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Thursday August 7th 2025

FOUNDATION 100 DAYS - CONGRATULATIONS!



CGPS Foundation superstars pose for a photo as part of '100' Day celebrations held last Thursday.



BOOK WEEK (AUGUST 16th - 22nd) AND BOOK PARADE: WEDNESDAY AUGUST 20th, 9.00 a.m.

The theme for the 2025 Children's Book Week, which will run from August 16th to August 23rd, is "Book an Adventure!". This theme celebrates the 80th anniversary of Children's Book Week and encourages young readers to explore new worlds through stories. We will celebrate across the week although the all-important 'Book Parade' (weather permitting) will occur on Wednesday August 20th, starting at 9am. Parents and families are more than welcome to attend.



THE 2025 PARENT, CAREGIVER AND GUARDIAN SURVEY

This survey will be available to complete online from Monday August 18th 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 late next week and we look forward to a high response rate from our community.

TOYS AT SCHOOL

We are finding that students seem to be coming to school with a variety of toys and special items, often to play with during recess and lunch. The challenge around this is the risk associated with things being misplaced, broken or even stuck in a tree. If the toy or object is special to the child, please support the safety of this toy/item by not sending things to school that would cause distress if it is misplaced. If students have an item to share in the classroom, teachers will ask that such items remain inside the classroom. Thanks for your support!

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SUMSMART - 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 be followed at all times. Hats can be purchased from Centavic Clothing, or a Navy Blue Bucket/wide brim is fine.



FATHERS DAY STALL— CAN YOU HELP?

The Fathers Day Stall is coming up 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.

SCHOOL ARRIVAL TIMES

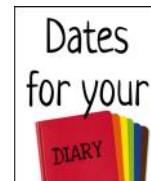
Morning Drop-off: We remind all families that children should not be onsite prior to the 8.40 a.m. bell. At this point staff are on duty and actively supervising. Please respect this request for the safety of all students, staff and families.

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

Dates for the Diary

- Monday August 11th - Division Football Carnival (please note new date)
- Monday August 11th - School Council Meeting
- Thursday August 14th - Gym Program
- Friday August 15th - Grades One to Six Writers' Festival Excursion
- Saturday August 16th to Saturday August 23rd - Book Week
- Wednesday August 20th - Book Week Book Parade - 9.00 a.m.
- Wednesday August 20th - "The Blurbs" Performance
- Thursday August 21st - Grades Five & Six 'Passions & Pathways' Session Two
- Thursday August 21st - Gym Program
- Thursday August 28th - Gym Program
- Thursday September 4th - Father's Day Stall
- Friday September 12th - Grades Five & Six 'Passions & Pathways' Session Three
- Friday September 19th - Last Day of Term Three 2.15 p.m. Dismissal



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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 1st

Foundation A (Hinton):

- Hunter M. - For being an attentive listener and always engaging in class discussions.
- Jackson W. - For working well in writing and listening carefully for sounds in words.

Foundation B (Tonkin):

- Percy E. - For having a really positive start to the term.
- Mac R. - For always joining in whole class discussions and activities with enthusiasm.

Grade 1 (Leed-Martiniello):

- Imogen R. - For being a friendly classmate and always trying her best.
- Rhiannon R. - For her hard work making groups of in Maths! Keep it up!

Grade 1/2 A (Carroll-Dillon):

- Jace E. - For great work making arrays in his multiplication and division work. Well Done!
- Elijah L. - For working well in constructing detailed paragraphs. Well Done!
- Aria T. - For a great effort in writing detailed paragraphs for her information report. Well Done!

Grade 1/2 B (Ennor):

- Charlie C. - For having a fantastic attitude to classroom activities.
- Adeline W. - For great work with equations.

Grade 3/4 A (McKerrow):

- Ellahnie K. - For excellent work on her narrative.
- Jenika S. - For writing a great narrative.

Grade 5/6 A (Price):

- Flynn H. - For his great work doing vertical addition in maths. Well done!
- Olivia H. - For always being a kind class mate and trying her best in all of her work.

Grade 5/6 B (Windridge-Lee):

- Anneliese C. - For working hard on her figurative language activities and poem.
- Jazmyn T. - For working hard on her figurative language activities and poem.



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Smile Squad is here!

The Smile Squad team from Bendigo Health are back on site and continue to check children who have been signed up for Smile Squad in 2025.

Smile Squad is the Victorian Government free school dental program.

This means ALL students can get a free dental check-up, preventive services, and treatment at school.

How to access free dental care

We need your consent before we can provide services.

Consent is usually provided by a parent or guardian.

Sign up to Smile Squad at: <https://bit.ly/smilesquadvic>

OR use the below QR code:



Paper copies of the consent form are available. Please contact the school office if you would like to request one.

The electronic consent form can be translated into more than 100 languages, and the paper form is currently available in 13 languages.

Smile Squad oral health packs

All children deserve a healthy smile, and the Smile Squad free school dental program is working hard to help make sure this happens.

Your child(ren) will have received a free oral health pack to bring home. The pack contains a toothbrush, full sized toothpaste, and an oral health brochure. Please take the time to read the brochure. It's full of helpful hints and tips to help your whole family eat well, drink well and clean well – for life.

Standard strength toothpaste

Smile Squad provides standard strength fluoride toothpaste that is generally used by ages six and over, unless recommended by a dental or trained health professional.

If your child is under six, please talk to a dental or trained health professional to find out if your child might benefit from using this toothpaste. You can also choose to put the toothpaste away until they turn six or give it to someone else in your family to use.

Do I need to attend my child's appointment?

No, you do not need to attend your child's appointment. You can attend if you would like to, and you can take your child to the community dental clinic if you prefer.

A list of those who have already signed up has been sent to the school and there are only 94 names on the list!

It is not too late to sign your child up for a free dental check!



BENDIGO & SURROUNDS
ALL GIRLS PROGRAMS



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4 - 7 YEAR OLDS
Learn the skills of AFL through fun and engaging activities
Thursday 4pm to 5pm starting 7th August for 5 weeks!
Location: Weeroona Oval, Bendigo
COST \$20 - USE DISCOUNT CODE: 80A87728

REGISTER NOW 

AFL Superkick

7 - 12 YEAR OLDS
Develop your skills through modified match play
Thursday 4pm to 5pm starting 7th August for 5 weeks!
Location: Weeroona Oval, Bendigo
COST \$20 - USE DISCOUNT CODE: 80A87728

REGISTER NOW 

PLAY.AFL




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

Remember when crossing
STOP LOOK LISTEN THINK

CALIFORNIA GULLY PRIMARY SCHOOL ACTIVEMAP

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CALIFORNIA GULLY P.S.



Inspiring Active Travel to School



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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

The Immune Deficiencies Foundation presents International Entertainment Australia's...

Circus Quirkus provides relaxed theatre performances for children and young adults...

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

Enjoy the "live performance" experience with a casual attitude to audience noise and movement in an accessible and inclusive environment, where you are welcomed and free to be yourself without restriction or judgement.

Featuring a brand new show host and performers, along with some old favourites. "moving, flashing lights, upbeat and sometimes dramatic music. One hour show, no interval. Suitable for all ages.

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.



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

RED ENERGY ARENA BENDIGO (STADIUM)

SHOW DATE	SHOWTIME
TUESDAY, 12 TH AUGUST, 2025	6.00 PM

To book tickets, please email your name and the number of tickets you require to...

meredithnewman@showintent.com.au

or call / text 0404-367-782

Fresh Food Project

Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Value Boxes

20% cheaper than supermarket prices*

How does it work?

1. Visit theonebox.org.au/order
2. Choose a regular or large value box
3. Select your school from the drop-down list
4. Pay securely via card or PayPal
5. We'll deliver to your school for free
6. Collect the order from your school

Available value packs

REGULAR BOX
\$20.00

Up to 30 pieces of fruit & vegetables

LARGE BOX
\$25.00

Up to 40 pieces of fruit & vegetables



Order online by Wednesday night at theonebox.org.au/order

Your school will tell you when and where to collect your boxes.

*Savings are approximate only



Order today

Fresh Food Project

Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Value Boxes

Frequently Asked Questions

Who is eligible to place an individual value box order?

Operating as a social enterprise of The One Box, we work with schools to facilitate the delivery of fresh, high quality produce to families in our school communities.

What does a typical value box include?

Our boxes are filled with "fresh" Australian fruit and vegetables of consistently high quality and produce is sourced from what is seasonally available. We have 2 boxes available regular (up to 30 pieces) and large (up to 40 pieces), catering to different sized households and budgets. Savings of approximately 20% can be expected compared to supermarket prices.

Is the value box right for me?

Our regular fruit and vegetable boxes (up to 30 pieces) and large boxes (up to 40 pieces) provide a cost-effective option for your household whilst saving you time on supermarket trips. Plus, you can take pride in supporting Australian farmers and contributing to your school community.

Is delivery free?

Yes, we offer free delivery to your selected school.

Is there a minimum order required?

No minimum order is required. You can order 1 box and we'll deliver it for free to your selected school.

How do I place an order?

Visit theonebox.org.au/order, choose your preferred box size and select your school from the list. You can pay securely via card or PayPal and we'll deliver for free to your school. It is that simple.

When do I need to order by?

Order online by 1.00pm (AEST) Wednesday to receive your fresh fruit and vegetable value box the following week.

How do I pay for my order?

Payment is accepted via credit card or PayPal.

How do I collect my order?

Your school will share specific instructions for collecting your order and give you a collection time and location. You may need to send a copy of your email confirmation to collect your fruit and vegetable value box.

Order online by Wednesday night at theonebox.org.au/order

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BOOK AN ADVENTURE with Woodland Collection Bookshop

SATURDAY 16TH
AUGUST

**Dress Ups
Giveaways
Treasure Hunts
And More!**

FREE FOR ALL
10AM TO 2PM
9 Mitchell Street,
Bendigo

Playgroup Victoria

Woodland Collection

TERM 3 PROGRAMS

IDDY BIDDY BALL
2-4 YEAR OLD'S

BIDDY BALL
4-8 YEAR OLD'S

AUSSIE HOOPS
5-10 YEAR OLD'S

red energy arena

Term 3 basketball program registrations are still open! 🏀

Wanting to get your child into basketball, our development programs are a great start. Focusing

on fundamental skills with a emphasis on fun 🎉

Visit our website for more information on all programs - <https://bendigobasketball.com.au>

COME AND TRY JUNIOR BADMINTON

WHERE: 140 VICTORIA STREET, EAGLEHAWK
AGES: 7-18
FIRST TWO NIGHTS ARE FREE

**SESSION TIMES
WEDNESDAYS**

- SESSION 1: 7-10YRS 6:10PM TC 7:00PM
- SESSION 2: 11-14YRS 7:10PM TO 8:00PM
- SESSION 3: 15-18YRS 8:10PM TO 9:00PM

**SCHOOL TERMS ONLY
FRIDAYS**

**JUNIOR COMPETITION
6:45-8:30PM
SCHOOL TERMS ONLY**

TEXT 0478 435 301 TO ENQUIRE TODAY

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Loddon Mallee Regional Parenting What's On Term 3, 2025

Strengthening family relationships and building capacity for parents and carers to better understand and support their children.

Note: Multi-session programs are only available for residents in the Loddon Mallee region.

- Bookings are essential for all of our programs and workshops, places are limited -

Download our [What's On flyer](#)

Scheduled Multi-Session Programs

Circle of Security

For parents with kids aged 0 - 10

When: Tuesdays, 29 July - 2 Sept

Sessions: 6

Time: 10:30am - 12:30pm

Cost: FREE

Where: CatholicCare Victoria
176-178 McCrae St, Bendigo

Tuning in to Kids

For parents with kids aged 2 - 10

When: Thursdays, 31 July - 4 Sept

Sessions: 6

Time: 10am - 12pm

Cost: FREE

Where: Online via Microsoft Teams

REGISTER INTEREST

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Single-Session Workshops

Building Resilience in Kids Knowing Your Teen

For parents with kids aged up to 12 For parents with teens aged 10+

When: Monday, 8 September

Time: 10.00am - 11:30am

Cost: FREE

Where: Kangaroo Flat Library

When: Monday, 18 August

Time: 9:15am - 10:45am

Cost: FREE

Where: Bendigo Library

REGISTER HERE

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CLOTHING

2/1 Whip Court, Long Gully

California Gully Primary School

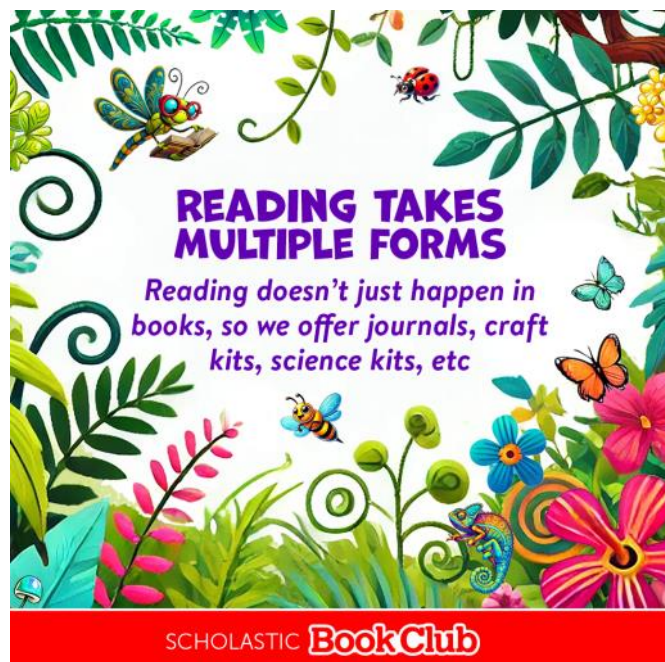
	Garment	Kids Sizing	Adults Sizing
	Teal/Ink Navy/White Short Sleeve Polo	\$30.00	\$32.00
	Teal/Ink Navy/White Long Sleeve Polo	\$33.00	\$35.00
	Ink Navy Rugby Top	\$37.50	\$39.50
	Ink Navy 1/2 Zip Polar Fleece Jumper	\$39.50	\$42.00
	Navy Hooded Windcheater	\$38.00	\$40.00
	Ink Navy Double Knee Hemmed Track Pants	\$28.00	\$30.00
	Navy Bucket Hat	\$15.00	
	Navy Broadbrim Hat	\$15.00	

Our School Uniform supplier, Centavic Clothing, are pleased to 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 the size of the storefront Centavic Clothing will be prioritising those with appointments when needed. This booking system can also be found on the Centavic Clothing website.



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