

The Bell Topper

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Thursday February 23rd 2023

CURRICULUM DAY - Wednesday March 1st

We have the first of our scheduled Curriculum Days occurring next Wednesday 1 March. Please make a note in your diaries as it is student free. Unfortunately we are not able to offer OSHC on this day because we are not on site and all staff (including OSHC) will be attending.

Wednesday 1 March - Staff are attending a Professional Learning Day (Understanding Poverty). Students do not attend on this day.

HOCKEY CLINIC

On Monday our Grade 3-6 classes were fortunate to have Hockey Victoria visit as part of the 'Schools Roadshow for 2023'!

The clinic was delivered in partnership with our local club **Eaglehawk Hockey Club**, who ensured that CGPS had the best experience possible.

EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION

A friendly reminder that we encourage communication with teachers as this partnership supports great outcomes for all children. It is important to understand however, that emails sent during the day to teaching staff may not be viewed during teaching time and at times not until the following day. If it is an important message that requires a quick response or notification, please contact the office and communication will then occur with the appropriate teacher and/or student. This includes things like an early pick up for an appointment, a different person picking up or check-in. Thanks for your understanding.

RAPID ANTIGEN TESTS (RAT's)

CGPS still have a large supply of RATS (Rapid Antigen Tests), please don't hesitate to contact the office if you require some for your family.

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT AND TRADESPEOPLE ON-SITE

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:

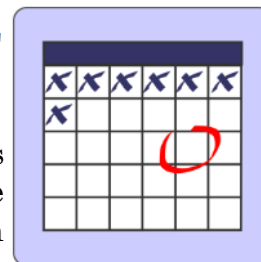
- Where possible please use the front of the school, particularly at **pick-up in the afternoon**.
- **Students leaving the school that are walking home will no longer only use the basketball court gates.** Although we have looked at other options, it is not safe to have students leave via the basketball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

If you have any issue or concern around any movement or works, please speak directly with Andrew, it is not appropriate for parents/carers to be sharing any concerns directly with builders or tradespeople.

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TERMS TWO CURRICULUM DAYS -PLEASE MAKE A NOTE IN THE DIARY



Monday April 24th- (Please note this an additional date)

We have now included a second Curriculum Day to start Term 2, plus the initial Student Free Day scheduled for Wednesday 26 April. We have been given the amazing opportunity to begin Term 2 with professional learning to support our 'Writing' focus and will also reduce the start/stop beginning of Term 2.

Staff will participate in Professional Learning linked to the 6+1 Writing Traits on Monday and then, Love Mathematics on Wednesday.

Wednesday April 26th - Mathematics Professional Learning Day with educational consultant - Love Maths

The challenge of these days is the timing. These will occur in Week 1 of Term 2. with ANZAC Day on Tuesday 25th and then the Curriculum Day on Wednesday 26th, Students will now return on Thursday 27th, We acknowledge that the timing is far from ideal although opportunities to engage with the high-level consultant was limited.

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Dates for the Diary

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| • Wednesday March 1 st - | Curriculum Day - Student Free Day |
| • Monday March 20 th - | School Council Annual General Meeting 5.30 p.m. |
| • Monday March 20 th - | School Council General Meeting (immediately after A.G.M.) |
| • Friday March 24 th - | Hot Cross Bun Orders Due Back to School Office |
| • Thursday April 6 th - | Last Day of Term One 2.15 p.m. Dismissal |
| • Monday April 24 th - | Curriculum Day - Student Free Day |
| • Tuesday April 25 th - | ANZAC Day Public Holiday |
| • Wednesday April 26 th - | Curriculum Day - Student Free Day |
| • Thursday April 27 th - | First Day of Term Two for Students |
| • Friday April 28 th - | School Photo Day |
| • Wednesday May 3 rd - | Years Three to Six Division Cross Country |



SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS INFORMATION FOR PARENTS 2023

2023 SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTION PROCESS AND TIMETABLE

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

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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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 30th 2023 for you to be eligible.

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

A copy of the Application Form is available in this newsletter if you have not collected a copy from the school office or returned the copy that were in the Parent Contribution Booklets in December 2022.



BENDIGO SENJUNS HOCKEY CLUB

COME AND PLAY!

COME DOWN AND HAVE A TRY!
NO EXPERIENCE IS NECESSARY. WE WELCOME EVERYONE!

JUNIOR, SENIOR & MASTERS TEAMS AVAILABLE TO JOIN.

SO COME ALONG AND CHECK US OUT!



Email for more information: senjuns@gmail.com
Phone: 0408294095



GCNA NETBALL ASSOCIATION BENDIGO



INFORMATION FOR 2023

Season commences Saturday March 25th
OPEN TO PLAYERS & TEAMS OF ALL SKILL LEVELS

GCNA PLAYERS FEES

GRADE 3 CLINIC	- \$15 pp
11/UNDER MIXED	- \$50 pp
\$80 pp for all -	
13/UNDER FEMALE	
15/UNDER FEMALE	
17/UNDER FEMALE	
21/UNDER FEMALE	
OPEN FEMALE	
OPEN MIXED	

*ages e 31/12/2023

+VNA \$64 Junior player \$84 Senior Player

NET SET GO - Prep - Grade 2 - \$87

FULL DETAILS & ENTRY FORMS AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE



All enquiries to the Secretary 0438 636 464
e: info@gcnabendigo.com.au



Are you eligible to join Saver Plus & receive \$500 for your back to school costs?

Must meet all eligibility criteria:

-  Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card **AND** an eligible Centrelink payment*
-  Be studying yourself OR have a child in school (can be starting school next year)
-  Have regular income from work (either yourself or your partner)*
-  Be 18+ years old

*Many types of income and Centrelink payments are eligible





WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

FRIDAY 19 MAY 2023

SAVE THE DATE

National Walk Safely to School Day

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To report an absence through the school website you can use this link [Report an Absence](#)



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 10th March 2023.

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

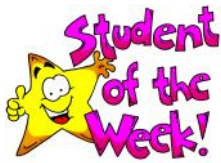
The electronic consent form can be translated into more than 100 languages, and the paper form is available in 13 languages.

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 10th

Foundation Hinton-Ryan:

Haill B. - For showing great listening behaviours and being an awesome helper during pack up time.

Foundation Tonkin:

Shyannah S. - For her thoughtful contributions to class discussions.

Grade 1/2 Leed:

Chelsea G. - For always being ready to learn and doing her best in all tasks.

Sophie M. - For doing her best and having a go at all tasks.

Grade 1/2 Price:

Mia B. - For being a positive role model to others.

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

Grade 1/2 Carroll-Dillon:

Jaidah S. - For persevering with challenging tasks. Well Done!

Addilyn W. - For always putting in her best effort in all tasks. Well Done!

Grade 3/4 Ennor:

Savannah B. - For always giving her best in all subject areas.

Amber C. - For displaying leadership skills by helping fellow class members.

Grade 3/4 Ryan:

Hunter F. - For working hard in maths doing subtraction.

Trent G. - For being a well mannered and caring member of our classroom.

Pippa McK. - For excellent detail in her narrative writing.

Grade 5/6 McKerrow:

Katie F. - For excellent recording in her reading diary.

Jemma S. - For excellent recording in her reading diary.

Grade 5/6 Windridge-Lee:

Nevaeh A. - For working hard on her sizzling start.

Wynter H. - For writing a descriptive sizzling start.

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 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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CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATION FORM

School Name

School REF ID

Parent/carer details

Surname

First name

Address

Town/suburb State Postcode

Contact number

Centrelink pensioner concession OR Health care card number (CRN)

- - - OR

☐ Foster parent under a temporary care order* OR ☐ Veterans affairs pensioner (Gold Card)**

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH).

**Applicants must provide a copy of the Veteran Affairs Gold card

Is this an application for special consideration (no CRN needed)? Yes ☐ No ☐

Student details

Student's surname	Student's first name	Student ID	Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	Year level
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I authorise the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry of my Centrelink customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Australian Government Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

- DFFH will use information I have provided to DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- this consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DFFH and provide it to DET so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
- If I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.
- Information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to the DFFH and/or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant Date / /



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North Bendigo Auskick 2023 Registrations open

play.afl to register your child for Auskick North
Bendigo Junior Football Club

Fees to be made upon registration

\$91 for 10 week program

Sunday

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

10 Sessions

Starts 30 Apr 2023

Mixed

Auskick coordinators

Tom Nicholson

Gem Douglas

NORTH BENDIGO JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

2023 REGISTRATION EVENING

Wednesday 8 th March

5:30- 6:30pm Atkins st Oval

All inclusive teams ages U 9's 10's 12's &

14's teams available

For registration on the night

***Sausage sizzle provided ***

Come down and
support our Juniors!!

North Bendigo Junior Football
Club.

Be proud to be a Bulldog .



HOOKIN2 HOCKEY

FIRST SESSION IS FREE!

CALL OR EMAIL FOR DETAILS!

ALL EQUIPMENT PROVIDED!



Club: Hockey Central Victoria

Venue: Bendigo Hockey Complex, 14 Ashley Street, Ironbark, VIC, 3550

Program 1 Start Date: Saturday 25th February, 2023 Time: 9.00am to 9.50am No. of Weeks: 6

Program 2 Start Date: Monday 27th February, 2023 Time: 5.10pm to 6.00pm No. of Weeks: 6

Price: \$90 – (includes annual Hockey Australia and Hockey Victoria fee and insurance.)

Coordinator Name: Dale Boyd

Coordinator Email: hcv.pathways@gmail.com

Coordinator Phone: 0419 382 053

TO REGISTER GO TO:



<https://www.revolutionise.com.au/hockeycentralv/events/>



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2/1 Whip Court, Long Gully
California Gully Primary School

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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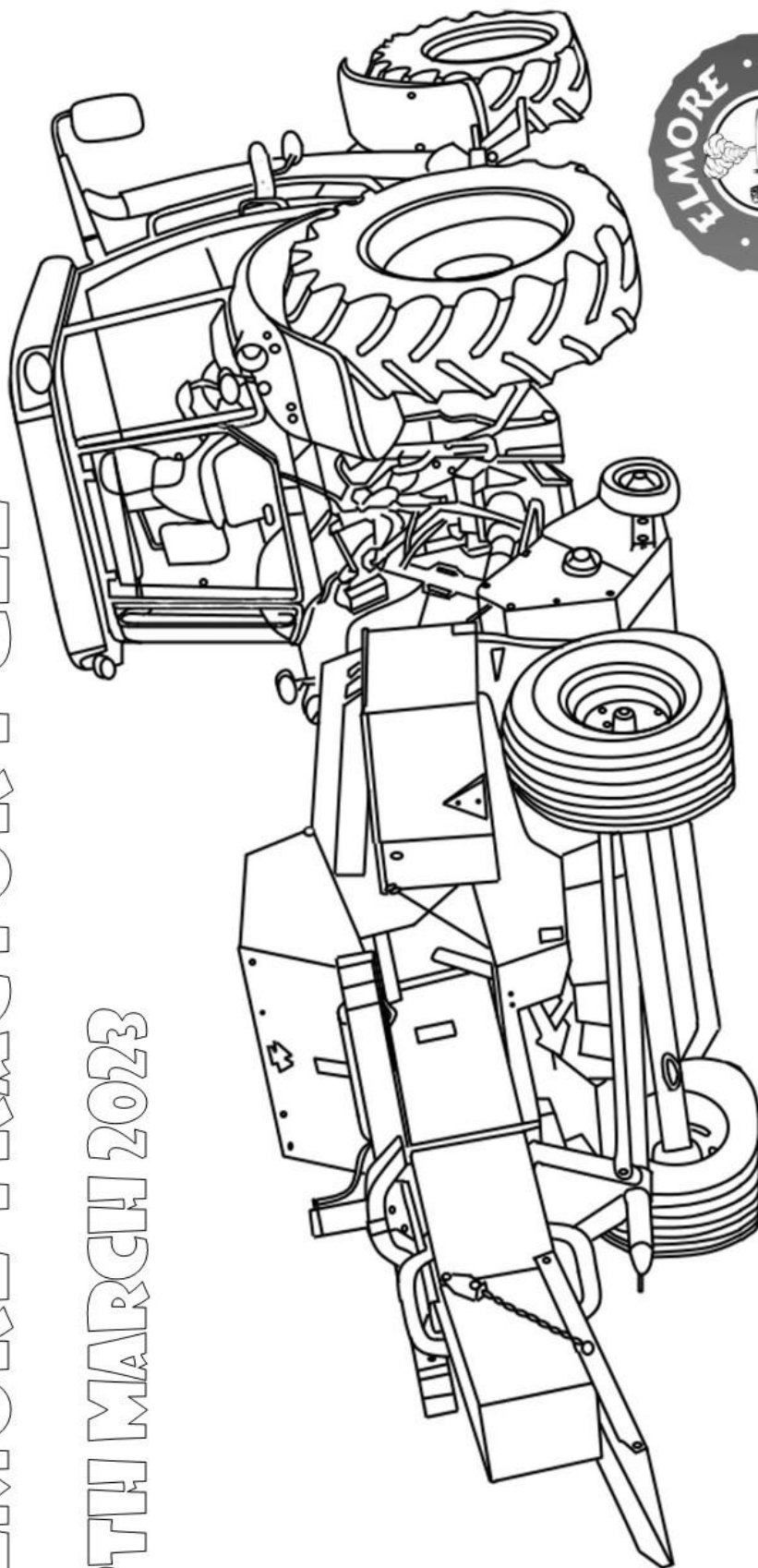
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18TH MARCH 2023



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Name: _____ Age: _____

School: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please post to:

Elmore Events Centre

PO Box 27, Elmore VIC 3558

Or scan to:

info@elmorefielddays.com.au

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