FROM THE PRINCIPAL

WELCOME BACK
I trust our school community has had an enjoyable break and the children are refreshed and ready for an enjoyable and productive term 3.

SCHOOLKIDS BONUS
For many families the following information (if you are not already aware) will be welcomed news. The Department of Human Services released the following news recently.

Important update about the Schoolkids Bonus
- As Parliament is yet to pass the legislation to end the Schoolkids Bonus, the July 2014 instalment will be automatically paid to eligible families and students between 2 and 16 July 2014. Payments should be expected into your bank account on the same day as your regular payment.
- Details about the payment won’t appear in your Centrelink online account until the day it is paid to you.
- If your child's or your education details have changed since January 2014, you need to tell us.

The Schoolkids Bonus helps with education costs and is automatically paid in January and July to eligible families and students. There is no need to make a claim.

Eligibility basics
- A parent or carer receiving Family Tax Benefit Part A for a dependent child in primary or secondary education Eligible families will receive Schoolkids Bonus in:
  - 2 instalments of $205 for each child in primary school - a total of $410 each year
If you share the care of your child with another person, you will receive a percentage of this payment. This will be based on the percentage of Family Tax Benefit you receive for the child.

Important this is a great opportunity for families who received this payment during the past 2 weeks to finalise their school fee payments if they have not already done so.
TERM 3 EVENTS
There are a number of major events occurring during term 3. Below are some of the key dates.

School photos will take place on Wednesday 30\textsuperscript{th} July

Book Week is the week beginning August 18\textsuperscript{th} and we will have a number of activities to celebrate the benefits and enjoyment we get from reading regularly.

Literacy & Numeracy Week will take place the week beginning the 25\textsuperscript{th} August. We have a number of activities organised for the students plus a family night. Details of all activities will be communicated closer to the event.

There are a number of interschool sporting events occurring. They include; football (July 23\textsuperscript{rd}), netball (July 24\textsuperscript{th}) and basketball (August 22\textsuperscript{nd}).

The School Production will be held on September 3\textsuperscript{rd} and 4\textsuperscript{th} at the JB Osborne Theatre.

PROMOTING OUR SCHOOL
We are always looking at ways of promoting our school to new families. I believe one of the most effective ways to promote the school is through you, the parents. If you know anyone moving into our area, has a child attending your child’s preschool or who has a Prep child for next year and is considering their school enrolment options, please talk to them about our school and invite them contact the school and set up a time for a tour. An important date to remember is our 2015 Prep information session which will be held on Wednesday August 6\textsuperscript{th} from 6.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.

PARENT OPINION SURVEY
The 2014 Parent Opinion Survey is to be conducted statewide from Monday 28\textsuperscript{th} July through to Friday 1\textsuperscript{st} August. A random sample list of 40 families is generated through our CASES21 administrative system and these families will be forwarded the surveys. If you are one of the fortunate parents to receive a survey it is extremely important the survey is completed and returned to school. The more surveys returned the more reliable the results will be. The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development compiles the results which we will then analyse and use to inform and direct our plans for school improvement.

WEBPAGE
Don’t forget to view our webpage regularly it is continually being update with the latest school news, policies, photos and notes or forms which you have missed.

Jason Lee
Principal

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE
If you were not eligible for the E.M.A. during Terms 1 and 2 and now are can you please complete an E.M.A. form in the office by Friday July 25th. You need to be a current HealthCare Card holder and need to produce your card when applying. If you are no longer eligible please contact the office and let us know.
The 2014 Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge is underway and it has been great to see such a great start by a number of students. The challenge will conclude on the 12th of September 2014. **Please discuss with your child/children their progress with the challenge and assist in updating their list of books.**

Families with internet access are strongly encouraged to support the school by assisting students to register reading at home with their netbooks. Children have been provided with usernames and passwords to log in. **It is important to enter books regularly so that it does not become a huge task and the end of the checklist.** Please only enter books that are finished, not those being started or that are underway.

Further information on the challenge is available at the Challenge Website: [www.education.vic.gov/prc](http://www.education.vic.gov/prc)

Books from the Premiers’ Reading Challenge are available to borrow from both classrooms and the library. These lists will be verified by teachers at the completion of that challenge.

**Don’t stop** at the end of the checklist, We are looking to reward dedicated Premiers’ Reading Challenge participants with **special certificates** for reaching reading goals after the checklist has been completed. Some examples are on display on the hallway near the office. Awards will be given to readers who achieve the following fantastic reading milestones:

- **25 Books (Grades 3 – 6)**
- **50 books**
- **75 Books**
- **100 Books**

Certificates will be awarded at assemblies. Mr Lee and Mrs Ryan will be looking for some special prize winners at the completion of the challenge. Happy reading!

Mrs Ryan and Mr Lee

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**School Assembly starts at 8.55 a.m. Please be on time!**
School Photo Day is fast approaching. Personalised order envelopes have been sent home today with all children. Each child must have their own separate envelope with them at the time their photo is being taken. If anyone would like a family photograph of their children currently enrolled at California Gully Primary School family envelopes are available from the school office.

### School Calendar

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GREAT TIPS FOR HEALTHY KIDS

TIP 15. PHYSICAL ACTIVITY CAN BE FUN

Most kids aren’t interested if you tell them they have to be physically active because it’s “good for them”. A better approach is to set a good example and enjoy activity yourself. Look for ways to be active that appeal to you. Don’t think of it as exercise, because that can sound like too much hard work. Start regarding physical activity as an opportunity to improve your health. Flying a kite involves physical activity, and so does dancing to music. There are many ways to be active and to have a lot of fun.

What you can do NOW

♦ Join up with another family and play Frisbees.
♦ Head for the beach to explore the rock pools.
♦ Find a grassy slope and slide down on sheets of cardboard.
♦ Explore the neighbourhood thoroughly. Walk to the next suburb and back.

Good Idea!

When was the last time you used playground equipment? Take your kids to the nearest playground and join them as they climb, swing and balance.

Top Tip

Gather a group and play tag in the backyard or at the park.

8 WAYS TO GET KIDS TO EAT A VARIED DIET

1. Enjoy a variety of foods. Serve up a variety of healthy foods each day. These include fruit and vegetables, legumes (such as dried peas, beans and lentils), wholegrain cereals, low fat dairy, lean meat, fish and skinless chicken. Low fat or skim milks are not suitable for children under two years of age. However, for children over two years, low fat milk is recommended.

2. Shop healthy. If you haven’t got a healthy variety in your kitchen pantry or cupboard, you can’t put it on the table. Try avoid having “sometimes” foods such as confectionary in the cupboard as children will then see them as “everyday” foods.

3. Go for quality, not quantity. Children serves may be small. It all depends on their age and appetite. Variety is the important ingredient.

4. Stick to three meals and two snacks every day. Growing children need to be fed regularly and often.

5. Begin their day with a healthy breakfast. It improves concentration, assists learning and builds stamina.

6. Give your children choices. Offer kids a few healthy choices. For instance, ask if they want an apricot or a plum, beans or broccoli, an egg or tuna sandwich.

7. Lunch boxes that go crunch. Skip the chips. Fruits and vegetables make a great snack or lunch box addition. Try corn on the cob, carrots, small Lebanese cucumbers, green beans, cherry tomatoes, celery, stone fruit, grapes or berries.

8. Frozen fruits. Frozen fruits are great for snacks or dessert. Try frozen grapes, bananas, mango wedges or even dried fruit like sultanas.

Source: www.goforyourlife.vic.gov.au
Don’t forget that every Friday is School Banking day and students should bring in their weekly deposit. For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a cool Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for an exclusive School Banking reward item in recognition of their continued savings behaviour. There are new reward items available during Term 3, a swimming bag and a money box. These are on display in the school office. Remember our school earns 5% commission on every deposit made (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit). Thank you for supporting the School Banking program at California Gully Primary School.

EGGS FOR SALE
Our girls are busy laying lots of eggs, $2.50 a dozen. See Wendy in the grade 3/4 room.

2014 SCHOOL PRODUCTION
This year’s production is “Kids in Space”. Rehearsals are underway and the children are working hard on learning their lines. Miss Ennor has already started sourcing costumes and props for the performers. To help make the production a big success George Flack from Flack Advisory Services Group and CVGT Australia have been kind enough to offer sponsorship, we take this opportunity to thank these organisations for their generous support.

There is still more work and preparation to be done before the big night later this term, if you can be of assistance in anyway please see Wendy Ennor.

School Assembly starts at 8.55 a.m. Please be on time!
Congratulations to the following students on being named Student of The Week for their positive attitude to school and social values.

**Friday June 27th**

**Prep/1 Christian:**
- Mason F. - *For a wonderful term’s work.*
- Leiam H. - *For a great week at school this week. Well Done!!*

**Prep/1 Holt:**
- Trey B. - *For working hard in Term 2.*
- Tayleigh H. - *For working hard in Term 2.*
- Alexis W. - *For working hard in Term 2.*

**2 Carroll–Peacock:**
- Ella L. - *For a sensational positive attitude at school.*
- Zachery N.-R. - *For a fantastic effort in reading.*

**3/4 Ennor:**
- Ella B. - *For expressive reading in shared reading sessions.*
- Levi E. - *For always being polite and cheerful.*
- Isabel P. - *For always being very helpful and polite.*

**5/6 McKerrow:**
- Brady E. - *For enthusiasm to develop his maths skills.*
- Elisha L. - *For application to her Art work.*

**5/6 Windridge–Doolan:**
- Shae McO. - *For working well in Maths.*
- Robert P. - *For working well in Maths.*

Don’t forget to check out the school’s website www.californiagullyps.vic.edu.au

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Parents’ Club Meeting
The next meeting of the Parents’ Club will be held early tomorrow, Friday July 18th at 9.05 a.m. in the outside school hours care room, we look forward to some of our new Prep families joining us. Please mark your diaries/calendars with the date for the August meeting, Friday August 22nd.

Parents’ Club Lunch Orders
Keep an eye out for the gold coloured order forms during term 3. If your child misplaces their lunch order form you can go to the school’s website and download a form.
Please place correct money in the envelope when sending the orders to school. Children need to place their lunch orders in the pink tub in the office by 9.30 a.m. on Monday.
If your child is absent on lunch order day, please let the office know so we can organise a refund. Please note that half size lunches are available on request, cost is $2.00.

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

Bendigo Family Nature Club
GoldFields Bushwalk - FREE!
Sunday 20th of July 10am - 1pm
Explore the marvelous Dissipaters along the Gold Fields Track. See the hydrological wonders! Walk a section of the Great Dividing Trail and ascend to a ridge with stunning views, with the Bendigo Family Nature Club.
The kids will love it as it has the feel of an adventure of discovery.
Please have your back packs ready and your boots laced. Pack a light picnic and some water.
Return walk is 3.5 kilometers, but it is steep, in parts scrambly to get up to these stunning views. Some marvelous big old trees too.
Please note there are no amenities. You are responsibility for children in your care, there are steep slopes, some loose soil and gravels. Uneven ground, and thorns.
Registration http://goldfieldsbushwalk.eventbrite.com.au

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:
Term 3 — Activities to be Advised
For information of what events are coming up in playgroup please visit the school website Playgroup page.
Join us on Facebook: www.facebook/calgunlyplaygroup1

Don’t forget to check out the school’s website www.californiagullyyps.vic.edu.au

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

Positive Behaviour Support Workshop
For Parents and Carers of Children and Young Adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder

Aspect Victoria is pleased to offer our highly successful, contemporary, evidence-based free 3-day Autism specific Positive Behaviour Support Workshop in the Northern Region of Victoria.

More than 900 families have participated in Aspect’s Positive Behaviour Support workshops across Australia. These workshops have shown an effectiveness of the workshops, with participants reporting decreases in challenging behaviour and increases in confidence and capacity to support their children and young adults.

Details:
- Date: Monday 21st – Wednesday 23rd July 2014
- Time: 9.30am to 3.30pm
- Registration Fee: $150

During this two hour workshop we will explore the reasons why children worry and ways parents and carers can support them. It will include ideas as well as practical tools to assist children to manage their worries.

RUN FOR DAD
BENDIGO

FATHER’S DAY SEPTEMBER 7, 2014
Charity Fundraiser

6.8km run - Eaglehawk to Bendigo
2.5km walk - Rosalind Park
- Raising funds for prostate cancer research and awareness
- Snacks for all sections
- Bus to the start for runners

ENTER AT:
www.athleticsbendigo.org.au

School Assembly starts at 8.55 a.m. Please be on time!
TELL US YOUR VIEWS ON SMOKING

Residents of Greater Bendigo (aged 14+) are invited to respond to a 3-minute questionnaire on community perceptions of smoking.

Results will help guide Council’s future decision making on whether to develop local laws to ban smoking in some public places.

Participation is voluntary.

All responses will be anonymous and confidential, and will be accepted until 8 August, 2014.

To complete the survey visit the City’s website or www.surveymonkey.com/s/HTBSmoking or scan the QR code above.

For further information about the survey, please call 5434 6000 or email healthytogether@bendigo.vic.gov.au.

Don’t forget to check out the school’s website www.californiagullyps.vic.edu.au

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**Kidz Biz**  Bendigo

This six week program uses art, movement and relaxation techniques to help school aged children and young people to cope with grief and loss when their parents separate.

**Term 3, 2014**
When: Wednesday 23rd July - 27th August 2014
Time: Arrival and registration 3.45pm
Sessions 4.00pm - 5.15pm
Where: CatholicCare Sandhurst Function Room, 176-178 McCrae St, Bendigo
Cost: $20 for program (no charge for health care card recipients)
Child Care: Sorry, child care is not provided
Facilitators: Jane Stewart and Marlene McGuigan
Parking: No on site parking available - please park in surrounding streets

For bookings and enquiries phone Marlene McGuigan on 5438 1300
Groups are subject to maximum and minimum numbers. Early registration is encouraged.

**Tuning in to Kids**  Bendigo

Want to learn how to help your child manage feelings and emotions (emotional intelligence)?

Children with emotional intelligence:
- are more able to calm down when upset or angry
- have greater success with making and keeping friends
- have better concentration at school

In this six session program you’ll find out how to help your child understand and manage feelings such as worry, frustration and anger.

**Term 3, 2014**
When: Monday 21st July - 25th August 2014
Time: Arrival and registration 9.45am
Sessions 10.00am - 11.00am
Where: CatholicCare Sandhurst Function Room, 176-178 McCrae St, Bendigo
Cost: $20 for program (no charge for health care card recipients)
Child Care: Sorry, child care is not provided
Facilitators: Jane Stewart and Barb Webb
Parking: No on site parking available - please park in surrounding streets

For bookings and enquiries phone Ky Gregg on 5438 1300
Groups are subject to maximum and minimum numbers. Early registration is encouraged.

**Bringing up Great Kids**  Bendigo

Parents and carers, would you like to:
- build strong and positive relationships with your children?
- increase your children's confidence and resilience?
- listen and talk more with your children?
- understand messages from your children and how to respond to them?

**Term 3, 2014**
When: Wednesday 13th Aug to 17th September 2014
Time: Arrival and registration 6.15pm
Sessions 6.30pm - 8.30pm
Where: CatholicCare Sandhurst Function Room, 176-178 McCrae St, Bendigo
Cost: $20 for program (no charge for health care card recipients)
Child Care: Sorry, child care is not provided
Facilitators: Ky Gregg and Barb Webb
Parking: On site parking available - via 116 Hargreaves St

For bookings and enquiries phone Ky Gregg on 5438 1300
Groups are subject to maximum and minimum numbers. Early registration is encouraged.

**Tuning In To Teens**  Bendigo

Join our six session parenting program for parents and carers of teens.

Would you like to learn how to:
- be better at talking with your teen?
- be better at understanding your teen?
- help your teen learn to manage their emotions?
- help to prevent behaviour problems in your teen?

**Term 3, 2014**
When: Thursday 14th August - 18th September 2014
Time: Arrival and registration 6.15pm
Sessions 6.30pm - 8.30pm
Where: CatholicCare Sandhurst Function Room, 176-178 McCrae St, Bendigo
Cost: $20
Child Care: Sorry, child care is not provided
Facilitators: Kate Kerlin and Narelle Williams
Parking: On site parking available - enter via 116 Hargreaves Street

For bookings and enquiries phone Ky Gregg on 5438 1300
Groups are subject to maximum and minimum numbers. Early registration is encouraged.

School Assembly starts at 8.55 a.m. Please be on time!
Thanks to Empowering Eaglehawk, The Eaglehawk Football Netball 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 will continue tomorrow Friday July 18th 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 to start the day!

We would also like to acknowledge the assistance of Roger King’s IGA in Eaglehawk for providing the food for the breakfast and their weekly donation of fruit for the Fresh Fruit Friday program in the Junior School.

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