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Thursday February 1st 2024

2024 WELCOME!

A very warm welcome to all new and existing families to the CGPS community for the 2024 school year. It was fantastic to see our Foundation students attend for the first time today, very excited and ready to go, while our Grade 1-6 students have been very settled, both in classrooms and the playground, ensuring all students are feeling connected and engaged to start the year.

We look forward to another amazing year at CGPS.

BUILDING PROJECT—UPDATE

We are enjoying the building upgrade as we move in and explore the best way to utilise our new learning spaces. Although we are still waiting on some of our new furniture to arrive, we are already loving the work that has been completed. There are some items that will be completed over coming weeks including: 3 flag poles installed at the front of the school, the area that was formally home to the portable behind the toilet block will be completed, and a few minor defects will be finalised.

DASH PROGRAM (2023)

In Term 3 and 4 (2023) our then Grade 5/6 students were involved in community projects supporting the reduction of litter in our school and wider area. It has been amazing to see posters designed by students visible around the local area.



The above designs can be found around Lake Neanger, Peter Krenz Leisure Centre and Canterbury Park.

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.

Respect * Personal Best * Care

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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



Dates for the Diary

- Wednesday February 7th - Foundation Students Rest Day
- Monday February 12th - Book Club Issue One Orders Due
- Monday February 12th - School Council Meeting—General Meeting
- Wednesday February 14th - Foundation Students Rest Day
- 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
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- 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

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 page of the brochure. Please order online and pay with your card at www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP.

If you are unable to order online, then put the order and money in cash in an envelope marked with your child's name and give to the class teacher. If you write a cheque, please make it payable to California Gully PS.

Book Club Issue 1 has been sent home. It is **due back** at school on

Monday, February 12th, 2024.

If you have any questions, please see Linda Windridge or your child's teacher.



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.

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LOOKING FOR MORE PRODUCT INFORMATION?

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)





2024 COME & TRY DAY

Ever wanted to play an instrument?
Maybe you've always wanted to play in a community band?
Come along and see what it's all about!

5pm Tuesday 6th February
Marist Brass, 122 Hargreaves St, Bendigo
Adults and children aged 8+ welcome!

Come along to:

- Learn about brass instruments and community banding
- Ask band members questions
- Try playing an instrument!

Whether you've previously played in a band, or never even picked up an instrument, this session is a great introduction.
Anyone aged 8-80 is welcome!

This session is FREE!
Simply RSVP here!



band@maristbrass.org.au
044 8000 975

Find us on 



2024

Expression of Interest Day!

JUNIOR TEAMS

Under 6's Through to Under 18's

COME AND TRY DAY
SUNDAY FEBRUARY 18TH 2024
@ 9.30AM - 12PM



Contact FC Eaglehawk
For More Information

Email : admin@fceaglehawk.com.au
Attn- Mick McKechnie
Or contact our Facebook page



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

If you can't make it, but want further information
email secretary@epsomfc.com.au or check us out at
facebook.com/EpsomSoccer




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

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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

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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

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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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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

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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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