

# The Bell Topper

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Thursday March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026

## END OF TERM- THURSDAY APRIL 2<sup>nd</sup>

Please reflect on the incredible growth that has taken place for children from the start of the year. Thank you to all families and carers for the support and care. Our school day will finish at **2.15pm, Thursday April 2<sup>nd</sup>. This will also be a Junior School Council Casual Clothes Day.**

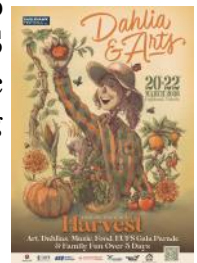


## NATIONAL RIDE2SCHOOL DAY

National Ride2School Day was a great success last Friday with an increase in students actively travelling to and from school. Thank you to all students and parents for your support. Getting to school in an active way is an amazing way to start the day!

## 2026 THE EAGLEHAWK DAHLIA AND ARTS FESTIVAL

Thank you to Congratulations to students and families that were able to support CGPS participating in the parade on Saturday. Thank you to CGPS staff that were able to assist, your support is appreciated. This is a fantastic community event that was enjoyed by all, we hope everyone had an amazing weekend.



## AEU INDUSTRIAL ACTION - TUESDAY MARCH 24<sup>th</sup>

Thank you for your support and understanding during the AEU industrial action on Tuesday.

We appreciate the flexibility shown by our families, and the respectful way our community worked together to ensure the day ran smoothly. I would also like to acknowledge our staff who supported student supervision and helped maintain a calm and safe environment throughout the day.

## COMMUNITY BREAKFAST - A GREAT START TO THE DAY



### *Community Breakfast*

It was wonderful to see so many of our families join us for our community breakfast this morning. There was a fantastic atmosphere, with students, parents and staff enjoying time together and connecting as a school community.

A special thank you to our staff who arrived well before 7am to set up and ensure everything was ready to go. Your effort and commitment are greatly appreciated.

Thank you again to everyone who attended and helped make it such a positive start to the day.

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## CELEBRATING MILLI—OUR WELLBEING DOG

At the end of Term 1, we will be saying a special goodbye to one of the most valued members of our California Gully Primary School community – Milli, one of our Dogs Connect Wellbeing Dogs.

For nearly eight years, Milli has supported the wellbeing of students, staff and families through her calm and gentle presence. She has helped students regulate emotions, build confidence and feel safe and connected at school. Whether in classrooms or out in the yard, Milli has brought comfort, joy and many smiles to our community.

Milli has played an important role in strengthening our positive school culture and supporting our wellbeing approaches, including The Resilience Project.

Thank you, Milli – you will always be a special part of our CGPS  
🐾 Nala will continue attending and share all of the daily CGPS news when they catch up each afternoon.

**Andrew Frawley**  
**CGPS Principal**



## 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 in 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.

Thank you for your care and understanding.

### 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.***

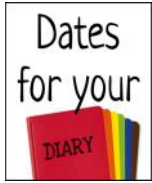
***Application Forms are available from the school office or return the copy that was in the Parent Contribution Booklets in November 2025.***

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## Dates for the Diary

- **Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>** - Years Five & Six BioCATS Excursion
- **Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>** - School Council Annual General Meeting
- **Thursday April 2<sup>nd</sup>** - Last Day of Term One 2.15 p.m. Dismissal
- **Monday April 20<sup>th</sup>** - First Day of Term Two
- **Saturday April 25<sup>th</sup>** - ANZAC Day
- **Tuesday April 28<sup>th</sup>** - School Athletic Sports Day
- **Friday May 15<sup>th</sup>** - National Walk Safely to School Day



## Hot Cross Bun Drive

Thank you to those families who supported our Hot Cross Bun Drive and ordered Hot Cross Buns. We raised 73.60 for the school.

Delivery will be next Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>.



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

mckern steel foundation  
@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

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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 20<sup>th</sup>**

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

- Asher A. - For being an enthusiastic learner. Well Done!
- Imogen R. - For great work with partitioning numbers. Well Done!!
- Evelyn Y. - For being a caring and respectful member of our class.

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

- Piper B. - For writing a great orientation.
- Mason R. - For great work with partitioning numbers.

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

- Ryder J. - For writing a fantastic narrative.
- Hunter M. - For his great effort and independence in writing.

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

- Kristian G. - For excellent work with Palindromic Sums.
- Elijah L. - For excellent work with Palindromic Sums.

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

- Jace E. - For being a kind and caring class member and showing great G.E.M. practices.
- Eli S. - For being an enthusiastic contributor and sharing fantastic ideas in writing.



**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](http://play.afl/club-finder-map)  
and search for Eaglehawk Auskick Centre

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# LA TROBE SPORT HOLIDAY CAMPS

LA TROBE SPORTS CAMPS (AGES 6+)


MULTI-DAY PACKAGES AVAILABLE! REGISTER FOR THE TERM 1 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS TODAY!



## SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

 **DRAMA**  
8-18 YRS ONE-DAY WORKSHOP

 **DANCE**  
8-18 YRS ONE-DAY WORKSHOP

 **CREATIVE PLAY**  
5-7 YRS ONE-DAY WORKSHOP

 **SCREEN ACTING**  
4-18 YRS VARIOUS WORKSHOPS

 **DISCOVER DANCE**  
8-18 YRS FIVE-DAY PROGRAM

 **TAP INTENSIVE**  
8-18 YRS THREE-DAY PROGRAM

### How To Book

- 1 Scan the QR Code
- 2 View class timetable
- 3 Select 'Book Now' and login or create an account
- 4 Select 'Make A Booking' for your preferred workshop(s)



**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

**Gratitude**  
**Empathy**  
**Mindfulness &**  
**Emotional Literacy**



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# JOIN THE DRAGON CHALLENGE

**DAI GUM LOONG NEEDS YOUR LEGS!**



AGE 16+



**MEN AND WOMEN WELCOME**

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](mailto:secretary@bendigochinese.org.au) for more information or if you aren't local to Bendigo!



## 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](mailto:secretary@bendigochinese.org.au) for more information!

### EASTER SUNDAY 5TH APRIL 2026 SANDEMAN BUILD NEIL MACDONALD DRAGON MILE



MILE LONG FOOT RACE ON THE FAMOUS EASTER PROCESSION ROUTE



WHERE: PALL MALL AT GOLD MONUMENT  
TIME: 10:00AM START  
Scan the QR code for more information on pricing, age groups, registration and live results or visit:  
<https://my.raceresult.com/377219/>

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**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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# DO YOU LOVE YOUR FOOTY?

**FEATURING:**  
Famous Fitzpatrick Cup & Medal  
Giveaways, skills acquisition and a whole lot more...

**WHO WILL WIN THE FITZPATRICK MEDAL?**





**FITZY FITZY!**

## JUNIOR FOOTY FUN HOLIDAY PROGRAM

A TWO DAY PROGRAM FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

**TUESDAY, 7 APRIL**  
**WEDNESDAY, 8 APRIL**  
8:30am - 4:30pm  
Venue: Atkins St, North Bendigo

REGISTER ONLINE



\$85 per day  
\$160 for 2 days

THE PROGRAM CATERERS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS





## FUN HOLIDAY PROGRAM DETAILS

The North Bendigo Football Netball Club will be holding a Football based holiday program.  
**THE PROGRAM WILL RUN ON TUESDAY 7 APRIL & WEDNESDAY 8 APRIL.**  
Time schedule from 8:30am to 4:30pm  
The program is applicable to ages ranging from 5 to 15.  
**WE ENCOURAGE BOTH BOYS AND GIRLS TO BE INVOLVED.**

### Day One (Tuesday 7 April)

Day one will be based at Atkins St, North Bendigo and will focus on a variety of Football based activities.  
These include Australian Rules Football skill acquisition, healthy lifestyle and nutrition, Day 1 Draft and trades and beginning of the Fitzpatrick Cup.  
Morning and afternoon snacks as well as lunch will be provided for participants on this day.  
Structured aged games, with an emphasis on fun, will feature throughout the day.

### Day Two (Wednesday 8 April)

Day two will be based at the Atkins St, North Bendigo and will focus on a variety of Football based activities and more.  
Wednesday will see the business end of the famous Fitzpatrick Cup culminating in the Grand Final and the prestigious vote count of the Fitzpatrick Medal.  
Morning and afternoon snacks as well as lunch will be provided for participants on this day.  
Parents/guardians are more than welcome to visit throughout course of the two days, especially the staging of the Famous Fitzpatrick Cup and the prestigious Fitzpatrick medal kicking off from 3.15 pm on the Wednesday of the program.

The program will be co-ordinated by experienced teachers and incorporates male and female accredited personnel (Working With Children Certified).  
We encourage both boys and girls to be involved in the program.  
The program will run regardless of the weather conditions (with modified activities).  
The program incorporating Tuesday 7 April & Wednesday 8 April is priced at \$160 (or \$85 for single day).  
**All enquiries phone 0409 495 372 (Nathan)**



## 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](mailto:admin@bendigocalisthenics.com)  
Find us on Facebook: Bendigo Calisthenics Club Inc

## SAVE THE DATE




BENDIGO LEGO® USER GROUP PRESENTS

160+ LEGO® EXHIBITS / FUN WITH BRICKS PLAY AREA / PIXEL ART PLAY WALL  
BENDIGO BRICK MARKET / COFFEE & FOOD VENDORS / LUCKY BRICK & RAFFLE

# BENDIGO BRICKS

## 2026

CELEBRATING 10 YEARS 2016-2026

11-12 APRIL BENDIGO EXHIBITION CENTRE

TICKETS \$10  
[BENDIGOBICKS.COM](http://BENDIGOBICKS.COM)  
& AT THE DOOR

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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 1<sup>st</sup> May | North Bendigo Oval

Auskick Coordinator | Gemma Douglas

ALL GIRLS GROUPS AVAILABLE



REGISTER NOW

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.



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.



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.

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

## BENDIGO AFL SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

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



## AUTUMN ADVENTURE HOLIDAY CAMP



Less "I'm bored"...  
More Adventure These Holidays!

### Activities Include:

- Giant Swing, Flying Fox & High Ropes
- Nature Walks
- Kayaking & Snorkelling
- Crafts
- Disco
- Concert
- Plus much much more!

### What kids gain:

- Resilience
- Confidence
- Mindfulness
- Connection
- Nature Appreciation
- Skill Development

AGES: 8-12  
13-17 APRIL

Starting from Book now

\$150

1, 3 or 5 day options



PART & FULL SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

### Any Questions?

mad@theportseacamp.com.au

(03) 5984 2680

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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.campastralia.com.au/rocketeers](http://www.campastralia.com.au/rocketeers)

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