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Thursday February 15th 2024

TRAFFIC MANAGMENT



A friendly reminder to all families to be vigilant and take care during drop-off and pick-up each day. Please slowdown to ensure the safety of all, be mindful of those using the crossing on Staley Street, and families that are walking, riding or scooting within the community. Staff will be on duty from 8.40 each morning.

CARLTON FOOTBALL CLUB VISIT - WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 14th

A special visit from 6 Carlton AFL and AFLW players at CGPS on Wednesday. A 'Question and Answer' session occurred with students, and then the chance to have items signed by players in attendance. The community camps provide the opportunity to spend time with elite athletes in schools and sporting groups, which is appreciated by all. Fingers crossed it is a great year for the Blues!



BUSHFIRE — EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

CGPS continues to ensure that planning within our Emergency Management Plan and our facilities are best prepared to respond safely and quickly in the event of fire within our community. Due to the proximity to bushland our school and OSHC is listed on the Department of Education and Training's Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR). This means that our school will **close** on a day forecasted as **Catastrophic fire danger rating** in North Western fire district.

CALIFORNIA GULLY PRIMARY SCHOOL - FOODSHARE

As a community we take great pride in our ongoing relationship with Bendigo Foodshare. Every week our school receives a delivery of everyday pantry items for all families to access. The delivery usually consists of bread, fruit and vegetables, while there is often other goodies to enjoy.

CGPS Foodshare - every Thursday.

Where - In the CGPS 'Shed' at the end of the basketball court.

Time - from 3pm.

Please be respectful of the amount you take with you, it is important to remember it is for our whole community to access. All welcome!

We are grateful for the ongoing support to our community.



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School Council Elections – Information for Parents 2024

2024 SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTION PROCESS AND TIMETABLE

a) Notice of election and call for nominations (3 Parent Vacancies)	Monday February 12th 2024
b) Closing date for nominations	Monday, February 26th 2024
c) Date by which ballot papers will be prepared and distributed (if required)	Thursday March 1st 2024
d) Close of ballot	Friday March 8th 2024
e) March School Council Meeting (First council meeting to elect office bearers)	Monday March 18th 2024

What is a school council and what does it do?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally formed bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within centrally provided guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Who is on the school council?

There are three possible categories of membership:

A mandated elected Parent category.

More than one third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DET) employees can be Parent members at their child's school as long as they are not employed at the school.

A mandated elected DET employee category.

Members of this category may make up no more than one third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.

An optional Community member category.

Its members are appointed by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DET employees are not eligible to be Community members.

The term of office for all members is two years. Half the members must retire each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Why is Parent membership so important?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school. Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

How can you become involved?

The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might seriously consider

- standing for election as a member of the school council
- encouraging another person to stand for election.

Do I need special experience to be on school council?

No. What you do need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

What do you need to do to stand for election?

The principal will issue a notice and call for nominations following the commencement of Term 1 each year. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March.

If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category.

Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the notice of election.

Andrew Frawley
CGPS Principal





California Gully Primary School preparedness and pre-emptive actions for the bushfire season

Fire danger ratings indicate how dangerous a fire would be if one started in those conditions and provide clear direction on the safest options for preserving life. They can be a trigger for action in community and for school and household level fire plans.

Our school has been identified as being one of these schools at high bushfire or grassfire risk, and is listed on the Bushfire at Risk Register (BARR) category 3 school.

Our school will **close** on a day forecasted as **Catastrophic fire danger rating** in **North Western fire district**.

The department will advise our school of the potential for a **Catastrophic fire danger rating** as information becomes available, however the pre-emptive closure will be **confirmed by 1pm the day prior to Catastrophic fire danger day**.

Fire danger ratings are forecast by the Bureau of Meteorology up to four days in advance. Should a Catastrophic day be forecast, we will notify you of the potential closure by an email or hard copy letter and CGPS Facebook Page. If closure of the school due to a forecast Catastrophic day will be confirmed on the day prior and we will provide you with advice before the end of the school day.

Once confirmed, the decision to close will not change, regardless of improvements in the weather forecast. This is to avoid confusion and help your family plan alternative care arrangements for your child. It is also important to note that:

No staff will be on site on days where the school is closed due to a forecast Catastrophic day.

Out-of-school-hours care will also be cancelled on these days.

School camps will be cancelled if a Catastrophic fire danger rating day is forecast for the Bureau of Meteorology district in which the camp is located, or if the travel involves passing through areas that have Catastrophic fire danger.

Families are encouraged to enact their Bushfire Survival Plan on Catastrophic fire danger rating days. **On such days, children should never be left at home alone or in the care of older children.**

For those of us living in a bushfire prone area, the Country Fire Authority (CFA) advises that when Catastrophic days are forecast, the safest option is to leave the night before or early on the morning of the Catastrophic day.

As part of preparing our school for potential hazards such as fire, we have updated and completed our Emergency Management Plan for 2023-24.

What can parents do?

Make sure your family's bushfire survival plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements in the event that our school is closed due to elevated fire danger or a Catastrophic fire forecast. Further information can be found on the [CFA's website](#).

Ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers. Keep in touch with us by reading our newsletters, checking our website

Most importantly at this time of year, if you're planning a holiday or short stay in the bush or in a coastal area, you should check warnings in advance of travel and remain vigilant during your stay.

If your child is old enough, talk to them about bushfires and your family's Bushfire Survival Plan.

Twitter (<https://twitter.com/vicemergency>)

ABC local radio, Sky News and other emergency broadcasters



Dates for the Diary

- **Wednesday February 21st** - Foundation Students Rest Day
- **Monday February 26th** - School Council Nominations Close
- **Wednesday February 28th** - Foundation Students Rest Day
- **Monday March 11th** - Labour Day Public Holiday
- **Monday March 18th** - School Council Meeting—Annual General Meeting and General Meeting
- **Thursday March 28th** - Last Day of Term One
- **Friday March 29th** - Good Friday
- **Monday April 15th** - First Day of Term Two
- **Friday April 19th** - School Photo Day
- **Thursday April 25th** - ANZAC Day Public Holiday
- **Friday April 26th** - Curriculum Day—No Students Required at School



Auskick in Eaglehawk begins **Sunday 4th April** at Canterbury Oval between 9:00am – 10:00am and runs for 10 weeks, including 3 x Halftime games at Eaglehawk Football Club home games.

The NAB Auskick program makes learning to play AFL fun, safe and easy for boys and girls. Through weekly coaching sessions children will learn the skills of the game in an exciting and social environment.

To register, go to www.play.afl/auskick or for more information, go to our Facebook page “Eaglehawk Auskick”





Congratulations to the following students on being named
Student of The Week
for their positive attitude to school and social values.

Friday February 9th

Foundation Hinton:

- Elliotte E. - For making contributions to class discussions.
- Imogen R. - For showing great listening behaviours.

Foundation Tonkin:

- Rhiannon R. - For consistently showing 'whole body listening'.
- Aarlo T. - For constructive play during Investigation Time.

Grade 1/2 Leed:

- Bobbey M.-S - For working hard and doing his best on all tasks.
- Annalise M. - For being a kind and friendly classmate.

Grade 1/2 Price:

- Opal L. - For being a great role model to her peers.
- Thea L. - For concentrating on every task.

Grade 3/4 Ennor:

- Jack B. - For writing an exciting orientation.
- Poppy D. - For being a helpful class member.
- Izaihaz Z. - For a fantastic start to his grade 3 year.

Grade 3/4 Ryan:

- Lillian M. - For working hard in her writing.
- Hahlia S. - For being a helpful and caring member of the class.

Grade 5/6 McKerrow:

- Bailey B. - For showing good leadership in small group work.
- Georgia G. - For showing good leadership in small group work.

Grade 5/6 Windridge-Lee:

- Charlie B. - For excellent explanation of his reasoning in our problem solving session.
- Zac G. - For being a helpful and caring class member.
- Suzanna H. - For excellent work in Maths problem solving and explaining her thinking.

CSEF

(Camps, Sports & Excursion Fund)

Applications are open for families who are Health Care Card holders to apply for this funding - forms are available from the school office if you haven't already completed one (please note only one application needs to be completed, all children in your family can be on the same form). When completing your application please bring along your current Health Care Card, this is needed for the application to be accepted. Your health Care Card needed to be valid on January 29th 2024 for you to be eligible.

If you are a Health Care Card holder please do not miss out on this funding.

Application Forms are available from the school office or return the copy that was in the Parent Contribution Booklets in November 2023.



Benefitting the health and wellbeing of our Bendigo school children

School visits coming
in TERM 1

Proudly funded by:



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Book Club LOOP

LOOP is the Scholastic Book Club
Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform.

It's easy to order and pay online for your child's Book Club order
using your credit card. If your school is not yet in the LOOP,
speak with your school's Book Club Organiser.

Head to scholastic.com.au/LOOP

or

Follow these **easy** steps!

- 1 Simply grab your child's Book Club catalogue and either **SIGN-IN** or **REGISTER** your account.
- 2 Add your child's first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for), then select your **SCHOOL** and your **CHILD'S CLASS**.
Note: You can order for multiple children at once if they attend the same school.
- Looking for **MORE** product information? Additional content such as videos and downloads are available for select titles. Select your issue and enter the item number to view information on titles and some great resources, such as videos and reviews.
[HOME](#) | [ABOUT](#) | [REGISTER](#) | [HELP](#)
- 3 Click on **ORDER** and enter the item number from the Book Club catalogue.
- 4 All orders are linked directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child's classroom if you order by the close date.

That's it! There's no need to return paper order forms or payment receipt details to your school.

SCHOLASTIC



We have had a busy couple of years at Bendigo Brittle and 2024 isn't looking any different at this stage. We are looking for a couple of new kitchen assistants and cooks to train and offer casual employment as long-term staff move on to take up university studies and graduates take jobs and move away from Bendigo – sad for us, exciting for them!

The roles we are looking to fill would be perfect for mums with primary school children...

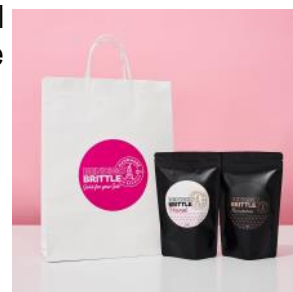
Details are as follows;

Award Winning, Bendigo Based Confectionery Company Seeks Casual Kitchen Assistants/Cooks

Location – Commercial Kitchen, 119 Wills Street, Bendigo – FREE/shaded parking available

Role – support head cook and one other additional kitchen assistant in handmaking peanut brittle – role requires you to be able to efficiently prepare the recipe ingredients, assist the cook during the cooking of the brittle, breaking/weighing/packaging the brittle, and assist with storing the brittle, also washing and putting away dishes, and tidying the kitchen in preparation for the next day's cook. The opportunity exists to join a fun, friendly, professional team – and join a respectful working environment - remuneration includes above award wages, plus superannuation and generous bonuses. Hours – cook days are Monday – Friday around 8:30am/9:00am to 2:30pm/3:00pm. Please apply if you enjoy cooking and enjoy being in a kitchen, have excellent time management skills, enjoy working as part of a team, can handle a fast-paced kitchen environment, are okay with numbers/mathematics and have meticulous personal presentation and personal hygiene and offer a comprehensive understanding of the English language.

Enquiries can be sent to hello@bendigobrittle.com.au (additional information at www.bendigobrittle.com.au)





PLAY FOR KICKS

Superkick is next level fun for 7 to 12 year olds who are new to footy, or want to continue to grow their skill levels.

BENDIGO ALL GIRLS SUPERKICK CENTRE
MONDAY'S STARTING 26TH FEB
4 WEEKS
4:30PM - 5:30PM
SHADFORTH PARK, NORTH BENDIGO





FC Eaglehawk JUNIOR




COME & TRY DAY / REGISTRATION DAY !

What to Expect

- * Come & try ; Drills, games with our senior players.
- * Register your interest/ Register to play
- * Get answers to any questions you may have from our Club members .
- * Find out how to become a volunteer
- * Meet & Greet junior committee members ,club players , club coaches & President !

Sausage Sizzle \$2
Drinks \$1-\$2
Zooper Doopers \$1

Sunday 18th February
9.30am - 12.30pm



Club Open Day

All welcome - New & past members

Saturday February 10th
1pm-3pm
Epsom Huntly Recreation Reserve

- Come & try soccer - there'll be games & activities for everyone
- Get information about the 2024 season
- Register to play this year (must be 4yrs+)
- Order club merchandise

2nd Hand Uniform Drive
 If you have any 2nd hand Epsom FC uniforms - boots, socks, shorts, shinpads - we are looking for donations. Drop them off & we'll find a new home for them!

BBQ provided by Rotary Club of Eaglehawk




JUNIOR BADMINTON

COME AND TRY

WHERE: 140 VICTORIA STREET, EAGLEHAWK

AGES: 5-18
FIRST NIGHT IS FREE

SESSION TIMES
WEDNESDAYS
 UNDER 12 TRAINING 6:15-7:15PM
 UNDER 18 TRAINING 7:30-8:30PM
SCHOOL TERMS ONLY
FRIDAYS
 JUNIOR COMPETITION 6:45-8:30PM
SCHOOL TERMS ONLY

CALL 0499 731 811 TO ENQUIRE TODAY




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AUSTRALIAN
CAMPS ASSOCIATION
PEOPLE OUTDOORS
Adventure for all

CAMPS FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH DISABILITY

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Adventure for All!

Introducing ACA – People Outdoors: Camps for People Living with Disability

'Adventure For All'

People Outdoors, a program of the Australian Camps Association, was established in 1989 to provide outdoor recreation for people of all ages living with disability. Our programs include two-night weekend through to four-day residential camps held during the school holidays. Our participants are looked after by our team of disability support workers for the duration of camp. So, if you'd like the opportunity to experience the social and developmental benefits of adventure outdoors, please contact our team on 03 9863 6824 or visit our website for more information – www.peopleoutdoors.org.au

HUNTLY FAMILY FUN DAY

Proudly sponsored by Agnico Eagle Fosterville

FREE
ENTRY

SUNDAY
FEB 25, 2024

10AM
to 1PM

FREE ACTIVITIES:
 THE ZONE JUMPING CASTLE AND INFLATABLE WATER SLIDE
 WATER FUN WITH HUNTLY CFA • ART AND CRAFT
 SPORTING ACTIVITIES • FACE PAINTING • FREE GIVEAWAYS!
 RENEGADES FAN VAN • INFLATABLE CATCH MAT

FOOD/DRINKS:
 BBQ (MEAT AND VEGETARIAN OPTIONS) AND DRINKS
 - ALL \$2 EACH • FREE FRESH FRUIT • COUBAN WATER
 REFILL UNIT (BYO DRINK BOTTLE)

STRAUCH RESERVE
 14 GUNGURRU ROAD, HUNTLY

Limited shade - bring along your hat and chair.



JOIN THE FUN!

Register to the 2024 Auskick Season for the opportunity to be involved in a clinic with North Melbourne or Carlton as part of the AFL Community Camps in Bendigo! Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity!

Find your closest centre & register!



Note: clinics occurring mid Feb

GIANT Tennis

COACHING PROGRAMS

HOT SHOTS 3-12YRS
JUNIORS & ADULTS
GROUPS & PRIVATE LESSONS
HOLIDAY PROGRAMS
CARDIO TENNIS
SQUADS
MATCH PLAY

BENDIGO • MAIDEN GULLY • MARONG • SOUTH BENDIGO

PLAY PARK

5 YRS & UNDER
10-11AM SUNDAY'S
STARTING 18 FEB
REGISTER ONLINE:

gianttennis.com.au

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Back to school is a lot. Let's get ready.

*A lot of feelings, a lot of expenses, a lot of stress.

Saver Plus can help.



Saver Plus

Program includes:

- Matched dollar for dollar savings up to \$500
- Money Mentors workshops - Financial Education
- Coaching on budgeting and savings

Eligibility Criteria

- Must be a health/concession card holder
- Be in receipt of a Carer's Payment
- Be studying or have a child in school
- Have some regular income from work
- Be 18+ years old

QR Code
SCAN ME

State Schools' Relief

Provides school uniforms and shoes to those that are unable to afford them.

Eligibility Criteria

Situations include but not limited to:

- Unemployment
- Health issues/stress
- Financial difficulties
- Independent living and/or homelessness
- Natural disasters
- Bereavement
- Domestic and family violence

QR Code
SCAN ME

The Education State

Camps, Sports and Education Fund

Funding to attend activities like:

- school camps or trips
- swimming and school-organised sports programs
- outdoor education programs
- excursions and incursions

\$125 per year for eligible primary school students
\$225 per year for eligible secondary school students.

Eligibility Criteria

- Parent must be a health/concession card holder
- Or families on protection/bridging visas, or seeking asylum;
- Or children in out of home care

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SCAN ME

Computerbank

Low cost refurbished computers that include various programs including word processing, Google Chrome and PDF Maker

Eligibility Criteria

- Concession/Health Care Card holders
- Students
- Asylum seekers

QR Code
SCAN ME



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CLOTHING

2/1 Whip Court, Long Gully

California Gully Primary School

Please Take Note

of New Prices

effective September 1st 2023

	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 COVID-19 capacity limits Centavic Clothing will be prioritising those with appointments when needed. This booking system can also be found on the Centavic Clothing website.

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