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Thursday March 5th, 2026



CALIFORNIA GULLY PRIMARY SCHOOL - RARE DISEASE DAY FRIDAY MARCH 6th

A friendly reminder that tomorrow, **Friday, March 6th** is a JSC Casual Clothes day, this day raises awareness and support for the 300 million people around the world living with a rare disease, as well as their families and carers. You can wear a touch of, or fully dress in **purple, blue, green, or pink** to show your support and help raise money for Rare

Disease Day.

We want to support this cause because people in our school and community are affected by rare diseases. Please bring a gold coin donation and give it to your classroom teacher on Friday(6th) morning. All money raised will go to the Rare Disease Day Foundation.

We can't wait to see a sea of purple, blue, green, and pink tomorrow!



LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY- MONDAY MARCH 9th

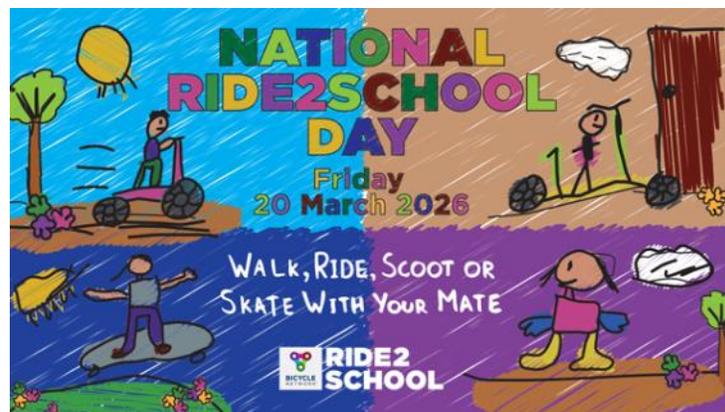
A friendly reminder that this Monday, March 9th, is the Labour Day public holiday. Enjoy the extra day with family and friends.

NAPLAN 2026 (MARCH 11th—13th)

All children in Grade 3 & 5 (and have not had a school approved exemption or withdrawal) will be participating in NAPLAN next week (Wednesday and Thursday). Please remember that NAPLAN data provides results for one moment in the school year and is one aspect of the school's assessment and reporting process. If there are Grade 3 or 5 students that are absent at any stage next week, catch-up times can be arranged for the following week.

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!



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

The Eaglehawk Dahlia and Arts Festival is fast approaching, and we are excited to be entering the Gala Parade once again. The theme this year is 'Harvest' and we are asking students to dress up as farmers, gardeners, or produce (fruit, vegetable, honey etc.).

It is important to note that we will be **walking** the parade.

The 'Expression of Interest' form was sent out last week; we ask that you return it to school by Wednesday March 11th. We will provide further information around arrival times and meeting points over coming weeks.



Andrew Frawley
CGPS Principal

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

T&C'S APPLY

**DEADLY COACHES
MELBOURNE UNITED CREW
FUN FOR EVERYONE**

FREE FOR ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER GIRLS

REGISTER NOW
REGISTER VIA SCANNING QR CODE OR LINK
[HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/HBQDSJBDIVUGNR5R6](https://forms.gle/HBQDSJBDIVUGNR5R6)
REGISTRATIONS CLOSE 13TH MARCH

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.



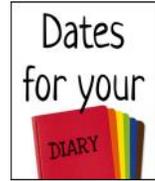
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Dates for the Diary

- Friday March 6th - Rare Disease Day—Casual Clothes
- Monday March 9th - Labour Day Public Holiday
- Tuesday March 10th - Book Club Issue Two Orders Due
- Wednesday March 11th - NAPLAN Testing Years 3 and 5
- Thursday March 12th - NAPLAN Testing Years 3 and 5
- Friday March 13th - NAPLAN Testing Years 3 and 5
- Monday, March 16th - School Council Annual General Meeting
- Tuesday March 17th - School Photo Day
- Friday March 20th - Ride to School Day
- Wednesday, March 25th - Hot Cross Bun Order Forms Due Back
- Thursday March 26th - Community 'Welcome' Breakfast
- Thursday April 2nd - Last Day of Term One
- Monday April 20th - First Day of Term Two
- Saturday April 25th - ANZAC 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 February 27th

Foundation A (Hinton):

- Bonnie M. - For excellent, thoughtful contributions to class discussions.
- Louie T. - For his positive start to Foundation and working hard to learn his yellow sounds.

Foundation B (Tonkin):

- Eli R. - For trying new things and making attempts to increase his friendship circle.

Grade 1/2 A (Carroll-Dillon):

- Austin L. - For great work with place value in Maths, Well Done!
- Evie S.-C. - For great work with place value in Maths, Well Done!

Grade 1/2 B (Ennor):

- Adeline W. - For being a caring, kind and helpful class member.
- Iylah Z. - For being a fantastic worker in our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program.

Grade 1/C (Leed):

- William C. - For adding lots of details into his writing and fun facts.
- Braxtyn R. - For having a go at all learning tasks and giving them his best efforts.

Grade 3/4 A (McKerrrow):

- Ellie G.-W. - For excellent work with her spelling words.
- Connor W. - For excellent work with his spelling words.

Grade 3/4 B (Ryan):

- Opal L. - For being a kind and caring class member and showing great G.E.M. practices.
- Bobbey M.-S. - For brainstorming fantastic ideas in his Writers Notebook.
- Zane W. - For having a positive attitude towards all learning tasks.

Grade 5/6 A (Price):

- Liam A. - For his excellent 'emotions' Haikus.
- Olivia H. - For her organised, detailed persuasive writing piece.

Grade 5/6 B (Reilly-Lee):

- Pippa A. - For being a great IT guru and helping others with their Google classroom.
- Izaihaz Z. - For his fantastic start to his home reading and displaying a 'hard working' attitude in class.

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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

WHEN ARE BOOK CLUB ORDERS DUE?

ORDERS ARE DUE ON... Tuesday March 10th 2026

SCHOLASTIC Book Club
We Reward Regular Readers - Every Issue.

ISSUE 1 2025

WINGS FIRE
NEW! Escaping Peril Peril must choose between loyalty to Clay or a new life. 224 pp. AGES 10+ \$19.99

PIZZA and TACO
101 kids for school

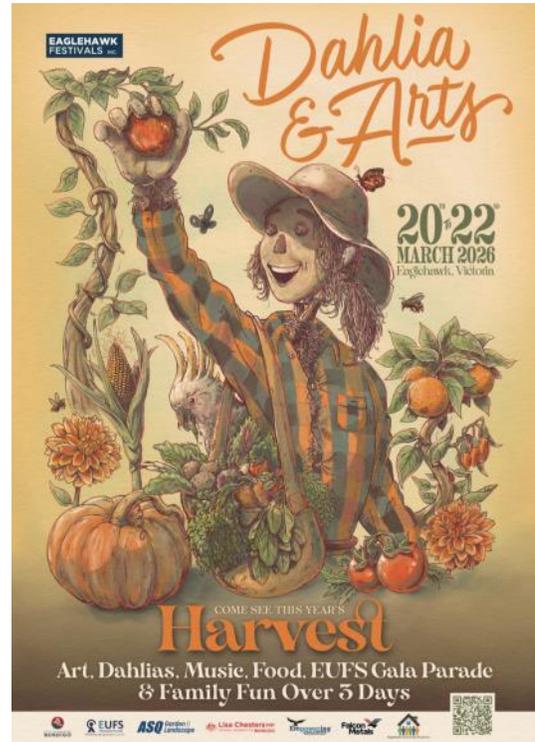
Too Cool for School
NEW! Pizza and Taco want to be super-cool like the new kid! 72 pp. AGES 6+ \$7

SCHOLASTIC Book Club

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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 48 528 454 590
 Telephone: (03) 5243 4390
 Enquiries: customerservice@arphotos.com.au

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 Arthur Reed Photos

SAVE THE DATE



Friday 15 May 2026
 National Walk Safely to School Day

Gratitude
Empathy
Mindfulness &
Emotional Literacy



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EAGLEHAWK JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB



REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN!

SEASON 2026

U9 Mixed U10 Mixed
U12 Boys U12 Girls
U15 Girls



ejfc.com.au

Multi-player family discounts available



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



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

JOIN US!

STRIKERS NETBALL CLUB

Would you like to play netball?

Looking for a competitive but fun and supportive club?

Come play with us in 2026! new or experienced players welcome

Grade 3 and above

please contact us on
0475 915 450 | strikernetball@gmail.com

Find us on Facebook
[@strikernetball](https://www.facebook.com/strikernetball)



Issue 2 Open Now!

Every Book Club LOOP order earns a

\$5 DISCOUNT CODE

Included with order confirmation

to spend on our next Issue.

Conditions apply. LOOP orders only. Redeemable once per Issue when you spend \$19.50.

SCHOLASTIC **BookClub**

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**EAGLEHAWK
JUNIOR FOOTBALL
CLUB**



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



PLAY SOCCER WITH US IN 2026



Come & join Epsom Football Club! Anyone aged 4yrs+ can play! Whether you're new to soccer or a seasoned player, you'll find a safe, friendly and welcoming environment.

Our Expression of Interest form is now open

Complete our short form (link below or scan QR code) to get early access to all 2026 club info, from our Club Open Day, to registrations and training dates.

<https://forms.office.com/r/5UmDcRuSmd>



Ages 4 yrs & above

Non-competitive teams
from Under 6 to Under 10

No experience
necessary

Competitive teams from
Under 12 to Under 16

Mixed & all-girls
teams available

Youth (16-18yrs), Mens &
Women's teams

Contact secretary@epsomfc.com.au or
juniors@epsomfc.com.au for more information
www.epsomfc.com.au



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



JOIN BUNJIL BASKETBALL CLUB

2026 SEASON STARTING SOON

BOYS & GIRLS | AGES 8-17

- Primary & Secondary Students Welcome
- All Skill Levels – Beginners to Experienced Players

WHY PLAY BUNJIL?

- Inclusive & supportive club community
- Skill development & team pathways
- Build confidence, teamwork & fitness

U10 | U12 | U14 | U16 | U18 | Men & Women

REGISTER NOW

✉ Maddie Clarke | maddyclarke@live.com.au

PLAY PROUD. PLAY STRONG. PLAY BUNJIL.

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 - 5:30 PM - 7 PM

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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](#)

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

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

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And get up to \$500 for education costs.

1300 610 355
saverplus.org.au

LA TROBE SPORT HOLIDAY CAMPS

LA TROBE SPORTS CAMPS (AGES 6+)

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

UP!UP!UP!

LA TROBE SPORT

We are SunSmart

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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

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