

# The Bell Topper

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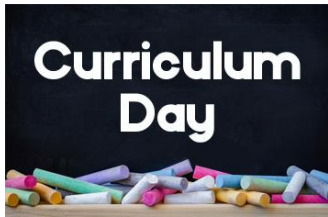
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Thursday June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026

## KING'S BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

A reminder that this coming Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, is the King's Birthday Public Holiday. Enjoy the long weekend with family and friends.



## CURRICULUM DAY – TUESDAY JUNE 9<sup>th</sup>

Please note that Tuesday June 9<sup>th</sup> is scheduled Curriculum Day. The focus of this day is developing assessment and more efficient processes when using data in Mathematics to inform teaching. We are fortunate to be working with 7 other schools. It is important to note teaching staff will not be onsite at CGPS on this day, we are working from the

'Victorian Academy of Teaching and Leadership' (Bendigo Office).

## NO ASSEMBLY – FRIDAY JUNE 5<sup>th</sup>

Due to the Grade 5/6 State Library Excursion, we will not hold an assembly this week.

## 3-WAY CONFERENCE: INTERVIEW INFORMATION - THURSDAY JUNE 25<sup>th</sup>

**We will be using the 'School Interview' online booking system 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 25<sup>th</sup>**. 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.**

The School Interview Booking Portal will open on **Wednesday June 10<sup>th</sup>, at 9a.m.**

**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 22<sup>nd</sup>.

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 25<sup>th</sup> or, as always, you can contact the relevant classroom teacher to arrange a meeting.

Thanks for your understanding.

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National Reconciliation Week 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.

## 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 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026**
- You will be notified of the outcome of your application by **Friday August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026**. If you receive an offer of placement, complete enrolment forms to accept the offer by **Friday August 28<sup>th</sup>, 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](https://stateschoolsrelief.shop/collections/california-gully-ps)

**Further information has been sent to families via email with the newsletter this week.**

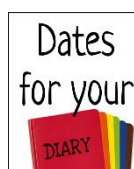
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## Dates for the Diary

- **Friday June 5<sup>th</sup>** - State Library Excursion—Grades Five and Six
- **Monday June 8<sup>th</sup>** - King's Birthday Public Holiday
- **Tuesday June 9<sup>th</sup>** - Curriculum Day—Student Free Day
- **Thursday June 11<sup>th</sup>** - 'Kids and Worry' Session (information flyer later in newsletter)
- **Wednesday June 17<sup>th</sup>** - Sovereign Hill Excursion—Grades Five and Six
- **Monday June 22<sup>nd</sup>** - School Council Meeting
- **Monday June 22<sup>nd</sup>** - Mid-Year Reports Distributed
- **Thursday June 25<sup>th</sup>** - 3-Way Interviews
- **Friday June 26<sup>th</sup>** - Last Day to Apply for CSEF in 2026
- **Friday June 26<sup>th</sup>** - Last Day of Term Two
- **Monday July 13<sup>th</sup>** - First Day of Term Three
- **Friday July 31<sup>st</sup>** - Applications for Foundation 2027 Due



## 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 May 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Foundation A (Hinton):**

- Patrick G. - For great effort to learn his yellow sounds.  
Adalyn M. - For fabulous independent writing.

**Foundation B (Tonkin):**

- Shayla P. - For working really hard at segmenting 3-letter words.  
Ruby T. - For independently writing a decodable word.

**Grade 1/2 A (Carroll-Dillon):**

- Elliott E. - For a well written paragraph on the description of a hairy nosed wombat in her information report. Well Done!  
Mac R. - For a great attempt at writing a description of the hairy nosed wombat. Well Done!

**Grade 1/2 B (Ennor):**

- Koah J. - For an excellent information report on the hairy nosed wombat.  
Frankee R. - For great work with her number chart.  
Hunter Y. - For having a fantastic week in the classroom.

**Grade 1/C (Leed):**

- William C. - For his excellent effort with school and home reading.  
Ryder J. - For his excellent efforts with school and home reading.

**Grade 3/4 A (McKerrow):**

- Hail B. - For working well in P.E. lessons.  
Tyson P. - For excellent work with Perimeter and Area.

**Grade 3/4 B (Ryan):**

- Bobbey M.-S. - For his excellent work making and drawing different arrays.  
Mirabella N. - For her consistent home reading. Keep up the great work.

**Grade 5/6 A (Price):**

- Levi B. - For his great maths solving during Math Hoops.  
Hahlia S. - For her confidence in decimals.

**Grade 5/6 B (Reilly-Lee):**

- Jack B. - For being an attentive participant in Art this week.  
Elaina W. - For her positive contributions during our shared reading sessions.



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# KIDS AND WORRY

**California Gully Primary School  
Invites you to a parent/carer  
session on Kids and Worry.**

This 90 minute workshop will explore the reasons why children worry, and ways parents and carers can support them. It will include ideas as well as practical tools to assist children to manage their worries.

Come along and be reassured, reminded of something, or perhaps learn something new.

*Presented by Loddon Mallee Regional Parenting Service.*



**Thursday, 11 June  
9.15am - 10.45am  
California Gully Primary School**

**Open to parents at California Gully  
Primary School.**

Register to come along by contacting the school  
P: 5446 8393  
E: [california.gully.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:california.gully.ps@education.vic.gov.au)

or by using the QR code below:



[www.catholiccarevic.org.au](http://www.catholiccarevic.org.au)  
1800 123 228

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

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 @mckernsteelfoundation

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.



## Supported playgroup

California Gully Primary School

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

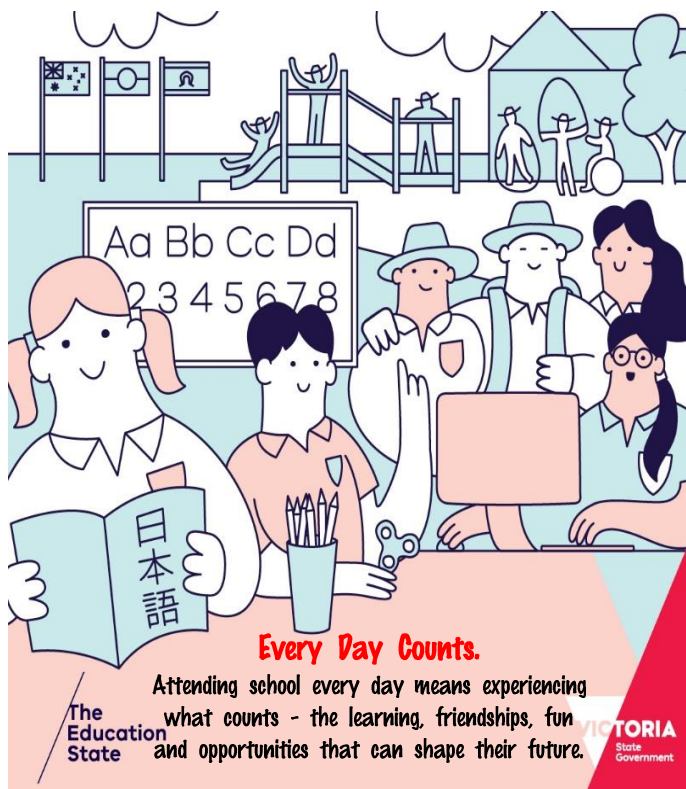
Fridays  
 9.30-11.30am  
 Staley Street, California Gully

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

Morning tea provided  
 Enrolments essential

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 28<sup>th</sup>, 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**

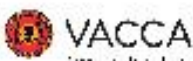
**Email**

**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](http://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:  
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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](mailto:joc@sportsfocus.com.au)



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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130PM	CLINIC & ACTIVITIES COMMENCES
4:00PM	CLINIC FINISHES
4:00PM	SIGNATURES, PHOTOS & GIVEAWAYS
4:30PM	PICK UP

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**Cough or sneeze into arm**



**Keep your distance**



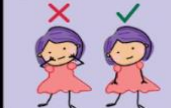
**Wash hands**



**Sanitise hands**



**Don't touch your face**



**Stay at home if sick**



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