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Wednesday December 17th 2025



TERM 4 COMPLETION - FRIDAY DECEMBER 19th

As the 2025 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. Staff and students very much appreciate the care shown by our school community.

Last Day of Term 4 is Friday December 19th- 1.15pm dismissal.

CALIFORNIA GULLY PRIMARY SCHOOL START UP INTERVIEWS - WEDNESDAY JANUARY 28th 2026

Information was provided with reports last week and we are asking families to take the time to schedule interviews when it can work for you, using the link and/or QR code found below.

2026 Start-Up Interviews will occur on **Wednesday January 28th**. Teachers look forward to meeting with you to begin the partnership to make for a successful 2026. It is an important opportunity to look at what we (teachers, parent/carer and children) can do together to ensure your child gains the most from the 2026 the school year.

Please note: **Children will only attend school for the designated interview time on this day.**

The link remain open until 3.00 p.m. on Tuesday January 27th 2026

<https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code/cjyvg>



GRADE SIX GRADUATION - THURSDAY DECEMBER 11th

Congratulations to our graduating Grade 6 students that celebrated last Thursday. 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.

From all at California Gully Primary School, we wish the community a safe and relaxing Christmas break and look forward to another exciting year at CGPS.

TERM FOUR 2025

Last Day of 2025 School Year

Friday December 19th (1.15 p.m. Dismissal)

TERM ONE 2026

Staff Return (Statewide Curriculum Day)

Tuesday January 27th

Start Up Interviews (F—6)

Wednesday January 28th

All CGPS students start today

Thursday January 29th

Foundation – 12.30pm finish

Thursday January 29th and

Friday January 30th

Andrew Frawley
CGPS Principal

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Dates for the Diary

- **Friday December 19th - 2026** Last Day of 2025 School—Dismissal 1.15 p.m.
- **Monday, January 19th** - School Office is Open for Parent Contribution Payments and Lodging of C.S.E.F. Applications
- **Tuesday, January 20th** - School Office is Open for Parent Contribution Payments and Lodging of C.S.E.F. Applications
- **Wednesday, January 21st.** School Office is Open for Parent Contribution Payments and Lodging of C.S.E.F. Applications
- **Tuesday, January 27th** - Staff Resume for 2026
- **Wednesday, January 28th.** Start-Up Interviews
- **Thursday, January 29th -** All Students (Foundation to Year Six) Resume for 2026
- **Thursday, January 29th -** Foundation Students 12.30 p.m. Finish
- **Friday, January 30th -** Foundation Students 12.30 p.m. Finish

2026 Student Booklists

The Student Booklists for 2026 were sent home on Friday November 7th, the online ordering system opened on Monday November 10th. If your child did not bring home their booklist information please speak to their classroom teacher. Orders were required to be placed on-line with [Education Plus](#) by

Friday December 12th 2025

You may be able to still place orders prior to the start of the 2026 school year.

Below are the codes for each year level for 2026

Foundation	CGP02026T
Year One	CGP12026V
Year Two	CGP22026R
Year Three	CGP32026G
Year Four	CGP42026Q
Year Five	CGP52026K
Year Six	CGP62026A



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SCHOOL HOLIDAYS SORTED

AFL PLAY

4 - 7 YEAR OLDS

A safe and fun program led by experienced AFL coaches, your child will learn basic footy skills, and enjoy mini-games, all while experiencing NAB AFL Auskick in a supportive environment, leaving with big smiles and a day of Good Clean Fun!

Children who turn 5 in 2026 can register!



8 - 12 YEAR OLDS

Get a taste of NAB AFL Superkick, with a mix of skill development, modified game play. See their confidence grow in a supportive environment where buddies, mud & fun collide!



Bendigo School Holiday Program

Monday 19th January at Harry Trott Oval
9am to 3pm - \$55 which includes a football
A day of footy fun!



BIG SUMMER READ

JOIN, BORROW, READ, WIN!

December 1 - January 31



Ages
5-13

Holiday Camps on sale now!



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Book now at codecamp.com.au/flyer

SAVE \$25

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ESCAPE THE VAPE

The City of Greater Bendigo is working with partners on Escape the Vape, a project aimed at preventing and reducing the uptake of vaping among young people.

Alongside school-based education sessions delivered by Bendigo Community Health Services, we're developing a video resource to support parents, carers, and educators in helping young people navigate issues around vaping.

Your input is valuable, and we are asking you to please take a moment to complete the survey to help shape the resources.

You can complete the survey via the City's Let's Talk community engagement website at www.letstalkgreaterbendigo.com.au/escape-vape-project-survey or via the QR code below.

SCAN TO COMPLETE THE SURVEY

THE SURVEY IS OPEN UNTIL
FRIDAY DECEMBER 19, 2025



For more information, please contact
the City of Greater Bendigo's Senior
Health Promotion Officer Shannon Lacy
via email to s.lacy@bendigo.vic.gov.au

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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.

BENDIGO 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.

BRING A SHOPPING BAG

Date **Times** **Location**

Monday 22 Dec 2025 Open at 1pm St Paul's Cathedral Bendigo

Tuesday 23 Dec 2025 Open at 1pm Gateway Park Function Centre

Monday 29 Dec 2025 Open at 1pm St Paul's Cathedral Bendigo

Tuesday 30 Dec 2025 Open at 1pm California Gully Mechanics Institute Hall

With support from the following service clubs

Rotary Club of Bendigo, Rotary Club of Bendigo North, Rotary Club of Bendigo South, Rotary Club of Bendigo, Rotary Club of Bendigo.

FREE COMMUNITY FESTIVE MEAL EVENTS 2025

Sunday December 1, 1pm - 3pm
Bendigo Community Christmas
Bendigo Public Hall
• 801 Bendigo Street, Bendigo
• 03 5442 0044
www.bendigocommunitychristmas.org.au

Wednesday December 12, 12.30pm - 1pm
Open Pantry Christmas Hamper
• East London Function Centre
• East London Community House
• Dongara Street, Bendigo
• 03 5442 0070

Thursday December 13, 1pm - 3pm
Open Pantry Christmas Hamper
• East London Function Centre
• East London Community House
• Dongara Street, Bendigo
• 03 5442 0070

Friday December 14, 1pm - 3pm
Open Pantry Christmas Hamper
• East London Function Centre
• East London Community House
• Dongara Street, Bendigo
• 03 5442 0070

Saturday December 15, 1pm - 3pm
Open Pantry Christmas Hamper
• East London Function Centre
• East London Community House
• Dongara Street, Bendigo
• 03 5442 0070

What's Happening

- FREE Meal Events –** Join a free meal and connect with your community.
- Food Hampers –** Available for those who need extra food relief.
- Pop-up Food Pantry –** Offering essential items to help ease festive season costs.

Please make direct contact with the service club hosting the event or providing hamper/pantry services to confirm details and availability.

SO... POP-UP

CITY OF BENDIGO

PLAY SOCCER WITH US IN 2026

Come & join Epsom Football Club! Anyone aged 4yrs+ can play! Whether you're new to soccer or a seasoned player, you'll find a safe, friendly and welcoming environment.

Our Expression of Interest form is now open

Complete our short form (link below or scan QR code) to get early access to all 2026 club info, from our Club Open Day, to registrations and training dates.

<https://forms.office.com/r/5UmDcRuSmD>

QR Code

Ages 4 yrs & above

No experience necessary

Mixed & all-girls teams available

Non-competitive teams from Under 6 to Under 10

Competitive teams from Under 12 to Under 16

Youth (16-18yrs), Mens & Women's teams

Contact secretary@epsomfc.com.au or juniors@epsomfc.com.au for more information www.epsomfc.com.au

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