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Thursday February 29th 2024

2024 EAGLEHAWK DAHLIA AND ARTS FESTIVAL -

PARADE PARTICIPTION, SATURDAY MARCH 16th

The Dahlia and Arts Festival is fast approaching, and we are excited to be entering the Gala Parade once again. The Theme this year is 'Mystical Waters'. The parade will travel along High street, starting at 12.30pm.

An 'expression of interest' form will be sent home tomorrow. If you would like your child/ren to participate, please return the form to school by **Friday March 8th**. We will then provide further information regarding what to wear and have with children on the day.

CALIFORNIA GULLY PRIMARY SCHOOL GARAGE SALE

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, we are 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 have be open for business on Thursday March 7th, 3pm-4.30pm. Please note that this if for our school community at this stage, we will advertise more widely if items are still available before the end of term.



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.

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 11th – Labour Day Public Holiday

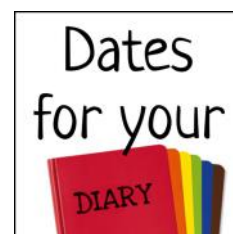
Thursday March 28th – Last day of Term 1, 2.15pm dismissal on this day.

Friday March 29th – Good Friday

Term 2

Thursday April 25th – ANZAC Day

Friday April 26th – Curriculum Day



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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





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

- **Wednesday March 6th** - Foundation Students Rest Day
- **Wednesday March 6th** - Book Club Issue Two Orders Due
- **Monday March 11th** - Labour Day Public Holiday
- **Monday March 18th** - School Council Meeting—Annual General Meeting and General Meeting
- **Friday March 22nd** - Hot Cross Bun Orders Due Back
- **Wednesday March 27th** - Hot Cross Buns to be Collected from School
- **Thursday March 28th** - Last Day of Term One - 2.15 p.m. Dismissal
- **Friday March 29th** - Good Friday
- **Monday April 15th** - First Day of Term Two
- **Friday April 19th** - School Photo Day
- **Thursday April 25th** - ANZAC Day Public Holiday
- **Friday April 26th** - 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 22nd**. Delivery will be **Wednesday March 27th**.



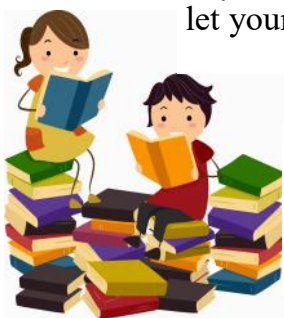
BOOK CLUB

Book Club Issue Two has been sent home.

It is due back **Wednesday March 6th**

You can order online using Loop and pay online with orders. All ordering and payment details are in the back of the Book Club booklet.

If you are ordering something for your child for a present, please let your child's teacher know so it is not given to your child.



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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 23rd

Foundation Hinton:

- Isaiah C. - For showing confidence when completing his learning tasks.
- Milani R. - For approaching tasks with a positive attitude.

Foundation Tonkin:

- Austin L. - For being a helpful and friendly class member.
- Harmony P. - For approaching tasks with a positive attitude.

Grade 1/2 Leed:

- Haill B. - For his excellent effort when measuring in Maths.
- Kristian G. - For his excellent effort when measuring in Maths.

Grade 1/2 Price:

- Tyler H. - For settling in to his new school really well.
- Eli S. - For excellent efforts in measuring during Maths.

Grade 2/3 Carroll-Dillon:

- Lachlan B. - For his commitment to home reading. Keep up the great work!
- Calvin F. - For his commitment to home reading. Keep up the great work!

Grade 3/4 Ennor:

- Pippa A. - For excellent problem solving in Launch and Explore activities.
- Rueben T. - For his great leadership and participation on the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program.
- Elaina W. - For excellent problem solving in Launch and Explore activities.

Grade 3/4 Ryan:

- Anneliese C. - For excellent work in maths problem solving and explaining her thinking.
- Addilyn W. - For having an excellent attitude towards all classroom tasks.

Grade 5/6 McKerrow:

- Anika A. - For an excellent 'kitchen sink' with Digits.
- Hunter F. - For showing initiative with Wordle.

Grade 5/6 Windridge-Lee:

- Emily D. - For good participation in class discussions.
- Wynter H. - For showing her thinking in Maths.

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 29th 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.



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and wellbeing of our
Bendigo school children**

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**Have you ordered
your child's books
on Issue 2?**

Hurry—closing soon!



SCHOLASTIC Book Club



Auskick in Eaglehawk begins **Sunday 4th 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 or for more information, go to our Facebook page "Eaglehawk Auskick"

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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



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
Visit www.epsomfc.com.au or www.facebook.com/EpsomSoccer



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- Creative skills & drills
- NETFIT HIT
- Match play
- Healthy habits
- 'Head, Heart & Hand' leadership workshop
- Focus on teamwork & building confidence
- Fresh new clinic theme
- Goodie bags & more

[BOOK NOW](#)



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](#) [SPORTS FOCUS](#) [Healthy Living](#) [Community Road Safety Grants](#) [vicroads](#)

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

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

Fill in the Bike Bendigo survey so we know what your bike skills & interests are!
<https://bit.ly/49eJRhA>

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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



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



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PLAY PARK
5 YRS & UNDER
10-11AM SUNDAY'S
STARTING 18 FEB
REGISTER ONLINE:

GIANT TENNIS PLAY PARK

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 Mindset workshops - Financial Education
- Coaching on budgeting and savings

Eligibility Criteria

- Must be a healthy/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

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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