Thursday May 28th 2015

Calendar
Thursday June 4th
Parents’ Club Lunch Order Day
Monday June 8th
Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday
Monday June 15th
School Council Meeting 7.00 p.m.
Thursday June 18th
Parents’ Club Lunch Order Day
Monday June 22nd
Mid-Year Reports Go Home
Thursday June 25th
3-Way Reporting Conferences
Friday June 26th
Last Day Term 2
Monday July 13th
First Day Term 3

Every Tuesday and Friday
8.30 a.m. - 8.55 a.m.
Library Open for borrowing and returning books and quiet reading

Every Wednesday 9.30 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.
Playgroup

Every Friday 8.00 a.m. - 8.20 a.m.
Breakfast Program

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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

WELL DONE JORDAN

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Jordan H who over the course of the last 3 weeks has achieved a high level of success with his football. Jordan successfully made the Regional Primary School Football squad. Following this Jordan was involved in a number of football games against other regional areas for a place in the Victorian Country Primary School AFL Football team. Jordan was successful in the trials and last week represented Country Victoria against Metropolitan Victoria for a place in the Victorian Primary School AFL team. Jordan did not make the Victorian Primary School team but has had an opportunity to be involved in AFL football at quite an elite level and he should be exceptionally proud of his achievement as we are of him. Well done Jordan.

REPORTS AND CONFERENCE

At this time of year staff will dedicate many hours to student reports in the lead up to the reports being forwarded to families and the 3-Way Conference. Reports will be sent home on Monday, 22nd June. A formal opportunity for parents to discuss the progress of their child/children will occur on Thursday 25th. Allocation of 3-way conference times will be forwarded in early June. If the time is unsuitable or for some reason you cannot attend the 3-way conference on Thursday 25th please speak to your classroom teacher about a more suitable time.

NEANGAR KINDERGARTEN VISIT

As part of Education Week celebrations our grade 5 students visited Neangar Kinder and assisted the kindergarten students with a storybook activity. All of the children both primary and kinder aged had a very enjoyable time. It was quite positive being able to connect with our local kindergarten and for many of our students it gave them a chance to reminisce about the ‘old days’ when they attended Neangar Kindergarten.

School Assembly starts at 8.55 a.m. Please be on time!
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. **No late applications will be accepted.**

**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.

*Jason Lee*
Principal

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**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.

Do you have any old C.D.’s or any unwanted Jamie Oliver plastic greenhouses that were available from Woolworths a couple of years ago? If you are able to help with this please hand them to Mrs. Watt or Miss Ennor.

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:
- **June 3rd**: Painting Piñata
- **June 10th**: Multi-Purpose Room—Adventure Play
- **June 17th**: Library
- **June 24th**: Biscuit Making
- **July 15th**: Multi-Purpose Room—Adventure Play

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.

‘When I’m 64’
By The Beatles
Performed by Grade 4/5E

Grade 4/5E students investigated the number 64. They also learnt the song ‘When I’m 64’ by The Beatles and performed it for the whole school at assembly. They all sang beautifully and impressed the audience with their actions. Well done Grade 4/5E!!

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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Visit to Neangar Pre-School

As part of our Education Week Celebrations last week, our grade five students made a visit to the Neangar Pre-School. They helped the children participate in activities related to the story of Elmer by David McKee. Everyone had a great time the big kids and the little kids.

Wendy Ennor and Megan Watt will be attending this event and we encourage any members of our school community to join them.

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

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.

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 29th 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 the day!
We would also like to acknowledge the assistance of Fairley's IGA in Eaglehawk for providing the food for the breakfast.

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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 22nd**

**2/3 Carroll–Hinton:**
- **Jake McC.** - For awesome self correcting and rereading when reading.
- **Tai W.** - For sensational effort and improvement in reading.

**2/3 Watt–Holt:**
- **Jacoby Ah-D.** - For achieving 100 nights of home reading.
- **Taylah B.** - For working hard on all activities in the classroom.

**4/5 Ennor:**
- **Bailey A.** - For being really helpful in our pancake cooking session.
- **Shii-an B.** - For being really helpful in our pancake cooking session.
- **Lani McC.** - For being really helpful in our pancake cooking session.
- **Isabel P.** - For being really helpful in our pancake cooking session.

**4/5 Windridge–Reilly:**
- **Dakoda B.** - For excellent work on her Venn diagram explaining similarities and differences between information and persuasive texts.
- **Jayde C.** - For being a friendly and helpful classmate.

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**Tissues**
Can the parents of children in Grade 6 please supply a box of tissues for the classroom. With the cold weather already here, we have a lot of sniffles!

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GREAT TIPS FOR HEALTHY KIDS

TIP 49. DESSERT IS THE CHERRY ON TOP

Kids love desserts. A sugary, sticky dessert, once in a while is okay, but the rest of the time desserts should be nutritious as well as attractive to kids. During the summer months, you could combine dessert with physical activity by walking to the local shops for an ice cream after dinner.

What you can do NOW

♦ Make custard with eggs and reduced-fat milk and serve over fresh or tinned fruit in natural juices.
♦ Cut up fresh fruit for a fruit salad.
♦ Soak dried fruits and stew them slightly. Serve with a little ice cream or low-fat yoghurt.

Good Idea!

Make up a cheese platter rather than dessert. You could have one or two varieties of reduced-fat cheese cut into cubes or slices, together with wholemeal crackers, and grapes, slices of peach, or strawberries.

Be ‘Food Safe’

Tips to keep clean, fresh, safe and healthy!

1. Check labels for storage instructions, such as ‘Refrigerate after opening’ or ‘Consume within 4 days after opening’.
2. Throw away any foods past their ‘use by’ date.
3. Bacteria will grow in most foods so to keep them at a minimum, keep foods below 5°C or above 60°C (very cold or steaming hot).
4. Thaw food in the fridge or microwave, not on the kitchen bench. Don’t refreeze meat once it has thawed – you can freeze it after it has been cooked.
5. Store nuts and coffee in the fridge to maintain freshness, or freeze them.
6. Cover leftovers and put them in the fridge as soon as steam has stopped rising. Don’t leave them on the workbench to cool completely - this is a perfect opportunity for bacteria to grow.
7. Always wash hands before cooking and preparing food, and don’t forget to encourage children to wash their hands before each meal.
8. Keep fresh and cooked foods separate when preparing them, and use separate cutting boards and utensils for raw meats.
9. Store raw meats at the bottom of the fridge to avoid juices dripping onto other foods.

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.

LOST

Pair Black Glasses. If found please hand to the school office.

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EGGS FOR SALE

Our girls are busy laying lots of eggs, $2.50 a dozen. See Wendy in the grade 4/5A room.

California Gully Primary School
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
**City of Greater Bendigo Whipstick Ward Meetings**

**Ward Councillors – Mayor Peter Cox, Lisa Ruffell and James Williams**

Meeting time and date may be subject to change. To confirm, please visit [www.bendigo.vic.gov.au](http://www.bendigo.vic.gov.au)

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