FROM THE PRINCIPAL

PARENT OPINION SURVEY

Thank you to the parents who have been able to complete the Parent Opinion Survey. We are forwarding the surveys to the DEECD tomorrow (Friday 8th August). If you have completed the survey but still have it at home, it’s not too late! Send it in first thing tomorrow morning and it will become part of the bigger picture of our school’s performance based on the perceptions of our parent community.

STAFF OPINION SURVEY

The school staff earlier in the year completed a survey looking at the many aspects of our programs and procedures. Areas of focus included how teachers work together, our expectations around student achievement, the collective responsibility we have to ensure student success, the activities we run to promote student learning and how well organised and delivered is the school curriculum. The results were quite pleasing with our staff very positive about our school climate, to the degree across all areas addressed in the school survey we are above the state primary school average. This is an acknowledgement of policies and procedures put in place over a period of time to ensure our school operates effectively with our students at the forefront of our thinking.

As importantly it is an acknowledgement by the staff they feel that what they are doing on a day to day basis is undertaken in a supportive and collaborative environment that centres on making a difference for our students and on a broader scale our school community.

SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

From time to time parents and carers have questions or concerns which require clarification through discussions with the classroom teachers. A problem can arise sometimes if you attempt to catch a teacher at the start of the day and they are busily preparing for the morning/day program. A parent may have a perception their concern is not being taken seriously however this is not the case. All concerns are taken seriously however the teacher may be busily listening to children read, preparing work for the day, discussing aspects of the their program with other teachers, dealing with money being handed in by children, the list goes on. All teachers believe that it is vitally important to allay any concerns and clarify any situations for the benefit of everyone. For this to occur successfully it generally requires time without distractions and interruptions. For this reason I would advise contacting the classroom teacher at the earliest convenience and organising a meeting time that is agreeable for everyone. If the matter is urgent please speak to me as I will most likely be available at times when classroom teachers are not. Clear and effective communication is essential across our school community.
SCHOOL COUNCIL - PARENT VACANCY
We still have a parent vacancy on school council if you have an interest in assisting with policy development, promoting the school to the broader community and assisting with school fundraising please speak to me.

Jason Lee
Principal

SCHOOL CALENDAR

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A.S.C.K.
After School Care by Kathryn

Hi it’s me Kathryn sorry I wasn’t giving you information about A.S.C.K I forgot. Today (Thursday July 31st) in A.S.C.K we played some games. We all went outside I’ll show you some pictures of the game we played and us on the playground next week. We had LOTS of kids from Eaglehawk North (E.H.N). We all had lots of fun and even Mrs Paton played the games with us!

Kathryn G.

School Assembly starts at 8.55 a.m. Please be on time!
The 2014 Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge is underway and it has been great to see such a great start by a number of students. The challenge will conclude on the 12th of September 2014. **Please discuss with your child/children their progress with the challenge and assist in updating their list of books.**

Families with internet access are strongly encouraged to support the school by assisting students to register reading at home with their netbooks. Children have been provided with usernames and passwords to log in. **It is important to enter books regularly so that it does not become a huge task and the end of the checklist.** Please only enter books that are finished, not those being started or that are underway.

Further information on the challenge is available at the Challenge Website: [www.education.vic.gov/prc](http://www.education.vic.gov/prc)

Books from the Premiers’ Reading Challenge are available to borrow from both classrooms and the library. These lists will be verified by teachers at the completion of that challenge. **Don’t stop** at the end of the checklist, we are looking to reward dedicated Premiers’ Reading Challenge participants with **special certificates** for reaching reading goals after the checklist has been completed. Some examples are on display on the hallway near the office. Awards will be given to readers who achieve the following fantastic reading milestones:

- **25 Books (Grades 3 – 6)**
- 50 books
- **75 Books**
- 100 Books

Certificates will be awarded at assemblies. Mr Lee and Mrs Ryan will be looking for some special prize winners at the completion of the challenge.

Happy reading!
Mrs Ryan and Mr Lee
HEALTHY LIVING

GREAT TIPS FOR HEALTHY KIDS

TIP 18. TURNING OFF THE TV TURNS KIDS ON TO LIFE

Turning off the TV will meet with howls of protest from your kids, but it won’t be so bad if you offer fun alternatives. You can explain to your kids that when they watch TV shows, they are often watching other people’s lives and living through them. Even when kids watch cartoons they are watching creatures having adventures, rather than having some themselves. Better to make your own experiences as a family. You can only do this when you actually get out there and live, rather than always watching other people do it on TV.

What you can do NOW

- Spend time in conversation as a family. The TV can take up valuable communication time.
- Walk your talk. Set a good example to your kids by going for a walk, reading, cooking, gardening, or doing whatever else you enjoy.
- Read a book to your kids, even when they are older.

Top Tip

Brainstorm with your kids all the things you love to do besides watching TV. Decide on which of these things you could start on now.

YUMMY WINTER LUNCH IDEAS FOR THE KIDS!

- Vary the bread from day to day e.g. wholemeal, rye, pita, foccacia or bagels.
- Cold cauliflower or broccoli with cheese sauce.
- Left over fried rice, pasta or roast vegetables.
- Chopped vegetables, e.g. carrots, cucumbers, celery, cherry tomatoes or cooked corn on the cob served cold.
- Thermos of hot soup (with or without noodles) with a wholegrain roll.
- Quiche or cold pizza muffins.
- Bread topped with anything or on its own, scones, pikelets or muffins, fruit buns or bun loaf, crackers, popcorn or breakfast cereal.
- Pocket pita bread filled with chicken, avocado and salad.
- Always include fresh fruit, chopped, sliced or diced (use sealed containers for fruit salads).
- Include nuts and dried fruit, such as peanuts, apricots, apples and banana chips, they make great snacks.
- Low fat fruit yoghurts are fantastic and are high in calcium.
- Include low fat raisin and fruit bread and high fibre buns for a sweet snack.
- Unsalted, unbuttered popcorn and rice crackers are great snacks.
What does it feel like?

- I can’t catch my breath. It’s hard to breathe.
- My breathing may sound funny, it may be a bit noisy (wheezing) or it may sound like a whistle.
- Sometimes it may feel like someone is squeezing my chest really tightly.
- I may cough a lot. Sometimes more at night or after sport.
- My throat may feel itchy.

What makes my asthma better?

- My Blue puffer. This is also called a reliever. The medicine in my reliever quickly makes it easier for me to breathe.
- I use my puffer with a Spacer. It helps to get more medicine into my lungs.
Don’t forget to check out the school’s website www.californiagullyps.vic.edu.au

Student Banking

Don’t forget that every Friday is School Banking day and students should bring in their weekly deposit. For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a cool Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for an exclusive School Banking reward item in recognition of their continued savings behaviour. There are new reward items available during Term 3: a swimming bag and a money box. These are on display in the school office. Remember our school earns 5% commission on every deposit made (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit). Thank you for supporting the School Banking program at California Gully Primary School.

Eggs for Sale

Our girls are busy laying lots of eggs, $2.50 a dozen. See Wendy in the grade 3/4 room.

2014 School Production

This year’s production is “Kids in Space”. Rehearsals are underway and the children are working hard on learning their lines. Miss Ennor has already started sourcing costumes and props for the performers. To help make the production a big success George Flack from Flack Advisory Services Group and CVGT Australia have been kind enough to offer sponsorship, we take this opportunity to thank these organisations for their generous support.

There is still more work and preparation to be done before the big night later this term, if you can be of assistance in anyway please see Wendy Ennor.

School Assembly starts at 8.55 a.m. Please be on time!
Congratulations to the following students on being named Student of The Week for their positive attitude to school and social values.

**Friday August 1st**

**Prep/1 Christian:**
- Gus B. - *For being a wonderful role model who displays respect and care for others and does his personal best.*
- Blake R. - *For doing his best at school and working hard on homework tasks.*

**Prep/1 Holt:**
- Josephine C. - *For helping organizing in Maths.*
- Declan T. - *For good problem solving in Maths.*

**2 Reilly-Peacock:**
- Tully McA.-M. - *For making thoughtful contributions to class discussions.*
- Hayden M. - *For using effective strategies when adding from 6 in Maths.*

**3 Watt:**
- Chloe H. - *For exceptional efforts during Reading Group Activities.*
- Jess M. - *For very creative Subtraction Math stories.*
- Brandon O. - *For making great contributions in literacy groups with Mrs. Hinton.*
- Brodie R. - *For always remembering his reader and to constantly read at home.*

**3/4 Ennor:**
- Tyson B. - *For working well with decimal numbers to two places.*
- Samuel G. - *For keeping us up-to-date with the Commonwealth Games Medal Tally.*
- Lani McC. - *For using her knowledge of doubles when playing Scatterbug.*

**5/6 McKerrow:**
- Dariyn B. - *For excellent use of technology in art work.*
- Ryan D. - *For excellent use of art work in technology.*
- Tanika M. - *For making creative predictions about a text with Mrs. Hinton.*

**5/6 Windridge-Doolan:**
- Nathaniel B. - *For excellent work on summarizing texts.*
- Braidyn D. - *For working well in guided reading on summarizing.*
- Benjamin P. - *For writing a detailed retell of The Blue Ute with Mrs. Hinton.*

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School Assembly starts at 8.55 a.m. Please be on time!
PARENTS CLUB NEWS

Parents’ Club Meeting
The next meeting of the Parents’ Club will be held Friday August 22nd at 9.05 a.m. in the outside school hours care room, we look forward to some of our new Prep families joining us.

Parents’ Club Lunch Orders
Lunches for Term 3 has a new menu. The Order Forms are printed on orange/gold paper and are distributed to the children every Wednesday. Spare forms are available at the front of the Office or otherwise on the school website. All orders and money need to be into the Office by 9.30 a.m. Monday mornings. Also if your child is absent on the day of the Lunches could you please contact the Office to cancel the order, this way we can arrange a refund.

School Camp Fundraiser Lunch Order
On Friday August 15th the Parents’ Club will be conducting a special lunch order day to help raise funds for the Grade 3 to 6 camp. Order forms went home yesterday (Wednesday August 6th).

Fathers’ Day Stall
The Fathers’ Day Stall is coming up quickly, Friday September 5th. Again children will be able to purchase multiple gifts for their special someone. More information will be sent home closer to the date.

School Production Raffle
For the School Production the Parents’ Club is running a raffle. Tickets will be $1.00 each and will be drawn at the Production on Thursday September 4th. Books will be sent home in early August. Tickets will also be available for purchase on both nights of the Production. We are also approaching local businesses for donations for the raffle, but if anyone has any contacts that could help we would really appreciate it. So far we have a bike that has very generously been donated by the Fullerton Family, we take this opportunity to thank them for their donation.

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

PLAYGROUP
Let’s get together and build on friendships.
Wednesdays
9.30 a.m. - 11.30 p.m.
in the Outside School Hours Care room.
Please bring along a piece of fruit to share.
We follow the healthy eating guidelines and encourage the SunSmart messages that are taught to the students at school, to provide a great foundation for future students.
Session dates and activities:
   Wednesday August 13th — Making Rum balls/Fruit balls
For information of what events are coming up in playgroup please visit the school website Playgroup page.

Join us on Facebook: www.facebook/calgullyplaygroup1

School Assembly starts at 8.55 a.m. Please be on time!
YOU ARE INVITED TO A BREAST CANCER FUNDRAISER

Where: Bendigo Cinemas.
When: Thursday 7th August
Cost: $25 includes $5 combo voucher

Tickets can be pre purchased by calling myself (0408573159) or Karen (0437654050)

If you are unsure, you are more than welcome to turn up on the night.
Bring your girlfriends, partners….the more, the merrier.
A raffle will be held and a chance for lucky door prizes.
Please let us know if you are interested, all funds raised go to Breast Cancer Network Australia to support the 15,200 men and women that will be diagnosed in 2015.
We love to watch our children play. Their happy faces fill our hearts with joy. So it’s great when we find that special place that makes their eyes light up with excitement...

It’s even better if you can achieve all this and still have time for a coffee!!

Make this dream a reality at Parky’s Wonderland. Bendigo’s best indoor play centre! Satisfy the kids need for adventure with our 4 storey indoor play structure, complete with ball pit, mini trampolines, 4 super slides and the fantastic cannon ball play area! Mum’s and Dad’s can bring the paper, grab a coffee and relax knowing that the kids are engaged in some serious fun!

Don’t forget to check out the school’s website www.californiagullyps.vic.edu.au

School Assembly starts at 8.55 a.m. Please be on time!

The St. Luke’s Adoption and Permanent Care team are seeking people who are interested in permanently caring for a child/ren with special needs. Please call Jo Farrelly or Rachel O’Dowd on 5440 1100 if you would like to know more.

Introducing...

Creative Movement and Relaxation for Kids

Monday’s 4 – 5pm
Term 3, 2014
Starting Aug 4th
Englehawk Community House corner Bright & Reserve Street
Ph. 5446 8322
Cost: Gold Coin

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Would you consider a career as an Early Childhood Educator?

- Professional Training with Nationally Recognised Qualification
- Work from home and work the hours that suit you
- Great income prospects
- All Educators registered with DEECD
- Full ongoing support provided

For more information please call:

1300 856 463

Bendigo Health Foundation
Bendigo Bank

Fun Run Run for Health
12 November 2014

CHILDREN’S MEDAL FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS
BREKKY FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS

Early Bird Price
Primary School: Free; Students: $39 Adults: $40
Register before September 12: Students: $35 Adults: $45
Late entries after October 19: Students: $40 Adults: $50

Become a Fun Run Sponsoring Partner

Helps raise funds for Renal Dialysis at Bendigo Health

Run 5km, 10km, 15km OR walk 5km

For more information and to register visit: www.bendigobankfunrun.com.au
FREECALL 1800 427 353
Don’t forget to check out the school’s website www.californiagullyps.vic.edu.au

School Assembly starts at 8.55 a.m. Please be on time!
Thanks to Empowering Eaglehawk, The Eaglehawk Football Netball 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 will continue tomorrow Friday August 8th at 8 a.m. (please note that we will stop serving breakfast at 8.20 a.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 the day!

We would also like to acknowledge the assistance of Roger King’s IGA in Eaglehawk for providing the food for the breakfast and their weekly donation of fruit for the Fresh Fruit Friday program in the Junior School.

School Assembly starts at 8.55 a.m. Please be on time!