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
• Last Day of Term 1 - Thursday March 24th
• First Day of Term 2 - Monday April 11th

END OF TERM - EARLY SCHOOL FINISH
Term 1 concludes on Thursday, 24th March. Students will be dismissed at 2.15pm.
Term 2 commences on Monday April 11th.

SCHOOL COUNCIL
Next Monday the School Council will hold its annual AGM. Following the AGM we will run our March general meeting. The 2015 Annual Report will be presented at this meeting for endorsement. The annual report following its submission to the Department of Education will be available for viewing on our webpage. We still have a vacancy for a parent representative on our school council committee. If you are interested in supporting the school through an involvement on school council please speak to me.

LEARNING CLUB IS BACK FOR TERM 2
Learning Club for 2016 will be commencing in 2nd Term on Tuesday 19th April from 3.15pm – 4.45pm.
We have new Pre-Service Teachers from La Trobe University running Learning Club in Terms 2 and 3 and they are looking forward to working with the students through interactive games and activities.
Learning Club provides a safe and supportive out-of-school learning environment where students can participate in activities that develop their academic and social skills. Clubs usually run for 2 terms, and children attend once a week at no cost. Through regular attendance at our Learning Club, students are able to enhance their learning and development skills in a safe fun learning environment. All students receive a healthy snack prior to commencing each session.
If you are interested in sending your child/ren to Learning Club please see Nicole at reception for enrolment details.
Learning Club is a partnership between The Smith Family & La Trobe University.
EMERGENCY EVACUATION
Last Friday we held our term 1 off-site emergency evacuation drill. Teachers were quick to organize students and the school was vacated within 5 minutes. Teachers and students then made their way to Truscott Reserve where we assembled inside Truscott Stadium. It took just over 13 minutes for the entire drill to take place. I would like to acknowledge and thank the Truscott Reserve Committee of Management for supporting our emergency management process through the use of their facilities.

Jason Lee
Principal

The Good Friday Appeal is a unique fundraising activity that brings together people from all parts of the community in a very special way. The common goal is to raise money for The Royal Children’s Hospital in Melbourne, and to ensure that all children with life threatening illnesses receive the best possible medical and clinical care.

It all started in 1931 when groups of journalists from the Herald & Weekly Times organised a sporting carnival in aid of charity, the Children’s Hospital being a recipient of the funds. In 1942, Sir Keith Murdoch as Managing Director and Editor the “The Herald” agreed that “The Herald” and radio station 3DB should broadcast an all day Appeal on Good Friday. In 1957, Channel 7 joined the Appeal and began the first daylong telethon, which is now held at Melbourne’s Telstra Dome.

School’s have been involved in the Royal Children’s Hospital Good Friday Appeal through the distribution of Appeal envelopes (attached to this newsletter). Here at California Gully Primary School we are proud to continue supporting the Appeal; many of us know or will know of a child who has had to spend time in the Royal Children’s Hospital.

If you would like to show your support for this worthwhile charity, you can do so by returning the donation envelope by Wednesday March 23rd. Donation envelopes can be left with Nicole in the school office.

CSEF (Camps, Sports & Excursion Fund)
Applications are now open 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 a long your current Health Care Card, this is needed for the application to be accepted.

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Parents’ Club Meeting
The next meeting of the Parents’ Club will be held early in Term 2.

Contacting the Parents’ Club
If you wish to contact the Parents’ club have an email address which is cgpsparentsclub@gmail.com.

Mothers’ Day Stall
The Mothers’ Day stall will be held in May (date to be confirmed). The Parents’ Club have purchased gifts to sell at the stall, but if there are any families who would like to donate things for the Mothers’ Day stall they are more than welcome!! Some ideas are mugs, wrapped lollies, pens, notepads, magnets etc. or hand-made goodies are always a winner. Thank you for your support,
Parents’ Club

EMPOWERING EAGLEHAWK
California Gully Primary School has been successful with past Empowering Eaglehawk grants and have applied for another grant this year. To apply for the grant we need 10 people/families to visit the Bendigo Bank and discuss banking options. Better still if you bank with the Bendigo they will donate money to Empowering Eaglehawk. Please see Nicole for more information and pick up a card to take with you. Thanks in advance.

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**SCHOOL CALENDAR**

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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!

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GREAT TIPS FOR HEALTHY KIDS

TIP 25. HIDDEN SUGARS ARE A MENACE

It’s obvious that there is sugar in lollies and biscuits, but many other foods contain hidden sugar. The average Australian consumes around 45kg of sugar each year. Most of it is from the hidden sugars in processed foods and drinks.

There are two main problems with sugar: it gives energy (in the form of kilojoules) without providing any nutrition; and it produces acid in the mouth that causes dental decay.

What you can do NOW

♦ Check out the labels on foods that you buy and go for those with no added sugar. Added sugar may also be listed as: glucose; fructose; dextrose; corn syrup; or molasses.

Top Tip

Everyone needs some sugar in the diet for the brain to function well. Fresh fruits not only provide natural sugar, but they are also rich in necessary nutrients such as vitamins, minerals and fibre.

KIDS IN THE KITCHEN

APPLE MUESLI MUFFINS

1 1/2 cup muesli
1 cup self raising flour
1/2 cup sugar
1 cup grated apple
1/2 cup sultanas
1 egg beaten
1/3 cup oil
1 cup milk

Add liquid ingredients to dry ingredients and mix until combined. Spoon into greased muffin tins. Bake at 190°C for 30 minutes or until golden. Makes 12.

TIP: Make mini muffins for little hands and tummies. Mini muffin tins are available from kitchen retailers.

FREE ADMISSION - SIDEWALK ASTRONOMY.

7pm Wednesday March 23 at Lake Neangar Eaglehawk {Near the Bowling Club}

As part of the Eaglehawk Dahlia and Arts Festival, Bendigo and District Astronomical Society members will set up telescopes to provide astounding views of many fascinating objects in the wonderful Autumn sky. If you have never looked through a telescope then this is an evening not to be missed. This activity is especially set up for school children to enjoy. For further details PH: 5447 7690

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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 11th**

**Prep Dillon:**
- Logan B. - For his effort during classroom activities.
- Tarly W. - For a great week during classroom activities.

**1/2 Peacock-Hinton:**
- Noah A. - For bringing a happy attitude to school each day.
- Jedd S. - For trying hard to self correct when reading.

**3/4 Ennor:**
- Aaron B. - For displaying excellent work habits and for completing set tasks.
- Cody S. - For displaying excellent work habits and for completing set tasks.

**3/4 Reilly-Carroll:**
- Shae H. - For writing a fantastic persuasive argument.
- Billy N. - For an excellent effort at his measurement activities.

**5/6 McKerrow:**
- Benjamin A. - For excellent work with area and perimeter.
- Jess M. - For excellent work with area and perimeter.

**5/6 Windridge:**
- Tyson B. - For thoughtful and entertaining comments in his reading diary.
- Shelby G. - For being an independent and responsible learning.

**Can you help?**
We are in need of someone to help out with watering the vegetable garden during the school day. If you can help please see Wendy Ennor.

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Our Excursion - Sienna
On Tuesday 3/4E and 3/4RC went to the Bendigo Library. Narja and Jan were teaching the class. A little bit after we had recess there was a Festival. Then we finished up and walked to the statue of Marilyn Monroe. Marilyn Monroe is a woman that was an actress a long time ago. After that we went to Rosiland Park we looked at the bats and we went for a little walk in the park.
Then we went to the Art Gallery. We met our tour guide, her name was Helen, and she showed us a painting that was really old that showed us what Bendigo used to look like.

Our Excursion - Oscar
On Tuesday classes 3/4E and 3/4RC went to the Bendigo Library we learnt that there was a German family and they were immigrants that were on a boat. They had four kids. Next we went to Marilyn Monroe. We had some photos and then we went to Rosiland Park.

Our Excursion - Nathan
Yesterday we went to Bendigo. Firstly we went to the library and two girls, Narja and Jan, were talking about olden days and Billy, Aaron, Piper and Daisy dressed up and we had to find what story they were from. Next we went to see Marilyn Monroe that we had recess there and photos there. Then we went to the Art Gallery and we had a tour of the Art Gallery from Helen. We got to see a painting of Bendigo from the olden days that was like a map.

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EGGS FOR SALE
Our girls are busy laying lots of eggs, $2.50 a dozen. See Wendy in the grade 3/4A room.

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:
March 23rd Final Term 1 Playgroup Session - Activity To Be Confirmed

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

Join us on Facebook: www.facebook/calgullyplaygroup1

Grade 1/2 would like some small succulents for a classroom project.
If you can help please leave them with Mrs. Peacock or Mrs. Hinton in the Grade 1/2 classroom.

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

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Don’t forget to check out the school’s website www.californiagullyps.vic.edu.au

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Eaglehawk Soccer Club invites boys and girls from prep to grade 6 to come along this Thursday evening, 17th March from 5:30 - 7:00 at Truscott Reserve Murdoch Street California Gully, to register for the 2016 season. Further enquiries please call 0438 361 044.

North Bendigo Junior Football Club

Registrations are now open online.

We have under 9’s, 10’s, 12’s, 12girls, 14’s, 16’s and 18girls
You can register yourself, either as a player or as a volunteer.
Visit - Foxsportspulse.com
And searching for North Bendigo JUNIOR

If you have any questions please email nbfctreas@hotmail.com
or telephone Tom Nicholson 0417308490, Elisha Dingfelder 0497645007
or Nicole Logan 0414594157

We are also looking for under 9 and under 12 Coaches
If you are interested in Coaching our club will assist with training, you will just need a Working with Children’s Check.

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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 March 18th 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!

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