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CALIFORNIA GULLY PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Bell Topper

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Thursday June 16th 2016

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

Calendar
Friday June 17th
School Camp Payments Finalised
Monday June 20th
School Council Meeting 7.00 p.m.
Wednesday June 22nd
Junior School Council Disco
Thursday June 23rd
3-Way Conference Day
Friday June 24th
Last Day of Term 2
Monday July 11th
First Day of Term 3

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
• School Camp Payments MUST be Finalised - Friday June 17th
• Grades 3 to 6 Bike Education Forms to be Returned - Monday June 20th
• Parent-Teacher-Student Conference Day - Thursday June 23rd (Student Free Day)
• Last Day of Term 2 - Friday June 24th

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

EAGLEHAWK SECONDARY COLLEGE & CALIFORNIA GULLY PRIMARY SCHOOL SCIENCE PROGRAM
Recently our grade 5 & 5 students were involved in a four week science program run by Eaglehawk Secondary College. The program provided students access to resources not normally available at the primary school level. Miss Marland ran the program and each week the students were engaged in activities that focused on energy, how energy is transferred and renewable and non-renewable energy. The 4 week program culminated with the students heading to Eaglehawk Secondary College and being involved in both science activities and robotics. Overall the program was very successful and I look forward to the next opportunity to work with teachers from Eaglehawk Secondary School. Photos of the 4 week program are found inside today’s newsletter.

TERM 2 - 100% ATTENDANCE - WELL DONE!
Congratulations to the following students who have not missed a day of school during term 2, (up until Friday 10th June). Prep: Ella B, Lily C; Grade 3/4E: Nathan B, Mason F, Charlie M, Zac N-R, Cody S; Grade 3/4CR: Ella L, Ashlee M, Billy N, Declan T; Grade 5/6M Blake B, Jessica B, Kirsty F, Sam G, Kodi P, Zep R, Eve T; Grade 5/6W: Caleb C, Isobel G, Keesha W.

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CLUBS
The students were involved in a range of activities thanks to the support of the teachers and parents at our school. Clubs has become an event the students really look forward to each term which is wonderful to see. A big thank you to Mrs Hinton for co-ordinating the afternoon’s events.

REPORTS AND CONFERENCE
Reports will be sent home next Monday, 20th June. 3 Way conferences will take place on Thursday 23rd June. Allocation of 3-way conference times were forwarded to families on Tuesday 9th June. If the time is unsuitable please speak to your child’s classroom teacher about a more suitable time.

PROMOTING OUR SCHOOL
As the parents and carers of children at California Gully PS you are best placed to promote our school and programs to new families. If you know anyone moving into our area, has a child attending your child’s pre-school or who has a child starting Prep next year and is considering their school enrolment options, then talk to them about our school and please invite them contact the school and arrange a time for a tour.

WINTER
With the cooler weather well and truly upon us please ensure your child is adequately dressed for the conditions. The children may like to wear shorts but then want to stand next to the heater to keep warm which is generally not possible. Also spare clothing such as socks can be handy when they come into class after recess or lunch and their feet are wet.

Jason Lee
Principal

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CSEF (Camps, Sports & Excursion Fund)  
**FINAL CHANCE TO APPLY!**

Applications are closing soon for families who are Health Care Card holders to apply for the funding - forms are available from the school office, when completing your application please bring a copy of your current Health Care Card, this is needed for the application to be accepted. Applications need to be at the school by tomorrow, **Friday June 17th**. After this date applications can not be accepted until next year.

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**GRADE 3 TO 6 CAMP**

Please note that Camp payments need to be finalised by tomorrow, **Friday June 17th**. If you would like to pay directly into the school bank account the details are:

- **BSB:** 063-506  
- **Account Number:** 1011 3387  
- **Account Name:** California Gully Primary School Council official account  
- **Reference:** Camp for (Child’s Name)

A reminder that the total cost of the Grades 3 to 6 Camp is $250.00

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**SCHOOL CALENDAR**

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| June 20th - June 24th | School Council Meeting 7.00 p.m. | School Banking Day - Bendigo Bank | Junior School Council Disco | School Banking Day - Commonwealth Bank (Breakfast Program)  
Last Day of Term 2 |
| July 11th - July 15th | First Day of Term 3 | School Banking Day - Bendigo Bank | 3 Way Interview Day - No Students Required at School | School Banking Day - Commonwealth Bank (Breakfast Program) |
| July 18th - July 22nd | School Council Meeting 7.00 p.m. | School Banking Day - Bendigo Bank | | School Banking Day - Commonwealth Bank (Breakfast Program) |
| July 25th - July 29th | School Banking Day - Bendigo Bank | | | School Banking Day - Commonwealth Bank (Breakfast Program) |

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Parents’ Club Meeting
The next meeting of the Parents’ Club will be in the conference room after assembly early term 3. All welcome.

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

Congratulations to the following students on being named Student of The Week for their positive attitude to school and social values.

Friday June 10th

Prep Dillon:
- Biankah B. - For working well in class this week, Well done!!
- Taryl W. - For being a friendly class member of Prep.

1/2 Peacock-Hinton:
- Dante A. - For being attentive and always putting in his best effort.
- Noah A. - For thinking logically when working with halves and quarters.

3/4 Reilly-Carroll:
- Shae H. - For achieving 100 nights of home reading.
- Gabby P. - For working hard in Maths solving 2-digit algorithms.
- Tai W. - For working hard in Maths solving 2-digit algorithms.

5/6 Windridge:
- Tyson B. - For working well on his information report on Japan.
- Myan P. - For working well on his information report on Japan.
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!
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HEALTHY LIVING

GREAT TIPS FOR HEALTHY KIDS

TIP 36. ELECTRONIC GAMES CAN PREVENT FITNESS

Some computer games and electronic games provide ‘other worlds’ that kids enjoy exploring. Some of them are educational, so it can seem like a very good thing that your child spend hours ‘learning’. But playing these games can prevent kids from being fit. The longer they spend with them, the less time they are physically active.

What you can do NOW

- Limit total time playing games on the computer, or surfing the internet, or watching TV, to a maximum of two hours per day.
- Expect your child to have at least 60 minutes of moderate physical activity every day.
- Develop an original game with your child.
- Install a basketball hoop in the backyard.

Good Idea!

Organise a scavenger hunt for the kids and their friends. You can hide ordinary household items such as a garden glove, balls, or pegs. Write up a list of instructions and watch them have fun.

Top Tip

Kids are more likely to happily walk away from electronic games if there are attractive alternatives. You could suggest a board game with the family, a walk together along a local bush track, or visiting the library together.

Be ‘Food Safe’

Tips to keep clean, fresh, safe and healthy!

1. Check labels for storage instructions, such as ‘Refrigerate after opening’ or ‘Consume within 4 days after opening’.
2. Throw away any foods past their ‘use by’ date.
3. Bacteria will grow in most foods so to keep them at a minimum, keep foods below 5°C or above 60°C (very cold or steaming hot).
4. Thaw food in the fridge or microwave, not on the kitchen bench. Don’t refreeze meat once it has thawed – you can freeze it after it has been cooked.
5. Store nuts and coffee in the fridge to maintain freshness, or freeze them.
6. Cover leftovers and put them in the fridge as soon as steam has stopped rising. Don’t leave them on the workbench to cool completely - this is a perfect opportunity for bacteria to grow.
7. Always wash hands before cooking and preparing food, and don’t forget to encourage children to wash their hands before each meal.
8. Keep fresh and cooked foods separate when preparing them, and use separate cutting boards and utensils for raw meats.
9. Store raw meats at the bottom of the fridge to avoid juices dripping onto other foods.

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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:

June 22nd  Pyjama Party - Last Playgroup Term 2

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

Join us on Facebook:  www.facebook/calgullyplaygroup1

Mrs. Paton
Active Travel to School Community Network – Meeting June 22nd

Active travel (walking, riding, scooting, skating, catching public transport) can benefit school communities in a range of ways, including improvements to children’s health and concentration, greater engagement with the natural world, and reduced traffic danger at school pick up and drop off times.

A new community network is bringing together people who are passionate about supporting children’s active travel to school. There are a lot of people doing great things in this space, and this network is a way to connect those people, share ideas and support one another.

If you are interested in joining this group, or learning more about it, you are invited to attend a meeting at the City of Greater Bendigo offices on June 22nd from 7.30 to 9pm – Ironbark room, Jaara Building (Corner of Lytton Tce and Mundy St).

This meeting will provide an opportunity to meet others who are passionate about supporting children’s active travel to school, and will involve:
- Discussion of the group’s purpose and how it might operate
- Discussions with local people who have had success in this space – what did they do, how did they make it work?
- Discussions about what the group hopes to achieve and potential future initiatives.

Light supper will be provided.

For further information about the group, please contact: Nicola: nicolaw@bigpond.com or Amy: activetravelhealthykids@bendigo.vic.gov.au, Ph: 03 4408 6532
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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 June 17th at 8 a.m. (please note that we will stop serving breakfast at 8.20a.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!