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Thursday December 11th 2014

Calendar

Monday December 15th
Grade 6 Graduation Dinner

Wednesday December 17th
End of Year Concert

Thursday December 18th
End of Year Break-Up at Pool

Friday December 19th
Last Day of School Year

Wednesday January 21st 2015
School Office Open for payment of School Charges

Thursday January 22nd 2015
School Office Open for payment of School Charges

Wednesday January 28th 2015
Teachers Resume for 2015

Thursday January 29th 2015
“Welcome to 2015” Parent-Teacher Interviews

Thursday January 30th 2015
Grades 2 to 6 Resume for 2015

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

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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.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

END OF TERM DISMISSAL: EARLY FINISH
AT 1.30 p.m.
All students will be dismissed at 1:30pm on Friday 19th 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.

2015 CLASS STRUCTURE & 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 P/1- Miss Christian
Grade 2/3 Mrs Carroll & Mrs Hinton
Grade 2/3 Mrs Watt & Mrs Holt
Grade 4/5 Miss Ennor
Grade 4/5 Mrs Windridge & Ms Reilly
Grade 6 - Mr McKerrow

For the 2015 school year Mrs Peacock will work as a math specialist coach with the funding we secured for two years at the end of 2013. Mrs Windridge will continue working .5 in the classroom and continue in the position of .5 math specialist coach. We will welcome back Mrs Carroll who has been on leave for the past 6 months. Mrs Ryan will be returning to University and will be on leave for the 2015 school year. We wish Mrs Ryan all the best with her studies.

Mrs Doolan & Mr Lahtz will both be leaving us at the end of the school year and we thank them for their contribution throughout the course of the year and wish them all the best with their teaching careers.

FINAL PREP TRANSITION & STEP UP MORNING – TUESDAY DECEMBER 9th
On Tuesday 9th December the school held its final transition session for our 2015 prep students as well as a ‘Step Up’ morning for children in grades 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 2015 classmates. Visiting the classrooms it was obvious the children were enjoying themselves and I am sure feeling more comfortable about the 2015 school year. Overall it was another successful element of our school transition program.

School Assembly starts at 8.55 a.m. Please be on time!
WHOLE SCHOOL END OF YEAR CONCERT: WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 17th

Our school concert will be held on Wednesday, 17th December in our school grounds. The night will commence from 6.00pm with families bringing 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.

PREMIERS’ READING CHALLENGE

I would like to congratulate all of the students who completed the Premiers’ Reading Challenge during the 2014 school year. The number of students who completed the challenge has increased substantially since 2012. In 2014 we had 90% of students complete the PRC. Congratulations to all!

BREAKFAST PROGRAM CONCLUDES

Last week saw the end of our breakfast program for 2014. I would like to thank the Eaglehawk Football and Netball Club for their support throughout the 2014 school year assisting with the school breakfast program. 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 over a piece of toast and a drink of juice.

STUDENT REPORTS DISTRIBUTED: WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 17th

End of year student reports will be distributed on Wednesday, 17th December.

Jason Lee
Principal

LIBRARY PACK-UP HELPERS

As we are nearing the end of the school year, it is time once again to ensure the library shelves are back in good order. If you are available to assist me with re-shelving on Thursday 11th or 18th of December, please let me know. This can be as much or as little of the day as you can offer. The task is not difficult, but is quite time consuming. If you are able to assist on another day, that is fine also. Instructions can be left for an area to take care of.
Any assistance would be much appreciated!
Please return all library books this week. ALL books are due back as of Thursday 4th December. Many thanks with all your assistance.
Kristy Ryan
**PARENTS CLUB NEWS**

**Parents’ Club Meeting**
The Annual General Meeting was postponed last week due to unforeseen circumstances. This meeting has been re-scheduled for early 2015.

**Lunch Orders**
Thank you to all those who supported the Lunch Order program during 2014. As the end of year is extremely busy there will be no more lunch order days offered in 2014.

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

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**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 December 17th** — Christmas Break-Up

For information of what events are coming up in playgroup please visit the school website Playgroup page.

Join us on Facebook: [www.facebook/calgullyplaygroup1](http://www.facebook/calgullyplaygroup1)

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5/6 Math Talks

This term Grade 5 and 6 has had a series of visitors to our classrooms to talk about how they use Maths in their jobs and the importance of working hard in Maths at school. A fortnight ago we had Roz Bradley and last week we had Tammy Spillman, both parents of children at our school. We would like to thank all our visitors for giving up their time to come and talk to the students. The talks have been thoroughly enjoyed by our students. They have listened well and asked relevant and informative questions. They have learnt a lot about the role of maths in different careers and the importance of education and working well at school.

Maths visit

On Wednesday, Jared Windridge [Mrs Windridge’s son] came in to talk about what in his job uses maths. He told us that he went to school at this school, then went to Eaglehawk Secondary College and then did year 11 and 12. He also said that he always loved playing on computers like when he got home from school and when he had to wait go home he went on the school computer, playing games and looked at websites. He works at the Bendigo bank in the computer and programming division. He also said we have to learn the basics like Addition and subtraction and all other kinds of maths things. He had a chance to design a new program and it was a success. It was a good experience.

By Mitch

Today we had Mrs.Windridge’s son Jared come to talk to us about his job, Jared works at the Bendigo bank and he is a computer programmer. He talked to us about what he did and how important maths is. Jared said the importance of going to year 11 and 12. Jared has worked at the Bendigo bank for 1 year, his job has also took him overseas. He has made a couple of apps, the one he made in San Francisco was called “Message Me”. At the moment he is working on an app so once you have say paid off $10 of your credit card bill you log on and it says how much is left.

Paris 5/6WD

Last Friday Mrs Bradley came to visit our class to talk about her job. Mrs Bradley’s job is a hair dresser. Mrs Bradly talked about how she uses math in her job. She uses angles, addition and fractions. The angle part is when she is cutting someone’s hair she angles the hair to see how much hair to cut off. The addition part is how much money the clients have to give her. The fraction part is when she is using the dye she needs to fraction out how much she needs. She also said her hairdresser is a home business.

By Brady E. 5/6M

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Maths visit
Mrs Bradley came to our school and talked about how being a hair dresser has maths involved, like angles, width and length. Firstly she said how she worked at home and before that she had worked at a salon. She told us about what she does in her job. She likes dyeing hair and cutting wacky hair styles. She said if you wanted her dye your hair it would take 1 to 3 hours and if you wanted just a haircut it would be half an hour to 1 hour. You have to know her to get a haircut from her. Because she works at her house she never gets people that just walk in. I liked it when she came in and enjoyed her talk.
By Tyson A. 5/6M

Mrs Bradley Visit
Last Friday Mrs Bradley came to tell us about her job and how it has to do with maths. Mrs Bradley is a hairdresser and works from home. She had to work at a salon before she started her business. She had to clean the floor and make cups of tea for the clients. Mrs Bradley has to us fractions when using dye. If a client wants a dark red she needs to use half red and half black. Mrs Bradley also uses angles when she wants to layer hair.
I enjoyed Mrs Bradley talking to us about her job.
By James H.

Mrs Bradley’s visit!
Last Friday Mr’s Bradley came to visit 5/6 Mac and 5/6 W/D. She was talking to us about how she uses maths in her job. She told us that she was a hairdresser and that she uses grams, money, angle, time and other maths in hairdressing jobs. She talked to us about dyeing people’s hair and how she uses grams to dye people’s hair. She needs to know her grams when it comes to hairdressing jobs. If a person wants a brownish orangeish colour she needs to get about 30 grams of brown and 30 grams of orange. It can take from 1 hour to 3 hours depends how much of the dye that she has put in.
We had questions at the end and she was asked a question about giving us tips about becoming a hairdresser. She said when you have finished school go to the hairdresser and ask to clean the floor to sweep up the hair from the trims and then go and try to work at a hairdresser place.
By Dariyn B. 5/6 M

Mrs. Bradley
On Friday Mrs Bradly came to show us what maths she uses in her job as a hairdresser. She said she uses math with cutting, dyeing, money and time. With cutting she needs to know how long she needs to cut. With dyeing she has to add colours with others to get the colours she wants. With money she has to know how long the client stays and what products she uses so she knows how much to charge. With time she needs to know how long the client stays.
I really enjoyed her coming in
By Ryan

School Assembly starts at 8.55 a.m. Please be on time!
Math talk with Tammy Spillman

Tammy talked about her job and how she needs maths to calculate how much the costumer has lost and how much they pay them back. She can freeze people’s accounts and she knows how much they take out from the account so their money does not get stolen.

By Robert P.

Maths Talk

On Friday the 5th of December, Paris’s mum, Tammy Spillman, came and talked to us about her job. She works at the Bendigo bank as a Fraud Analyst. That means she is up at night while we are asleep, to stop hackers trying to take people’s money. She has some good days, when either nobody hacks, or she can easily stop them. But she also has bad days, when they can’t get the money back. She uses maths in her job by counting up the money so she knows how much money as been taken.

If the costumer’s money gets taken out at an unusual time, she is allowed to call the costumer and ask if they had taken out money. If they haven’t, then Tammy tells them to change their password on their account.

We enjoyed Tammy’s visit and her maths talk.

By Mickayla B-W

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Maths talk with Tammy Spillman
(Paris’s Mum)

On Friday the 5th of December, the grades 5/6 all went to Mr Mac’s grade to listen to Tammy talk about her job and how she uses maths. She works at the Bendigo Bank and has the job of shutting down people’s accounts when they are being hacked and has to know how much money has been taken and how much the bank needs to repay the person who the money has been stolen from. She also has to have technology skills so she can be quick enough to shut down the account before they can take a lot of money. I think that it would be a hard job to work in but she said that she loved her job and would stay in it for as long as she can.

By Lachlan F.

Talk with Tammy Spillman

Last Friday the 5th of December, we had our last maths talk with Paris’s mum, Tammy Spillman and she said that she is a fraud analyst at Bendigo Bank. She talked about us about having to learn heaps of maths like addition and subtraction and also you have to know quite a lot about computers. She said that she works from about 12am to about 9am the next day, watching and checking for people who try to hack into people’s bank accounts over the internet and she tries to block it.

She also said to us that if a person regularly gets money out during the day and does it once at night she would try and stop the account. After it’s stopped she would message them early in the morning but not too early to see if it was them getting money out of the bank. If it wasn’t she would give them a new bank card and change the number.

BY ZOE W. 5/6WD

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**GREAT TIPS FOR HEALTHY KIDS**

**TIP 33. DIGESTION STARTS IN THE MOUTH**

The first steps in digestion start in the mouth, where chewing and associated enzymes begin to break down the food.

Chewing is an important part of digestion. Food that isn’t chewed well will make its way into the stomach and the intestine in large pieces and extra work is needed there to help break it down. For this reason when kids gulp food down they often complain of stomach-aches afterward.

**What you can do NOW**

- Encourage your child to eat slowly and to chew well.
- Serve some foods that need to be chewed.
- Keep life as calm as possible at the table, whatever else is going on. High emotions can cause gulping of food and tense stomachs.

**Good Idea!**

To slow down eating, put your knife and fork down between mouthfuls and encourage your kids to do the same.

**Top Tip**

Put a jug of water on the table at meal times, or give your child a class of milk for good nutrition. Avid fizzy drinks, especially at mealtimes.

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**Food and Peer Pressure**

There can be a lot of peer pressure on children to eat ‘trendy’ high fat, high sugar snack foods, not to mention all the ‘seductive’ marketing and TV advertising of these non-nutritious snack foods. To reduce the temptation to consume these foods regularly, it is best to limit the amount of money children are given to spend at school. Try to avoid stopping at local milk bar on the way home, or provide a healthy snack in the car after school to reduce unhealthy choices. Also, keep these high kilojoule (kJ) packaged snack foods out of the pantry and limit packaged snack foods in the lunchbox. If children are exposed to these ‘sometimes’ foods regularly, they will know them as ‘everyday’ foods. The occasional high kJ food at events such as parties and special events in moderation is okay. However, it is important to refer to these foods as ‘sometimes’ foods, reminding children of when they are eaten.

Too many treats may lead to:

- Children not eating enough nourishing food to provide them with the vitamins and minerals their bodies need.
- Overweight issues which effects health and can impact on a child’s self esteem and social networking. It can also impact on children’s confidence to participate in sport.
- Dental problems from consuming too much sugar.
- Spending too much money - homemade, nutritious snacks and lunches are much cheaper!
- A lack of nutrition education for your child, and a lack of exposure to different new and healthy foods to educate your child’s palate.

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**EGGS FOR SALE**

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

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**School Assembly starts at 8.55 a.m. Please be on time!**
Wanted: Large wooden beads.
Linda and Annette would like to make a number of teacher resources for use in Maths classes. We need a good supply of large, cheap beads. One source of beads would be the ‘massage, bead style car seat covers’ that were the fashion at one stage. If you see any around please let us know. Other cheap bead sources (plastic or wooden) would also be welcomed.

Thanks,
Annette and Linda
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