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CALENDAR

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Curriculum Day - No Students Required at School

Tuesday March 1st
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Wednesday March 2nd
Parents’ Club Lunch Order Day

Friday March 4th
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Monday March 14th
Labour Day Public Holiday

Monday March 21st
School Council Annual General Meeting

Thursday March 24th
Last Day of Term 1

Friday March 25th
Good Friday

Every Tuesday and Friday 8.30 a.m. - 8.55 a.m.
Library Open for borrowing and returning books and quiet reading

Every Wednesday 9.30 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.
Playgroup

Every Friday 8.00 a.m. - 8.20 a.m.
Breakfast Program

MISSION

At California Gully Primary School we educate students to be lifelong learners and well informed and productive community members who are well prepared to become active, engaged and responsible citizens of the local and global community.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

• Breakfast Program - Friday February 26th
• Curriculum Day - No Students Required at School - Monday February 29th
• School Camp Deposits Due - Friday March 4th

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

PUPIL FREE DAY - MONDAY FEBRUARY 29th
On Monday 29th February the teaching staff at CGPS will undertake a professional learning workshop with Charles Lovett, a highly respected math consultant. This professional development day will also be attended by Maiden Gully P.S and Eaglehawk North P.S. our Math Specialist partners in 2014 & 2015.

ATTENDANCE

Every year we attempt to support families where attendance may be an issue with their children. This year attendance of students is going to be a major focus. As a result we are reviewing our procedures for contacting families who do not let us know why their child is away. To eliminate the need for a SMS message on the day of the absence, or a phone call from the school if we have not received a reason within 48 hours you need to take one of the following actions:

1. Let us know in advance if you know your child is going to be away. You can call the office or let your child’s classroom teacher know. A verbal message from your child is not appropriate.
2. Use the Skoolbag App ‘Absent Note’ link and forward to the school ASAP OR now you can go to the school webpage and use the ‘Report an Absence’ link found on the front page.
3. Call the school first thing in the morning to let us know your child is away and the reason.

SCHOOL WEBPAGE

Quick Links

Report an Absence
Enrolment
Newsletter

School Assembly starts at 8.55 a.m. Please be on time!
STUDENT FOCUS
It has come to our attention that a small number of students have been using language that we would deem inappropriate in the yard. These students have been spoken to and appropriate consequences put in place. Classroom teachers have spoken to their grades about how we speak in different situations and what is appropriate language, focusing on our values of Respect and Care at the same time.
All students have been informed that any further issues with language will be dealt with through a phone call and or Reflection Time and a note home. We trust that all parents and carers will support our efforts to eliminate the issue of inappropriate language.

SCHOOL CENSUS DAY
Monday 29th February is School Census Day as this is a curriculum day for the school and therefore student-free day we are undertaking our census on Friday 26th February. If your child is absent on this day it is very important that we are provided with a note explaining the absence or call the school to let us know your child will be away. Our budget is determined by the number of children who attend on Census Day and enrolment numbers and information will be subject to audit. We thank you in anticipation for your cooperation with this matter.

CROSSING THE ROAD: CHILDREN & PARENTS USE THE CROSSINGS
For your child’s safety we ask that all children use the crossing at Staley St. Children should wait for the duty teacher to assist them across the road. Parents can come and collect their child and take them across the road but no child should cross the road without an adult.

Jason Lee
Principal

HARRIETVILLE CAMP
$30.00 deposits for the Harrietville Camp must be in by Friday March 4th.
Last year we had several children pull out and it cost the school money
We do realise that unexpected circumstances arise but we need a commitment of regular payments and a commitment to attending the camp as campsites deposits and bus deposits are non-refundable.

CSEF (Camps, Sports & Excursion Fund)
Applications are now open for families who are Health Care Card holders to apply for the funding - forms are available from the school office, When completing your application please bring along your current Health Care Card, this is needed for the application to be accepted.

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**PARENTS CLUB NEWS**

**Parents’ Club Meeting**
The next meeting of the Parents’ Club will be Friday March 11th after assembly in the school kitchen. All are most welcome to attend.

**Parents’ Club Lunch Order Day**
Lunch Order day will be Wednesday March 2nd. On the menu will be ham & salad rolls, fruit salad and yoghurt. Order forms will go home today, (Thursday February 25th). Extra forms will be available from the school office. All orders must be in by 9.30 a.m. Tuesday morning. Please have CORRECT MONEY in envelope with your child’s name and grade clearly written on the front.

All profits from Parents’ Club lunch orders will go towards purchasing things for the school that funding doesn't cover
Please put lunch orders in tub in the office.

**Second-hand Uniforms Wanted**
Parents’ Club want to start a Second-hand Uniform Store. If you have any unused uniforms including track pants, hats, plain polo's you would like to donate please bring them to the school office.

**Contacting the Parents’ Club**
If you wish to contact the Parents’ club have an email address which is cgpsparentsclub@gmail.com.

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**SCHOOL CALENDAR**

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Welcome back to all existing and new parents to California Gully Primary School for 2016. My name is Kerryn Phillips I am the Primary Well Being officer. I will be at school all day on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. I will be moving around the school in the first couple of weeks getting to know the students.

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.

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 will also be helping out with the lunch time program from 1.40 p.m. to 2.00 p.m. on the days I am at school.

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.

Kerryn Phillips

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Grade 1/2 would like some small succulents for a classroom project.

If you can help please leave them with Mrs. Peacock or Mrs. Hinton in the Grade 1/2 classroom.

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Tissues To assist with keeping snuffles and ‘overflow’ from hay fever, allergies, colds and the like at bay, it would be very much appreciated if all students could please provide one box of tissues to be used within their classroom each term.

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TIP 22. WATER IS THE BEST DRINK OF ALL

Water is essential for life. A body can go on for some time without food, but not without water. The cells of the body need water to keep functioning, and the body needs water for digestion, dissolving nutrients from food, and getting rid of waste from the body.

What’s great about water is that it is thirst quenching, does no harm to teeth and adds no kilojoules. Encourage children to drink water frequently during the day, and not to wait until they are thirsty. They can confuse thirst with hunger. It is important that they drink water regularly to avoid turning automatically to food.

What you can do NOW

♦ Keep a jug of water in the fridge, preferably filtered, especially during hot weather.
♦ Add slices of lemon or sprigs of mint for variety.
♦ For novelty, use attractive, coloured glasses ad straws to serve water.

Good idea!

Children who are very active are more likely to become dehydrated. They lose fluid through perspiration, especially in the hot Australian climate. Make sure those fluids are replaced quickly. Always keep a bottle of water handy.

What you can do NEXT

♦ Help your child stay hydrated during physical activity.

Top Tip

Thirst develops slowly. And the body needs fluid long before it gives its signal. Our performance decreases as we become dehydrated.
This year we will again celebrate 100 days of Maths. Each week in the newsletter we will have a focus on Maths. Here is a puzzle page for all the family. Level 1 and 2 are generally for younger students, but you can do whatever levels you wish. Children may complete them on their own or they may need some assistance. We hope you enjoy them. Bring in your neat answers and we will display them on the Maths Board in the undercover area. It would be great to see some work up on display each week!
Congratulations to the following students on being named Student of The Week for their positive attitude to school and social values.

**Friday February 19th**

**Prep Dillon:**
- Kiara B. - For being a caring and respectful class member.
- Ella B. - For doing her Personal Best during class instruction. We’ll Done!!
- Caleb G. - For doing his Personal Best at all times. Well Done!!.

**1/2 Peacock-Hinton:**
- Tyler K.-S. - For being friendly and co-operatively joining in all classroom activities.
- Logan W. - For settling into his new school well and being an attentive classroom member.

**3/4 Reilly-Carroll:**
- Mia A. - For working hard on even and odd numbers.
- Ashlee M. - For being a delightfully attentive and well-mannered member of class.

**5/6 McKerrow:**
- Kirsty F. - For excellent scores in maths games.
- Taleah T. - For excellent scores in maths games.

**5/6 Windridge:**
- Tom B. - For working well in writing time to write an interesting letter to his pen pal in Santa Rita.
- Caleb C. - For working hard to write an interesting letter to his pen pal in Santa Rita.

**Hats**

As we are a “Sun Smart” school students are required to wear an appropriate hat when outside in Terms 1 and 4. Students in grades 1 to 6 are fully aware of this rule so “I didn’t know” or “I forgot we had to wear them” is not a valid excuse on their part. If students do not have a hat they will be required to remain in the undercover area for the duration of recess or lunchtime.

**School Assembly starts at 8.55 a.m. Please be on time!**
EGGS FOR SALE
Our girls are busy laying lots of eggs, $2.50 a dozen. See Wendy in the grade 3/4A room.

PLAYGROUP
Let’s get together and build on friendships.
Wednesdays
9.30 a.m. - 11.30 p.m.
in the Outside School Hours Care room.
Please bring along a piece of fruit to share.
We follow the healthy eating guidelines and encourage the SunSmart messages that are taught to the students at school, to provide a great foundation for future students.
Session dates and activities:
- March 2nd: Painting - Height Chart
- March 9th: Make Your Own Sandwich Day
- March 16th: Multi-Purpose Room - Obstacle Course
- March 23rd: Final Term 1 Playgroup Session - Activity To Be Confirmed

For information of what events are coming up in playgroup please visit the school website Playgroup page.

Join us on Facebook: www.facebook/calgullyplaygroup1

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE
Monday to Friday 3.15 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.
• Available for all parents of California Gully Primary School
• Affordable
• Childcare in a safe and secure environment
• Providing interesting activities for all children
• Permanent/Casual Bookings available
• Emergency bookings always available

Mrs. Paton

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Junior building is hunting for egg cartons, margarine containers with lids, ice-cream tubs with lids and clear plastic bottles with twist nozzles usually for mayo or honey. If you happen to have any of these please send them to the Junior building. The Junior building would also love some recyclable materials/boxes for box construction. Foam meat trays, post office cylinders, margarine containers, recycled boxes for Investigation Time are also required.

Can you help?
We are in need of someone to help out with watering the vegetable garden during the school day. If you can help please see Wendy Ennor.
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Thanks to Empowering Eaglehawk, The Eaglehawk Football Club and the Peter Krenz Leisure Centre/YMCA we have a community breakfast program for all families (parents are more than welcome to attend) and staff of California Gully. The community breakfast program continues tomorrow, Friday February 26th at 8 a.m. (please note that we will stop serving breakfast at 8.20 a.m. any children who arrive after 8.20 a.m. will miss out).

Sharing in breakfast together, what a great way for our school community to start the day!