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
- California Gully Primary School Learning Club - every Wednesday from 3.15 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

GARAGE SALE
A big thank you to Miss Christian and Mrs. Watt for the organisation and running of the Junior School Council Garage Sale. To the families who also assisted on the Saturday morning your support was greatly appreciated. Over $1000 was raised on the day which was a great effort.

WORKING BEE - Sunday 17th May
Thank you to the small number of parents who were able to assist on Sunday morning to complete a number of tasks that enables us to keep our school ground tidy and safe.

PREP ENROLMENTS 2016
Thank you to those parents who have let us know their child will be starting Prep next year. We would encourage families to contact the school if they have a child starting school next year. As we move into the month of June we start to really focus on staffing, grade structures and the allocation of resources for next year. Having a reasonable idea of our Prep numbers at this stage of the year helps immensely.

PROMOTING OUR SCHOOL
The results of the Parent Survey completed two weeks ago delivers a clear message that overall the school community is happy with what our school provides the children both academically and socially. This is a wonderful acknowledgment of the positive work everyone in our school undertakes to provide the best possible education for the children. As the parents of children at California Gully PS you are best placed to promote our school and programs to new families. If you know anyone moving into our area, has a child attending your child’s pre-school or who has a child starting Prep next year and is considering their school enrolment options, talk to them about our school and please invite them contact the school and set up a time for a tour.
CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSION FUND (CSEF)
The Victorian Government will be providing funding to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.
If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions, or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.
The annual CSEF amount per student will be $125 for primary school students.

How to Apply
Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Closing Date
You should lodge a CSEF application form at the school by 26 June 2015.

NATIONALLY CONSISTENT COLLECTION OF DATA ON SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY ‘COLLECTION NOTICE’
All schools in Australia, including Independent and Catholic schools, will participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability this year.
The Data Collection is an annual count of the number of students with disability receiving educational adjustments to support their participation in education on the same basis as students without disability.
All education agencies are now required under the Australian Education Regulation 2013 to provide information on a student’s level of education, disability and level of adjustment to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training.* Data will continue to be de-identified prior to its transfer to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training. No student’s identity will be provided to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training.
The collection of this information from states and territories will inform future policy and program planning in relation to students with disability.
Further information and contact with families will occur in early June.
If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Jason Lee on 54468393 or the Victorian Department of Education and Training Data Collection Hotline on (03) 9651 3621. For questions after 7 August 2015, please call the Australian Government Department of Education and Training on 1300 566 046.

* For more information on Schedule 3—Amendments for the collection of data on students who are persons with a disability Australian Education Regulation 2013 see: http://www.comlaw.gov.au/Details/F2014L01723/Html/Text#_Toc404934419

Jason Lee
Principal

SCHOOL CALENDAR

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PARENTS CLUB NEWS

Parents’ Club Meeting
The next meeting will be held on a day to be confirmed, in the conference room.

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

Thursday Lunches
Lunch Orders have commenced. Lunch Orders will be held every second Thursday. Dates will appear on the Calendar in the newsletter but all dates for Term 2 can be found on the Parents’ Club page of the school website. Next Lunch Order day is Thursday June 4th.

Mothers’ Day Stall Recall
At our recent Mothers’ Day Stall some children may have purchased a Melt Wax Burner Set for their Mum. If you were the recipient of this gift, we regret to inform you that the company who supplied the product has issued a recall. Their advice is for the product to be discarded including all parts associated with it. We apologise for any inconvenience that this recall may cause.

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:
- May 27th: Papier Mache Piñata
- June 3rd: Painting Piñata
- June 10th: Multi-Purpose Room—Adventure Play
- June 17th: Library
- June 24th: Biscuit Making

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

Join us on Facebook: www.facebook/calgullyplaygroup1

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Celebrating Mathematics at California Gully Primary School

This year our school is going to celebrate 100 days of Maths in Term 3.

Gr 4/5E read ‘Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes’. So far, we have made 64 cranes. We have 936 to go. As we were making them we came across many different shapes. We folded our birds into squares, equilateral triangles, isosceles triangles, diamonds and kites. We also made some irregular pentagons.

Check out the Maths page on our school website to see what your child has been doing to celebrate 100 days of Maths.

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Education Week

The theme for Education Week 2015 is ‘Crack the Code with Maths’. All the grade 4 to 6 students have been very busy participating in some coding challenges that were set up by the Victorian Education Department.

You can go to the Scratch website https://scratch.mit.edu/ and in the search bar type in ‘Victorian Coding Challenge’. This will bring up links to the three challenges. Each challenge used the program ‘Scratch’. This program is a simple coding program, where children learn to put commands together to create movement. There is work from lots of schools across the state. Our children called their work by their name and California Gully. They are also under ‘by 4to6’ if you are having trouble finding them.

1. This challenge required children to use the program ‘Scratch’ to use a ‘sprite’ character and program it to draw a shape. https://scratch.mit.edu/studios/1049918/projects/

2. Challenge 2 required children to use ‘Scratch’ to explain a simple maths concept. Our children created Scratch projects that taught about odd and even numbers and some of the times tables. https://scratch.mit.edu/studios/1049922/

3. Challenge 3 was to create a game that uses Maths. Two of our grade 6 boys created games that could keep score. https://scratch.mit.edu/studios/1049924/activity/

Please have a look at these projects and if you have a child in Grade 4 to 6, ask them to show you how they programmed their Sprite.

Well done to all the grade 4 to 6’s for their hard work! A special thanks to the children on my tech team, who helped the other children in their grades to solve any coding problems that they had.

BOOK CLUB

Book Club Issue 4 has been sent home this week. Orders with correct money are due back at school Friday, May 29th 2015.

Read More in May

May is National Family Reading Month! Last week your child brought home a reading log so that they could take up the challenge of reading at least 10 minutes every day during May. They need to record their minutes each day, even over the weekends. From June 1 -15, parents can go online www.scholastic.com.au/nfrm and enter the competition. You will need to keep your log or hand it in to Mrs Windridge, as if you are a winner you will need to send the log into Scholastic. Winners will be announced in July.

Please see Mrs Windridge if you need any help with this. We encourage all families to read more in May. Reading together is a great family activity and will help your child to improve their literacy skills.

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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 May 15th**

**Prep/1 Christian:**
- Riley Co. - For his superb effort towards learning his sounds & ring words.
- Dylan C. - For his amazing sign writing for our garage sale sign.
- Xavier H. - For being a superb class member of P/1C. Respectful, caring & always does his Personal Best.

**2/3 Carroll-Hinton:**
- Ashlee M. - For a sensational effort in correct use of capital letters and full stops!

**2/3 Watt-Holt:**
- Ella L. - For great results in her Spelling Tests consistently.
- Charlotte L. - For terrific imagination and role playing during “In the box”.

**4/5 Ennor:**
- Keely F. - For a sensational effort in reaching 100 days of home reading.
- Sam G. - For a sensational effort in reaching 100 days of home reading.
- Lani McC. - For a sensational effort in reaching 100 days of home reading.
- Isabel P. - For a sensational effort in reaching 100 days of home reading.

**4/5 Windridge-Reilly:**
- Isobel G. - For working really hard on subtraction with regrouping.
- Ayla L. - For completing a hundred nights of reading this year.

**6 McKerrow:**
- Pacy B - For excellent effort with Place Value game.
- Robert P. - For excellent work in reading activities.

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GREAT TIPS FOR HEALTHY KIDS

TIP 48. SOME FOODS CAN CAUSE EARLY DENTAL DECAY

Tooth decay is caused by the sticky film on teeth called plaque. When you eat, the bacteria in plaque changes the sugars in food into acids, and these attack the tooth surface to cause holes.

If kids snack often, especially on sugary foods or if they sip sweet, fizzy drinks, cordial or juices, they are more likely to develop early dental decay. This is a good reason for them to have few snacks between meals, to stick to fresh, nutritious food as much as possible and to drink water.

What you can do NOW

- Make sure kids floss and brush their teeth regularly - every morning and every night.
- Serve water with all meals and snacks.
- Cut back on the sugary snacks you keep at home.

Top Tip

Take your child to the dentist at least every six months for a check-up and a professional clean.

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“Beanz Meanz” … More Beans Please!

This “Beanz Meanz” vegetarian recipe is a great way to encourage kids to eat beans. It is packed full of fibre and high in protein (from kidney beans) as well loads of vegetables to ensure kids are meeting their daily nutrient requirements - for this reason beans are often called a vegetarian “meat”.

Ingredients

- 2 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 onion, peeled and chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, peeled and minced
- 1/2 cup chopped carrot
- 1/2 cup chopped celery
- 1/2 cup chopped red capsicum
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin & chilli powder
- 800g (1 can) chopped tomatoes
- 800g (2 cans) red kidney beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 cup frozen corn kernels

Topping

- 1/2 cup shredded low fat cheese
- 1/4 cup chopped chives

Method

- Heat oil in large saucepan. Add cumin and chilli and stir until they become fragrant.
- Cook onion until translucent then add garlic.
- Add carrot, celery and red capsicum and cook until they soften slightly.
- Add tomatoes with juice and stir in with vegetables. Bring mixture to boil then reduce heat and allow to simmer for 15 to 20 minutes.
- Beans and corn can now be added to chilli mixture and stir to combine.
- Serve 1/2 cup of chilli on top of wholegrain toast, brown rice or noodles. Alternatively serve 1 cup by itself and top with shredded cheese and chopped chives.
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PepperGreen Farm vegie bags available to order through Wendy Ennor. Place your order on a Wednesday, $30 full bag or $15 half bag.

Price includes delivery to school.

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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 May 22nd at 8 a.m. (please note that we will stop serving breakfast at 8.20 a.m.).

Sharing in breakfast together, what a great way for our school community to start to start the day!

We would also like to acknowledge the assistance of Roger King’s IGA in Eaglehawk for providing the food for the breakfast.

EGGS FOR SALE
Our girls are busy laying lots of eggs, $2.50 a dozen. See Wendy in the grade 4/5A room.
City of Greater Bendigo Whipstick Ward Meetings

Meeting time and date may be subject to change. To confirm, please visit
www.bendigo.vic.gov.au

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Learning Club

The Learning Club has been successfully operating for the last couple of weeks, with 14 children attending on a regular basis.

All sessions are facilitated by Bachelor of Education students from La Trobe University (Bendigo) who are structuring practical hands on activities centered on communication skills, literacy, reading and writing and math. The activities are undertaken in small groups (3-4 kids each) with one facilitator to each group, rotating throughout the course of session.

We need your help. The Learning Club needs a minimum of 20 kids to continue to operate throughout the year otherwise it will finish at the end of Term 2 due to funding restraints.

The Learning Club runs every Wednesday from 3.15pm – 5pm. Light refreshments are provided. Enrolment Forms are available at the Front Office of the school.

For more information please contact Lia from The Smith Family on 5446 1724.

Hope to see you there!

Lia – The Smith Family

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May is National Family Reading Month!

Let’s raise readers!
Some good reading habits for your home

Let your child choose what they would like to read
Look through the Book Club catalogues with your child and talk about books you would like to read together. Children who choose their own independent reading material read more.

Be a reading role model
Let your children see you reading—for enjoyment, for news and for information in cookbooks, magazines, online, etc. Children will follow your lead and reach for a book when you do.

10 minutes a day makes a difference
Make reading a daily habit by setting aside at least 10 minutes every day entirely for reading. Just 10 minutes of reading practice a day improves your child’s vocabulary, comprehension, verbal fluency and spelling!

Have you got a book nook?
Assign a place in your home for your family’s books to show your child that books are special and deserve an organised storage space. Fill your home with lots of different reading choices.

Make a space for reading together
One person can read the book aloud or you can take turns, have older siblings read to younger siblings or perhaps have everyone sit quietly in the designated area and read independently.

Use books to expand an experience
Tie books and TV together; for example, read about sea life after watching a TV special on whales. Or connect books and experiences together; for example, after a school excursion to the zoo, read books about animals.

Reading beyond books
Write easy-to-read notes and leave them in lunchboxes, on pillows or mirrors, and promote a sense of fun and eagerness about reading. Write your shopping list clearly and ask your child to help you read it in the supermarket.

Join our Read More in May Challenge and your family could WIN great prizes! Visit scholastic.com.au/nfrm for details.

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