The Bell Topper

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Thursday June 9th 2016

Calendar
Monday June 13th
Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday
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
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

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
- Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday - Monday June 13th
- 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
- Last Day of Term 2 - Friday June 24th

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

REPORTS AND CONFERENCE
At this time of year staff will dedicate many hours to student reports in the lead up to the reports being forwarded to families and the 3-Way Conference. Reports will be sent home on Monday, 20th June. A formal opportunity for parents to discuss the progress of their child/children will occur on Thursday 23rd. Allocation of 3-way conference times have been sent home. If the time is unsuitable or for some reason you cannot attend the 3-way conference on Thursday 23rd please speak to your classroom teacher about a more suitable time.

PREP ENROLMENT 2017
Thank you to those parents who have let us know their child will be starting Prep next year. We would encourage families to contact the school if they have a child starting school next year and wish to enrol. As we move into the month of June we start to really focus on staffing, grade structures and the allocation of resources for next year. Having a reasonable idea of our Prep numbers at this stage of the year helps immensely. Please pass this message onto any parents outside of our school community who are intending to enrol their children here next year.

School Assembly starts at 8.55 a.m. Please be on time!
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## SCHOOL ATTENDANCE - EVERYDAY COUNTS

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day. If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school. There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes. Teachers plan sequential lessons which can be severely disrupted by regular non-attendance. Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading.

Openly communicating with us about all absences is a good way to prevent attendance issues being escalated to a School Attendance Officer. Please ensure when your child is away you notify the school of the absence on the day. A School Attendance Officer is a Department of Education and Early Childhood Development Regional Director who has authority to follow up attendance issues. Unexplained absences over 5 days can lead to a referral if deemed serious enough.

Our school policy which was reviewed and endorsed in March of this year states:

- **Parents have a responsibility to ensure that their children attend school regularly, and are only absent if ill or if it is absolutely necessary.**
- **Parents may report that their child will be absent via phone, email, school webpage ‘absent form’ and Skoolbag App. Otherwise parents have a responsibility to provide a written note or return a completed absence form to the school explaining why an absence has occurred**
- **If a parent/carer does not contact the school to provide an explanation on the day of the student absence, the school will attempt to contact the parent/carer of the student within two days of the absence.**

It is very important that we (the school) work with you, our families to ensure each and every child is the getting the best education possible and that starts by attending school every day.

## SCHOOL COMMUNITY GARDEN (REMINDER)

Recently our school became the recipient of a government grant to establish an outdoor learning area and a school community garden. The school community garden could be a wonderful addition to our school but it is important to gain a sense of how many of our families would be interested in utilising a community garden and as a matter of course assisting with its upkeep. If you are interested in the concept of the school community garden please complete the following form and return it to the office by Wednesday June 15th.

**Jason Lee**  
Principal

### School Community Vegetable Garden

I am interested in the concept of the school community garden and would like to know more details.

Name:  

Contact details:

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CALIFORNIA GULLY FACEBOOK PAGE
Interested in following the great events and activities occurring at California Gully Primary School then use the link below to get to our official Facebook Page.

https://www.facebook.com/californiagullyps/

GRADE 3 TO 6 CAMP
Please note that Camp payments need to be finalised by 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

SCHOOL CALENDAR

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Parents’ Club News

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

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 along your current Health Care Card, this is needed for the application to be accepted. Applications need to be at the school by Friday June 17th. After this date applications can not be accepted until next year.

Mrs Carroll is doing Box Construction for Clubs in the last week of term. She is need of your old boxes. Big or small, long or squat or even irregular in shape. If you have anything that would be useful please send it along to the Junior building.

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

Friday June 3rd

1/2 Peacock–Hinton:

- Jack B.-R. - For being a co-operative and interested class member.
- Xavier H. - For 100 nights of reading.
- Carmella S. - For 100 nights of reading.
- Jedd S. - For 100 nights of reading.

3/4 Ennor:

- Trey B. - For working well in writing sessions.
- Mason F. - For excellent commitment to home work - 0 spelling errors - 127 reading days.
- Oscar G. - For using language features to enhance his entertaining narrative.
- Piper K. - For using great expression in sustained reading sessions.

5/6 McKerrow:

- Blake B. - For working well in math classes.

5/6 Windridge:

- Suzie C. - For 100 nights of reading.
- Keely F. - For 100 nights of reading.
- Shelby G. - For 100 nights of reading.
- Shelby G. - For working hard to learn all his times tables and taking responsibility to be tested on them.
- Isobel P. - For 100 nights of reading.
- Ella S. - For 100 nights of reading.
- Keesha W. - For working hard on subtraction with renaming.

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GREAT TIPS FOR HEALTHY KIDS

TIP 35. GRAINS AND CEREALS ARE GREAT

Grains and cereals are foods like rice, pasta, breads and breakfast cereals and popcorn. The grains come from plants to begin with and then they’re processed for eating. Grains and cereals contain carbohydrates, vitamins and minerals, and kids need plenty of them every day to give them energy. The best grains are ‘whole grains’, which means that they still have their fibre attached. For example, brown rice is wholegrain, while white rice is a refined grain because the outer bran fibre has been removed.

What you can do NOW

- Serve wholegrain breads rather than white as often as possible.
- Avoid buying refined grain foods, such as biscuits, cakes, pizzas, pancakes and doughnuts.

Top Tip

A wholegrain or wholemeal roll or a slice of bread wrapped around a banana makes a great healthy snack for kids.

Good Idea!

When you cook a stew or casserole, add some wholegrain cereal (e.g. rice, couscous, pasta or barley) to extend the meal and to add the extra nutrients in grains and cereals.

“Beanz Meanz” … More Beans Please!

This “Beanz Meanz” vegetarian recipe is a great way to encourage kids to eat beans. It is packed full of fibre and high in protein (from kidney beans) as well loads of vegetables to ensure kids are meeting their daily nutrient requirements - for this reason beans are often called a vegetarian “meat”.

Ingredients

- 2 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 onion, peeled and chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, peeled and minced
- 1/2 cup chopped carrot
- 1/2 cup chopped celery
- 1/2 cup chopped red capsicum
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin & chilli powder
- 800g (1 can) chopped tomatoes
- 800g (2 cans) red kidney beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 cup frozen corn kernels
- Topping
  - 1/2 cup shredded low fat cheese
  - 1/4 cup chopped chives

Method

- Heat oil in large saucepan. Add cumin and chilli and stir until they become fragrant.
- Cook onion until translucent then add garlic.
- Add carrot, celery and red capsicum and cook until they soften slightly.
- Add tomatoes with juice and stir in with vegetables. Bring mixture to boil then reduce heat and allow to simmer for 15 to 20 minutes.
- Beans and corn can now be added to chilli mixture and stir to combine.
- Serve 1/2 cup of chilli on top of wholegrain toast, brown rice or noodles. Alternatively serve 1 cup by itself and top with shredded cheese and chopped chives.
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PLAYGROUP
Let’s get together and build on friendships.

Wednesday
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 15th Multi-Purpose Room - Adventure Play
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

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE
Monday to Friday 3.15 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.

- Available for all parents of California Gully Primary School
- Affordable
- Childcare in a safe and secure environment
- Providing interesting activities for all children
- Permanent/Casual Bookings available
- Emergency bookings always available

Mrs. Paton
Mrs. Carroll is once again on the look out for sauce bottles with twisty lids. Mrs. Carroll is also looking for large sheets of plastic from bed packaging or large whitegoods items.

If you have any that you are looking to get rid of please see Mrs. Carroll in the Junior Building.

Do you or your older children have any novels or chapter books they no longer want? If you can help the Grade 1/2 classroom library will happily accept them. Please send them along to Mrs. Hinton and Mrs. Peacock.

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TERM TWO TO-DO LIST:
- pay for Amy's school excursion
- buy James new cricket shoes
- find out more about Saver Plus!

Match your savings for school costs, dollar for dollar, up to $500. Saver Plus is looking for new participants in your local area.

You may be eligible to join if you or your partner have:
- a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
- a child at school or starting next year
- some regular income from work.

Call or SMS Carol, your local Saver Plus Co-ordinator:
03 5448 1024 / 0439 935 516 or carol.gledhill@bsl.org.au

Saver Plus was developed by ANZ and the Brotherhood of St Laurence and is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government.

Free legal help with child support

Victoria Legal Aid's Child Support Legal Service is visiting near you. We provide advice about child support and parenting matters. We also present free community legal information sessions upon request.

The Child Support Legal Service:
- is independent of the Department of Human Services (Childcare and Child Support).
- provides free confidential appointments for eligible people to discuss legal problems with a child support lawyer.

For legal help and to check eligibility for an appointment, call 1300 782 137.

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TERM 2 2016
The students involved in Learning Club have been exploring Numeracy and Literacy using the theme Zoo Keepers.
In Literacy senior students have chosen their favourite animal and written persuasive texts to convince people to view their animal first when visiting the zoo and have used diverse tools including mind maps and classroom discussions. Junior students have been focusing on letter formation and word and sentence structures when writing about their favourite animals. In Numeracy junior students have been comparing the sizes of various animals and suitable sized enclosures for their animal. Senior students have been looking at perimeter and area through animal enclosure designs. Estimation and real world measuring on the basketball court has led to students being able to see actual sizes and they made adjustments where needed.
Next week, regrettably, is our final lesson for Learning Club this term and we would like to invite family members along on Tuesday, June 14th from 4.30 p.m. to 4.45 p.m. for an end of Learning Club celebration and viewing of students’ wonderful work and accomplishments.
Thank you to the Cal Gully school community and Smith Family for allowing us to share this great experience with your children.
Charlotte, Hannah, Jennifer, Nicholas, Myles and Simone

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 10th at 8 a.m. (please note that we will stop serving breakfast at 8.20 a.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 the day!

Introducing FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY
Benefiting the health and wellbeing of our Bendigo school children

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