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Thursday June 11th, 2026

COLD, FLU AND COVID HYGIENE

It is that time of year when colds, flu and Covid tend to be more common around our community. Good health hygiene practices can greatly reduce the chance you will become unwell or pass it on to others.

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue or elbow when you cough or sneeze.
- Throw the tissue in a plastic-lined rubbish bin after you use it.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth as germs can be spread that way.

Please discuss the above points with your children and we ask that children remain at home if unwell.

3-WAY CONFERENCE: INTERVIEW INFORMATION - THURSDAY JUNE 25th

The 'School Interview' online booking system is now open for this semester. We are asking families to take the time to schedule interviews when it can work for you. We will be holding our 3-Way Conference on **Thursday June 25th**. Teachers look forward to sharing the progress of your children in Semester 1. It is an important opportunity to acknowledge strengths, and look at what we (teachers, parent/carer and child) can do together to ensure your child gains the most from the second half of the school year.

Please note that students will only attend for their scheduled interview times.

Use the link and/or QR code to book your times.

<https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code/s9r7d>



CGPS Reporting Semester 1 Information.

We will be providing student achievement reports for Semester 1 this year as usual. The reports will be distributed on Monday June 22nd.

The reports will continue to provide important details about student learning attainment, but full descriptive comments will not be included as a result of industrial action taken earlier this term by the Australian Education Union.

We will of course be pleased to discuss with you your child's progress at our next parent-teacher interviews scheduled for Thursday June 25th or, as always, you can contact the relevant classroom teacher to arrange a meeting.

Thanks for your understanding.

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TERM TWO CONCLUSION – FRIDAY JUNE 26th

As we get to the end of a long and busy term, we share and congratulate all children and acknowledge the incredible support of staff and families that has allowed us to enjoy another fantastic term at CGPS. From all at CGPS, a reminder that the last day of Term 2 is on Friday June 26th and we will finish at 2.15p.m.

2027 FOUNDATION (PREP) ENROLMENTS AT CALIFORNIA GULLY PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Department of Education state-wide Foundation (Prep) enrolment timeline:

The timeline advises families when and how to enrol their child into Foundation (Prep) at a Victorian government primary school, including California Gully Primary School.

All government primary schools will follow the Foundation (Prep) enrolments for the 2027 school year.

You can find information and resources about the new timeline, including factsheets, at: [Enrolling in Foundation \(Prep\)](#). You can also download the 'Foundation (Prep) Enrolment Information Pack for Parents/Carers for the 2027 school year' from the [Starting school page](#).

What you need to do:

- Contact CGPS to learn more about our school and the enrolment application process
- Download the Foundation (Prep) enrolment information pack from [Enrolling in Foundation \(Prep\)](#)
- Submit an enrolment application for Foundation (Prep) **by Friday July 31st, 2026**
- You will be notified of the outcome of your application **by Friday August 14th, 2026**. If you receive an offer of placement, complete enrolment forms to accept the offer by **Friday August 28th, 2026**.

Andrew Frawley
CGPS Principal



California Gully Primary School – School Uniform Supplier

We are delighted to welcome California Gully Primary School as our newest partner school! All uniform orders for your school will be available through our dedicated online shop. At State Schools' Relief, we have proudly supported Victorian government school students for over 95 years. Our mission is to make school uniforms simple, affordable, and accessible for every family. We are thrilled to partner with your community and look forward to delivering a positive uniform experience.

We're here to make your transition easy. If you have any questions, please contact your school office or our support team.

Ordering your uniforms - helpful information:

Your school's dedicated shop is now live at:

stateschoolsrelief.shop/collections/california-gully-ps

Further information was sent to families via email last week.

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Dates for the Diary

- **Wednesday June 17th** - Sovereign Hill Excursion—Grades Five and Six
- **Monday June 22nd** - School Council Meeting
- **Monday June 22nd** - Mid-Year Reports Distributed
- **Thursday June 25th** - 3-Way Interviews
- **Thursday June 25th** - TheirCare On-Line Parent Information Session 7.30 p.m.
- **Friday June 26th** - Last Day to Apply for CSEF in 2026
- **Friday June 26th** - Last Day of Term Two
- **Monday July 13th** - First Day of Term Three
- **Friday July 31st** - Applications for Foundation 2027 Due



Want a warmer home and lower energy bills this winter?

Home Energy Empowerment Program 2026 **May - July**

Free events to help make your home more comfortable and cut energy bills.

Tuesday May 19
Seal the Gaps: Easy Draught Proofing for a Warmer Home
 Learn and practise how to draught proof your home.
 Presented by Arky Elston from Sapient.
 ⌚ 5.30pm to 7pm
 📍 Sailors Gully Hall, 1A Growler Street, Eaglehawk
 📱 Scan the QR code below to register, as places are limited

Tuesday June 2
Thinking About an EV? What You Need to Know in 2026
 Hear what's happening in the EV market.
 Presented by Bryce Gatton from EV Choice.
 ⌚ 12.30pm to 1.30pm
 📱 Online
 📱 Scan the QR code below to register

Tuesday June 16
Keep the Heat In: Low Cost DIY Window Upgrades for Your Home
 Presented by Lucinda Flynn from Going Green Solutions.
 ⌚ 5.30pm to 7pm
 📍 Bendigo Neighbourhood Hub, 155 Crook Street, Strathdale
 📱 Scan the QR code below to register, as places are limited

Tuesday June 30
Insulation 101: Where to Start and What Really Makes a Difference
 Presented by EcoHome.
 ⌚ 5.30pm to 7pm
 📍 Long Gully Pavilion, 21 Cunneen Street, Long Gully
 📱 Scan the QR code below to register, as places are limited

Wednesday July 15
Powering Your Home: Solar and Battery Options Explained
 Presented by Leah O'Shea from Midland Solar.
 ⌚ 1pm to 2pm
 📱 Online
 📱 Scan the QR code below to register

EMPOWER YOUR HOME

For more information on upcoming events go to go.bendigo.vic.gov.au/savingenergy or sign up to our Environment Matters e-newsletter.

SCHOOL ARRIVAL TIMES AND EARLY COLLECTION

Morning Drop-off: We remind all families that children should not be onsite prior to the 8.40 a.m. bell. At this point staff are on duty and actively supervising. Please respect this request for the safety of all students, staff and families.

Late Arrival: If your child is late arriving at school (any time after 9 a.m.) they must sign in at the office prior to going to the classroom.

Early Collection: If your child needs to be collected early from school, please do not go to the classroom to collect your child. All children must be collected from the office. If you would like to collect your child early from school, please let the office and your child's classroom teacher know at least 30 minutes prior to collection, but preferably before the start of the school day. To support Child Safe and OHS procedures, we ask that everyone respects this request. Thank you for your care and understanding.

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Congratulations to the following students on being named Student of The Week



for their positive attitude to school and social values.

Friday June 5th

Grade 1/2 A (Carroll-Dillon):

- Asher A. - For an excellent information report on the hairy nosed wombat in her information report. Well Done!
- Alilyah O. - For an excellent information report on the hairy nosed wombat in her information report. Well Done!

Grade 1/2 B (Ennor):

- Levi A. - For taking pride in the presentation of his work.
- Charlie P. - For an amazing 13 out of 13 in Dictation.
- Ava S. - For working hard on her handwriting.

Grade 1/C (Leed):

- Logan B. - For his excellent efforts in Reading.
- Hunter M. - For his great work with Subtraction.

Grade 3/4 B (Ryan):

- Ryker G. - For writing an excellent information report on the axolotl.
- Ana Q. - For being a home reading superstar and including fantastic summaries of what she has been reading.



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Exciting News: OSHC Partnership with TheirCare

We're thrilled to announce a brand-new partnership with **TheirCare**, a leading independent provider of Outside of School Hours Care (OSHC)! Starting July 2026, TheirCare will be joining our school community to deliver exceptional care and unforgettable experiences for our students.

What does this mean for our families?

- **Safe & Supportive:** TheirCare creates a welcoming environment where every child feels valued and secure.
- **Fun & Engaging:** Kids will enjoy a variety of play-based learning programs designed to spark creativity, build friendships, and develop essential life skills.
- **Inclusive & Inspiring:** Every child is encouraged to explore, discover, and grow—together!

We can't wait to welcome TheirCare to California Gully Primary School and see the amazing opportunities this partnership will bring for our students and families.

Want to learn more?

Visit www.theircare.com.au or call TheirCare's friendly support team on **1300 072 410**.

Let's get ready for an exciting new chapter together!

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You are invited
to learn about TheirCare!

Exceptional Outside of School Hours Care
is coming to...
California Gully Primary School

The session runtime will be brief - please allow up to 30mins

WHERE

Held Via MS Teams
Link: [Parent Info Session](#)
Meeting ID: 452 313 408 830 94
Passcode: cs9P8NZ3

WHEN

Date: Thursday
25th June 2026
Time: 7:30 PM

Join here!



MORE INFO

theircare.com.au
or call
1300 072 410

Looking
for **Work?**



Love
having fun
and being
playful?

Explore
opportunities with



Make a
difference
in the lives
of children.



Contact Us
recruitment@theircare.com.au



- Social, enjoyable & fun experiences for children
- Develop creativity, life skills & confidence through play
- Qualified, caring & engaged staff
- Exciting & thoughtfully developed programs
- Healthy & Yummy food provided each day

Bookings now open!

Activity - Pricing Range of Operation	Fee before Child Care Subsidy**	Out-of-pocket fee after Child Care Subsidy**
Before School Care (BSC)	8:00 AM TO 8:30 AM	\$28.00
After School Care (ASC)	5:30 PM TO 6:00 PM	\$8.10
Full Time Day	7:00 AM TO 6:00 PM	\$66.00
Holiday Program***	7:00 AM TO 6:00 PM	\$66.00

Cancellation Fee
(No Child Care Subsidy applied to Cancellation Fee)
BSC/ASC within 48 hours of session start time: \$5.00
Holiday Program within 5 days of session start time: \$10.00
Same day cancellation fee is out-of-pocket session fee

Late Booking Fee
(Child Care Subsidy is applied to Late Booking Fee)
BSC/ASC within 48 hours of session start time: \$5.00
Holiday Program: book less than 5 days from the session start time fee is \$10.00

Late Pick-up Fee
(Child Care Subsidy does not apply to Late Pick-up Fee)
\$1 per minute after service close time.

To register visit theircare.com.au



Save up to 90% with child care subsidy



TheirCare support team is available between 6.30am - 9pm weekdays (Eastern Standard Time) on 1300 072 410 or info@theircare.com.au

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fresh fruit friday



Running for over a decade, the program now delivers 1,300kg of free fruit to Bendigo school children every week.

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Made possible thanks to McKern Foundation and our supporting partners:



Want to support the program? Contact us to sponsor and provide more fruit to your school.

Bendigo Community Health Services

smalltalk
every year kids a great start



Supported playgroup

California Gully Primary School

A free, fun playground for parents/carers and children to learn together

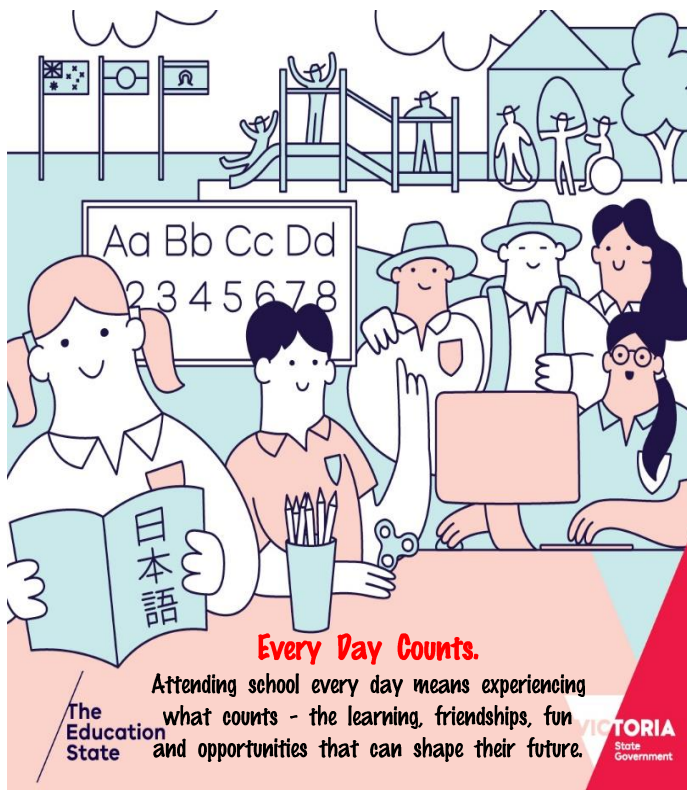
Fridays 9.30-11.30am
 Staley Street, California Gully

Morning tea provided
 Enrolments essential

Contact facilitator
 Tiffany Holschier
 0498 642 909
 tiffanyholschier@bchs.com.au

Our smalltalk playgroups run for two hours a week during school terms. Each session focuses on a different parenting strategy to promote children's learning and development.

bchs.com.au



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 needs 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 28th, 2026, for you to be eligible.

If you are a Health Care Card holder, please do not miss out on this funding.

Application Forms are available from the school office or return the copy that was in the Parent Contribution Booklets in November 2025.

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EARLY HELP FAMILY SERVICES

Early Help Family Services is here to support you and your family in your community and be available where you live, work, learn and play.

Early Help is available to parents/caregivers and families with children from birth to 18 years.

Early Help can provide;

- Individual support for families and caregivers
- Safe and confidential parenting groups
- Connection to peer support groups
- Support, information and referrals to help with parenting, child/adolescent behaviour, housing, family problems, mental health and disability

**"GETTING THE RIGHT SUPPORT EARLY
CAN MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE"**

Want to know more? Please speak with your Early Help Family Worker or speak with a school staff member who can refer you to the Early Help Family worker.

Early Help Family Worker

Imogyn O'Neill

Contact

0417 189 640

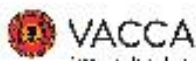
Email

Imogyn.oneill@anglicarevic.org.au

Location

Bendigo

Anglicare Victoria, Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency (VACCA) and Tweddle Child and Family Health Service deliver Early Help to families in the West Melbourne area.



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Are you supporting a family member or friend with disability, mental illness, age or health issues? Even if it's just for a few hours every week, you could be a **young carer**. This may look like....

- Going with them to appointments or helping with medication
- Cleaning the house or helping with other chores
- Providing emotional support when someone feels sad
- Taking care of younger siblings

Being a young carer might feel lonely. But you're not alone.

Carer Gateway has **free support** for **young carers** aged 25 and under.

Scan to learn more

Carer Gateway may support you with things like help at home, young carer social events, counselling or study help.

Free support, call now!
1800 422 737
carergateway.gov.au



SUPPORTING NEURODIVERGENT CHILDREN IN COMMUNITY SPORT

FREE WORKSHOP
FOR SPORTS COACHES & PHYSICAL ACTIVITY PROVIDERS IN GREATER BENDIGO

Monday 11th May, 6pm-8.30pm
@ Epsom Huntly Recreation Reserve
or
Sunday 21st June, 2pm-4.30pm
@ Lake Weeroona Pavilion
or
Wednesday 8th July, 6pm-8.30pm
@ Lake Weeroona Pavilion



Scan the QR code to register for the workshop or visit:
<https://www.trybooking.com/DKRWY>

Light refreshments provided

This FREE workshop will help community sports clubs and physical activity providers understand neurodiversity and how to implement practical strategies to create inclusive, supportive environments for neurodivergent children. This interactive workshop is a neuro-affirming session developed and facilitated by people with lived experience

Contact Jo at Sports Focus for further information on 5442 3101 or joc@sportsfocus.com.au



THE SALVATION ARMY Eaglehawk
51 Church Street, Eaglehawk

Free Children's Music

Program Ages 8 — 13

Come and learn to play a brass instrument from 30 April 3:45 — 5pm, Each Thursday during school terms

Contact: 5446 8135 press 1 and leave a message

Afternoon tea will be provided each week.

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8 WEEK PROGRAM

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THURSDAYS | 4-5PM



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STRIKERS NETBALL

MONDAY 29TH JUNE
COST \$50
 6-14YO
 Includes a free kids ticket to home game and some giveaways.

BENDIGO SOUTH EAST COLLEGE GYMNASIUM
 KECK STREET, FLORA HILL

STRIKERS Clinic

100PM - 120PM	CHECK IN
130PM	CLINIC & ACTIVITIES COMMENCES
4:00PM	CLINIC FINISHES
4:00PM	SIGNATURES PHOTOS & GIVEAWAYS
4:30PM	PICK UP

BYO Drink Bottle and Snack
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7-12 YEAR OLDS

Older kids level up their footy skills through modified game play and challenging activities that build teamwork, leadership and lasting memories in a fun, energetic day.

*Kids can join NAB AFL Auskick if they are turning 5 in the calendar year (before 30th June in NA).

AFL SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

ALL PROGRAMS RUN 9AM-3PM

COST IS \$55 (FOOTY INCLUDED)

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TERM 2 & TERM 3

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