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CALIFORNIA GULLY PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Bell Topper

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Thursday July 23rd 2015

Calendar
Friday July 24th
100 Days of Math Celebration

Wednesday July 29th
⇒ Final Day for Payment of Student Requisite Charges
⇒ Learning Club Re-commences for Term 3

Monday August 10th
⇒ School Photo Day
⇒ School Council Meeting 7.00 p.m.

Tuesday August 18th
2016 Prep Information Evening

Wednesday August 19th
2016 Prep Information Morning

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

- 100 Days of Maths Celebration; tomorrow, Friday July 24th
- Learning Club will re-commence on Wednesday July 29th
- All outstanding Student Requisite Charges are to be paid by Wednesday July 29th.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

LATE BREAKING NEWS BACK TO BACK PREMIERS
The California Gully Primary School Football team won the Division 5 Grand Final going through undefeated! Making it back to back Grand Final victories. Further details in next weeks newsletter.

CENSUS
Friday 7th August is our midyear census day. Which also incorporates our projected enrolments for 2016. I would like to encourage all families wanting to enrol their child in Prep at California Gully Primary School next year to try and have their enrolment forms completed by this date. Additionally it is an important time of the year for planning next year’s grade structures. If you know of someone who plans to enrol their child at California Gully Primary School or is considering their options please encourage them to contact the school for further information or to start the enrolment process.

PREP INFORMATION SESSION
An important date to remember is our 2016 Prep information session which will be held on Tuesday 18th August, 7.00pm & Wednesday 19th August, 10.00am. Even if you have another child already attending school at California Gully Primary School the presentation will hold some new and important information to be aware of.

School Assembly starts at 8.55 a.m. Please be on time!
PARENT OPINION SURVEY
The 2015 Parent Opinion Survey is to be conducted statewide from Monday 24th July through to Friday 31st July. Families (randomly chosen through our administration system) will receive their survey tomorrow. 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 when we analyse the data. The Department of Education and Training compiles the results which we will use to inform and direct our plans for school improvement.

TRIVIA NIGHT
We are holding our Trivia night on Saturday August 29th please keep this date free. To book a table or just to indicate your attendance please speak to Nicole at the office.

LIBRARY
Our LIBRARY is open on Tuesday and Friday mornings to provide children with an opportunity to return books, borrow books and at this time of year enjoy a warm and quiet place to relax with friends. The school has a large range of books for all ages and interests and we would encourage ALL children to borrow regularly. Some children do not borrow books regularly and this places them at a disadvantage with their education. Evidence suggests that children who read for enjoyment every day not only perform better in reading tests than those who don’t, but also develop a broader vocabulary and an increased general knowledge. Humour, mystery, adventure, sport, fiction and non-fiction...come to the library and borrow a book!

KIDS HELPLINE
Kids Helpline As the title suggests, Kids Helpline helps kids. Children can call the Kids Helpline 24 hours a day on 1800 551 800 or visit the website kidshelp.com.au. You may like to visit this website to see what support is available.

Jason Lee
Principal

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PARENTS CLUB NEWS

Parents’ Club Meeting
The next meeting will be held on a day and time to be confirmed in the conference room.

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

California Gully Primary School
Trivia Night

Saturday 29th of August 2015
@ California Gully PS Early Years Learning Centre
6.30pm until late

Tickets can be purchased from Nicole @ the office or phone 5446 8393
Tickets are $10 each.

Please bring food & drinks to share for your table.

Lots of fun, prizes and laughs.
As well as a silent auction.

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:

- July 29th: Visit to the White Hills Botanic Gardens
- August 5th: Planting
- August 12th: Multi-Purpose Room—Adventure Play
- August 19th: Pasting/Painting
- August 26th: Water/Sand Play

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

Join us on Facebook: www.facebook/calgullyplaygroup1

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Celebrating Mathematics
at California Gully Primary School

100 Days of Maths Celebration
this Friday 24th July

We are looking forward to the 100th Day of Maths tomorrow. A special Maths Day is planned. We will have a 100 Day Assembly. All children will contribute to this assembly celebrating the importance of Maths. Parents, grandparents and friends are invited to join this assembly at 9.00am.

During the day children will work in multi-age groups exploring a variety of Maths activities. There will be a number of competitions. Children will be asked to bring collections of 100 to display on the day.

We will have a small 100 day party lunch provided free for all children. Please take the time to check our PowerPoint which is on display in the corridor entry to the main building and then continued on the windows at the entrance to Junior Unit building. The PowerPoint is also on the Maths page of the school website.

Annette Peacock and Linda Windridge.

Grade 4/5 celebrated Day 95 of Maths with lots of measuring activities as they prepared their Indian flat bread and kale soup.

Check out the Maths page on our school website to see what your child has been doing to celebrate 100 days of Maths.

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Woolworths Earn & Learn 2015

This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school/early learning centre – and all we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths.

From Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 8th September, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet (attached to last week’s Bell Topper) and when it’s complete, the Sticker Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box here at the school or at your local Woolworths.

At the end of the promotion, we’ll be able to get some great new equipment. The range is extensive and offers lots of items ideal for our students – including resources for Maths, English, Science and some fantastic fun supplies for Arts & Craft, Sport and for our library. If you’d like to know more visit woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn

Tissues
Can the parents of children in Grade 6 please supply a box of tissues for the classroom. With the cold weather we have a lot of sniffles!

Learning Club is back for Term 3

Welcome back to the school term. Hope everyone had a wonderful break! Learning Club will be commencing on Wednesday 29th July from 3.15pm – 5.00pm. We have six new Pre-Service Teachers from La Trobe University running Learning Club this term and they are looking forward to working with the kids through interactive games and activities.

Learning Clubs provide a safe and supportive out-of-school learning environment where primary students can participate in activities that develop their academic and social skills. Clubs usually run for at least 2 terms, and children attend once a week at no cost. Through regular attendance at our Learning Club, students are able to enhance their learning and development skills.

If you are interested in sending your child/ren to Learning Club please see Nicole at reception for enrolment details.

Learning Club is a partnership between The Smith Family & La Trobe University.
Congratulations to the following students on being named Student of The Week for their positive attitude to school and social values.

**Friday July 17th**

**Prep/1 Christian:**
- Gus B. - For his wonderful Narrative Plan.
- Carmella S. - For her wonderful Narrative Plan.
- Shayne T. - For settling into class routines at California Gully Primary School. Welcome!!

**2/3 Carroll-Hinton:**
- Jesse B. - For brilliant thinking and problem solving in Maths.

**2/3 Watt-Holt:**
- Josephine C. - For a wonderful start to Term 3.
- Tayleigh H. - For brilliant thinking and problem solving in Maths.
- Lachlan W. - For a positive start to Term 3.

**4/5 Windridge-Reilly:**
- Tom B. - For working well on multiplication.
- Terri-Anne C-G. - For excellent work in Maths.

**6 McKerrow:**
- Lachlan F. - For excellent maths problem solving involving volume.
- Ruby M. - For working well in 'money maths'.
- Jackson T. - For working well in 'money maths'.
- Zachary T. - For great application to and production of landscape sketch.

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**Asthma Kids**

**Hi, I'm Chester!**

Join me on the Asthma Trail at asthmakids.org.au

Our new Asthma Kids site helps children and their parents/caregivers learn more about asthma in a fun and engaging way.

**Monthly prize draws!**

On successful completion of the trail, children can enter a monthly prize draw to win a bike, scooter or hamper of a voucher for general stationery.

To find out more about asthma contact your Asthma Foundation on 1800 655 838 or 1800 219 688.

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GREAT TIPS FOR HEALTHY KIDS

TIP 2. PARENTS ARE ROLE MODELS

Little kids watch their parents carefully. This is how they learn. As they get older, there are other influences, like other kids, relatives and people on TV. But they still notice what you do and how you do it. This is why it’s so important for you to make healthy choices. If you choose to walk rather than drive, your kids will get the message. If you choose to eat fresh foods regularly, your kids will follow your lead.

What you can do NOW

♦ Be active every day as much as you can.
♦ Be choosy about what you watch on TV and what the kids can watch.
♦ Eat nutritious rather than high-fat and sugary snacks.

Top Tip

Let your kids see your becoming more active. Learn to ride a bike or surf. Join a fun run or fun walk and take the kids along.

Good idea!

Stock up your cupboard and fridge with healthy foods like fruits, vegetables, past and legumes (e.g. chickpeas and lentils). Take an interest in nutritious foods and learn how to prepare them in new and delicious ways. Your enthusiasm will rub off on our kids.

School Canteens

In Australia, most school canteens are managed by the schools themselves or contracted to private businesses. Health or education departments in the various states and territories have issued healthy canteen guidelines encouraging a ‘healthy eating’ policy, but mostly each school makes its own decisions about which foods are sold in its canteen. It is every school’s responsibility to serve foods that promote health and that reinforce the healthy eating messages given by teachers in the classroom.

Many schools now offer a healthy range of foods and also cater for children from different cultural groups.

- Encourage your kids to make healthy choices from the canteen. If they are used to eating great tasting healthy food at home, they are more likely to do this.
- Don’t make a habit of giving them money to buy ‘treats’.
- Get involved in your local canteen and push for healthy foods to be provided for your kids.
- Volunteer your time to assist your canteen - the more support, the easier it is for the canteen to make positive healthy changes, and be successful!

PepperGreen Farm vegie bags available to order through Wendy Ennor. Place your order on a Wednesday, $30 full bag or $15 half bag.

Price includes delivery to school.

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 4/5A room.

Book Week Dress Up
As a celebration of our love for books we will once again be holding a book week dress up parade.
Children are to come dressed as their favourite book character (not movie). We are also asking that children bring along the book their character is in. This is a good opportunity for borrowing from our school library or Bendigo Goldfields Library.
There are many ideas for home-made costumes on the internet.
Book Week is the week of August 24th, dress up day date is to be confirmed.

AFTER SCHOOL 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

School Assembly starts at 8.55 a.m. Please be on time!
Helen O'Grady Drama Academy

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We help children develop essential life skills and explore their creative side through developmental drama programs while providing them with the necessary life skills to prepare them for life after school.

bendigo@helenogradys.com.au
5443 3462
1300 OGRADY

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With your support our children can explore the universe and change the world one Discovery at a time...

HELP NEEDED TO KEEP THIS ICONIC INSTITUTION OPEN
Please buy a membership (unlimited entry for a year!) or donate via
www.chuffed.org/project/save-discovery
or direct deposit to
Bendigo Science & Technology Museum Inc.
858.653-000 Account:155042708
Donations fully tax deductible.
Enquiries: manager@discovery.asn.au
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Junior Cricket Registration Day

Sunday 2nd August
3pm til 5pm
at Weeroona Oval

Sandhurst Cricket Club would like to invite current and new players to play cricket.

There is a team for everyone with
under 10’s, 12’s, 14’s, 16’s & 18’s

Boys & Girls welcome

Register on the day and go into the draw to win
2 x 30 minute individual lessons
with our senior coach Craig Howard
Level 3 Cricket Coach
3x DCGA premiership player
2x Bendigo Cricketer of the Year

For registration forms or more information call Junior Coordinator Paul Henderson on 0428 177 314

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School Assembly starts at 8.55 a.m. Please be on time!
City of Greater Bendigo Whipstick Ward Meetings  
7pm - 8.30pm

Ward Councillors – Mayor Peter Cox, Lisa Ruffell and James Williams

Meeting time and date may be subject to change. To confirm, please visit
www.bendigo.vic.gov.au

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Live Well with Asthma

The Asthma Foundation of Victoria provides FREE asthma education sessions for parents.

We will come to your school or children’s service and share information about:

- What is asthma?
- How to recognise asthma symptoms
- Asthma medications and how to take them
- What to do in an asthma emergency
- Asthma Action Plans

Contact The Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 9326 7088 to organise a session at your school or service.

(Please note: we require a minimum of 5 attendees per session.)

This initiative is conducted as part of the Asthma Child and Adolescent Program and supported by the Australian Government Department of Health.

BENDIGO UNITED CRICKET CLUB

Junior Registration Night
Friday 14th August 2015
5pm to 6pm @ Harry Trott Oval Clubrooms, Nestle St, Kennington

Fees for 2015 are:
Under 10,12,14,16 & 18s - $70.00 each player
New and past players are most welcome; come and meet the coaches.

New online registration open on 10th of August, visit our website below for fast, easy convenience. Recommended to register before the 14th. Online payment preferred.

Any questions contact Jason Deno: janddeno2@hotmail.com
http://www.bendigounited.com/junior.html

Parent Information Night

Keeping Our Kids Safe Online

A Cyber safety presentation that will provide valuable information about the risks confronting our children online, and offer tools and tips to help make their internet experiences safe and positive.

The presentation is thorough, non-technical and is conducted by one of Australia’s leading cybersafety experts - Greg Gehlert.

When: 6th of August, 2015
What time: 5:30pm — 6:30pm
Where: Eaglehawk Secondary College Wes Vinni Performing Arts Centre
Who: Anyone who cares about our young people’s experience online
RSVP by: 30th July to All McMillan
mmcmillan.ala@edumail.vic.gov.au
0487516931

SPACE RACING

WHAT – Orienteering for Kids/Families
WHERE – Local Parks and Reserves
WHEN – Saturday 1:30 – 2:30 pm
July - 25, August - 1, 15, 22, 29

No experience necessary, all equipment supplied, register your interest contact:
secretary@bendigo-orientees.com.au
Or visit the club’s website:
www.bendigo-orientees.com.au

School Assembly starts at 8.55 a.m. Please be on time!
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 July 24th at 8 a.m. (please note that we will stop serving breakfast at 8.20 a.m.).

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

We would also like to acknowledge the assistance of Fairley's IGA in Eaglehawk for providing the food for the breakfast.

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