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Thursday March 12th, 2026

RARE DISEASE DAY - THANK YOU

Thank you to our wonderful school community for supporting our recent JSC Casual Clothes Day in recognition of Rare Disease Day. It was fantastic to see so many students and staff dressed in vibrant shades of purple, blue, green and pink to raise awareness for the more than 300 million people worldwide living with a rare disease, along with their families and carers.

Thanks to your generosity, we raised \$195, which will be donated to the Rare Disease Day Foundation to support ongoing awareness, advocacy and research.

Events like this are particularly meaningful as people within our own school and wider community are affected by rare diseases, and it was wonderful to see our students show such kindness and support.

A big thank you to everyone who participated, donated, and helped make the day such a positive and colourful event.

NAPLAN 2026 (GRADE 3 & 5)

All students who have participated in NAPLAN this week should be very proud of the positive and engaged effort they have demonstrated during each session. It was wonderful to see the focus and commitment from our students throughout the assessments. We unfortunately experienced some technical issues during the morning session for Grade 5 yesterday. Despite this nationwide interruption, students remained calm and settled, demonstrating a very positive attitude. Teachers appreciated how well they handled the situation.

Please remember that NAPLAN results provide a snapshot of student learning at one moment in the school year and is a small component of the school's broader assessment and reporting process.

NATIONAL RIDE2SCHOOL DAY

National Ride2School Day will occur also occur on **Friday March 20th**, and is the perfect opportunity to kick-start new healthy habits and promote the many benefits of active travel. We encourage all students and their families to leave the car at home (or part way) and give riding, walking, scooting or skating to school a go. It's sure to be a fantastic day and we look forward to seeing you there!



SCHOOL COUNCIL

Thank you to those who nominated for our School Council. We have had just enough nominations that a ballot is not required.

The next School Council Meeting which will include our Annual General Meeting, will now be held on Monday March 30th, 2026. We have had to postpone the Annual General Meeting as we are still waiting on some paperwork from the Department of Education and Training.

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STATE LIBRARY VICTORIA FOR OUR BIG IDEAS FOR YOUNG MINDS EDUCATION DAY - GRADES 5 & 6

We had an offer we couldn't refuse, our Grade 5 and 6's will be attending the State Library Victoria for our 'Big Ideas for Young Minds' Education Day on Friday March 20. The only downside is that it clashes with Ride2School Day. Have a great day and look forward to you sharing some of your learning on your return.

VANDALISM AT SCHOOL OVER THE LONG WEEKEND

Sadly, our school experienced an incident of significant vandalism over the long weekend. Some areas of the school were damaged, including several windows and doors.

We have already completed initial repairs to ensure the school remains safe and operational. However, some windows and doors will take a little longer to replace, and this work may take a few weeks to be fully completed.

Victoria Police are involved and are currently following up the matter.

We appreciate the support and understanding of our school community while these repairs take place. As always, we are proud of the care and respect shown by our students each day, and we will continue to work together to maintain a safe and welcoming environment for everyone.

2026 THE EAGLEHAWK DAHLIA AND ARTS FESTIVAL - PARADE PARTICIPATION (SATURDAY MARCH 21st, STARTING AT 11.00 a.m.)

Thanks to the many students that are excited to participate in the parade, continue to think about your costume linked to the theme this year of 'Harvest'. It is important to note that we will be **walking** the parade.

We are just waiting on final details of the parade, as this will include the order and meeting point. Although this may change, previously we have started somewhere along Hagger Street and collection then at the completion of the parade has occurred at the corner of Darling and Sailors Gully Rd. Thinking about the start time, we will ask students to meet at 10.45 a.m., ready to go at 11.00 a.m. We will provide further information around arrival times and meeting points next week once confirmed.



Andrew Frawley
CGPS Principal

A VERY SPECIAL KOORIE ACADEMY & MELBOURNE UNITED INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY
GIRLS AGED 5-18
STRONG TIDDAS
DEADLY SKILLS & EMPOWERMENT
BASKETBALL CLINIC
SUNDAY 15TH MARCH
11AM-3PM
JUBILEE PARK STADIUM
7030-850 HILLCREST RD, FRANKSTON
FEMALE COACHES
CULTURAL WORKSHOP
W/ NARITAISHA BAMBLET

EVERY GIRL REGISTERED

- MELBOURNE UNITED TSHIRT & SPORTS BRA
- BASKETBALL & DRINK BOTTLE
- KOORIE ACADEMY 2026 JERSEY
- HEALTHY LUNCH & SNACKS
- HEAPS OF GIVEAWAYS & CHANCES TO WIN PRIZES

DEADLY COACHES
MELBOURNE UNITED CREW
FUN FOR EVERYONE

FREE FOR ADDITIONAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER GIRLS
REGISTER VIA SCANNING QR CODE OR LINK
<https://forms.gle/HW0GJ8R0V0V0S0R0>
REGISTRATION CLOSE 15TH MARCH

Eaglehawk Dahlia & Arts Festival

Sunday Family Day

22nd March 2026

In Canterbury Park Gardens.



All Activities are free!!

So come along and have some fun in the **GARDENS**
Table tennis; Chocolate Scramble, Painting
Connected Circus Fun; Sandcastle building;
Face-painting; Fire Brigade with Water!!!

Our theme is **HARVEST** so have a go at making a **SCARECROW**.



Then head over to the **EVENTS SPACE** & enjoy
Kelly Sports, Baseball; Rides, Archery, Slot Cars & the
fabulous Climbing Wall.

Plus....the animals are back from the fabulous **Animals 2U**

BBQ & drinks provided by EH Scouts & EH Y's Men for a small cost.

or bring your own picnic



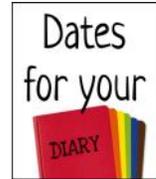
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Dates for the Diary

- **Thursday March 12th** - NAPLAN Testing Years 3 and 5
- **Friday March 13th** - NAPLAN Testing Years 3 and 5
- **Tuesday March 17th** - School Photo Day
- **Friday March 20th** - Ride to School Day
- **Friday March 20th** - Years Five & Six 'Civics & Citizenship' Excursion to State Library Victoria
- **Wednesday, March 25th** - Hot Cross Bun Order Forms Due Back
- **Thursday March 26th** - Community 'Welcome' Breakfast
- **Monday, March 30th** - Years Five & Six BioCATS Excursion
- **Monday, March 30th** - School Council Annual General Meeting
- **Thursday April 2nd** - Last Day of Term One
- **Monday April 20th** - First Day of Term Two
- **Saturday April 25th** - ANZAC Day
- **Tuesday April 28th** - School Athletic Sports Day



Hot Cross Bun Drive

This year we are offering members of our school community the chance to order Hot Cross Buns supplied to us by the Eaglehawk Hot Bake.

There are two varieties available Traditional and Chocolate. The Traditional Hot Cross Buns come in a six pack for \$8.00 each and the Chocolate Hot Cross Buns come in a 4 pack for \$7.00 each.

Please have your orders and money returned to school by **Wednesday March 25th**. Delivery will be Wednesday April 1st.

Order forms were sent home with the youngest child in the family at California Gully Primary School.



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 28th 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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Congratulations to the following students
on being named
Student of The Week



for their positive attitude to school and
social values.

Friday March 6th

Foundation A (Hinton):

- Patrick G. - For trying hard to write his name.
- Logan M. - For excellent blending of yellow sounds.

Foundation B (Tonkin):

- Noah L. - For being a positive and friendly class member.
- Jaisen M. - For showing increased confidence and coming to school with a smile on his face most mornings.

Grade 1/2 A (Carroll-Dillon):

- Madelyn B. - For great work with place value in Maths, Well Done!
- Hugo C. - For great work with place value in Maths, Well Done!

Grade 1/2 B (Ennor):

- Aria D. - For great work exchanging ones for tens.
- Keah J. - For using excellent expression in Guided Reading.

Grade 1/C (Leed):

- Harmony P. - For being a kind and caring classmate and always ready to assist others.
- Kinsley T. - For working independently in writing tasks.

Grade 3/4 B (Ryan):

- Sophia M. - For creating a well organised bar graph.
- Koby W. - For working hard on his persuasive text.

Grade 5/6 A (Price):

- Jaidah S. - For her developing confidence in reading decimal numbers.

Grade 5/6 B (Reilly-Lee):

- Blaze C. - For showing her growing self confidence and courage to speak in front of our class.
- Callum T. - For his excellent persuasive writing piece and working to the best of his abilities in class.



FOUND

Is your child missing their glasses?
We have two pairs that were handed
to staff late last year. If either pair
belongs to your child you can
collect them from the office.



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fresh fruit friday



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

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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.

Bendigo Community Health Services

smalltalk
Creating your kids a great start



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

Morning tea provided
Enrolments essential

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

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

School Photo Information

Are you ready for 2026 school photos?

California Gully Primary School

Tuesday 17th March 2026

There's no need to do anything before photo day.

Further details will be provided when portrait and group images are ready.

Student access codes and order details will be provided to you when images are ready to view and purchase online.

Arthur Reed Photos Pty. Ltd.
A.B.N 48 528 494 590
Telephone: (03) 5243 4390
Enquiries: customerservice@arphotos.com.au

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LA TROBE SPORT HOLIDAY CAMPS

LA TROBE SPORTS CAMPS (AGES 6+)

MULTI-DAY PACKAGES AVAILABLE! REGISTER FOR THE TERM | SCHOOL HOLIDAYS TODAY!

LA TROBE SPORT

SAVE THE DATE



Friday 15 May 2026
 National Walk Safely to School Day

Gratitude
Empathy
Mindfulness &
Emotional Literacy



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KYABRAM FAUNA PARK IS CELEBRATING

50 WILD YEARS

Saturday 14 & Sunday 15 March

Join us for a birthday celebration packed with:

- KIDS' ACTIVITIES
- LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
- FREE KEEPER TALKS

Plus, cool off in the **NEW SPLASH PARK** and take a look back at the park's wild history.

Celebrations run 10am to 3pm each day, park closes at 5pm.

Kids visit free on weekends, public holidays and Victorian school holidays!

KYABRAM FAUNA PARK



Mother's Day Classic

Kids Go FREE*

UNTIL 1 MARCH, 2026

WALK OR RUN FOR BREAST AND OVARIAN CANCER RESEARCH

MOTHER'S DAY - SUNDAY 10 MAY, 2026

REGISTER ONLINE: [MOTHERSDAYCLASSIC.COM.AU](https://www.mothersdayclassic.com.au)



EAGLEHAWK JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

nab AFL Auskick

REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

Commencing Sunday 29th March
9:00am - 10:00am
Canterbury Park Oval

10 week program
Coordinators: Cale Hinton and Taj Ferguson supported by senior men, women and EJFC

Register online at play.afl/club-finder-map and search for Eaglehawk Auskick Centre



Village Early Education

Must Start by 31 March
Secure Your Place

4 Weeks of Childcare FREE*

Enquire Now!

- Safe and welcoming environment
- Experienced educators
- Engaging learning environments
- Regular Incursions & excursions

*T&C's Apply

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LET'S HAVE SOME FUN WITH

EAGLEHAWK HOCKEY CLUB



Come & Try / Bring a Friend

Junior Training • 5:30pm - 6:30pm

Run Club / Senior Warm Up • 6pm - 6:30pm

Senior Training • 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Thursday 12th March & Thursday 19th March
14-30 Ashley Street, Ironbark



We have equipment you can borrow, bring your own mouth guards.



The grass stains you get playing as a kid stay with you your whole life. So for fun, friendship, and getting your hands dirty, it's gotta be NAB AFL Auskick.

PLAY.AFL/AUSKICK

NORTH BENDIGO AUSKICK CENTRE

Friday | 5:30pm - 6:30pm

Starting 1st May | North Bendigo Oval

Auskick Coordinator | Gemma Douglas

ALL GIRLS GROUPS AVAILABLE



REGISTER NOW

JUNIOR INDOOR CRICKET

U12 • U14 • U16 6-A-SIDE COMPETITION



TERM 2 & TERM 3
MONDAY NIGHTS
\$265 PER PLAYER • NO WEEKLY PAYMENTS

REGISTER NOW



1-3 Waterson Court, Golden Square VIC 3555
(03) 5447 1077 | 0428 471 077

bendigomajorleague.com.au
admin@bendigomajorleague.com.au



COME & TRY CLASSES

Calisthenics combines **dancing, movement, flexibility, strength and performance** all in one exciting class! Build confidence, make new friends and have fun while learning skills that last a lifetime.

All classes held at: Strathdale Community Centre, Crook St, Strathdale

- Tinies (3-7 years) – Wednesdays 4:15-5:30 pm
- Sub Juniors (8-10 years) – Mondays 4:15-6:30 pm
- Juniors (11-13 years) – Thursdays 4:15-6:30 pm
- Intermediates (14-17 years) – Mondays 6:30-8:30 pm
- Seniors (17+ years) – Tuesdays 6:30-9:30 pm
- Masters (26+ years) – Wednesdays 6:30-9:30 pm

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME
Two FREE Come & Try Classes!

For enquiries: admin@bendigocalisthenics.com
Find us on Facebook: Bendigo Calisthenics Club Inc

COME & TRY BASEBALL

FREE
AGES 5 - 15
NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED
EQUIPMENT PROVIDED

FALCONS BASEBALL CLUB
ALBERT ROY RESERVE
146 VICTORIA ST. EAGLEHAWK, 3556
CONTACT: SEB SMITH - 0468 968 490
19 FEB - 25 MAR 2026
THURSDAYS 6:30 PM - 7 PM



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JOIN THE DRAGON CHALLENGE

DAI GUM LOONG NEEDS YOUR LEGS!



AGE 16+

MEN AND WOMEN WELCOME

BENDIGO CHINESE ASSOCIATION
大金山中华公会

Come see us at 13 Bridge Street, Bendigo, every Tuesday from 4 pm - 6 pm and Saturday & Sunday from 1 pm - 5 pm until Easter to register!
Please email - secretary@bendigochinese.org.au for more information or if you aren't local to Bendigo!



BENDIGO CHINESE ASSOCIATION
大金山中华公会

PARADE COSTUME FITTINGS

AGED 7 OR OLDER AND WANT TO BE IN THE EASTER PARADE?



Come see us at 13 Bridge Street, Bendigo every Tuesday from 4pm - 6pm and Saturday & Sunday from 1pm - 5pm until Easter to register!
Please email - secretary@bendigochinese.org.au for more information!

In one fun-filled day, kids will learn and play footy in a safe, inclusive environment. They'll pick up new skills, play mini-games and get creative with designing a footy or uniform. Plus have a footy goodie bag to take home.



nab AFL Auskick
4-7 YEAR OLDS*

Our youngest players learn footy through fun, age-appropriate games that build skills, confidence and teamwork, led by NAB AFL Auskick coaches.



AFL Superkick
7-12 YEAR OLDS

Older kids level up their footy skills through modified game play and challenging activities that build teamwork, leadership and lasting memories in a fun, energetic day.

BENDIGO AFL SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

MONDAY 13TH APRIL | 9AM-3PM
WEEROONA OVAL, BENDIGO
\$55 PER PERSON



*Kids can join NAB AFL Auskick if they are turning 5 in the calendar year (before 30th June in WA).

BENDIGO LEGO® USER GROUP PRESENTS

BENDIGO BRICK MARKET / COFFEE & FOOD VENDORS / LUCKY BRICK & RAFFLE

160+ LEGO® EXHIBITS / FUN WITH BRICKS PLAY AREA / PIXEL ART PLAY WALL

BENDIGO BRICKS

2026 CELEBRATING 10 YEARS 2016-2026

11-12 APRIL BENDIGO EXHIBITION CENTRE

TICKETS \$10
BENDIGOBICKS.COM & AT THE DOOR

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ROCKETEERS



**SCHOOL HOLIDAY
BOOKINGS
NOW OPEN**

Programs vary by location and are subject to change. Jump on our website to find out what's happening at your local Rocketeers.

Child Care Subsidy (CCS) available for eligible families.

*Please note the fees on the following pages are only of the maximum Child Care Subsidy (CCS) a family may be entitled to. To find out your eligibility, log into MyGov.

www.campaustralia.com.au/rocketeers

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[Download Rocketeers Flyer](#)

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