**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.

**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*

**EDUCATION WEEK - MONDAY 18th TO FRIDAY 22nd MAY**

Education Week is an opportunity to celebrate and acknowledge the work of the students and staff. We will have an open morning on Wednesday May 20th, from 9.15 – 11.00 a.m. This is an opportunity for parents, grandparents and friends to visit their child’s class. It is also a great time for prospective parents to see our school in action. On Thursday May 21st, children will be involved in cross-age activities which are always well received by the students. On Friday May 22nd, between 9.30 -11.00 a.m. guided tours of the school will be conducted by our Junior School Councillors. Individual tours of the school are also welcomed at any time. Interested families can organise a meeting by contacting the school office.
PARENT SURVEY
A massive thank you to the 28 families who completed the parent survey. This equates to just over 25% of our parent population. There was a broad cross section of age groups represented, which will be beneficial when the staff and I analyse the data. I have had a look at the information as I have collated it for staff. Some key information worthwhile passing on at this stage includes: 72% of the parents felt their child was doing well socially at school. 68% of families felt the programs offered at school matched their child’s interests extremely well or quite well. 24% felt the programs matched their child’s needs fairly well. 88% of the parents felt their child had a strong sense of belonging to the school. 84% of parents also felt their child liked coming to school quite a lot or a tremendous amount. This is only a snapshot of our parents’ perception of school and there is much more to be gained from looking at the information around communication and our programs. I will share this with you in the coming weeks.

PARENTS’ CLUB (MOTHERS’ DAY)
A big thank you to Parents’ Club for organising the Mother’s Day stall TODAY! The children are always excited to choose a gift for their loved ones no matter how big or small.

Jason Lee
Principal

JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL GARAGE SALE
Saturday May 16th the JSC will hold a “garage sale” at the school. We are collecting any unwanted items you may have and would be willing to donate for our sale. Please see Kaitlin Christian or Megan Watt for more information or let us know if you have something which could be of use.

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 commenced last Thursday. 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 May 21st.

Aver & Line Family Portrait Fundraiser - Sunday May 17th
Two weeks ago a flyer was sent home with all newsletter families outlining the Parents’ Club’s first fundraiser for the year. To book your family portrait session visit www.schoolinterviews.com.au and enter code UJ36W. Bookings need to be made by Wednesday May 6th. For further information please contact Donna on 0403 267 821.

Mrs. Carroll is in need of fabric and leather thonging for art activities.

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:

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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.

Grades 3 to 6 were working on capacity.

Using water and measuring jugs, the students calculated the actual capacity and compared these to their estimates.

The students worked hard to estimate the capacity of various containers in litres and millilitres.

Money Money Money

We require coins (or notes) from other countries that can be used as a resource in our Maths room. We need these for sorting activities in the junior school. If you are able to spare one or two coins or notes, we would appreciate your donation. Please give your coins to either Annette, Linda or leave them at the office.

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Dominoes

A big thank you to everyone who has sent in their spare Woolworth’s dominoes! The children have been enthusiastically using them to practise their mental maths skills.

Here are some ways that you could use your dominoes at home:

- How many dominoes do you think you could hold in one hand? Try it and see if you were right or wrong. How close were you? What if you could use two hands? How many dominoes can you hold? Is this the same as an adult?
- How many dominoes have a one dot? Two dot? Three dot pattern?
- If I lay my dominoes flat, end to end (the short end), how long will my line be? How many dominoes will I need if I wanted to make a flat line that is as long as my foot? My leg? My arm? My body? 1 metre?
- Keep your character doubles, and use pairs of doubles to play a game of memory.
  - Using the picture side of the dominoes (the characters are numbered), order the dominoes from 1 to 44.
  - Are you missing any dominoes? What numbers are missing and how do you know?
  - Using the picture side of the dominoes, imagine that the number of the character is equivalent to its worth. That is, character number 1 is worth $1, character number 2 is worth $2, etc. What would be the value of your collection? If you had every domino from number 1 to number 44, what is it worth?
- If I lined up my dominoes so they were standing (like in the photo), what would be the best distance apart (if they’re too close together, you might knock them down accidentally).
- How many (standing) dominoes would you need to make a line of 1 metre? Imagine you needed to make a domino line for one kilometre – can you use the number of dominoes you have to work out how many dominoes you would need?
- How long would it take to knock down a one metre line of standing up dominoes? Who can make the longest line?
- I received 18 dominoes with my shopping this week. How much did I spend?

Happy calculating,

Annette and Linda

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GREAT TIPS FOR HEALTHY KIDS

TIP 46. KIDS LIKE TO BE INVOLVED

Involve your kids in the kitchen. They’ll be more interested in what they eat if they have a part in selecting foods and preparing them. It provides the perfect opportunity to teach them about different foods and how you can prepare them. You can get them to find out more about food from different cultures and to come up with a menu you can work on together.

What you can do NOW

- Give your child recipe books as gifts and encourage them to try out some recipes.
- Plant a vegetable or herb garden with your child and get them to tend to it. They can pick the vegetables and herbs for some super fresh meals.

Good Idea!

Once a month, have a ‘different culture’ night, and invite your kids to come up with the menu and the appropriate setting of the table.

Top Tip

Kids can help out by: scrubbing carrots; peeling potatoes; setting the table; making the salad; breaking eggs for scrambled eggs or omelettes; and cooking simple dishes like scrambled eggs.

Protein

Protein is one of the major macronutrients along with carbohydrates and fats that make up our daily eating plan. All three of these contribute to the healthy growth patterns of children.

Nutrition Australia’s Healthy Eating Pyramid states that lean meats, fish, eggs and dairy should be consumed in moderate amounts.

For children ages 4 to 7 years old, a half to one serve of protein products per day is sufficient. For older children, aged 8 to 11 years, one to one and a half serves is recommended.

Many of the foods we eat contain protein, particularly foods such as chicken, beef, lamb, fish, eggs, milk, cheese and yoghurt as well as legumes such as beans and lentils.

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<td>Cooked fish fillet</td>
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<td>Almonds or peanuts</td>
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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 1st**

**Prep/1 Christian:**
- Gus B. - For upholding our school values of Respect & Personal Best.
- Sam H. - For bringing a positive attitude to class each day.
- Tyler K.-S. - For working hard in class this week. Well done Tyler.
- Carmella S. - For working hard each night on her reading.

**2/3 Watt-Holt:**
- Charlie M. - For always bringing her positive attitude to class.
- Richard P. - For being a "Quiet Achiever" in class.
- Daisy W.-Q. - For always showing beautiful manners in class.

**4/5 Windridge-Reilly:**
- Benjamin A. - For excellent work using division.
- Phoebe S. - For completing the Premiers’ Reading Challenge.

**6 McKerrow:**
- Ryan D. - For excellent work in 'lotto' maths.
- Shae McO. - For excellent work in 'lotto' maths.

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**$1000 FREE KIDS DENTAL* WITH THE CHILD DENTAL BENEFITS SCHEDULE!**

Great news, the Child Dental Benefits Schedule continues in 2015! The Commonwealth Government dental scheme provides eligible children with a $1000 free kids dental benefit* on selected dental services within a 2 year calendar period.

In 2014 many families were surprised that they were eligible for the free $1000 benefit*. To gain access to benefits, children must be eligible for Medicare, must be between 2 and 17 years of age for at least 1 day of the calendar year with the child or parent, guardian or carer receiving Family Tax Benefit Part A or another relevant government payment.

Not sure if you’re kids are eligible? Contact your local Pacific Smiles Dental Centre, have your Medicare card ready and they can easily check to see if your kids are eligible or have remaining benefits from 2014.

Information provided by Pacific Smiles Dental: visit pacificsmilesdental.com.au for further information.

*Free when services covered by the Commonwealth Government’s Child Dental Benefits Schedule are bulk billed by participating Practitioners for treatments provided to eligible patients.

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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

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