

# The Bell Topper

## California Gully Primary School 123

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Thursday February 22<sup>nd</sup> 2024

### CALIFORNIA GULLY PRIMARY SCHOOL GARAGE SALE

We have been fortunate to have the building upgrade occur over the past 12 months and another exciting component is having the opportunity to update furniture throughout the school within this project. Not only do we have the chance to purchase new furniture, over coming weeks we will also be holding a 'Garage Sale' to start clearing the CGPS Shed of excess items. Tables, chairs, shelving and much more will be available to purchase, nearly all for a gold coin donation. We will provide dates and times in next week's newsletter.



### SCHOOL COUNCIL—PARENT MEMBERS

We are seeking parents to consider becoming a CGPS Council Member. Further information is available within the newsletter although if you would like further detail please speak with Andrew.

### CALIFORNIA GULLY PRIMARY SCHOOL ASSEMBLY STRUCTURE

Over the year we will work to have a balance of assembly structures to support community connections.

Tomorrow, Friday February 23<sup>rd</sup>, we will be holding an assembly in the Community Centre. The focus of the assembly, starting at 2.55 p.m. will be to present our newly elected Junior School Council — School Leaders and House Captains. All Welcome!

### 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**.

### PUBLIC HOLIDAYS AND CURRICULUM DAYS

As Term 1 continues to move along quickly there are public holidays and student free days (Term 2) not far away. Please add the below dates to diaries:

#### Term 1

Monday March 11<sup>th</sup> – Labour Day Public Holiday

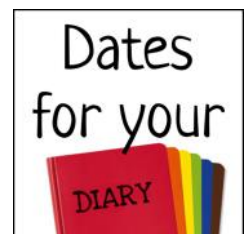
Thursday March 28<sup>th</sup> – Last day of Term 1, 2.15pm dismissal on this day.

Friday March 29<sup>th</sup> – Good Friday

#### Term 2

Thursday April 25<sup>th</sup> – ANZAC Day

Friday April 26<sup>th</sup> – Curriculum Day



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# School Council Elections – Information for Parents 2024

## 2024 SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTION PROCESS AND TIMETABLE

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





### **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

- **Monday February 26<sup>th</sup>** - School Council Nominations Close
- **Wednesday February 28<sup>th</sup>** - Foundation Students Rest Day
- **Monday March 11<sup>th</sup>** - Labour Day Public Holiday
- **Monday March 18<sup>th</sup>** - School Council Meeting—Annual General Meeting and General Meeting
- **Friday March 22<sup>nd</sup>** - Hot Cross Bun Orders Due Back
- **Wednesday March 27<sup>th</sup>** - Hot Cross Buns to be Collected from School
- **Thursday March 28<sup>th</sup>** - Last Day of Term One - 2.15 p.m. Dismissal
- **Friday March 29<sup>th</sup>** - Good Friday
- **Monday April 15<sup>th</sup>** - First Day of Term Two
- **Friday April 19<sup>th</sup>** - School Photo Day
- **Thursday April 25<sup>th</sup>** - ANZAC Day Public Holiday
- **Friday April 26<sup>th</sup>** - Curriculum Day—No Students Required at School

## Hot Cross Bun Drive

This year we will be offering members of our school community the chance to order Hot Cross Buns supplied to us by the Eaglehawk Hot Bake.

There are two varieties available Traditional and Chocolate. The Traditional Hot Cross Buns come in a six pack for \$8.00 each and the Chocolate Hot Cross Buns come in a 4 pack for \$7.00 each.

Please have your orders and money returned to school by **Friday March 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Delivery will be Wednesday March 27<sup>th</sup>.



### FREE BIKE REPAIR WORKSHOP

**SESSION 1:**  
DATE: Thursday 7 March  
TIME: 4PM - 5.30PM

**SESSION 2:**  
DATE: Thursday 14 March  
TIME: 4PM - 5.30PM

Come along for tips and tricks on bike maintenance with Free Wheeling Fun

AT THE Long Gully Neighbourhood Centre  
52 Derwent Drive, Long Gully

Numbers are limited and registrations are required.  
Please call 54 421 165

Long Gully Neighbourhood Centre

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### FREE! ON YOUR BIKE! BIKE BENDIGO

DATE: Saturday 16 March  
10am-1pm  
Learn how to ride safely on the roads with Bike Bendigo!  
An education session for teens & tweens (ages 10+)

Numbers are Limited.  
Register here!  
<https://bit.ly/30zSLhj>

12:30pm-1:30pm  
Freewheeling Fun demonstrating how to use the BMX track's new bike tools!

PLUS >>>

@ The Long Gully BMX Track  
51 Derwent Drive, Long Gully

Community BBQ, toddler's trikes circuit, Tunes, Giveaways

Long Gully Neighbourhood Centre

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

## Friday February 16<sup>th</sup>

### Foundation Hinton:

- Matilda L. - For being an attentive and well mannered class member.
- Alilyah O. - For listening carefully to words and saying their first sound.

### Foundation Tonkin:

- Piper B. - For listening carefully to words and saying their first sound.
- Ryder J. - For consistently showing 'whole body listening'.

### Grade 1/2 Leed:

- Ellahnne-Leigh K. - For her excellent efforts with Home Reading.
- Elijah L. - For his excellent effort in all class tasks.

### Grade 1/2 Price:

- Kirianii B. - For writing some great sizzling starts.
- Hamish J. - For following instructions every time.

### Grade 2/3 Carroll-Dillon:

- Nate B. - For working well on Place Value in Maths. Well Done!
- Kayden H. - For working well on Place Value in Maths. Well Done!
- Anastasia Q. - For working well to choose 'just right' texts. Well Done!
- Allira S. - For being a great role model in class for behaviour and completing tasks. Well Done!

### Grade 3/4 Ennor:

- Liam A. - For his organization at the start of the school day.
- Willow L. - For giving her best at all times.

### Grade 3/4 Ryan:

- Jaxson B. - For being a positive and kind member of our classroom.
- Scarlett L. - For using excellent strategies during our problem solving lesson.

### Grade 5/6 McKerrow:

- Trent G. - For his positive attitude to working.
- Eirika K. - For an excellent start to her writing task.

### Grade 5/6 Windridge-Lee:

- Katie F. - For a positive start to her grade 6 year.
- Jaylem J. - For a positive attitude to his learning.

### 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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

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# 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 COLIBAN WATER  
REFILL UNIT (BYO DRINK BOTTLE)

Limited shade - bring  
along your hat and chair.

STRAUCH RESERVE  
14 GUNGURRU ROAD, HUNTLY



Auskick in Eaglehawk begins **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.play.afl/auskick) or for more information, go to  
our Facebook page "Eaglehawk Auskick"







# 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**





## REGISTRATIONS OPEN

**Play soccer with Epsom Football Club in 2024**

Come & join us - learn new skills, meet new people & have fun!

No experience necessary - we offer both boys, girls & mixed teams.

Non-Competitive Juniors  
Under 6's, 7's, 8's, 9's & 10's

Competitive Juniors  
Under 12's, 14's & 16's

Senior Competitive  
Youth, Women, Men's

**Junior registrations close 8 March**  
 Late registrations will only be accepted pending team availability

For enquiries contact [secretary@epsomfc.com.au](mailto:secretary@epsomfc.com.au)  
 Visit [www.epsomfc.com.au](http://www.epsomfc.com.au) or [www.facebook.com/EpsomSoccer](https://www.facebook.com/EpsomSoccer)









## SGUSC FAMILY FUN DAY

**FEBRUARY 25**  
**STANLEY AVENUE, SPRING GULLY**



- ✓ SKILLS AND DRILLS
- ✓ UNIFORM SALES
- ✓ SMALL SIDED GAMES
- ✓ REGISTRATION ASSISTANCE

**UNDER 6 TO UNDER 10: 10 AM - 12 PM**  
**UNDER 12: 10 AM - 11 AM**  
**UNDER 14 TO UNDER 16: 11 AM - 12 PM**

**GOLD COIN DONATION - BBQ LUNCH SERVED AT 12 PM**  
**NEW AND RETURNING PLAYERS WELCOME!**

40 YEARS OF THE RED AND WHITE 1984 - 2024



COME AND TRY

## JUNIOR BADMINTON

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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## 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](http://www.peopleoutdoors.org.au)



**NORTH BENDIGO JUNIOR FC**

**WE ARE TAKING REGISTRATIONS FOR THE 2024 SEASON!**

All current, returning and new players welcome. Come and register to play in the 2024 season. We are an all inclusive and family orientated club welcoming players of all abilities. Our U9, U10, U12 & U14 age group are still taking registrations.





Contact Jaydene (0417402967) or Gem (0413090881)



## 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



**hot shots tennis**

# 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:

**GIANT TENNIS PLAY PARK**

[gianttennis.com.au](http://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

**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.

**STATE SCHOOLS' RELIEF**

**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

**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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