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

GRADUATION
The Year 6 graduation took place on Monday night and the students looked splendid, they were engaging and in many cases humorous as they delivered their speeches of their memories at California Gully Primary School. The students and staff enjoyed a lovely meal organised and prepared by Kath, Chris and supported by a number of staff working behind the scenes. Together they ensured the students had an enjoyable evening. Well done to the Year 5 students who waited on the students and staff during the evening they did a superb job. Your opportunity to shine occurs next year!

Student Awards
The awards ceremony also took place during the evening and the following students are the award winners for 2014:-

Peter Krenz Award - Olivia Tolley & Mitch Graham
Parents’ Club Award - Zoe Watson
Rotary Junior Citizenship Award – Chara Stanton-Wooley
George Speedy Citizenship Award - Ethan Baldwin

DEPARTING FAMILIES
There are 8 families that will be ending their association with us when the Year 6’s move on in 2015. Some of the families have been with the school for many years. Thank you and very best wishes to Julie and Rohan Anderson, Rochelle Henderson, Shane Dower, & Janine Marr, Liz and Rob Elliot, Rachel Gread, Tammie Spillman, Nicole Stanton and Matthew Wooley and Glenda Anderson.

2014 HEALESVILLE CAMP
By all accounts the Healesville Camp was a roaring success. Thank you to Miss Ennor for organising the camp it is a major undertaking. Thank you also to all the teachers and staff who assisted with supervising the children. School camp provides opportunities for many students to be involved in activities and visit places they may not have the chance to see again. It also allows staff and children to interact in a less formal manner. It is for this reason when students think back on their primary school days the school camp is always one that springs to mind quickly as a favourite.

CANTERBURY CAROLS
I would like to congratulate the children who performed at the Canterbury Carols in Eaglehawk last Sunday night. The 40 plus students (one of our biggest turn outs for many years) did a wonderful job singing in front a very large audience. It was obvious the children had an enjoyable time and had a lot of fun representing the school. Thank you to Mrs Peacock for coordinating the children on the night and running the practice sessions leading up to the event.
HAPPY HOLIDAYS
This is our final newsletter for the year, may I wish all children, parents and staff a very merry Christmas and a happy new year. I would like to thank everyone for all the hard work that is done on behalf of the school. We have a dedicated staff who work extremely hard to provide the children with the best primary school education. Our parents group is also very supportive assisting in so many ways from helping in the classrooms, fundraising, being on school council, working bees and various other school activities. Your role is vital to the schools overall success. Finally we have a great group of children who deserve a well-earned rest.

2015 TERM 1, WEEK 1

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Letters indicating ‘Welcome to 2015’ for grades Prep to 6 meeting times have been forwarded to parents and carers with the children’s school reports. Letters indicating testing times for grade 1 children have also been forwarded to parents and carers with their reports.

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.

Jason Lee
Principal

LIBRARY THANKS
Thank you to parents Renee Jenkins and Heather Graham for coming in to help with the library re-shelving. Your efforts are much appreciated!

Kristy Ryan

School Assembly starts at 8.55 a.m. Please be on time!
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 cgpsparentsclub@gmail.com.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

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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:
To Be Advised in early 2015

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

Join us on Facebook: www.facebook/calgullyplaygroup1

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

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SCHOOL CAMP 2015
CANDLEBARK FARM - HEALESVILLE

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Canterbury Carols 2015

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GREAT TIPS FOR HEALTHY KIDS

TIP 34. A GOOD NIGHT’S SLEEP PROTECTS HEALTH

Sleep is essential for good health. During sleep the body and mind recuperate and are refreshed. Some experts believe that children are deprived of sleep these days. It might be that they stay up late to watch TV, play computer games, or finish homework. Even an hour more of sleep can make a big difference. Tiredness effects emotions and make kids anxious, and anxiety is the main reason for insomnia. This means that, if your child is not getting enough sleep, a cycle of sleeplessness and anxiety might begin.

What you can do NOW

- Ensure that your growing child has 10 to 12 hours of sleep at night.
- Turn off the TV at least half an hour before bedtime.
- Explain to your child the importance of relaxing before going to bed, rather than studying or working at the computer.

Good Idea!

When kids head towards adolescence they can feel sleep is unimportant because there’s so much else to do. Point out to them that the more refreshed they feel, the more they’ll be able to achieve tomorrow.

Top Tip

Encourage your child to read quietly for 15 to 30 minutes before turning out the light. It helps settle them and prepare them for sleep. Even when they are older, you can sometimes read a story to them.

Healthy Summer Shakes for After School and the Weekend

Banana Smoothie

1 cup low fat milk
1/3 cup low fat yoghurt
1 teaspoon honey
1 ripe banana
1 raw egg or 1 tablespoon wheat germ (optional)

Blend together and serve immediately!!
(Serves 1)

Fruit Melody

1/2 cup of orange juice
1/2 apricot nectar
1/2 ripe banana, mashed
1 passionfruit
1 teaspoon of honey

Blend well and serve with crushed ice!!
(Serves 1)

Strawberry Surprise

200g low fat frozen strawberry yoghurt
250g strawberries
1 litre (4 cups) low-fat or no-fat milk

Soften yoghurt, cut strawberries into pieces (hulled) and blend until smooth.
(Serves 4)

Note: Fruit and milk/yoghurt based shakes are a great source of calcium, fibre and vitamins.

EGGS FOR SALE

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

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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