FROM THE PRINCIPAL

END OF TERM
Reminder: School will conclude at 2.15pm next Friday 27th June

3 WAY CONFERENCE - REPORTING TO PARENTS

I would like to acknowledge the many hours the teachers have dedicated to preparing the student reports. I have read through the reports, they are well written and reflect student progress and the next level of work required to support your child in the second half of the year.

I anticipate that the 3-way conference between teacher, student and parent being held next Thursday 27th June will be a valuable conversation. Student reports will be distributed on Monday 23rd June.

SCHOOL COUNCIL
At Monday night’s school council meeting key discussion points included:

The endorsement of a number of school policies, including; Camps, Excursions, Mandatory Reporting and Bullying & Harassment. The policies will be published on our webpage in the very near future.

Discussion around the maintenance of our school facilities, the funding we currently have available for school works and the creation of a 5 year maintenance plan.

A school review update and the process that will take place between now and the end of term 3 when the review will be completed.

The undertaking of the collection of data on school students with disabilities as requested by the Australian government, and requiring completion as directed by the Victorian government, by August 4th.

SCHOOL REVIEW UPDATE
Interestingly some of the feedback from the Parent Group Forum organised through our Parents Club last Friday indicates both the school parent body and school staff have similar thoughts as to what the priorities are and should be for our school. In some cases it is a matter of the school communicating its thoughts about school improvement in more detail to you our school community. Also one very clear connection is that we all would like to promote the school to the broader community and let people know what a great school and learning environment we have. This of course can be achieved through the media which we always consider when undertaking various activities or when special events are on. However I believe our greatest resource in promoting the school is through you our school community. What you say out there in the community has a profound impact on the perceptions that others have of our school. So I encourage you to let others know what a great school your children attend, the quality programs in place, the extra curricula activities we run and the caring staff who work in the school. If you know of anyone considering their child’s schooling options for 2015 suggest they contact the school for a meeting and a school tour.
NATIONALLY CONSISTENT COLLECTION OF DATA ON SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH A DISABILITY

Just a reminder our school is required to participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability (Data Collection). This Data Collection is taking place in government, Catholic and Independent schools across Australia, and is aimed to provide valuable information about supports required for a broad group of students. This will enable Australian and State governments to better target support and resources in schools. This in turn will help schools give students with disability the support they need.

**Importantly:** The Data Collection is not limited to students with *diagnosed* disabilities. It uses a very broad definition of disability, taken from the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* and the Disability Standards for Education 2005, which describe a broad range of health and learning conditions for which schools are required to provide ‘reasonable adjustments’ to support students to participate on the same basis as other students.

At California Gully Primary School the data collection is currently underway. Classroom teachers have been consulted, worked in teams and determined those students they believe have had reasonable adjustments made to ensure they can participate in all aspects of the school program. Parents/Carers will be notified before the end of term if their child fits the broad criteria outlined in the guidelines. The information collected has no personal or identifying information about any student. However, if you decide you do not wish information about your child to be included in the Data Collection, you can opt-out by signing and returning the opt-out consent form. More information about the Data Collection is available on the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development website at: [http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/needs/Pages/nccd.aspx](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/needs/Pages/nccd.aspx) or you could contact me if you have any further questions.

*Jason Lee*
Principal

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### SCHOOL CALENDAR

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School Assembly starts at 8.55 a.m. Please be on time!
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
GREAT TIPS FOR HEALTHY KIDS

TIP 13. HEALTHY MESSAGES HAVE TO BE REINFORCED
Although you serve as a good role model to your kids by eating well and being physically active, they will sometimes spend time with other people, such as grandparents, aunts and uncles, or other carers. It is important that you let these people know that you want your kids to get some physical activity and to eat nutritious foods.

Sometimes relatives and others have the best intentions for kids, but they think that it won’t hurt if kids eat lollies and indulge in fizzy soft drinks, for example. Their attitude is that “it’s a treat for the kids”.

What you can do NOW
When family and other people are taking care of your kids:
♦ Let them know what you prefer the kids to eat.
♦ Tell the carers that you value their time with your kids and that you’d like the healthy messages you give at home to be reinforced by them.

Good Idea!
When others are looking after your child, reinforce your message by packing a bottle of water together with a few healthy snacks, such as carrot sticks with a hummus dip, a reduced-fat cheese and cucumber sandwich, or pieces of fruit.

Top Tip
Adults can learn from kids too. Encourage your child to spread the word outside your home on healthy food and healthy fun.

LEGS
Legumes are:
• Nutritious: They are nutrient-dense carbohydrate foods and are also a good source of protein, iron and dietary fibre.
• Easy to store: Store dried legumes in their packet or in a screw top jar. Legumes can be frozen once cooked.
• Tasty: They are delicious in soups, casseroles, dips and spreads.
• Inexpensive: They cost far less than other protein foods.
• Easy to prepare: Use legumes straight from the can or soak them before cooking to reduce the cooking time.
• Satisfying: Being filling, they stave off hunger pangs for longer than many other foods. They also help to maintain stable blood sugar levels (good low GI food).

Visit www.nutritionaustralia.org for more recipes!
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 saving behaviour. There are new reward items available during Term 2, plush penguin key ring, plush shark key ring and whale shark pencil case. 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.

LOST PROPERTY
Our lost property basket is overflowing with lost un-named school clothing. If your child has lost any uniform and it is named, it is returned much more easily than un-named school uniforms. Please if you are know your child has misplaced school clothing have a look through the lost property basket. At the end of the term any remaining lost property clothing items will be put away as spares.

CAMP PAYMENTS
A deposit of $30.00 was due by the end of term 1 for the Grade 3 to 6 camp to Candlebark Farm. Please pay this a.s.a.p. to secure your place.

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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 13th

Prep/1 Christian:
- Blake R. - For his effort in writing groups this week.
- Tai W. - For his consistent effort in literacy support over the semester.

Prep/1 Holt:
- Jackson H. - For working hard in the classroom.
- Piper K. - For working hard in the classroom.
- Daniel V. - For working hard in the classroom.

3 Watt:
- Ryan H. - For having a great attitude and being a terrific role model for his peers.
- Jess M. - For always making a conscious effort to include others.

3/4 Ennor:
- Kathryn G. - For using adjectives to enhance her writing.
- Shameka R. - For using a "Sizzling Starter" in her writing piece.

5/6 McKerrow:
- Jakoby A. - For excellent results in Maths tests.
- Olivia T. - For excellent results in reading tests.

5/6 Windridge-Doolan:
- Shaylah H. - For working hard in Maths developing her understanding of decimals.
- Aaliyah M. - For working hard in Maths developing her understanding of decimals.

Student Banking

Congratulations to.

Ashlee M. in Grade 1 for achieving her Bronze 10 Deposit certificate.
Jess M. in Grade 3 for achieving her Bronze 10 Deposit certificate.

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Parents’ Club Meeting

The next meeting of the Parents’ Club will be held early term 3 at 9.05 a.m. in the outside school hours care room, we look forward to some of our new Prep families joining us.

Parents’ Club Lunch Orders

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 the Jelly Cups are no longer available and 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.

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 has been kind enough to offer sponsorship, we take this opportunity to thank this organisation for their generous support.

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

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:

Wednesday June 25th "Teddy Bears Picnic" Icing teddy bear biscuits

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

Join us on Facebook: .

School Assembly starts at 8.55 a.m. Please be on time!
Don’t forget to check out the school’s website www.californiagullyps.vic.edu.au

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Steam Trains for Kids
at Maldon Station
Sat/Sun : July - 12/13
PH: 54706658
Steam Trains
Trolley Rides
Steam Train Ride
Diesel Rides
Animal Farm
Novelty Rides
Sausage Sizzle
Horse Cart Rides
Model Railway
Donkey Rides
Clown on board
Games

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY PLASTERAMA SESSIONS

Session Dates & Times
Monday 30th June
Wednesday 2nd July
Friday 4th July

10-11am
11.30-12.30pm
1-2pm
2.30-3.30pm
Daily
For bookings please call
0457077530 Kellie

Where?
Long Gully Multi Purpose Rooms
Long Gully Oval
Cunneen Street, Long Gully

$12 per child per session
Large variety of pieces to choose from
$5 pieces per child
Cost includes drink & snack. Bookings are essential
$5 booking fee to secure your child’s spot.
Spaces will fill fast!

Why?...
School Holiday Program
that’s Y!

Bookings Open
If you’re interested in booking your child in to our School Holiday Program, bookings open June 2nd.
The program will run at all 4 sites from June 30th – July 11th and is open to all families.
Head to our website for more information or contact our friendly staff today!

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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 per program (no charge for health care card recipients)
Child Care: Sorry, child care is not provided
Facilitators: Janine Stewart and Marlene McCaughlan
Parking: No on site parking available - please park in surrounding streets

For bookings and enquiries phone Marena McCaughlan 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 per program (no charge for health care card recipients)
Child Care: Sorry, child care is not provided
Facilitators: Janine Stewart and Barb Webb
Parking: No on site parking available - please park in surrounding streets

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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 19th August 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 per 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
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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 Keilin and Narelle Williams
Parking: On site parking available - enter via 116 Hargreaves Street

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