Thursday December 10th 2015

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
- It would be appreciated if any Outstanding Amounts were paid by Friday December 11th at the latest.
- Last Day of School is Friday December 18th; dismissal will be at 1.30 p.m.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

END OF TERM DISMISSAL: EARLY FINISH AT 1.30 p.m.
All students will be dismissed at 1:30pm on Friday 18th December. Children will have their normal morning recess break at 11.00am, and need to be picked up at 1:30pm prior to having their lunch.

CLASS STRUCTURE AND PROGRAMS
All parents and carers should have received a letter indicating their child’s class teacher and grade. Our class structures and teachers will be as follows:-
- Grade Foundation (Prep) Miss Christian
- Grade 1/2 Mrs Peacock & Mrs Hinton
- Grade 3/4 Miss Ennor
- Grade 3/4 Miss Reilly & Mrs Carroll
- Grade 5/6 Mrs Windridge
- Grade 5/6 Mr McKerrow

I am excited by the various specialist programs being offered to our students next year. Students in grades Foundation (Prep) to 2 will enjoy a weekly library, language and ICT (computer) specialist program. To compliment this we have programs in place to support children and extend children with their learning. Grades 3 to 6 will enjoy physical education, library, ICT (Computers), language (grades 3-4 only) and a science specialist program (which will run over 2 terms). Grades 3-6 will also have the support and extension programs in place.

Mrs Watt will be leaving us at the end of the school year. Mrs Watt has made a significant contribution to school and in particular to the children she has taught over the past 3 years. We will miss Mrs Watt’s energy and enthusiasm and on behalf of the school community I wish her all best with the next stage of her teaching career.
DON'T FORGET TO CHECK OUT THE SCHOOL’S WEBSITE www.californiagullyps.vic.edu.au

FINAL PREP TRANSITION & STEP UP MORNING - TUESDAY DECEMBER 8th

On Tuesday 8th December the school held its final transition session for our 2015 prep students as well as a ‘Step Up’ morning for current children in Foundation (Prep)-5. The children were involved in a number of activities which assisted the teachers and the children to become a little more familiar with their 2016 classrooms. Visiting the classrooms it was clear the children were enjoying themselves and I am sure feeling more comfortable about the next school year. Overall it was another successful element of our school transition program.

WHOLE SCHOOL END OF YEAR CONCERT: WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16th

Our school concert will be held on Wednesday, 16th December in our school grounds. The night will commence from 6.00pm. Families can bring along their own basket tea or enjoy the school council run BBQ. At 6.30pm children will begin to gather and get organised for their class items. At 6.45pm the entertainment will begin. It is expected that the night will conclude between 7.45pm and 8.00pm.

As all children at the school will be involved in this night we ask that parents keep this date free and we look forward to your attendance.

The format of the evening is as follows:

The event is alcohol-free. As the evening involves children, we ask that parents, friends and relatives do not bring alcohol.

The playground area is out of bounds during the performances. We ask that parents supervise their children (of all ages) to ensure they are not on the playground during performance times.

School buildings and grounds are smoke-free. This is a state law.

School children are to be seated in their class groups in front of the stage area so they are ready to go on for their performance. They should not be sitting with their family.

Adults should display good audience behaviour by facing towards the performers and limit their talk whilst performances are taking place. Enjoy the evening!

BREAKFAST PROGRAM CONCLUDES

Last week saw the end of our breakfast program for 2015. I would like to thank the Eaglehawk Football Netball Club and in particular Andrew Reid for their support and assistance with our school breakfast program throughout 2015. Thank you to Nicole Cooper for arriving early every Friday to organise and prepare the kitchen for the breakfast program. Finally a big thank you to the children and parents who took advantage of the breakfast program, arriving a little earlier than normal and enjoying each other's company.

STUDENT REPORTS: DISTRIBUTED WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 16th

End of year student reports will be distributed on Wednesday, 16th December.

MARONG BOWLS CLUB - PHYSICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM SUPPORT

I would just like to thank and acknowledge the Marong Bowls Club which provided our school with the ‘Jack Attack’ bowls kit at no cost. I was able to use the bowls kit to introduce lawn bowls to the grade 4, 5 & 6 students as part of their PE program. The bowls kit to purchase is several hundred dollars so the support is greatly appreciated. I have provided information about Marong’s barefoot bowls social night which takes place every Wednesday. This may be of interest to some families.

Jason Lee
Principal
PARENTS CLUB NEWS

Parents’ Club Meeting
The next meeting will be held on a day and time to be confirmed in the conference room.

Second-hand Uniforms Wanted
Parents’ Club want to start a Second-hand Uniform Store. If you have any unused uniforms including track pants, hats, plain polo's you would like to donate please bring them to the school office.

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

PepperGreen Farm  vegie bags available to order through Wendy Ennor. Place your order on a Wednesday, $30 full bag or $15 half bag. Price includes delivery to school.

2015 Eaglehawk UFS Dispensary - CANTERBURY CAROLS.
Canterbury Park Sound Shell, Sunday December 13. Lions Club Free sausage sizzle at 6pm followed by the Carols Program at 7pm. School Choirs, Sing Australia Choir, “Our Place Minstrels”, Guest Artists and Santa. Free Program and Glow Stick. Please bring your own seating/rug. Come and enjoy this “FREE” family night. If inclement weather to be held in the Peter Krenz Leisure Centre – Napier Street Eaglehawk.

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School Assembly starts at 8.55 a.m. Please be on time!
Here are some new Maths Puzzles for all the family. Have a go at these at home, 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 new work up on display each week! Give your work to Mrs Peacock or Mrs Windridge.

**Level 1**
Zac has 11 football cards. If he gets 7 more he’ll have half as many as his friend Marcus. How many cards does Marcus have?

**Level 2**
At least two Crazo and two Waco spaceships have landed on Earth. Crazo spaceships have 5 landing legs. Waco spaceships have 10 landing legs. There are 45 landing legs altogether. How many of each type of spaceship might have landed?

**Level 3**
Which dimension of this solid would you change by 1 cm to increase the volume the most?

**Level 4**
The number 31 702 can be written as $3 \times 10^4 + 1 \times 10^3 + 7 \times 10^2 + 0 \times 10^1 + 2$
Write the number 52.004 using the same method.

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Bendigo Market Place

Money Can Grow on Trees

From Monday 2nd November to Sunday 13th December shop at Bendigo Marketplace and put your shopping receipts towards our school. This can be done by either:

⇒ Placing receipts in our school’s drop box located next to the tree display
⇒ Visiting the customer service staff (Please note Customer service hours will be limited)

MONEY CAN GROW ON TREES LEADERBOARD - THURSDAY DECEMBER 3rd

School Name                      Total Points  
Spring Gully                      9,334  
Quarry Hill Primary              6,810  
St Francis of the Fields         6,299  
White Hills                      6,006  
Big Hill Primary                 5,634  
Maiden Gully Primary             5,231  
Violet Street Primary            4,166  
Eaglehawk North Primary          4,143  
Colbinabbin Primary              3,910  
Golden Square Primary            3,899  
Kalianna School                  3,261  
Specimen Hill Primary            2,964  
Kangaroo Flat Primary            1,405  

PREMIERS’ READING CHALLENGE

I would like to congratulate all of the students who completed the Premiers’ Reading Challenge during the 2015 school year. California Gully P.S will always emphasis the importance of reading regularly and the joy one can get from investing just a small amount of time each day reading a favourite book. The100 students who completed the challenge are to be congratulated, well done!

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

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HEALTHY LIVING

GREAT TIPS FOR HEALTHY KIDS

TIP 18. TURNING OFF THE TV Turner 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 others 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 our 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.

Essential Fats

Fat is an essential part of every diet, however, some fats are better for you than others. It has been proven that too much saturated fat is linked to heart disease and cancer. Omega-3, monounsaturated and polyunsaturated fats (essential) can reduce the level of cholesterol in the blood and are beneficial to the heart. Follow this guide and enjoy the benefits of consuming the ‘right’ fats. Remember that all fats are high in energy (kilojoules) and should only be consumed in small amounts.

Saturated Fats
- Butter
- Cream
- Fat on meat (including salami)
- Cheese
- Full-cream milk
- Lard/ Cophal
- Processed foods such as pastries, cakes & biscuits
- Coconut cream/milk

Monounsaturated
- Olives
- Olive oil
- Canola oil
- Peanuts
- Peanut oil
- Avocados
- Most nuts
- Lean meats

Polyunsaturated
- Wheatgerm
- Sunflower seeds
- Safflower seeds
- Soy beans
- Cottonseed
- Sesame
- Grape seed
- Pine nuts

Omega-3 Fats
- Herring
- Salmon
- Tuna
- Mackerel
- Sardines
- Walnuts
- Pecans
- Canola
- Olive Oil

For further information visit www.nutritionaustralia.org and see what other food facts are available.

Good idea!

Borrow lots of books from the library and carry them home on foot. There are many benefits and you will burn more kilojoules walking to the livery than sitting on the sofa.

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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 December 4th**

**2/3 Watt-Holt:**
- Tygah B. - For trying hard in short story reading.
- Josephine C. - For doing a good job in short story reading.
- Oscar G. - For doing well in short story reading.

**4/5 Windridge-Reilly:**
- Suzie C. - For working well in Maths.
- Caleb C. - For working well in Maths.

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ANNUAL ‘HELP THE CHICKENS’ MONTH
Our girls are busy laying lots of eggs, $2.50 a dozen. See Wendy in the grade 4/5A room.

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:
To Be Confirmed early in 2016
For information of what events are coming up in playgroup please visit the school website Playgroup page.
Join us on Facebook: www.facebook/calgullyplaygroup1

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE
Monday to Friday 3.15 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.
• Available for all parents of California Gully Primary School
• Affordable
• Childcare in a safe and secure environment
• Providing interesting activities for all children
• Permanent/Casual Bookings available
• Emergency bookings always available

The program in term 4 is running well and the children having an enjoyable time.
A reminder to all parents; with the end of the year fast approaching all accounts will need to be finalised. Please talk to Nicole if your are having difficulties.
Mrs. Paton

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Eaglehawk Secondary College
Bundle Up & Save
Valid Nov 2nd 2015 - Jan 15th 2016

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*All polos & hoodies include embroidered school logo.

These deals will be running until mid January 2016.

Catch the savings bug with school banking every Tuesday.

Eaglehawk Branch
CNR. High & Church St
Eaglehawk VIC 3555
P: 03 5446 8511

Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited,
ABN 11 068 049 178. AFSL 237879.
(S28823) (04/10)

Bendigo Bank

Jim Wid Tennis Coaching
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FREE racket for new enrollments (Age 9 and under)

Contact Jim: 0431299930
email: jimwidtennis@gmail.com
website: www.jimwidtennis.com

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**BENDIGO DIVERS PRESENTS**

**Come and try Diving Clinic**

Ever wanted to know what it takes to dive gracefully off a 1 metre springboard or a 10 metre platform??

Ever thought to yourself while watching the diving superstars at the Olympics... WOW!!!

Well now's your chance to find out from the best.

Bendigo Divers are holding a come and try clinic open to all ages and abilities at the Bendigo Aquatic Centre, with special guest coach and Olympic & Commonwealth Games Champion JENNY DONNET to take a number of sessions which will include demonstrations as well as:

- Board Safety
- Basic Entries
- Range of Differing Skills and more...

**WHEN:** Thursday 14th January 9.00am – 5pm

**WHERE:** Bendigo Aquatic Centre.

**WHAT:** 3 Sessions for the kids/students/beginners (must be able to swim 2 strokes)

1 Session for Teachers (Personal development)

**COST:** $20 per session – you can do 1 or all three

$50 for Teacher's session (reimbursable through education dept.)

**CONTACT:** Darren Field - Bendigo Divers secretary on 0408391277

OR email: bendigodivers@gmail.com

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**COME AND VISIT SANTA AT STRATH VILLAGE SHOPPING CENTRE THROUGHOUT DECEMBER**

See Santa weekdays from 1pm to 5pm and Saturday 9am to 1pm

Santa will be located in front of IGA Supermarket

Strath Village is the place to GET IT ALL TOGETHER this Christmas

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**FREE SCHOOL HOLIDAY DANCE & FITNESS**

**Classes for:** 7-10 years - Boys & Girls - All levels

**DANCE HUB**

**Jazz, Tap, Ballet, at $30 per week 2014 school holiday specials**

**BOOKING ESSENTIAL**

**0401 976 807**

**100 & 100A Hattam Street, Golden Square**

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