

# The Bell Topper

## California Gully Primary School 123

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Thursday February 16<sup>th</sup> 2023

### INTRODUCTION TO AusLan

Over the past week we have been introducing Auslan as our Language program for 2023. Every class will have a scheduled session each week to build an understanding of Auslan and connected concepts. This is a teacher facilitated program with all staff participating and learning at the same time. We look forward to sharing our learning over coming weeks.

### NORTH MELBOURNE FOOTBALL CLUB VISIT

We were fortunate to have 5 players from North Melbourne FC spend time at CGPS on Monday this week. All players were able to share their journey from primary school to where they are now. Questions from the audience (students) were fantastic and enjoyed by all. We thank North Melbourne FC and AFL Central Victoria for spending time at CGPS.



### BUILDING PROJECT - UPDATE

The frame continues to go up in the BER (Junior) Building and will be near completion in early March. At this point classes and staff working in the Main building will need to then move out.



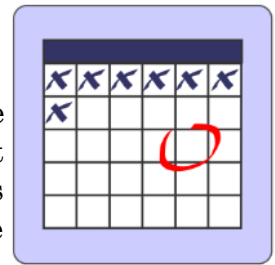
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## CURRICULUM DAYS -PLEASE MAKE A NOTE IN THE DIARY

We have 2 scheduled Curriculum Days booked in the first half of the year. Please make a note in your diaries as both days will be student free. Unfortunately, we are not able to offer OSHC on these dates because we are not on site and all staff (including OSHC) will be attending.



**Wednesday March 1<sup>st</sup>** - Staff are attending a Professional Learning Day (Understanding Poverty)

**Wednesday April 26<sup>th</sup>** - Mathematics Professional Learning Day with educational consultant - Love Maths

The challenge of this day is the timing. This will occur in Week 1 of Term 2. Students will return on Monday 24<sup>th</sup>, ANZAC Day the following day (25<sup>th</sup>) and then the Curriculum Day on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>. We acknowledge that the timing is far from ideal although opportunities to engage with the high-level consultant was limited.

## TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

We remind all families that due to our building works and the placement of the site office for trades-people, the back carpark has reduced in size and therefore impacting on the space available and safety. We are asking families to please consider the following:

- Where possible please use the front of the school, particularly at **pick-up in the afternoon.**
- **Students leaving the school that are walking home will no longer only use the basketball court gates.** Although we have looked at other options, it is not safe to have students leave via the basketball court gate then in front of the site offices spaces, travelling along Bell Topper Way.
- **Slow down** - pick-up and drop-off are busy times, slowing down when driving will ensure the safety of all.

## uEDUCATEUS

Thank you to families that have logged into uEducateUs. As of today we have around 30% of families connected. Our aim is to have this as our online program used for simple and effective communication. At present it is currently used to support weekly newsletters, attendance notifications and reporting. In the second half of the year we will be looking at introducing permission slips and lots of other cool features.

Please take the time to login and for the most streamlined access, download the App on your device (phone/iPad)

## CALIFORNIA GULLY PRIMARY SCHOOL - FOODSHARE

As a community we are extremely fortunate to have an 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.**



# SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS INFORMATION FOR PARENTS 2023

## 2023 SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTION PROCESS AND TIMETABLE

<b><u>a) Notice of election and call for nominations (3 Parent Vacancies)</u></b>	<b><u>Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> February 2023</u></b>
<b><u>b) Closing date for nominations</u></b>	<b><u>Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> February 2023</u></b>
<b><u>c) Date by which ballot papers will be prepared and distributed (if required)</u></b>	<b><u>Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023</u></b>
<b><u>d) Close of ballot</u></b>	<b><u>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March 7 2023</u></b>
<b><u>e) March School Council Meeting (First council meeting to elect office bearers)</u></b>	<b><u>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023</u></b>

### ***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***

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## Dates for the Diary

- **Wednesday February 22<sup>nd</sup>** - Foundation Student Rest Day
- **Wednesday March 1<sup>st</sup>** - Curriculum Day - Student Free Day
- **Monday March 20<sup>th</sup>** - School Council Annual General Meeting 5.30 p.m.
- **Monday March 20<sup>th</sup>** - School Council General Meeting (immediately after A.G.M.)
- **Thursday April 6<sup>th</sup>** - Last Day of Term One 2.15 p.m. Dismissal
- **Monday April 24<sup>th</sup>** - First Day of Term Two
- **Tuesday April 25<sup>th</sup>** - ANZAC Day Public Holiday
- **Wednesday April 26<sup>th</sup>** - Curriculum Day - Student Free Day
- **Friday April 28<sup>th</sup>** - School Photo Day

## WELLBEING AND SUPPORT

Welcome back to all existing and new parents to California Gully Primary School for 2023. My name is Kerry Phillips I am the Primary Well Being officer. I will be at school all day on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. I have been moving around the school in the first couple of weeks getting to know the students.

My overall role is to support students, families and the teachers within the school environment and the community. I hope to use my experience and knowledge to help make the school an even happier and safer place to be.

I am available to catch up with students, parents and families on a broad range of matters including friendships, separation, grief and loss. I can be contacted on the school number, 5446 8393. If I am not available leave a message, I'll get back to you.

If you require assistance with school uniform requirements please contact me on the days I am here or leave a message at the school office and Nicole will pass the message on.

*Kerry Phillips*

### 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 need 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 30<sup>th</sup> 2023 for you to be eligible.

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



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## *Smile Squad is coming to this school*

The Smile Squad team from Bendigo Health are coming to our school in March 2023.

Smile Squad is the Victorian Government free school dental program.

This means all students can get a free dental check-up, preventive services, and treatment at school.

### **How to access free dental care**

We need your consent before we can provide services. Consent is usually provided by a parent or guardian.

Sign up to Smile Squad at: <https://bit.ly/smilesquadvic>

OR use the below QR code:



Please complete and submit the consent form by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

Paper copies of the consent form are available. Please contact the school office if you would like to request one.

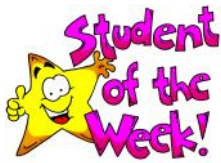
The electronic consent form can be translated into more than 100 languages, and the paper form is available in 13 languages.

### **Do I need to attend my child's appointment?**

No, you do not need to attend your child's appointment. You can attend if you would like to, and you can take your child to the community dental clinic if you prefer.

The Bendigo Health Smile Squad team look forward to seeing you soon.





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

## Friday February 3<sup>rd</sup>

### Foundation Hinton-Ryan:

Bobbey M.-S. - For being a fantastic listener in all class activities.

### Foundation Tonkin:

Dakota McN. - For being an excellent listener and great class member.

### Grade 1/2 Leed:

Lilliana M. - For being a positive role model to all her classmates.

Skylah-Rose S. - For having a great start in Grade 1.

### Grade 1/2 Price:

Jaylan B. - For having a positive start to Grade 2.

Rueben T. - For being a great helper to the Grade 1's.

### Grade 1/2 Carroll-Dillon:

Jack B. - For sensational work with 3 digit numbers in Maths. Well Done!

Flynn H. - For sensational work with 3 digit numbers in Maths. Well Done!

### Grade 3/4 Ennor:

Liam A. - For having a great start to his Grade 3 year.

Imogen H. - For displaying leadership skills by helping fellow class members.

### Grade 3/4 Ryan:

Seth B. - For his enthusiastic start to Grade 3.

Jazmyn T. - For being an enthusiastic helper.

### Grade 5/6 McKerrow:

Zack L. - For inciteful discussion of our serial story.

Eli S. - For reminding us of the compound number strategy.

### Grade 5/6 Windridge-Lee:

Matilda B. - For being an attentive listener and active participant in class discussions,

Suzanna H. - For persevering during our problem solving activity.

Beau N. - For working well in Maths.

## Bunjil Netball Looking for players



Have you been wanting to get back into netball - or are you keen to learn?

Bunjil Netball Club is a new club looking for players and coaches and would love to hear from you!

#### Registration Fees:

Net-Set-Go - prep to grade 2 (girls and boys) - \$87

Grade 3 (girls and boys) - \$50

Under 11's (girls and boys) - \$64

Under 13's (girls and boys) - \$80

Under 15's, under 17's, under 21's - \$80.

Uniform: \$70 to purchase, \$40 to hire.

Payment plan available.

Competition begins late March. Training starts in February.

If you'd like to umpire there's an option to get paid!

For more info, email [Amanda](mailto:Amanda@bunjilnetball.com.au) or call 0429 944 457.

**COME TRY  
 BADMINTON**

EVERY WEDNESDAY AND  
 FRIDAY NIGHTS DURING  
 SCHOOL TERMS

**WHATS ON FOR JUNIORS?**

WEDNESDAY NIGHT TRAINING - U12 (6:15-7:15PM) U18 (7:30-8:30PM)

FRIDAY NIGHT COMPETITION - 6:45-8:30PM

ENQUIRE TODAY BY PHONING 0499 731 811

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## Join a great local soccer club

Golden City Soccer Club is looking for new players.

We're an inclusive, family friendly club and we are looking for players from all age levels and experience to play this season starting in April. All are welcome!

We have teams for all age levels and abilities. We have all-girl teams at most age levels and have 42% female membership in our juniors. Soccer is a great sport for girls and the FIFA Women's World Cup will be held in Australia and New Zealand in 2023.

Our junior season starts after the Easter school break and runs for 16 weeks. Junior games are played on Saturday mornings on small-sided pitches with modified rules to make the games inclusive, engaging and fun. Training takes place once a week at our home ground, Shadforth Park, Fenton Street, North Bendigo.

You can register at  
<https://registration.playfootball.com.au/common/pages/reg/WelcomeRegPlus.aspx?entityid=7336>

Please get in touch for further information.

Email [goldencitysc@gmail.com](mailto:goldencitysc@gmail.com), see our Facebook page or visit [www.goldencityfc.com](http://www.goldencityfc.com)

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Dpt.	Garment	Kids Sizing	Adults Sizing
1	Teal/Ink Navy/White Short Sleeve Polo	\$28.60	\$30.80
2	Teal/Ink Navy/White Long Sleeve Polo	\$32.30	\$34.10
6	Ink Navy Rugby Top	\$35.20	\$36.85
4	Ink Navy 1/2 Zip Polar Fleece Jumper	\$36.30	\$39.60
5	Navy Hooded Windcheater	\$35.20	\$36.85
7	Ink Navy Double Knee Hemmed Track Pants	\$24.20	\$27.50
13	Navy Bucket Hat	\$14.30	
13	Navy Broadbrim Hat	\$12.10	

Our School Uniform supplier, Centavic Clothing, are pleased to now 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 current COVID-19 capacity limits we will be prioritising those with appointments when needed. This booking system can also be found on our website.



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**MEETING DETAILS**

- Thurs February 16th 2023, 10 - 11am (Vic Time)
- Wed February 22nd 2023, 10 - 11am (Vic Time)

**Zoom Meeting Link:**  
<https://bsl.zoom.us/j/68016074995?pwd=K2d4dWl4WlRlbGRIbG9NGhoVWVZz09>

**Passcode:** 027166

**KEY ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA TO JOIN SAVER PLUS**

- ✓ Have a current health care card OR pensioner concession card
- ✓ Have a child in school OR be studying yourself
- ✓ Have regular income from work (yourself OR your partner)

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