### 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

- **Final Breakfast Program** for 2016 - **Friday December 2nd**
- **School Council Meeting** - **Monday December 5th** (Please Note Change of Date)
- **Prep 2017 and Grade 6 Orientation Day** - **Tuesday December 6th**
- **Parents’ Club Meeting** - **Friday December 9th**
- **Grade 6 Graduation** - **Wednesday December 14th**
- **End of Year Concert** - **Thursday December 15th**
- **End of Year Celebration at the Pool** - **Friday December 16th**
- **Last Day of 2016 School Year** - **Tuesday December 20th**

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

#### 2017 TRANSITION DAY - ‘STEP UP’

A ‘Step Up’ transition session for our students in their 2017 grade groupings will occur on Tuesday 6th December from 9.15am-11.00am. Students will be involved in a number of activities and have an opportunity to interact with their 2017 classmates and classroom teacher. The following factors were considered when determining classes: even distribution of academic ability within grades, separation of children who do not work well together, gender balance, interpersonal development, friendship groups, attitude, maturity, individual needs and behaviour.

Over the past month I have requested parents or carers to inform the school if their child / children will NOT be attending California Gully PS in 2017. Please contact the school at the earliest convenience if you are moving.

Also, if you know of families who intend enrolling their children at California Gully PS for the 2017 school year, please ask them to contact the school immediately.

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2017 SCHOOL CHARGES (INCLUDING ESSENTIAL SCHOOL ITEMS)

2017 School Charges will be distributed on Tuesday 6th December. The school fees include the Arts & Cultural, Curriculum Sports Levy and the Booklist costs. We have endeavoured to keep costs down for all parents and carers.

The school office will be open on Monday 23rd January and Wednesday 25th January. At this time Student Charges can be paid and Camps, Sports & Excursion Fund application forms can be completed (please note you will need your Health Care Card to complete this process). Please refer to the school charges documentation for other payment options.

2017 GRADE NOTIFICATION

Parents will be advised in writing of their child’s class placement for 2017 on Tuesday 6th December. Information will inform parents of the following:

- The name or title of your child’s class
- The name of your child’s teacher(s)

WHOLE SCHOOL END OF YEAR CONCERT: THURSDAY 15th DECEMBER

Our school concert will be held on Thursday, 15th December on our school oval. 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!

WATER SAFETY PROGRAM

Our Water Safety Program starts next week. The children will have a lesson each day for 1 week.

Bus times (leaving for pool)
- 12.25pm: Grades PO, 3/4E & 5/6W - swimming from 12.45pm
- 1.15pm: Grades 3/4CR, 1/2 HP & 5/6M - swimming from 1.45pm

Children need to bring their bathers, towel, sunscreen and a rashie top or T-shirt each day in a suitable carry bag. Grade 6 children will be at Eaglehawk Secondary College for the statewide transition day on Tuesday 6th December.

Swimming Permission Forms

A permission form must be signed before the start of the swimming program, or your child won’t be able to participate. Please complete the form and return it to school as soon as possible. Notes went home last Monday.

If you have not paid your school fees then you are requested to pay the fees as soon as possible OR ensure the $35 for the swimming program has been paid.

END OF TERM DISMISSAL: EARLY FINISH AT 1.30 P.M.

All students will be dismissed at 1:30pm on Tuesday 22nd December. Children will have their normal morning recess break at 11.00am and then have lunch at home after dismissal at 1:30pm.

Jason Lee
Principal
Parents’ Club Meeting
The next meeting of the Parents’ Club will be in the conference room next Friday, December 9th after assembly. This meeting will have morning tea provided as part of our end of year Christmas break-up. All parents and carers are welcome to attend. Note: Can Parents Club members please bring a plate of goodies to share.

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

Parents’ Club Christmas Raffle
Tickets for this have gone home.
Prizes so far:
1st $100.00 Hamper (Donated by the Parents’ Club)
2nd X-Drone Mini G-Shock Remote Control Drone
3rd Crochet Owl (Donated by Renee Jenkins)
4th ‘Stampin Up’ Pack including a free card making class voucher (Donated by Renee Jenkins)
5th 4 x Tubs of Billy G’s Cookie Dough & Cookie Cutters (Donated by the Parents’ Club)
6th 4 x Tubs of Billy G’s Cookie Dough (Donated by the Parents' Club)

If you would like to make our raffle bigger and better, you can leave donations of non-perishable food items at the office.
The raffle will be drawn at the end of year concert on Thursday December 15th.

Thank you to all families who support the Parents’ Club.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

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HEALTHY LIVING

GREAT TIPS FOR HEALTHY KIDS

TIP 5. LOTS OF ACTIVITY KEEPS KIDS FIT AND HEALTHY.

Look at how toddlers run and climb. They can’t wait to get on their feet to explore the world, and they love every minute of it.

It’s natural for children to slow down as they grow up. They have to learn to sit still at school, for a start.

But these days children are becoming less active too early, and it isn’t healthy for them. Physical activity throughout life can prevent a whole range of diseases and illnesses.

Kids need movement and activity to keep functioning well, so encourage them to keep on being active whenever they can. Physical activity can help your child: grow and develop; build strong bones and muscles; develop flexibility; achieve a healthy weight; improve fitness; and relax.

What you can do NOW

♦ Expect your child to have at least 60 minutes of moderate physical activity every day.
♦ Encourage your child to: walk, ride a bike, run, rollerblade, kick a ball around; run down to the shops for you; and dance to their favourite music.

Good Idea!

Explain to kids that sitting around in the playground will make them feel more tired, and suggest they walk, skip or run around for at least ten minutes to revive themselves before going back to class.

Healthy Delicious Snacks to Share with Friends after School!

“Fruit Topped Muffins”

Ingredients:
½ cup low-fat cottage or ricotta cheese
2 tablespoons chopped pineapple
1 tablespoon sultanas or other dried fruit
1 wholegrain English muffin

Method:
Combine cheese, pineapple and sultanas in bowl. Cut muffin in half and toast both sides. Spread on cheese mixture and serve.

“Nutty Banana Rice Cakes”

Ingredients:
6 teaspoons unsalted peanut butter
2 rice cakes
1 banana
1 teaspoon honey

Method:
Spread peanut butter onto rice cakes. Slice banana, and arrange slices on top of cakes. Drizzle honey over banana and serve.

(When using canned fruits, try and use ones with Natural Juice)

Top Tip

Buy skipping ropes for the whole family and jump the rope 50-100 times a day.

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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 November 25th**

**Prep O’Sullivan:**
- Blake T. - For improved persistence with completing class work.
- Madison W. - For being highly motivated with her reading.

**3/4 Ennor:**
- Mason F. - For an amazing 300 days of home reading.
- Emily K.-S. - For an amazing 300 days of home reading.

**5/6 McKerrow:**
- Lily G. - For excellent work with reading.
- Evelynn T. - For excellent results in maths.

**5/6 Windridge:**
- Ella B. - For excellent results in reading.
- Myan P. - For excellent results in reading.

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**COMMUNICATION REMINDER**

To ensure that parents and carers do not miss out on any vital information we encourage ALL parents and carers who have an iPhone (App Store), Android (Play Store) or Windows device to download the Skoolbag App (FREE).

The App allows either the classroom teacher or school administration to forward you information in a convenient timely manner. **There is no issue of notes being lost or stuck at the bottom of a schoolbag.**

Once fully operational you will receive and be able to access: upcoming events, newsletters, information pages, permission notes, links to website pages, parent eForms for sick note/absent and change of details and much more.

A key feature is the instant alerts we can send to remind the whole-school or just a grade of students of a particular school event or request.

To be able to access information only related to your child’s grade you need to:

**Once downloaded**- Go to the home page-tap the 3 bars in the top left hand corner/ Tap on Setup/ Choose your grade(s) and slide the button to ON.


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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

Mrs. Paton

Please take note that the Outside School Hours Care program will close for 2016 on Friday December 16th.
All outstanding accounts need to be paid at the office by Tuesday December 20th.

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:
- December 7th: Christmas Craft
- December 14th: Christmas Party/Rumball making

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

Join us on Facebook: www.facebook/calgullyplaygroup1

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Thanks to Empowering Eaglehawk, The Eaglehawk Football Club and the Peter Krenz Leisure Centre/YMCA we have a community breakfast program for all families (parents are more than welcome to attend) and staff of California Gully. The community breakfast program ends for 2016 tomorrow, Friday December 2nd at 8 a.m. (please note that we will stop serving breakfast at 8.20 a.m. any children who arrive after 8.20 a.m. will miss out).
Sharing in breakfast together, what a great way for our school community to start to start the day!

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen at California Gully Primary
Wednesday Mornings
8.00 a.m. to 8.45 a.m.

Catch the savings bug with school banking every Tuesday.
Eaglehawk Branch
CNR High & Church St
Eaglehawk VIC 3556
P: 03 5466 8511
Bendigo and Adelaide Bank Limited, ABN 11 068 049 178, AFSL 237879. (S28523) (04/10)

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The Eaglehawk Junior Football Club is seeking players in all age groups for the 2017 season. As well as having sides in under 9, under 10, under 12, under 14, under 16 and Youth Girls (under 19), in 2017 we have the opportunity to also field girls sides in under 12 and under 15. If you are interested in playing, please come along to our Season Launch Day at Canterbury Park Oval on Sunday 19th February 2017 from 11.00am. Enquiries to Gavin Parkes, Secretary, on 0448 374 455 or eaglehawk.jfc@gmail.com.

Remembrance Parks Central Victoria cordially invites you to our

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE SERVICE
With performances by representatives of the St Paul’s Cathedral Choir

This service will be held at the Elaine McNamara Chapel at 5 Victoria Street, Eaglehawk Remembrance Park on Sunday December 4, 2000pm to 3.00pm.
For more information and RSVP’s contact Joanne or Rebekah at events@pcv.com.au or (03) 5446 1566.
5 Victoria Street, Eaglehawk T: +61 3 5446 1566 | E: events@pcv.com.au

SOUTH BENDIGO FNC
FREE Footy & Netball Clinic
SUNDAY DEC 4th
REGISTER YOUR INTEREST TO PLAY 2017

Netball
Ages - Grade 4 to 18 yrs in the BSNA Comp
Meet senior players
Fun Activities
Sausage Sizzle

Football
7 Yrs – 12 Yrs
10am -2pm (Inc. BBQ Lunch)
Meet the coaches
Fun Activities
Sausage Sizzle

Warmly Welcome
Enquiries and pre-registration please contact:
Footy - undersecretary@southbendignofn.com.au
Netball - southbendigon@gmail.com
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**Tuning In To Teens**
Bendigo

Tuning In to Teens shows you how to help your teen develop Emotional Intelligence

Join our six session parenting program for parents and carers of teens.

Would you like to know how to:

- Be better at talking with your teen?
- Be better at understanding your teen?
- Help your teen learn to manage their emotions?
- Help to prevent behaviour problems in your teen?

**Term 1, 2017**
- **When:** Thursday 16th February - Thursday 23rd March 2017
- **Time:** Arrival and registration 6.45pm
- **Sessions:** 7.00pm - 9.00pm
- **Where:** CatholicCare Sandhurst Noel Daly Room, 170-178 McCoy St, Bendigo
- **Cost:** $40 for the whole course or $20 concession
- **Child Care:** Sorry, child care is not provided
- **Facilitators:** Jo and Kate
- **Parking:** On-site parking available - enter via 110 Hargreaves Street

For bookings and enquiries phone Ky Gregg on 5438 1300

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**Boys Brains**
Bendigo

This workshop will give insight in to the workings of a boy’s brain and how their needs are different to girls. It will provide practical strategies to help parents and carers understand boy’s needs and how to meet them.

**Term 4, 2016**
- **When:** Thursday 8th December 2016
- **Time:** Arrival and registration 9.45am
- **Session:** 10.00am - 12.30pm
- **Where:** CatholicCare Sandhurst Noel Daly Room, 170-178 McCoy Street, Bendigo
- **Cost:** $20 or $20 concession
- **Child Care:** Sorry, child care is not provided
- **Facilitators:** Kate Belton and Anne-Marie Watt
- **Parking:** No on-site parking available - please park in surrounding streets

For bookings and enquiries phone Ky Gregg on 5438 1300

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**Kidzone**

After-school kids program aged at Primary School aged children. Open to all children from Prep to Grade 6.

All adult leaders have Working With Children’s Checks. Parents/Caregivers/Grandparents are encouraged to stay in or watch with a cup of tea or coffee.

Thursdays during Term from 4.00 until 5.30pm.
Fun & Games for all.
No RSVP needed, but a ChildSafe Permission form MUST be completed by the legal guardian.

Eaglehawk Salvation Army
51 Church St Eaglehawk
Contact Melissa on 0429 967 123 or 5446 8135

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**Summer in the Parks**

This summer Bendigo’s beautiful parks will come alive with a range of fantastic music, movies and other great free or low cost events.

To check out the full list of events and activities on offer visit our website

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www.bendigosummerintheparks.com