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
- School Camp Deposits Due - Friday March 4th
- Labour Day Public Holiday - Monday March 14th
- Last Day of Term 1 - Thursday March 24th

CURRICULUM DAY
On Monday 29th February our teaching staff attended a combined professional development day with Eaglehawk North and Maiden Gully Primary Schools. The math specialist partnership we have formed with both these schools has been a very successful joint venture over the past 3 years. The day was led by Charles Lovett a well-respected math consultant who has worked with numerous schools across Australia. Charles led the staff through a number of activities and provided numerous resources for the teachers. I am excited by the number of activities teachers will now be able to integrate into their math programs and as a result further engage the students actively in the understanding of mathematical concepts. A very successful professional learning opportunity was had by all.

ATTENDANCE—EVERY DAY COUNTS
Keeping the school community informed about the importance of attending school every day is one of our key focuses in 2016. Research shows school participation helps people to develop important skills, knowledge and values which set them up for further learning and participation in their community. Children and young people who regularly attend school and complete Year 12 or an equivalent qualification have better health outcomes, better employment outcomes, and higher incomes across their lives. Missing school can have a major impact on a child’s future – a student missing one day a fortnight will miss four full weeks by the end of the year. By Year 10 they’ll have missed more than a year of school. It is important that children develop habits of regular attendance at an early age. The Department of Education rightly state: There is no safe number of days for missing school. Every Day Counts. Inevitably your child may be away at some stage of the school year and to eliminate the need for a SMS message on the day of the absence, or a phone call from the school if we have not received a reason within 48 hours you need to take one of the following actions:

1. Let us know in advance if you know your child is going to be away. You can call the office or let your child’s classroom teacher know. A verbal message from your child is not appropriate.

2. Use the Skoolbag App ‘Absent Note’ link and forward to the school ASAP OR now you can go to the school webpage and use the ‘Report an Absent’ link found on the front page.

3. Call the school first thing in the morning to let us know your child is away and the reason.
LATENESS
It is very important every child arrives at school on time. Children consistently arriving late to school miss the initial daily instruction which puts them at a disadvantage. At times lateness cannot be helped but if you are consistently having difficulties getting your child(ren) to school on time and would like some extra support please call and make a time to meet with Kerryn our well-being officer.

JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL
I would like to congratulate all of the students who participated in the Junior School Council elections. Even if you were not successful in gaining a position on the JSC, your willingness to put your hand up for election and preparing and delivering a speech for your peers, demonstrates your commitment to making California Gully P.S. an even better school and you should be proud of your effort. To the successfully elected JSC members you now have a very important role to play. You are the voice of the students and you have an opportunity to enhance the school environment with the decisions you make.

Jason Lee
Principal

HARRIETVILLE CAMP
$30.00 deposits for the Harrietville Camp must be in by Friday March 4th.
Last year we had several children pull out and it cost the school money. We do realise that unexpected circumstances arise but we need a commitment of regular payments and a commitment to attending the camp as campsite deposits and bus deposits are non-refundable.

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 copy of your current Health Care Card, this is needed for the application to be accepted.
Parents’ Club Meeting
The next meeting of the Parents’ Club will be Friday March 11th after assembly in the school kitchen. All are most welcome to attend.

Second-hand Uniforms Wanted
Parents’ Club want to start a Second-hand Uniform Store. If you have any unused uniforms including track pants, hats, plain polo's you would like to donate please bring them to the school office.

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

Hats
As we are a “Sun Smart” school students are required to wear an appropriate hat when outside in Terms 1 and 4. Students in grades 1 to 6 are fully aware of this rule so “I didn’t know” or “I forgot we had to wear them” is not a valid excuse on their part. If students do not have a hat they will be required to remain in the undercover area for the duration of recess or lunchtime.
BOOK CLUB

Please order online and pay with your card at www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP. If you are unable to order online, then put the order and money in cash in an envelope marked with your child’s name and give to the class teacher.

Book Club Issue 2 has been sent home last week. It is due back at school tomorrow, March 4th 2016.

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CONNECTING GLOBALLY

On the 1st of March 5/6 W skyped a class from Santa Rita Elementary School. It was Ms Conrad’s year 5 students. All of Mrs Windridge’s 5/6 sent a letter to our pen pals.

First, we introduced ourselves to our pen pals. We told them, what our name is? How old we are? What grade we are in? and our favourite thing to do. Then they introduced themselves.

Next, both of us asked each other some questions. Like, what is the temperature over in Los Altos? It’s 20 degrees in Los Altos today. We talked about school uniforms. They just wear casual clothes.

We enjoyed talking to the class at Santa Rita Elementary School.

By Keely

Junior building is hunting for egg cartons, margarine containers with lids, ice-cream tubs with lids and clear plastic bottles with twist nozzles usually for mayo or honey. If you happen to have any of these please send them to the Junior building. The Junior building would also love some recyclable materials/boxes for box construction. Foam meat trays, post office cylinders, margarine containers, recycled boxes for Investigation Time are also required.

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.

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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!
GREAT TIPS FOR HEALTHY KIDS

TIP 23. SIMPLE AND NUTRITIOUS MEALS
When life is busy, it can be difficult to plan ahead for meals and it can seem easier to rely on frozen meals or fast food. But a little planning will save time in the long run. You may need to change habits, but you can do that gradually. For example, start buying a range of fruits and vegetables for the family to try.

What you can do NOW
♦ Pasta, rice and noodle dishes are quick meals to prepare, as long as they’re not served too often.
♦ During Summer, salads with cold protein foods like lean meat and chicken or eggs make good meals.
♦ For a super quick meal, serve up baked beans on toast.

Top Tip
Make healthy eating a family project. Ask the kids for weekday meals and enlist their help in shopping, preparing and serving up.

MARKETS AND FESTIVALS...
There are many food festivals and markets happening all around Australia. Take advantage of the excellent summer weather and take the kids to explore, share in and celebrate home grown food. Many markets allow exposure to different cultures through food tastings, from contemporary to traditional foods. Children have the opportunity to touch, taste and smell a variety of fresh seasonal produce prior to being processed and packaged away on the supermarket shelves. Many of these markets also provide children’s activities and even hands-on cooking classes.

There is a great range of fresh fruit and vegetables available to purchase along with local products such as olive oils, cheeses and breads just to name a few. Involving children in choosing fresh fruit and vegetables also helps encourage them to eat it.

For information on markets, events, festivals and expos in your area visit Australian Markets & Fairs at www.marketsandfairs.com.au

Tissues To assist with keeping sniffles and ‘overflow’ from hay fever, allergies, colds and the like at bay, it would be very much appreciated if all students could please provide one box of tissues to be used within their classroom each term.

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

**Friday February 26th**

**Prep Dillon:**
- Shadara S. - For being a caring class member of Prep.
- Blake T. - For having a great start to each morning this week.

**1/2 Peacock-Hinton:**
- Nathan P. - For using logical mental strategies with the number 15.
- Brody S.-B. - For working well in Maths creating repeating and growing patterns.

**3/4 Ennor:**
- Sienna A. - For writing an informative & well written BTN report on “Earthquake Anniversary”.
- Bailey B. - For being a friendly, helpful & co-operative class member.
- Rhys K. - For writing an informative & well written BTN report on “The Wombat Carer”.
- Lachlan W. - For displaying a positive attitude to his school work.

**3/4 Reilly-Carroll:**
- Jesse B. - For being an attentive listener and a well-mannered member of the class.
- Ella L. - For working hard to “Hit the target” when creating skip counting patterns.

**5/6 McKerrow:**
- Ryan H. - For excellent work at home with spelling.
- Sky P. - For excellent comments in her reading diary.

**5/6 Windridge:**
- Keely F. - For putting in an extra effort on palindromic numbers and completing “Big Bertha”.
- Myan P. - For an excellent orientation when writing his book review.

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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 9th: Make Your Own Sandwich Day
- March 16th: Multi-Purpose Room - Obstacle Course
- 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

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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Come for a Fun Night Out!

Family Science Show

Air: Invisible yet so Effective
Monday March 21, 2016
7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
St Peter’s School, Bendigo North

For keen Science Students (Primary and Secondary) and Parents/Guardians

Increase your Interest and Enjoyment in Learning
- Study air as an occupier of space, objects falling in air compared with in a vacuum, the particle model of matter, pressure, expansion and contraction, and phase changes while also addressing common misconceptions.

Highly Visual and Entertaining
- See the refilling funnel, objects released in a vacuum, a suspended student (and a parent!), expanding and shrinking balloons, a frozen squash ball break, a tin explode, and more, plus make a cloud.

Examine Interesting Phenomena Using Equipment That is Not Readily Available
- Use novel equipment that includes vacuum pump, other vacuum apparatus, and liquid nitrogen.

Cost: $12 per person.

Presented by: Dr. Peter H. Farwell

As numbers are limited, places need to be filled on a first-in basis.

To Book
To book, please email the name(s) of those in your group wishing to attend, as well as the name of your school, to bendigo@sciencetime.com.au by March 18. If places are still available, you will receive a subsequent message containing payment information. Booking is important to ensure that the show is not overbooked or that you are alerted in the event that bookings are insufficient to support the show.

Out of the Box Toy Library

Monday and Friday 9:30-11:00am
March is “Bring a Friend” month. Come in with a friend and when you both sign up, you both get 3 months membership free!

Out of the Box Toy Library:
St Matthews, 153 Eaglehawk Rd, Long Gully.
Enter through the garden gate on Creeth St.

S Y P I A U S

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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 4th at 8 a.m. (please note that we will stop serving breakfast at 8.20a.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 to start the day!

Introducing

FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY

Benefiting the health and wellbeing of our Bendigo school children

Proudly funded and supported by:

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