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.

TERM 1 CURRICULUM DAYS

Due to necessity we will be holding two curriculum days during term 1. The first of the curriculum days was prearranged last year and Andrea Hilbrick a math consultant will deliver a mathematics workshop for all of our teaching staff. This will occur on Monday 2nd March. The second curriculum day will be facilitated by MOVAIT who run workshops to provide training for situations which could be classified as aggressive or violent. This will involve all of our staff. This will occur on Monday 23rd March. I appreciate the fact many families will need to provide suitable care for these days but as previously mentioned it has been unavoidable.

LIBRARY

The library will now be open on Tuesday and Friday mornings from 8.30am to 8.55am. This is an opportunity for children to return books and to borrow books outside of their class time. Please encourage your child to visit the library and borrow books on a regular occasion. Whether your child is at the stage now where they can read independently or are still being read to, the long term benefits of reading consistently are multiple: expands their vocabulary, stimulates their imagination, broadens their knowledge on various subjects, improves their attention span and helps them cope with and succeed with other school subjects.

LATENESS

It is very important every child arrives at school on time. Children consistently arriving late to school miss the initial daily instruction which puts them at a disadvantage. At times lateness cannot be helped but if you are consistently having difficulties getting your child(ren) to school on time and would like some extra support please call and make a time to meet with Kerryn.
CALIFORNIA GULLY PRIMARY SCHOOL SKOOLBAG APP
DON’T FORGET TO INSTALL OUR SCHOOL APP- Skoolbag (29 downloads so far!)
Skoolbag provides us with an easy way to tell parents/carers everything they need to know, and it will provide parents with the most convenient way to receive school notifications.
The school Mobile App communicates directly with iPhone, and Android devices. The app has only recently been configured and we are currently creating content categories. Parents can add the School Mobile App to their phone at any time. Once fully operational you will receive and be able to access: alerts, upcoming events, newsletters, information pages, permission notes, links to website pages, parent eForms for sick note/absent and change of details and much more. The following link provides details of how to install the app.  http://www.skoolbag.com.au/forparents.php

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A SCHOOL COUNCILLOR?
Nominations close TOMORROW Friday 13th.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NOMINATION
The following timetable outlines our school election procedure. Nomination forms can be collected from the office.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTION PROCESS AND TIMETABLE

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Step</th>
<th>Date</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>a) Notice of election and call for nominations</td>
<td>Friday, 6 February 2015</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>b) Closing date for nominations</td>
<td>Friday, 13 February 2015</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>c) Date by which the list of candidates and nominators will be posted</td>
<td>Friday, 20 February 2015</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>d) Date by which ballot papers will be prepared and distributed.</td>
<td>On or before Thursday, 26 February 2015</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>e) Close of ballot</td>
<td>Thursday, 5 March 2015</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>e) March School Council Meeting First council meeting to elect office bearers</td>
<td>Monday, 16 March 2015</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Vacancies for 2015 include 4 parent representatives, 2 staff representatives and 2 community members.

Jason Lee
Principal

Junior School Council Garage Sale

In Term 2 JSC will hold a “garage sale” at the school.
We are collecting any unwanted items you may have and would be willing to donate for our sale.
Please see Kaitlin Christian or Megan Watt for more information or let us know if you have something which could be of use.

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 year do to unforeseen circumstances. This meeting has been re-scheduled for **Friday February 20th** at 2.00 p.m. in the Conference Room. All are welcome to attend.

**Contacting the Parents’ Club**
If you wish to contact the Parents’ club have an email address which is [cgpsparentsclub@gmail.com](mailto:cgpsparentsclub@gmail.com).

---

**SCHOOL CALENDAR**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>MONDAY</th>
<th>TUESDAY</th>
<th>WEDNESDAY</th>
<th>THURSDAY</th>
<th>FRIDAY</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>February 16th -</td>
<td>Prep Students Not Required</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>School Banking Day</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>February 20th</td>
<td>at School</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>February 23rd -</td>
<td>Prep Students Not Required</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>School Banking Day</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>February 27th</td>
<td>at School</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>March 2nd -</td>
<td>Curriculum Day</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>School Banking Day</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>March 6th</td>
<td>- No Students Required at</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>School</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>March 9th -</td>
<td>Labour Day</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>School Banking Day</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>March 13th</td>
<td>Public Holiday</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Grade 6 Polo Shirts**
If you have ordered a Grade 6 Polo Shirt but have not enclosed the $32.50 per shirt can you please do so by Monday February 16th.

---

**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**

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

Join us on Facebook: [www.facebook/calgullyplaygroup1](http://www.facebook/calgullyplaygroup1)

---

School Assembly starts at 8.55 a.m. Please be on time!
This year our school is going to celebrate 100 days of Maths in Term 3.

Today our school celebrated 9 days of Maths. We are keeping a record of some of the activities we do in Maths each day. This is what 4/5 WR did on Day 1. Some of these activities will be displayed in the corridor.

On Day 1 of Maths, Grade 4/5 WR looked at the number one. We found some words that had to do with one: first, once, unicycle, unicorn, single, solo, monocyte, monorail and monobrow! We then made a Möbius strip. A Möbius strip has one edge and one surface. It is easy to make by taking a long strip of paper, giving it one twist and joining together the ends. If an ant were to crawl along the length of this strip, it would return to its starting point having traversed the entire length of the strip (on both sides of the original paper) without ever crossing an edge. We tried to show this by colouring one side of the strip red and the other side green. This turns out to be impossible because the strip has only one side.

School Assembly starts at 8.55 a.m. Please be on time!
Congratulations to the following students on being named Student of The Week for their positive attitude to school and social values.

**Friday February 6th**

**Prep/1 Christian:**
- Gus B. - For being a great role model for the Preps.
- Riley Co. - For a great first week of school.

**2 Watt-Holt:**
- Ella L. - For doing her personal best in all areas of the curriculum.
- Lachlan W. - For a great start to 2015 in Grade 3.

**4/5 Ennor:**
- Tyson B. - For starting the school year with an excellent attitude.
- Ryan H. - For always using excellent manners.
- Isabel P. - For setting excellent short and long term goals.

**4/5 Windridge-Reilly:**
- Suzie C. - For settling well into her new class and displaying our school values.
- Kodi P. - For being an enthusiastic, friendly and helpful class member aiming for his personal best.

**6 McKerrow:**
- Shaun McC-S. - For an excellent start at his new school.
- Brayden P. - For excellent comments in his reading diary.
- Shae McO. - For thinking through and working out challenging maths tasks.
- Izak O’S. - For showing a good understanding of equivalent fractions.

**Book Club**
Scholastic Book Club is sent home twice a term. Our school benefits from children ordering books from Scholastic Book Club as we are able to choose free books for our classrooms and library. Book Club brochures will have a date due stamped on the front of the brochure. If you wish to order a book from any of the brochures that are sent home, you can put all orders in one envelope with your child’s name and grade on it. Please include the money in cash or if you wish to write a cheque, make it payable to California Gully PS. There is also a credit card facility for orders over $15. Please follow the directions on the back of the brochure and return the order with the receipt attached to school.

Book Club Issue 1 has been sent home last week. It is due back at school on Thursday, 15 February 2015.

If you have any questions, please see Linda Windridge or your class teacher.

School Assembly starts at 8.55 a.m. Please be on time!
Don’t forget to check out the school’s website www.californiagullyps.vic.edu.au

HEALTHY LIVING

GREAT TIPS FOR HEALTHY KIDS

TIP 36. ELECTRONIC GAMES CAN PREVENT FITNESS

Some computer games and electronic games provide ‘other worlds’ that kids enjoy exploring. Some of them are educational, so it can seem like a very good thing that your child spends hours ‘learning’. But playing these games can prevent kids from being fit. The longer they spend with them, the less time they are physically active.

What you can do NOW

♦ Limit total time playing games on the computer, or surfing the internet, or watching TV, to a maximum of two hours per day.
♦ Expect your child to have at least 60 minutes of moderately physical activity every day.
♦ Develop an original game with your child.
♦ Install a basketball hoop in the backyard.

Good Idea!

Organise a scavenger hunt for the kids and their friends. You can hide ordinary household items such as a garden glove balls or pegs. Write up a list of instructions and watch them have fun.

Top Tip

Kids are more likely to happily walk away from electronic games if there are attractive alternatives. You could suggest a board game with the family, a walk together along a local bush track, or visiting the library together.

EGGS FOR SALE

Our girls are busy laying lots of eggs, $2.50 a dozen. See Wendy in the grade 4/5A room.

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

YUMMY SUMMER LUNCH IDEAS FOR THE KIDS...

Now is the best time to take great advantage of all of the bright and wonderful fruits and vegetables in season. It’s healthy and can be exciting to have a colourful lunchbox!

Fresh seasonal fruit salad with yoghurt makes a great lunchbox filler. Try celery sticks with hummus, salsa or cream cheese with chives, or make a mix of different coloured vegetable sticks, e.g. carrots, or a selection of dried fruit.

Tasty Salad Suggestion:

Pack in a container pieces of chicken or tuna or hard boiled egg with shredded lettuce, diced cucumber, avocado, capsicum and tomatoes.

To increase variety try adding fresh mango or pineapple, or include a pita bread wrap or fresh wholegrain roll in the lunchbox for them to tip the salad into.

It is important to include a freezer block in lunch boxes to keep meats and dairy cold, and be sure to include a bottle of water to drink!
Need help managing stress or anxiety?
If your child or teen has difficulties with anxiety or just seems to have too many worries, we would like to introduce you to BRAVE Self-Help – an interactive, online program for the prevention and treatment of childhood and adolescent anxiety. It was developed by a group of researchers from the University of Queensland and now, with the support of beyondblue, this program is now freely available to all young people aged 8 - 17 years old who are living in Australia. BRAVE Self-Help provides strategies for children and teenagers to better cope with their worries. There are 4 programs available, one for children aged 8-12 years, one for teenagers aged 12-17 years and one for parents of children at these ages respectively. The program can be accessed as often as you like, from the comfort of your own home. For more information, or to register for the program, please visit www.brave4you.psy.uq.edu.au.
PlayGolf Clinics

Women Beginner Golf Clinics

Belvoir Park Golf Club
77 Belvoir Park Rd, Big Hill, Bendigo

Women’s Clinic (Level 1)
Fridays 27th February, 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th March 2015
Time: 9:30am - assembly for a 10:00am start
Coffee and Cake - Morning Tea after the Clinics

* Level 1: For complete novice or people wishing to return to the game

Cost: $50 for 5 week course

Equipment provided – Dress comfortably (flat shoes) – Giveaways

Registration forms online at www.golf.vic.org.au
(Click tab - PlayGolf, Clinics)

For enquiries, please contact:

Janice Klemm - 0439 462 844 or
Di Ratcliffe - 0419 534 812
or Mark Bamford - 0426 241 213

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

School Assembly starts at 8.55 a.m. Please be on time!
City of Greater Bendigo Whipstick Ward Meetings  
7pm - 8.30pm  
Ward Councillors – Mayor Peter Cox, Lisa Ruffell and James Williams  
Meeting time and date may be subject to change. To confirm, please visit  
www.bendigo.vic.gov.au

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Ward</th>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Meeting Location</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>
| Huntly | Monday February 16 | Huntly Hall  
647 Midland Highway, Huntly                                                      |
| Epsom  | Monday March 2   | Epsom Primary School  
Howard Street, Epsom                                                               |
| Goornong | Monday April 20  | Goornong Hall  
Railway Place, Goornong                                                          |
| Eaglehawk | Monday May 4    | Eaglehawk Town Hall, Council Chamber  
Cnr Sailors Gully Road and Peg Leg Road, Eaglehawk                                |
| Raywood | Monday May 18    | Raywood Hall  
Inglewood Street, Raywood                                                         |
| Bendigo | Monday 1 June    | Bendigo Library, Activity Rooms 1 & 2  
259 Hargreaves Street, Bendigo                                                    |
| White Hills | Monday June 29   | White Hills Football Club, clubrooms  
Scott Street, White Hills                                                           |
| Woodvale | Monday July 27   | Woodvale Hall  
Daly’s Road, Woodvale                                                              |
| Neilborough | Monday August 17 | Neilborough Hall  
Murchison Street, Neilborough                                                      |
| Sebastian | Monday August 31 | Sebastian Hall  
Sebastian Road, Sebastian                                                           |
| Long Gully | Monday September 14 | Long Gully Pavilion  
Cunneen Street, Long Gully                                                        |
| North Bendigo | Monday October 12 | North Bendigo Pavilion, North Bendigo Recreation Reserve,  
Atkins Street, North Bendigo                                                        |
| Eaglehawk | Monday October 26 | Eaglehawk Town Hall, Council Chamber  
Cnr Sailors Gully Road and Peg Leg Road, Eaglehawk                                 |
| Bendigo  | Monday November 16 | Bendigo Library, Activity Rooms 1 & 2  
259 Hargreaves Street, Bendigo                                                    |
Eaglehawk Junior Football Club are seeking boys and girls for the upcoming 2015 football season. We field teams from Under 9 right through to Under 16 and Youth girls.

The registration day will be held on Sunday 15th February from 11am until 2pm at the Canterbury Park Oval. On the day coaches and committee members will be present to answer any questions you may have. We will be conducting a sausage sizzle and a boot swap where you can leave outgrown boots or pick up a pair which will fit you for the new season.

For further enquiries contact the club president – Graeme Heinrich on 0499 605 355 or visit our website.
NORTH BENDIGO JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB
Registration Day 19th February
6pm – 8pm

Under 9’s & 10’s - $90 per player
Under 12’s, 14’s, 16’s & 18 youth girls - $140 per player
Free pair of socks with every full paying member on this day.
Look forward to seeing you there.
For further information contact:
Nicole Logan (Treasurer) 0414594157
Elisha Dingfelder (Secretary) 0497645007

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

CALLING ALL NETBALLERS
Grade 3 to 6, Boy or Girl. If you wish to play netball this year please return this form to your class teacher.

Name: ___________________________________________ Grade: __________
Date of Birth: ___________________________________________
The Breakfast Program for 2015 will re-commence tomorrow, 
Friday February 13th

California  
Gully Primary 
School

Join us at our 
weekly 
Breakfast 
Program 

Every Friday from 
8 a.m. to 8.20 a.m.

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 commences for 2015 tomorrow, Friday February 13th at 8 a.m. (please note that we will stop serving breakfast at 8.20 a.m.).

Sharing in breakfast together, what a great way for our school community to start to start the day!

We would also like to acknowledge the assistance of Roger King’s IGA in Eaglehawk for providing the food for the breakfast.

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