

# The Bell Topper

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Thursday February 2<sup>nd</sup> 2023

### 2023 WELCOME!

A very warm welcome to all new and existing families to the CGPS community for the 2023 school year. It was fantastic to see our Foundation students attend for the first time on Tuesday, 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.

**We look forward to another brilliant year at CGPS.**

### uEDUCATEUS

Today uEducateUs information has been sent to families. This is our online program used for simple and effective communication. At present it is currently used to support weekly newsletters, attendance notifications and reporting. In the second half of the year we will be looking at introducing permission slips and lots of other cool features. For this to have the greatest impact we need your support, please take the time to login in and become active members. Unfortunately for those that had previously logged in, you may need to complete this process with new credentials. We apologise for any inconvenience.

### BUILDING PROJECT—UPDATE

Although at times the project will present some challenges, it is fantastic to see there is some action with the beginning of Stage 1. This is a focus on building an extra classroom in the Junior/BER building. This will provide us with an extra learning and meeting space for our community. It is predicted that this stage will take 5 weeks and at this point we will need to vacate the main (1883) building for the major work to begin. Please keep an eye on our Facebook Page, we will add photos whenever we can.



### CURRICULUM DAYS - PLEASE MAKE A NOTE IN THE DIARY

We have 2 scheduled Curriculum Days booked in the first half of the year. Please make a note in your diaries as both days will be student free. Unfortunately, we are not able to offer OSHC on these dates because we are not on site and all staff (including OSHC) will be attending.

**Wednesday March 1<sup>st</sup>** - Staff are attending a Professional Learning Day (Understanding Poverty)

**Wednesday April 26<sup>th</sup>** - Mathematics Professional Learning Day with educational consultant - Love Maths

The challenge of this day is the timing. This will occur in Week 1 of Term 2. Students will return on Monday 24<sup>th</sup>, ANZAC Day the following day (25<sup>th</sup>) and then the Curriculum Day on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>. We acknowledge that the timing is far from ideal although opportunities to engage with the high-level consultant was limited.

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# SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS INFORMATION FOR PARENTS 2023

## 2023 SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTION PROCESS AND TIMETABLE

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

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## Dates for the Diary

- Wednesday February 8<sup>th</sup> - Foundation Student Rest Day
- Friday February 10<sup>th</sup> - Book Club Orders Due Back
- Wednesday February 15<sup>th</sup> - Foundation Student Rest Day
- Wednesday February 22<sup>nd</sup> - Foundation Student Rest Day
- Wednesday March 1<sup>st</sup> - Curriculum Day - Student Free Day
- Thursday April 6<sup>th</sup> - Last Day of Term One 2.15 p.m. Dismissal
- Monday April 24<sup>th</sup> - First Day of Term Two
- Tuesday April 25<sup>th</sup> - ANZAC Day Public Holiday
- Wednesday April 26<sup>th</sup> - Curriculum Day - Student Free Day
- Friday April 28<sup>th</sup> - School Photo Day



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

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

#### Grade 5/6 McKerrow:

- Tiana C.-B. - For increased personal responsibility for maths learning.
- Nikita M. - For her 'quirky' sense of humour.
- Levi O. - For the excellent diorama for the Disaster project.
- Donna V. - For her excellent attitude to learning.

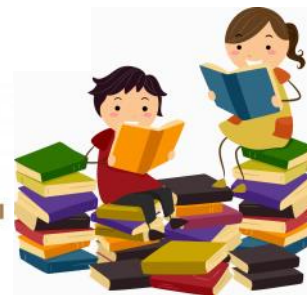
## BOOK CLUB

Book Club Issue One has been sent home.

It is **due back** Friday February 10<sup>th</sup> 2023

You can order online using Loop and pay online with your credit card. Please note this year we are only offering online 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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**WHY SHOULD THE  
BIG KIDS HAVE ALL  
THE FUN?!**

**TRIAL  
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**FOR 1 to 5 YEAR OLDS**

It's the best foundation to create mini sportsmen and sportswomen!

*You're  
Invited!*

**Shuttle Smash Public Launch**  
Sunday 5th February  
Melbourne Sports & Aquatic Centre

Formalities will take place at 11:00am with sessions running either side, so choose to come before or after the formalities.

- For kids 9-12 year olds
- Meet Australian Falcons players
- Participants receive FREE 1-shirt, racquet & shuttle



**YOUTH GAMES**  
WEDNESDAYS 4PM TO 5PM

Free to all 12 to 16 year olds in the local community.

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**Are you eligible to join  
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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



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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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**EPSOM FOOTBALL CLUB**  
EST. 1979

**COME & TRY DAY**

Saturday - February 11th  
11am - 2pm  
Epsom Huntly Recreation Reserve

Fun games & activities for the kids to play!  
BBQ

Register on the day to play in 2023!

[www.epsomfc.com.au](http://www.epsomfc.com.au) Epsom FC - Soccer in Bendigo

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