

The Bell Topper

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Thursday February 9th 2023

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

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 offices spaces, travelling along Bell Topper Way.
- **Slow down** - pick-up and drop-off are busy times, slowing down when driving will ensure the safety of all.

uEDUCATEUS

Thank you to families that have logged into uEducateUs. As of today we have around 30% of families connected. Our aim is to have 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.

Please take the time to login and for the most streamlined access, download the App on your device (phone/iPad)

WELCOME - JESS CLARK, EARLY HELP PRACTITIONER

The CGPS Community welcome Jess into our school. Jess works for Anglicare Victoria in Bendigo and as an Early Help Family Services Practitioner, taking over from Tessa.

Jess will provide family support to parents and carers who may be experiencing some challenges or difficulties and will assist them to develop a plan and strategies to address these issues. The support that she will offer is flexible and will differ depending on each individual family's situation. This may look like me coming into the home, meeting with families on site at the school or, whatever works for your family.

Jess will be working with your children's Educators and the well-being team at our school to help achieve positive outcomes for all. The support Jess can provide will be short-term (up to 10 hours with each family).

There are no silly questions, if Jess is not the right person, her role is also to help direct and connect families with other relevant services who can provide the support that is required.

Please come and say 'Hello' if you see Jess at CGPS and feel like she may be able to provide support to your family! You can also discuss any queries with the CGPS Well-Being team, and they will chat with her around referrals to the Early Help Program.

Email: jess.clark@anglicarevic.org.au

Mobile: 0407 093 960

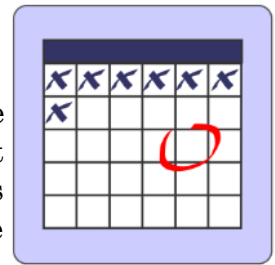
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CURRICULUM DAYS -PLEASE MAKE A NOTE IN THE DIARY

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 1st - Staff are attending a Professional Learning Day (Understanding Poverty)

Wednesday April 26th - 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 24th, ANZAC Day the following day (25th) and then the Curriculum Day on Wednesday 26th. We acknowledge that the timing is far from ideal although opportunities to engage with the high-level consultant was limited.

ANNUAL PRIVACY REMINDER FOR OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#).

We ask parents to also review the guidance we provide on how we use [Microsoft 365/Google Workspace for Education](#) safely at the school and what parents can do to further protect their child's information. If after reviewing the guidance, you have any questions or concerns regarding your child using [Microsoft 365/Google Workspace for Education], please contact the school.

For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents](#).

CALIFORNIA GULLY PRIMARY SCHOOL - FOODSHARE

As a community we are extremely fortunate to have an ongoing relationship with Bendigo Foodshare. Every week our school receives a delivery of everyday pantry items for all families to access. The delivery usually consists of bread, fruit and vegetables, while there is often other goodies to enjoy.

CGPS Foodshare - every Thursday.

Where - In the CGPS 'Shed' at the end of the basketball court.

Time - from 3pm.

Please be respectful of the amount you take with you, it is important to remember it is for our whole community to access. All welcome!

We are grateful for the ongoing support to our community.



SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTONS 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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Dates for the Diary

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| • Friday February 10 th - | Book Club Orders Due Back |
| • Friday February 10 th - | Grade Six Polo Shirt/Hoodie Orders Due |
| • Monday February 13 th - | School Council Meeting |
| • Wednesday February 15 th - | Foundation Student Rest Day |
| • Wednesday February 22 nd - | Foundation Student Rest Day |
| • Wednesday March 1 st - | Curriculum Day - Student Free Day |
| • Thursday April 6 th - | Last Day of Term One 2.15 p.m. Dismissal |
| • Monday April 24 th - | First Day of Term Two |
| • Tuesday April 25 th - | ANZAC Day Public Holiday |
| • Wednesday April 26 th - | Curriculum Day - Student Free Day |
| • Friday April 28 th - | School Photo Day |

WELLBEING AND SUPPORT

Welcome back to all existing and new parents to California Gully Primary School for 2023. My name is Kerry Phillips I am the Primary Well Being officer. I will be at school all day on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. I have been moving around the school in the first couple of weeks getting to know the students.

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 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.

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.

Kerry Phillips

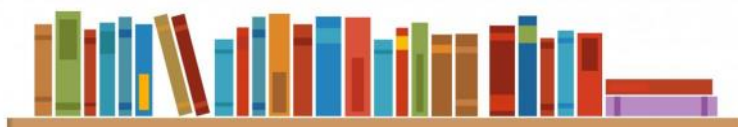
BOOK CLUB

Book Club Issue One has been sent home.

It is **due back** Friday February 10th 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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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.



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.

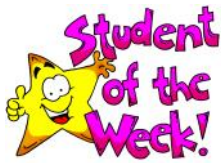
The electronic consent form can be translated into more than 100 languages, and the paper form is available in 13 languages.

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 3rd

Grade 1/2 Price:

Harmony D.-S.- For having a super attitude to start the year.

Grade 3/4 Ennor:

Alyrah C. - For writing a sensational orientation.

Erika K. - For a great start to her grade 4 year.

Grade 5/6 McKerrow:

Lillie-Rose C.- For a settled start at her new school.

Brylee W. - For an enthusiastic start to the year.

Grade 5/6 Windridge-Lee:

Scarlett C. - For settling in well to our classroom this week.

Justin T. - For settling in well to our classroom this week.

**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

**INFORMATION
SESSION FOR PARENTS**

Saver Plus pairs you with a savings coach so you can learn tips, tricks and information to grow your budgeting and saving skills. You save for 10 months, then ANZ matches your savings dollar-for-dollar up to \$500. We'll talk about how it all works, plus who is eligible and how to join.

MEETING DETAILS

- Thurs February 16th 2023, 10 - 11am (Vic Time)
- Wed February 22nd 2023, 10 - 11am (Vic Time)

Zoom Meeting Link:
[https://bsl.zoom.us/j/68016074995?](https://bsl.zoom.us/j/68016074995?pwd=K2d4dWl4WjRmbGRlRng0NGhoVWVZz09)
[pwd=K2d4dWl4WjRmbGRlRng0NGhoVWVZz09](https://bsl.zoom.us/j/68016074995?pwd=K2d4dWl4WjRmbGRlRng0NGhoVWVZz09)

Passcode: 027166

KEY ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA TO JOIN SAVER PLUS

- ☒ Have a current health care card OR pensioner concession card
- ☒ Have a child in school OR be studying yourself
- ☒ Have regular income from work (yourself OR your partner)



RSVP

Scan the QR code or click the link below to register
<https://forms.office.com/r/zPTAvyaP5e>

[SAVERPLUS.ORG.AU](https://saverplus.org.au)

1300 610 355

SAVERPLUS@BSL.ORG.AU

Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ and delivered in partnership with local community organisations. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services.



FRIDAY 19 MAY 2023
SAVE THE DATE
National Walk Safely to School Day

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THE FUN?!**

**TRIAL
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AVAILABLE
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FOR 1 to 5 YEAR OLDS

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

NORTH BENDIGO JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

2023 REGISTRATION EVENING

Monday 13 th February

5-6pm Atkins st Oval

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

14's teams available

For registration on the night

**AFL ACTIVITIES FOR ALL
AGES AND SKILL LEVELS AND
GUEST FROM NORTH
MELBOURNE FOOTBALL
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Food and drinks
available for
purchase on night

Come down and
support our Juniors!!

North Bendigo Junior Football
Club.

Be proud to be a Bulldog.




YOUTH GAMES
WEDNESDAYS 4PM TO 5PM

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

Sports include dodgeball, basketball,
indoor cricket, indoor soccer and more.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT US ON 0448 753 936



Napier Street, Eaglehawk VIC 3556
03 5446 9222
peterkrenzleisure.com.au



Join a great local soccer club

Golden City Soccer Club is looking for new players.

We're an inclusive, family friendly club and we are looking
for players from all age levels and experience to play this
season starting in April. All are welcome!

We have teams for all age levels and abilities. We have all-
girl teams at most age levels and have 42% female
membership in our juniors. Soccer is a great sport for girls
and the FIFA Women's World Cup will be held in Australia
and New Zealand in 2023.

Our junior season starts after the Easter school break and
runs for 16 weeks. Junior games are played on Saturday
mornings on small-sided pitches with modified rules to make
the games inclusive, engaging and fun. Training takes place
once a week at our home ground, Shadforth Park, Fenton
Street, North Bendigo.

You can register at
<https://registration.playfootball.com.au/common/pages/reg/WelcomeRegPlus.aspx?entityid=7336>

Please get in touch for further information.

Email goldencitysc@gmail.com, see our Facebook page or
visit www.goldencityfc.com

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CLOTHING

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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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

Epsom FC - Soccer in Bendigo

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