

# The Bell Topper

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Thursday December 14<sup>th</sup> 2023

### TERM FOUR COMPLETION - WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 20<sup>th</sup>

As the 2023 school year comes to an end we would like to thank the CGPS community for the ongoing support and contributions made in such a positive way, particularly around our building works. Once again, the year has provided challenges with our major building works., that without the school community support would have been much more difficult. Staff and students very much appreciate the care shown from our school community. To all families, have a safe and relaxing holiday break, spending time with family and friends. For any families travelling, stay safe and look forward seeing you in 2024.

We understand and acknowledge that once again this is unusual timing for the completion of the school year. Some families have indicated that they will not attend next week. These days will be spent cleaning up and moving into spaces ready to begin 2024. All activities and classroom celebrations will occur in the week prior (next week). Student reports will also be distributed on Thursday December 14<sup>th</sup>.

**LAST DAY OF TERM FOUR IS WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 20<sup>th</sup>**

**1.15 p.m. DISMISSAL**

**(Outside School Hours Care will not operate on this day)**

### GRADE SIX GRADUATION

Congratulations to our graduating Grade 6 students that celebrated were celebrating today (Thursday) with a special lunch, Ten Pin Bowling and presentation, allowed for a relaxed and positive day. Students should be extremely proud of all achievements over their primary journey. On behalf of the CGPS Community we wish our Grade 6 graduates and families all the very best for the future.

### STATEWIDE ORIENTATION DAY

An exciting day on Tuesday with the State-wide Transition Day occurring. We had many happy Foundation students join us for the morning, while our current Grade 6's spent the day exploring their new Secondary settings. For children staying within CGPS we were able to move into our class groupings for the morning session. We are looking forward to another year of wonderful learning, personal growth and enjoyment in 2024!

Patterns Dress Up Day

Friday December 15<sup>th</sup>

Wear patterns

Eg: Dots, stripes, zigzag

Gold coin donation



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## Dates for the Diary

- **Friday December 15<sup>th</sup>** - Casual Clothes - Patterns Dress Up Day  
- 2024 On-Line Book List Orders Due  
- Year Six 2024 Polo Shir Orders Due
- **Wednesday December 20<sup>th</sup>** - Last Day of 2023 School Year 1.15 p.m. Dismissal  
**2024**
- **Monday January 22<sup>nd</sup>** - School Office Open for Parent Contributions to be Paid and CSEF Application Lodgment
- **Tuesday January 23<sup>rd</sup>** - School Office Open for Parent Contributions to be Paid and CSEF Application Lodgment
- **Wednesday January 24<sup>th</sup>** - School Office Open for Parent Contributions to be Paid and CSEF Application Lodgment
- **Monday January 29<sup>th</sup>** - Staff Resume
- **Tuesday January 30<sup>th</sup>** - Welcome 2024 Interview Meetings
- **Wednesday January 31<sup>st</sup>** - Students in Years One to Six Resume School
- **Thursday February 1<sup>st</sup>** - Foundation Students Resume
- **Wednesday February 7<sup>th</sup>** - Foundation Students Rest Day
- **Wednesday February 14<sup>th</sup>** - Foundation Students Rest Day
- **Wednesday February 21<sup>st</sup>** - Foundation Students Rest Day
- **Wednesday February 28<sup>th</sup>** - Foundation Students Rest Day

2024 Book Lists can be purchased on line at  
Education Plus,

[www.eduplus.com.au](http://www.eduplus.com.au).

Foundation	<b>CGP02024T</b>	Year Three	<b>CGP32024A</b>
Year One	<b>CGP12024S</b>	Year Four	<b>CGP42024W</b>
Year Two	<b>CGP22024R</b>	Year Five	<b>CGP52024Y</b>
		Year Six	<b>CGP62024X</b>

Please note that there has been a mistake on the paperwork that went home — students in Years One and Two do not require A3 Whiteboards.

Early in the ordering process there was a problem with the code for Year Three — this problem has now been fixed and the code above is the correct code.

**Please Remember Orders Need to be Placed by  
Friday December 15<sup>th</sup>.**

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# Foodshare POP-UP Christmas PANTRY

Bendigo Foodshare, with the support of local service clubs and community organisations, is providing free food relief this festive season to people doing it tough.

Date	Times	Location
Wednesday 27th Dec	Open from 1pm	St Pauls Cathedral Hall 8 Myers St, Central Bendigo (opposite Coles Supermarket)
Thursday 28th Dec	Open from 1pm	Rotary Club of Eaglehawk 8 School Street, California Gully (the old Mechanics Institute Hall)
Friday 29th Dec New Years Day	Open from 1pm	Rotary Club of Kangaroo Flat 28 High Street, Kangaroo Flat (opposite the AFPCO Petrol Station in K/Flat)
Wednesday 3rd Jan	Open from 1pm	St Pauls Cathedral Hall 8 Myers St, Central Bendigo (opposite Coles Supermarket)
Thursday 4th Jan	Open from 1pm	Rotary Club of Eaglehawk 8 School Street, California Gully (the old Mechanics Institute Hall)
Friday 5th Jan	Open from 1pm	Rotary Club of Kangaroo Flat 28 High Street, Kangaroo Flat (opposite the AFPCO Petrol Station in K/Flat)

BRING A SHOPPING BAG!

With support from the following service clubs



## ELF ACADEMY

CLASS IN SESSION: 16-23 DECEMBER 2023

**DO YOU KNOW WHAT IT REALLY TAKES TO BE ONE OF SANTA'S LITTLE HELPERS?**

Central Deborah Gold Mine will transform into a Christmas wonderland from 16-23 December.

Through a series of craft activities, games and challenges, gain your Certificate IV in Elf Training and be elf-icially inducted into Santa's renowned team!

**BOOK YOUR TICKETS NOW!**  
5443 8322 | central-deborah.com

## Festive fun in Hargreaves Mall!

Hargreaves Mall will be a hive of activity over the school holidays with an exciting range of FREE entertainment and activities for families to enjoy, kicking off with plenty of festive fun.

### December 2023

<b>8</b> Music in the Mall featuring a local artist 11am to 2pm	<b>9</b> Moonlight Market Open to 3pm	<b>15</b> Music in the Mall featuring a local artist 11am to 2pm
<b>16</b> Music in the Mall with a local artist 11am to 2pm	<b>18</b> Christmas Colouring and Live Art Demo with Sarah The Painter 11am to 2pm	<b>19</b> Movie in the Mall on the big screen: The Year Without A Santa Claus 2pm
<b>20</b> Christmas Elves in the Mall 11am to 2pm The mischievous Christmas Elves from Connected Circus will bring Christmas cheer	<b>21</b> Christmas Elves in the Mall 11am to 2pm The mischievous Christmas Elves from Connected Circus will bring Christmas cheer	<b>22</b> Movie in the Mall on the big screen: The Polar Express 2pm
<b>23</b> Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, and Pals: A Reindeer Show 10:30am to 12:30pm Music in the Mall featuring local artists 12noon to 3pm		

To keep up to date with Hargreaves Mall activities visit: [www.bendigoregion.com.au/explore-bendigo/whats-on/hive-of-activity-in-hargreaves-mall](http://www.bendigoregion.com.au/explore-bendigo/whats-on/hive-of-activity-in-hargreaves-mall)

### January 2024

Activities in the Mall continue in the New Year, so see the dates!

Thursday January 4 – Saturday January 6  
Bush Music in the Mall with The Tipsey Trio  
11am to 2pm

January 10  
Circus fun and face painting with Connected Circus  
11am to 2pm

January 12  
Safe Archery with The Zone  
11am to 3pm

January 17  
Circus fun and face painting with Connected Circus  
11am to 2pm

January 19  
Slot Car Racing with The Zone  
11am to 3pm

January 20  
Roller Disco with the Dragon City Roller Derby  
5pm to 8pm

January 24  
Circus fun and face painting with Connected Circus  
11am to 2pm

January 25  
Zorb Balls with The Zone  
11am to 3pm

January 27  
International LEGO Day  
10am to 3pm  
Pop up exhibition and build with Bendigo LEGO User Groups

Moonlight Market  
3pm to 8pm



## REMINDER: HAVE YOU REGISTERED?

NAB AFL Auskick is a community run program that relies on the honesty, involvement and support of all people involved. A key part of your participation at Auskick is to ensure you are registered on our registration platform.

It is important you are registered for the following reasons:

- 1 This ensures your Auskick Coordinator knows who you are and knows how many kids to plan for and equipment to provide at each session
- 2 Registrations have the following key benefits:
  - a. Insurance for any injuries sustained during play
  - b. Awesome goodies in your AFL Club colours as well as the essentials such as a footy, pump and footy cards
  - c. The option to become a Junior Member at your favourite AFL Club completely free of charge and attend selected Toyota AFL Premiership Series AFL Games and NAB AFLW Games
  - d. Exclusive offers from AFL partners
- 3 Lastly your Auskick Centre receives equipment funding and other support based on each individual registration

Register via the QR code below or visit [play.afl/auskick](http://play.afl/auskick)



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# CHRISTMAS TOY AND FOOD DRIVE

 YOU CAN DROP OFF AT RECEPTION AT  
ANY OF THE FOLLOWING VENUES

Gurri Wanyarra Wellbeing Centre  
Faith Leech Aquatic Centre  
Brennan Park Swimming Pool  
Marong Swimming Pool  
Heathcote Swimming Pool



# CHRISTMAS TOY AND FOOD DRIVE

4th - 20th of DECEMBER

LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO BRING JOY  
TO LOCAL FAMILIES IN NEED

All donations will be passed onto Bendigo  
Foodshare and Anglicare Victoria - Bendigo



## FOOD DRIVE

supporting Bendigo Foodshare

You can HELP by donating:

- Canned fruit and veg
- Tea/coffee
- Rice and pasta
- Long-life milk
- Spreads (jam, peanut butter)
- Packet and bottled sauces
- Biscuits
- Puddings
- Tinned fish
- Breakfast cereals
- Non refrigerated Christmas food items
- Toilet paper



## TOY DRIVE



- Arts and crafts
- Board games
- Dolls
- Bikes
- Toy cars
- Gift vouchers
- Sports equipment
- Musical instruments
- Kids jewellery
- Play dough
- Puzzles
- Baby toys
- Colouring books
- Kids books
- Dress ups
- Soft toys
- Hampers



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**Benefitting the health  
and wellbeing of our  
Bendigo school children**

**School visits coming  
in TERM 1**

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# Long Gully Community Carols

Local Choirs  
Free Pizza & BBQ

Thursday 14th December

5:00pm - 7:00pm | ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH

Organised and Hosted by:



**2024**  
**Expression of Interest Day!**

**JUNIOR TEAMS**

**Under 6's Through to Under 18's**

**COME AND TRY DAY**  
**SUNDAY FEBRUARY 18TH 2024**  
**@ 9.30AM - 12PM**



Contact FC Eaglehawk  
For More Information

Email : [admin@fceaglehawk.com.au](mailto:admin@fceaglehawk.com.au)  
Attn- Mick McKechnie  
Or contact our Facebook page

**NORTH  
BENDIGO  
JUNIOR FC**

**2024 JUNIOR  
REGISTRATION NIGHT**

**Sunday Jan 21st 2024**  
**5pm til 7pm**

**NORTH BENDIGO  
SOCIAL ROOM  
ATKINS ST**

All current, returning and new players welcome.  
come and meet our 2024 season Coaches and  
Committee.

BBQ provided and a chance to register for the  
upcoming season.  
fees can be paid on the day or payment plans  
arranged.



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**Epsom Football Club**  
Play soccer with us in 2024

Come & join us next year - learn new skills, meet new people & have fun!  
No experience necessary - we offer both boys, girls & mixed teams.

**Non-Competitive Juniors**  
Under 6's, 7's, 8's, 9's & 10's

**Competitive Juniors**  
Under 12's, 14's & 16's

**Senior Competitive**  
Youth, Women, Men's

**REGISTER YOUR INTEREST NOW!**

For further information contact secretary@epsomfc.com.au  
or visit [www.facebook.com/EpsomSoccer](https://www.facebook.com/EpsomSoccer)

**Saver Plus**  
Program includes:  
• Matched dollar for dollar savings up to \$500  
• Money Mindset workshops - Financial Education  
• Coaching on budgeting and savings

**State Schools' Relief**  
Provides school uniforms and shoes to those that are unable to afford them.

**The Education State**  
Camps, Sports and Education Fund  
Funding to attend activities like:  
• school camps or trips  
• swimming and school-organised sports programs  
• outdoor education programs  
• excursions and incursions  
\$125 per year for eligible primary school students  
\$225 per year for eligible secondary school students.

**Computerbank**  
Low cost refurbished computers that include various programs including word processing, Google Chrome and PDF Maker.

**Eligibility Criteria**  
Situations include but not limited to:  
• Unemployment  
• Health issues/stress  
• Financial difficulties  
• Independent living and/or homelessness  
• Natural disasters  
• Bereavement  
• Domestic and family violence

**Eligibility Criteria**  
• Parent must be a healthy/concession card holder.  
• Or families on protection/bridging visas, or seeking asylum.  
• Or children in out of home care

**Eligibility Criteria**  
• Concession/Health Care Card holders  
• Students  
• Asylum seekers



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CLOTHING

2/1 Whip Court, Long Gully

California Gully Primary School

Please Take Note

of New Prices

effective September 1st 2023

	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 COVID-19 capacity limits 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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