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Thursday June 1st 2023

PIRATE DAY, AHOY ME HEARTIES! (TOMORROW) FRIDAY JUNE 2nd

Pirate Day is an annual national day of dressing up to raise awareness and vital funds for childhood brain cancer research. The Kids' Cancer Project supports bold science that has the greatest chance of clinical success to improve childhood cancer treatments. We encourage you to dress up and provide a gold coin to the CGPS Treasure Chest, with all funds raised going to this great cause. You can also donate directly using the QR code:

We love hearing what you Pirates get up to, make sure to share on socials #PirateDay2023 #TheKidsCancerProject @TheKidsCancerProject



THE KIDS' CANCER PROJECT



SUPPORTING KIDS' BRAIN CANCER RESEARCH SINCE 2015

PIRATE DAY

2024 FOUNDATION (PREP) ENROLMENTS AT C.G.P.S.

The Department of Education has introduced a new enrolment process for all government primary schools. We encourage families to follow the below steps to ensure you have a place at CGPS in 2024:

- 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 28th 2023**
- You will be notified of the outcome of your application by **Friday August 11th 2023**. If you receive an offer of placement, you should contact our school to accept the offer by **Friday August 25th 2023**
- Enrolment applications submitted after July 28th 2023 will be processed by our school as they are received, in accordance with the department's Placement Policy.

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK

National Reconciliation Week – **27 May to 3 June** – is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

National Reconciliation Week 2023: Be A Voice for Generations. The theme for National Reconciliation Week 2023, Be a Voice for Generations, encourages all Australians to be a voice for reconciliation in tangible ways in our everyday lives – where we live, work and socialise. For the work of generations past, and the benefit of generations future, let's choose to create a more just, equitable and reconciled country for all.

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2023 STUDENT ATTITUDES TO SCHOOL SURVEY — GRADES 4-6

We value student voice as a means to improving student engagement, wellbeing and quality instruction and are conducting a survey to find out what your child thinks of their school.

The AtoSS is an annual student survey offered by the Department of Education to assist schools to gain an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school. Students will be asked about their thoughts and feelings in relation to their school, their learning, peer relationships, resilience, bullying, health and wellbeing, physical activity, and life in general.

This year, the AtoSS will be conducted at your school from Monday June 5th.

What are the benefits?

Young people enjoy having a say! This survey has been running for nearly 20 years and is invaluable in helping schools understand student views to plan programs and activities to improve your child's schooling experience. The survey responses also help the Department of Education understand how student's learning experiences can be improved.

What are the risks?

While we do not anticipate many risks of participation, some students may find some of the survey questions personal and sensitive in nature. Should you agree for your child to participate, they are still free to skip questions or to withdraw at any stage if the survey makes them upset or uncomfortable. A teacher will be present during the survey to support students.

The questions are selected from validated survey instruments used in Australia and around the world, are strength-based, and tailored for each year level group.

What will my child be asked to do?

Your child will be invited to complete the survey **online during class time** using a purpose built secure online survey tool. It is important to note that we are not in any way "testing" your child. Please note:

Student participation in the survey is voluntary and students may withdraw at any time.

The survey will take around 20-45 minutes to complete.

How is my child's confidentiality protected?

Your child will be provided with a unique login to complete the survey from their teacher. The student login is an assigned identifier that may be used to link data for statistical and research purposes only. Personally identifiable data will not be recorded in the survey response file to ensure the confidentiality of your child's responses is protected at all times.

How will results be reported?

The survey results will be reported back to the school in aggregate form throughout the survey period. All survey data that is made available in reports are for groups of students only so that no individual student can be identified. Data suppression rules are used for schools with low student numbers per year level.

Your school may share the results of the survey with parents, in documents such as the School Annual Report.

Options for participation

Participation in this survey is **voluntary**. If you **do not** wish for your child to do the survey, please opt out via email to your school: california.gully.ps@education.vic.gov.au Please do so before Monday 5 June, stating that you wish to opt out of your child's participation, along with their name and year level.

If your school does not receive a Refusal of Consent email from yourself before the survey commencement date mentioned within this letter, it means that you give your consent for your child to participate in the 2023 Attitudes to School Survey.

If you would like more information, please speak to your child's teacher, or contact the department at school.surveys@education.vic.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,
Andrew Frawley

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COVID, FLU AND COMMON COLD CHALLENGES

It is very clear that there are many illnesses within communities at present and they are impacting on the health of many. This is no different at CGPS with many classes having a number of students away each day. It is important to note that staffing both teachers and Education Support staff has been extremely challenging due to illness and isolation expectations. We are working extremely hard to keep normal class structures and


programs going at present and we are asking for your assistance - **if your child is unwell please keep them home and also make contact with the school to inform.**

Illnesses such as the common cold, flu and Covid are easily transmittable, and we need healthy kids and teachers at school. We understand this is a difficult time although keeping everyone healthy is a priority at this point of the year.

Dates for the Diary

- **Friday June 2nd** - Book Club Orders Due Back
- **Friday June 2nd** - Kids Cancer Pirate Day - Gold Coin Donation
- **Monday June 5th** - Cookie Dough Orders Due
- **Monday June 12th** - King's Birthday Public Holiday
- **Monday June 19th** - School Council Meeting


PROJECT + **Parents & Carers**



Emotional Literacy

Emotional Literacy is being able to **recognise and name our emotions**. If we can label our emotions, then we can start to understand the why and begin to problem solve to work through what it is that we're going through.

It is important to know that it is okay to feel all the emotions! **The key is to understand these and be able to use strategies to manage our emotions effectively.** Below is an example of a mood scale; this is a handy visual to use with children but can also be a handy tool to use for adults! Throughout the day we will move up and down the mood scale as we feel different emotions.



REFLECTING ON EMOTIONS

- Have a think about times when you have felt like you were at the top end of the mood scale, in the orange or red.
- What were the triggers that made you feel like this?
- Think about the emotions you were feeling, it could have been anger, extreme sadness, fury, high anxiety, etc.

MOOD CHANGERS

- Now think about how you were able to bring yourself back down on the mood scale.
- Do you already have strategies in place, or could you build up your 'mood changer' toolbox?
- Some examples of mood changes could be:

DEEP BREATHS

PLAYING WITH YOUR PET


PLAYING MUSIC

A HUG FROM YOUR CHILDREN



MINDFULNESS

A WALK

[Click here or scan the QR code to download a catastrophe scale template that you could print and use as a family.](#)





Click on the image or scan the QR code to listen to **Dr. Emily**, a psychologist who talks about **Emotional Awareness** on the podcast, **'the imperfects'**.



Click on the image or scan the QR code to listen to **Lael Stone** on the podcast, **'the imperfects'**. Lael is an educator and a parenting expert.


If you enjoyed that episode, [click here](#) to listen to her most recent episode too.



Proudly supported by **coles**

The Resilience Project is proud to partner with Coles to support students, teachers and parents to become happier, healthier and more resilient. We are grateful for the commitment and shared vision of Coles to support the mental health of all Australians.

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NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2023 27 MAY — 3 JUNE

BE A VOICE FOR GENERATIONS

ACT TODAY FOR A RECONCILED TOMORROW

#NRW2023 NRW.RECONCILIATION.ORG.AU



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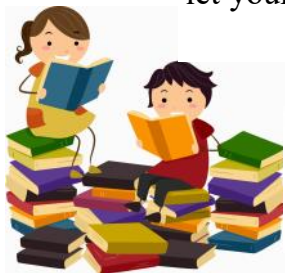
BOOK CLUB

Book Club Issue Four has been sent home.

It is **due back tomorrow**, Friday June 2nd 2023

You can order online using Loop and pay online with orders. All ordering and payment details are in the back of the Book Club booklet.

If you are ordering something for your child for a present, please let your child's teacher know so it is not given to your child.



CSEF (Camps, Sports & Excursion Fund) - Final Reminder

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 need 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 30th 2023 for you to be eligible.

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

A copy of the Application Form is available in this newsletter if you have not collected a copy from the school office or returned the copy that was in the Parent Contribution Booklets in December 2022.



Department
of Education

2024 Foundation (Prep) enrolments at CGPS

The Department of Education (DE) has released a new 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.

The new timeline will apply for children starting Foundation (Prep) in 2024. All government primary schools will follow the new timeline in 2023 to support Foundation (Prep) enrolments for the 2024 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 2024 school year' from the Starting School webpage (available from 24 April 2023).

What you need to do:

1. Contact our school to learn more about our school and the enrolment application process
2. Download the Foundation (Prep) enrolment information pack from [Enrolling in Foundation \(Prep\)](#)
3. Submit an enrolment application for Foundation (Prep) by **Friday July 28th 2023**
4. You will be notified of the outcome of your application by **Friday August 11th 2023**. If you receive an offer of placement, you should contact our school to accept the offer by **Friday August 25th 2023**
5. Take part in enrolment information and transition sessions during Term 4, 2023
6. Your child will start Foundation (Prep) from **Tuesday 30 January 2024**.

Enrolment applications submitted after July 28th 2023 will be processed by our school as they are received, in accordance with the department's Placement Policy.

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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 May 26th

Foundation Hinton:

- Eli B. - For working hard on blending 3-letter words.
- Austen L. - For writing a wonderful story about Pip & Tim.

Foundation Tonkin:

- Jace E. - For working hard on his letter formation.
- Aria T. - For excellent weekend recount writing.

Grade 1/2 Leed:

- Alexis F. - For working hard on her animal research project.
- Hamish J. - For working hard on his animal research project.

Grade 1/2 Price:

- Mia B. - For great independent research on Australian Animals.
- Koby W. - For excellent contributions to class discussions.

Grade 2/3 Carroll-Dillon:

- Scarlett L. - For excellent contributions to class discussions. Well Done!
- Willow L. - For actively engaging during the excursion to Kyabram. Well Done!
- Addilyn W. - For an excellent effort on researching an Australian Animal. Well Done!

Grade 3/4 Ennor:

- Pippa A. - For 'flying high' at camp.
- Olivia H. - For 'flying high' at camp.

Grade 3/4 Ryan:

- Miyah M. - For her resilience and positive attitude at camp.
- Jagger N. - For working hard with multiplication strategies in maths.
- Imogen P. - For having an excellent start at California Gully Primary School.

Grade 5/6 McKerrow:

- Damon B. - For excellent participation at school camp.
- Ruby G. - For excellent responses to questions in math lessons.

Grade 5/6 Windridge-Lee:

- Julian A. - For being a kind and generous class member.
- Nevaeh A. - For working hard on research for her information report.
- Suzanna H. - For fluent reading and excellent comprehension.
- Wynter H. - For thinking deeply about her book club book.
- Justin T. - For hi participation and 'have a go' attitude at camp.
- Isaac W. - For working hard on his information report.



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A Guide to Navigating Puberty: Parents & Caregivers

Bendigo Community Health Services invite you to our Puberty Education Evening for parents and caregivers.

When: 6.30pm, Wednesday 21st June

Refreshments available from 6pm

Where: Curri Wanyarra Wellbeing Centre Multi-Purpose room

Registrations: Scan the QR code below:



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Health
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EVERY WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY NIGHTS DURING SCHOOL TERMS

WHATS ON FOR JUNIORS?

WEDNESDAY NIGHT TRAINING - U12 (6:15-7:15PM) U18 (7:30-8:30PM)

FRIDAY NIGHT COMPETITION - 6:45-8:30PM

ENQUIRE TODAY BY PHONING 0499 731 811

BENDIGO VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

VOLLEYBALL

PRIMARY SCHOOL AGES

ALL SKILL LEVELS WELCOME

4:30 - 6:00 PM

RED ENERGY ARENA, COURTS 4, 4A AND 5

2023 DATES

SUNDAY MAY 21ST - COME AND TRY

SUNDAY MAY 28TH - WEEK 1

SUNDAY JUNE 4TH - WEEK 2

SUNDAY JUNE 18TH - WEEK 3

SUNDAY JULY 16TH - WEEK 4

SUNDAY JULY 23RD - WEEK 5

SUNDAY JULY 30TH - WEEK 6

SUNDAY AUGUST 6TH - WEEK 7

SUNDAY AUGUST 13TH - WEEK 8

SUNDAY AUGUST 20TH - WEEK 9

SUNDAY AUGUST 27TH - FINALS AND PRESENTATIONS

BENDIGO VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION VOLLEYBALL@BENDIGOSTADIUM.COM.AU

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The Thriving Kids and Parents Project

The COVID-19 pandemic has significantly impacted children's social and emotional development, resulting in increased levels of anxiety and significant challenges in developing healthy peer relationships. The Commonwealth-funded Thriving Kids and Parents Project offers high-quality, evidence-based parenting programs to support parents and schools in developing a shared language and a toolbox of strategies to support every child's learning and well-being.

The Thriving Kids and Parents Project offers your school 3 **FREE** interactive parenting seminars throughout 2023.

The seminars provide parents with strategies to:

- o Promote children's development and self-regulation.
- o Manage their child's everyday anxiety.
- o Develop healthy peer relationships, build resilience, and prevent bullying.

Your role is to invite families to participate in the **FREE** online parenting seminars and associated research tasks as part of the Thriving Kids and Families Project.

Express your school's interest through the link below to be one of only 100 Victorian schools invited to participate in the Thriving Kids and Parents Project.

https://uqpsych.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6JaeTQhsPp5DSUm



The Thriving Kids and Parents Project – Families and Schools Working Together

Chris Burke
Professor Chris Burke
Lead Researcher
The University of Adelaide

Matt Sanders
Professor Matthew Sanders
Lead Researcher
The University of Queensland

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A Survey About Long Gully

We want to hear from you.

A group of residents and community groups are developing a "community plan" to communicate people's hopes and dreams for Long Gully.

The development of a community plan for Long Gully has the support of the City of Greater Bendigo.

TAKE THE SURVEY



<https://bit.ly/lgcpsurvey>

Or visit the Long Gully Neighbourhood Centre for a paper copy.

For more information contact

Email: coordinator@lgnc.org.au

Ph. 5442 1165



BENDIGO SQUASH CLUB

JUNIOR SQUASH SAMPLER

AGES
6-17
Years Old



4 WEEKS of Junior Coaching for just \$40

Develop movement and coordination skills whilst having fun and learning the basics of Squash.

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

Have a try of Squash ahead of our Junior Juggernauts program re-commencing Term 3, 2023

FOR MORE INFO

About any of our Junior Programs, please contact our Centre Manager on 0435 654 953

4 WEEK SAMPLER

Session 1

Thursday 1st June
5:00-6:00PM

Session 2

Thursday 8th June
5:00-6:00PM

Session 3

Thursday 15th June
5:00-6:00PM

Session 4

Thursday 22nd June
5:00-6:00PM



Registration Link

www.bendigosquash.com/new-blog/juniors2023

BENDIGO SQUASH CENTRE
242 Barnard St, Bendigo

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JUNIOR GIRLS
FOOTY 4 FUN WITH AFLW STARS



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Want to experience football with AFLW Players Kerryn Peterson & Kodi Jacques? This is your opportunity!

Footy 4 Fun includes football activities, photo and autograph opportunities, giveaways and a BBQ for all participants. This FREE event is open to all girls aged 5 - 12 years old.

WHERE:
GOLDEN SQUARE FOOTBALL CLUB
WADE STREET, GOLDEN SQUARE

WHEN:
WEDNESDAY 21ST JUNE
4:30PM - 6:00PM



REGISTER HERE!



nab AFL Auskick

MID-SEASON ENTRY

It's not too late to join the fun!

Register for NAB AFL Auskick now for only \$55 plus receive an exclusive goodies pack!



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CLOTHING

2/1 Whip Court, Long Gully
California Gully Primary School

Dpt.	Garment	Kids Sizing	Adults Sizing
1	Teal/Ink Navy/White Short Sleeve Polo	\$28.60	\$30.80
2	Teal/Ink Navy/White Long Sleeve Polo	\$32.30	\$34.10
6	Ink Navy Rugby Top	\$35.20	\$36.85
4	Ink Navy 1/2 Zip Polar Fleece Jumper	\$36.30	\$39.60
5	Navy Hooded Windcheater	\$35.20	\$36.85
7	Ink Navy Double Knee Hemmed Track Pants	\$24.20	\$27.50
13	Navy Bucket Hat	\$14.30	
13	Navy Broadbrim Hat	\$12.10	

Our School Uniform supplier, Centavic Clothing, are pleased to now offer an online uniform shop for California Gully Primary School through their website:

<https://www.centavicclothing.com.au/>

Parents can place an order for uniforms, with the option of paying online, over the phone or on the day of collection.

We advise that any students needing to try on uniform items book an appointment as due to COVID-19 capacity limits we will be prioritising those with appointments when needed. This booking system can also be found on our website.

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CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATION FORM

School Name

School REF ID

Parent/carer details

Surname _____

First name _____

Address _____

Town/suburb _____ State _____ Postcode _____

Contact number _____

Centrelink pensioner concession OR Health care card number (CRN)

- - - OR

☐ Foster parent under a temporary care order* OR ☐ Veterans affairs pensioner (Gold Card)**

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH).

**Applicants must provide a copy of the Veteran Affairs Gold card

Is this an application for special consideration (no CRN needed)? Yes ☐ No ☐

Student details

Student's surname	Student's first name	Student ID	Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	Year level

I authorise the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry of my Centrelink customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Australian Government Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

- DFFH will use information I have provided to DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- this consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DFFH and provide it to DET so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
- If I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.
- Information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to the DFFH and/or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant _____ Date ____/____/____



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