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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
- Parents’ Club Meeting - Friday July 29th
- Curriculum Day - Monday August 29th
- School Photo Day - Thursday August 11th
- Trivia Night - Saturday September 3rd

FROM THE PRINCIPAL
CURRICULUM DAY - EARLY REMINDER
On Monday 29th August all teachers will be attending a literacy professional development day. Children are not required at school on this day.

PREMIERS’ READING CHALLENGE
It is pleasing to see many of the students who started the Premiers’ Reading Challenge back in April have now reached the required number of completed books. However it doesn’t stop there, at California Gully Primary School we recognise the importance of reading daily and as a result certificates will be awarded to students who have read 25, 50, 75 and 100 of the books listed on the Premiers’ Reading Challenge. Remember though the books need to be verified by the classroom teachers. So keep reading!!!
Congratulations to Keely F, Charli H, Caleb C, Jayde C for achieving the 25 Book certificate.

LODDON REGION FOOTBALL CARNIVAL
Last week a number of our grade 4, 5 and 6 students participated in the Loddon Region Football Carnival. The boys and girls played 5 games of football and participated with enthusiasm and gusto. The most pleasing part of the day was watching how the group combined as a team and at all times was encouraging and supportive of each other over the course of the day. We didn’t quite secure a victory during the carnival but an enjoyable day was had by all. Also thank you to the large number of parents who supported all the students throughout the course of the day.

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2016 AUSTRALIAN SHORTLISTED BOOKS - THANK YOU PARENTS’ CLUB

Parents’ Club have once again supported the school through their fundraising efforts and purchased all of the 2016 shortlisted books. Each year we look to purchase what have been determined as the best picture storybooks and Young Reader books for our students. Parents’ Club is always happy to support the children when it comes to educational resources and the 22 books purchased are exceptional resources both for the students’ reading enjoyment and also as a teaching resource. Check out the photo in Parents’ Club News. ‘Thanks Parents’ Club! If you would like to know more about Parents’ Club and the role they play to support the school and students then please speak to Nicole in the office.

STEPHEN GRAHAM - LITERACY CONSULTANT

Last Monday Stephen Graham a world renowned literacy consultant worked alongside the classroom teachers for the day. Stephen undertook modelled writing sessions with a number of the classes. Classroom teachers had an opportunity to discuss the explicit teaching of writing with Stephen both before and after the writing sessions. Much of our planning documentation developed last year for writing is based on Stephen’s work so it was a great opportunity to have Stephen demonstrate his particular teaching style and compare the planning with the practice. Overall it was a highly successful professional learning opportunity.

Key reminders

PREP ENROLMENTS 2017

Parents are reminded that children commencing school in 2017 should now be enrolling their child. This will ensure your child can participate in our school’s transition program and be visited in their pre-school setting by our Prep/Transition teacher during Terms 3 and 4. You can obtain an enrolment form from the school office.

When enrolling your child, you will need to provide with the enrolment form:
1. A copy of the birth certificate (we can make copies of originals if necessary) and
2. A school entry immunisation certificate obtained from The Australian Childhood Immunisation Register (ACIR). Phone: 1800653809. Having a reasonable idea of our Prep numbers at this stage of the year helps immensely. Please pass this message onto any parents outside of our school community who are intending to enrol their children here next year.

Jason Lee
Principal

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Parents’ Club Meeting
The next meeting of the Parents’ Club will be in the conference room after assembly tomorrow, Friday July 29th. All welcome.

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

Wednesday Breakfast Program
Next Wednesday, August 3rd, the second breakfast program will continue. This program is held on a Wednesday morning from 8.00 a.m. to 8.30 a.m. and offers porridge, Vita Brits, tinned fruit and baked beans. All children are welcome to attend.

Thank you for your support.
Parents’ Club

The Grade 1/2 students just couldn’t help but be engrossed in the 2016 Shortlisted Books when they arrived!!!

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This year we will again celebrate 100 days of Maths. Each week in the newsletter we will have a focus on Maths. Here is a puzzle page for all the family. Level 1 and 2 are generally for younger students, but you can do whatever levels you wish. Children may complete them on their own or they may need some assistance. We hope you enjoy them. Bring in your neat answers and we will display them on the Maths Board in the undercover area. It would be great to see some work up on display each week!
Congratulations to the following students on being named Student of The Week for their positive attitude to school and social values.

**Friday July 22nd**

**Prep Dillon:**
- Ella B. - For trying her very best with recognizing her ringwords.
- Keira T. - For trying her best during speech sessions with Kath.

**1/2 Peacock-Hinton:**
- Leiam H - For accurate working with alphabetical order.
- Tawseef H. - For making relevant comments and using appropriate strategies in reading groups.

**3/4 Ennor:**
- Hayden M. - For writing an excellent classification/definition paragraph in his information report.
- Zachery N.-R. - For working productively with Mrs. Gray.

**3/4 Reilly-Carroll:**
- Ruby McH. - For always displaying a positive attitude and showing respect to others.
- Tai W. - For working very hard on his related addition and subtraction facts.

**5/6 McKerrow:**
- Kirsty F. - For working very well in maths lessons.
- Sarah H. - For sensational work in math lessons.

**5/6 Windridge:**
- Bailey A. - For completing the Premiers’ Reading Challenge.
- Ella B. - For exce100 nights of reading and for completing the Premiers’ Reading Challenge.

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GREAT TIPS FOR HEALTHY KIDS

TIP 40. KIDS NEED RULES WHEN THEY’RE HOME ALONE

Most kids will spend some time alone at home, either because parents are at work outside the home or because they have other things to attend to.

It’s important to make clear to your kids what you expect of them when they are home without you. Having some basic rules gives them boundaries, and even if they don’t do what you expect of them, they know they’re stepping outside these boundaries.

What you can do NOW

- If you want your kids to eat healthy food even when you aren’t around, stock up on it and don’t buy foods with low nutritional value.
- Tell the kids that while you aren’t there to watch their every move, you know they will be honest e.g. about limited TV watching.

Good Idea!

Expect your kids to carry out some simple tasks at home when you aren’t there. For example, they could bring in the washing and fold it, or start washing vegetables for dinner. Kids can be responsible when they feel they are part of a team.

Top Tip

It’s always better to set limits even if kids occasionally overstep them than to have no limits at all - and it’s a good idea to let them know you expect the very best from them.

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!
Food, Glorious Food

The following recommendations are part of our - Kids ‘Go for your life’ program at school: -

- Children are encouraged to drink water only at school.
- Children should bring drink bottles filled with water only into class.
- Fruit and vegetables should be included in lunch boxes everyday.

Chips, twisties, noodles, biscuits and high sugar drinks are considered to be occasional food and should not be in lunch boxes.

Please note that during the break at 11.30 am the children are only permitted to eat nutritious food such as sandwiches, wraps, dairy foods, fruit and vegetables. Any occasional food that they bring can be eaten at the 1.30 pm break.

In the past some children have informed us that they are responsible for packing their own lunches and this may explain why we sometimes see lunch boxes with too much occasional food (chips and twisties mainly), and not enough healthy food in them.

The children have been informed that these occasional foods are not suitable as they:

- are very low in nutritional value
- are high in saturated fat and/or sugar and/or added salt.

provide excess kilojoules

After revising the Healthy Food Pyramid and discussing the school’s policy on healthy eating with the children, we are now also asking for your support. We need to ensure that the children are ready and able to learn each day by them having the necessary fuel (provided by good food) to keep them alert and receptive to learning.

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 29th 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!
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Digital Citizenship

Grades 3-6 have been learning what it means to be a Digital Citizen in ICT. Digital citizenship is about confident and positive engagement with digital technology.

A digital citizen is a person with the skills and knowledge to effectively use digital technologies to participate in society, communicate with others and create and consume digital content. This really means that we are learning to be safe and responsible online.

The three core principles that digital citizens should practice are: Engage Positively, Choose Consciously and Know Your Online World (from the office of the Children’s eSafety Commissioner)

Grades 5-6 have been making posters to promote these principles both in our school and in the wider school community.

Mrs Ryan

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OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS 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

Mrs. Paton

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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:

- **August 3rd**

To Be Confirmed
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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California Gully Primary School
Learning Club

We are happy to announce the return of Learning Club in Term 3

There are 8 very excited student teachers from La Trobe University planning some very electrifying lessons

The first session will be on

Tuesday 26th July

and will run for 8 or 9 weeks

The Learning Club has fun, interactive activities and games to improve literacy and numeracy skills and develop confidence.

All sessions are fully supervised.

Light refreshments are provided.

If interested in participating, please complete a Registration Form at the School Reception desk.

The Learning Club is proudly supported by The Smith Family & La Trobe University.