus is a one-hour, animal-free, contemporary take on your favourite, traditional circuses of ages past, with an eclectic and entertaining mix of Circus acts from all over the world.

Enjoy a relaxed theatre experience with a casual attitude toward audience noise and movement in an accessible, inclusive environment where everyone is welcome and free to be themselves without restriction or judgement.

One hour show. Suitable for all ages and accessible for people...

- with diverse abilities and backgrounds (wheelchair accessible)
- who might require a more flexible and inclusive environment when attending the theatre (sensory and neurodiverse friendly).
- who are facing hardship.
- who are without access or opportunity to attend live theatre.

*Featuring moving and flashing lights, and upbeat, sometimes dramatic music.



Scan the QR Code to visit the shows website and watch highlights from previous shows...

ALL TICKETS ARE COMPLIMENTARY, including parent, sibling and carer tickets. Thanks to sponsorship from local businesses.

*Bookings from schools, organisations, carers and families are all welcome.

BENDIGO STADIUM (RED ENERGY ARENA) 91 Inglis Street, West Bendigo, VIC	
SHOW DATE	SHOWTIME
SATURDAY, 8 TH AUGUST 2026	11.00 AM to 12.00 PM

To book your complimentary tickets, please email your name and the number of tickets required to...

meredithnewman@showintent.com.au

or call / text 0404-367-782



THE SALVATION ARMY
Eaglehawk
51 Church Street, Eaglehawk

Free Children's Music
Program Ages 8—13

Come and learn to play a brass instrument
from 30 April 3:45 — 5pm,
Each Thursday during school terms

Contact: 5446 8135 press 1 and leave a message

Afternoon tea will be provided each week.

In partnership with



Artistic Cat
FANTASTIC ONLINE ART CLASSES

Brilliant artists and instructors take the classes in real-time on Zoom.

- Easy to organise - we make it simple for you.
- The kids produce amazing work and are really proud of their art!
- All age groups covered!
- Super affordable
- To see the activities planned for the classes click visit our website. www.artisticcat.com.au There are some amazing art ideas planned!

FIRST CLASS FREE!

Just \$18 a class after the free trial (exc GST)
The full price varies depending on the number of classes in the term.

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BOOK NOW!**

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