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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

**CHANGE TO EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE 2015**

Our school council is writing to you about changes to Education Maintenance Allowance from 2015. This allowance was provided directly to families who were the holders of a valid Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card and was designed to help with schooling costs. The Liberal State Government (when in power) decided to ‘no longer’ provide targeted Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) to families in its current form. It instead allocated funds directly to qualifying schools from 2015. California Gully Primary School does qualify and will receive some additional funding in 2015. (Please note that funds directed to qualifying schools in 2015 will not be the same amount as the previous EMA funding.)

**What does this mean for you?**

From 2015, California Gully Primary School Council will continue to support families who are the holders of a current and valid Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card as of the first day of term 1. This support will involve subsidising the cost of school fees (as the EMA in previous years). School Council WILL NOT cover the cost of major excursions or school camps. This is also consistent with what we have done in previous years.

**Please note that any families who are the holders of a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card who enrol in the school on or after 1st March, will not receive this funding support from School Council in 2015.**

School Council is working hard to minimise the financial burden of educational costs on our families.

**What about the ‘School Kids Bonus’?**

At this stage the federal government’s ‘School Kids Bonus’ will come to an end in July 2016. Those families receiving Family Tax Benefit Part A can receive up to $410 per primary-age child (paid in 2 instalments January/July). School Council recommends families put this payment aside to cover expenses such as school fees, camps and excursions. Should you require further information, please contact the school.
SCHOOL CHARGES & PAYMENTS

A letter outlining our 2015 school charges was to be distributed on Tuesday 9th December; it is now likely this will be put back until Monday 15th December. The school fees include our Arts, Curriculum and Sports Levy plus the Booklist costs. We have endeavoured to keep costs down for all parents and carers. Payment of school charges can be made on Wednesday January 21st and Thursday January 22nd. Full or part payments must be made by Friday February 28th. (If you elect to pay your student charges in two instalments final payment will be required by Wednesday July 29th after the School Kids Bonus is received by some families.

NOTE: Please be aware that these charges are not voluntary or non-essential items, they are classified as essential items under the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development guidelines and as a result it is expected that parents will pay for these school items.

‘STEP UP’ TRANSITION DAY

A ‘Step Up’ transition session for our students in their 2015 grade groupings will occur on Tuesday 9th December from 9.15am-11.00am. Students will be involved in a number of activities and as a result all students will have an opportunity to further develop their relationships with old and new friends and the classroom teacher.

Teachers have spent considerable time developing class groups. Parents also had an opportunity for written input between Thursday16th - Monday 27th October. 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.

I have requested parents or carers to inform the school if their child / children will NOT be attending California Gully PS in 2015 due to your family moving on. Also, if you know of families who intend enrolling their children at California Gully for 2015, please ask them to contact the school immediately.

2015 GRADE NOTIFICATION

Parents will be advised in writing of their child’s class placement for 2015 on Tuesday 9th December. Information will inform parents of the following:

The name or title of your child’s class
The name of your child’s teacher
The number of students in the class.

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.

Jason Lee
Principal
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.

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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 10th—Adventure Play in the Multi-Purpose Building
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/calgunlyplaygroupl

School Assembly starts at 8.55 a.m. Please be on time!
Premier’s Reading Challenge

Well done to all the children who completed the Premier’s Reading Challenge this year. It was great to see so many children complete the challenge. Thanks to all the parents and teachers who assisted children to achieve this. Also, to Mrs. Lee who has been volunteering to label books for the challenge.

Cal Gully Reading Challenge.
The following students have also been presented with additional certificates for reading beyond the number of books required in the challenge.

25 Books
Keely F.
Levi E.
Ella B.
Shii-an B.
Terri-Anne C.-G.
Sam G.
Shameka R.
Phoebe S.
Taleah T.
Zac B.
Jayden B.
Sarah H.
Aaliyah M.
Ruby M.
Shakira E.-J.
Aaliah N.
Phoenix P.
Olivia T.
Jackson T.

50 Books!
Well done to:
Olivia T.
Phoenix P.
Shameka R.
Terri-Anne C.-G.

congratulations!

School Assembly starts at 8.55 a.m. Please be on time!
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

**Library Pack-Up Helpers**
Congratulations to the following students on being named Student of The Week for their positive attitude to school and social values.

**Friday November 28th**

**Prep/1 Christian:**

- Gus B. - For being a great school representative on our Fairy Park Excursion.
- Mason F. - For being a great school representative on our Fairy Park Excursion.
- Oscar G. - For being a great school representative on our Fairy Park Excursion.

**Prep/1 Holt:**

- Lachlan H. - For having a great time at the Fairy Park.
- Lara T. — For having a great time at the Fairy Park.

**3 Watt:**

- Shanae B. - For being a terrific team player during 3 Watt sport.
- Lily G. - For doing her personal best during Art circular patterns.

**5/6 McKerrow:**

- Ryan D. - For excellent work writing poetry.
- Brayden P. - For excellent poetry writing.

**5/6 Windridge-Doolan:**

- Lachlan F. - For working well in poetry sessions.
- Shae McO. - For working well in poetry sessions.
- Ruby M. - For writing an interesting Pantoum poem.

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**Student Banking**

Congratulations to our Gold Certificate Recipients (30 Deposits for Year):

Cody S of Grade 2 and Ela S. of Grade 3

Don’t forget that every Friday is School Banking day and students should bring in their weekly deposit.

For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a cool Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for an exclusive School Banking reward item in recognition of their continued savings behaviour. There are new reward items available during Term 4, a projector cup and streamers. These are on display in the school office.

Remember our school earns 5% commission on every deposit made (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit). Thank you for supporting the School Banking program at California Gully Primary School.

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5/6 Math Talks

This term Grade 5 and 6 are having 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. Last week we had two visitors. The first was Jared Windridge, an ex-California Gully student and the second was Roz Bradley, a parent of a child at our school.

Math visit

On Wednesday Jared Windridge came in to the 5/6 class to talk about his job as a computer programmer at the Bendigo bank.
He talked to us about how you must be good in school and how important it is to do year 11 and 12. He said that you need to put your head down and study hard and you need to do well in Maths and English to get a good score if you want a good job.

Jared helps with making websites and apps and other interesting things.
By Billy

Jared Windridge

On Wednesday the 26\textsuperscript{th} of November, Jared Windridge came to school and talked to 5/6 about being a computer programmer.
He told us about how he went to our school in Primary and went to Eagle-hawk High school for all for years and he learnt all the basic maths, and Algebra. He told us that he went to year eleven and twelve and went to uni for four years.
He also told us that you have to know a lot of maths to do computer programming and that he went overseas to work and came back. He found a job in Bendigo working at the bank and he said that he works from nine to five every day. He said that he gets paid for working but he did it for free when he was overseas.

By Zoe W

School Assembly starts at 8.55 a.m. Please be on time!
Maths Talk

Wednesday, we had another maths talk with Mrs. Windridge’s son, Jared Windridge. He is a Computer Programmer. He told us that you must learn English and Maths to become one, like him. He is working at the Bendigo Bank, making apps for android and iphones. He has made an app called “Message Me”. He had studied at University for a while. We enjoyed his visit and we were glad to have him.

Mickayla 5/6WD

Today we went over to Mr Mac’s class to see Jared. Jared works at the Bendigo bank near McDonald’s and he works as a computer programmer. Jared likes to make games. Jared went to California Gully Primary School, the same school as all of us and he started to like computer programming when he was our age. After he finished primary school he went to high school and then to university. While he was at university he went to work at the Bendigo bank for a little while and after he finished university the Bendigo bank wanted him back there because they liked his work. So he got a job at the Bendigo bank. He went to San Francisco for a little while and he worked on an app for free. The app made about 2 million dollars but he did not get paid for that app, as he was working for them just for the work experience. Jared told us that we need to do well at Maths and English to be a good computer programmer.

By Liam G. 5/6 WD 2014

Today Jared Mrs Windridge’s son came to talk about his job at the Bendigo Bank. He said he was on the second level and he worked as a computer coder/programmer. He told us he needed to use maths like addition, subtraction and algebra in his job. He also said literacy was important.

By Pacy

Maths talk with Jared Windridge

Today we had Mrs Windridge’s son Jared come and tell us about his job being a programmer at the big Bendigo bank office and how it involves maths. He programs codes for the bank. He told us how important it was to do maths in school and university. By Nate
HEALTHY LIVING
GREAT TIPS FOR HEALTHY KIDS

TIP 32. THERE ARE FATS AND FATS

Some fat in the diet is necessary for certain vitamins and essential fatty acids. But too much fat can lead to overweight and obesity.

Dairy foods such as milk, cheese and yoghurt contribute to the fat in the diet and they provide other valuable nutrients as well. For children over two years old, reduced-fat milk products are recommended so that they continue to benefit from the nutrients without too much fat.

The main fat to limit is saturated fat, especially in foods like biscuits, cakes, pies, buns and pastries and some snack and take-away foods.

What you can do NOW

✦ Grill, steam or bake rather than fry food.
✦ Switch from full-cream milk to reduced-fat milk for children over two years.
✦ Remove visible fat from children’s eat and skin form chicken before cooking.
✦ Limit processed meats. Fried foods, saturated fat and high-fat sauces and salad dressings.

Good Idea!

One of the best ways to reduce fat intake is to increase fruits, vegetables and wholegrain breads and cereals in the diet. These foods will fill kids up while providing essential nutrition.

Top Tip

For cooking, use a variety of the unsaturated types of oil including olive, canola, peanut, soybean and sunflower oils.

**Healthy Ideas for Canteens**

- Ensure the canteen has wholemeal bread, fruit and vegetables and dairy available for sale every day. Fresh produce is best but if unavailable, substitute with frozen, canned or dried products.
- List healthy foods at the beginning of the canteen menu and place healthy options at the front of the canteen where they can be seen easily.
  - Themed days are a great way to introduce new foods to the menu, such as International food days to promote one cultural meal e.g. Mexican day with beans and tacos, or Japanese with sushi.
  - Promote healthy choices by offering meal deal packages. For example, buy a sandwich and receive a piece of fruit free or half price water with every wrap. This can be a great way to reduce wastage of fresh produce at the end of the week as well!
- Promote a different fruit or vegetable each week based on seasonal availability, or go through the alphabet e.g. apples, bananas, berries, carrots, capsicum. Perhaps children can design posters to promote the fruit in class.
- Provide a different variety of breads to chose from such as: wholemeal, multigrain, soy & linseed, pita/Lebanese bread, rolls etc.
- Remove high-fat meat products for sandwich fillings e.g. sausage meats, pizza ham and salami and replace with lean choices such as leg ham and skinless chicken.

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

We have one sleeping bag left over from the sleepover. Please see Mrs. Peacock.

Eaglehawk Traders
Christmas Street Party
Saturday, December 6th
9AM — 1PM
Sidewalk Sales
Dancing
Choirs Bands
BBQs Face Painting
And a special visit from SANTA!

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Thanks to Empowering Eaglehawk, The Eaglehawk Football Netball Club and the Peter Krenz Leisure Centre/YMCA we have a community breakfast program for all families and staff of California Gully. The community breakfast program will conclude for 2014 tomorrow, Friday December 4th 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 the day!

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