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Thursday May 7th, 2026

CALIFORNIA GULLY
PRIMARY SCHOOL

2027 FOUNDATION INFORMATION NIGHT

We would love to share with you
what makes CGPS special.

DATE:
TUESDAY
12TH MAY

TIME:
6-7PM

My First Day of
FOUNDATION
2027

We can't wait to meet you!

MOTHERS' DAY STALL - REQUEST FOR DONATIONS

With Mothers' Day this weekend we are holding our stall tomorrow, allowing students to purchase a small gift for their Mum, Grandparent or a special person in their lives.

Thank you to families that have donated a beautiful range of gifts that will range from \$1-5.

On behalf of the CPGS Community, we wish all mums, step-mums, grandmothers, nans and special friends a wonderful day on Sunday.

CROSS COUNTRY - POSTPONED (THURSDAY MAY 14th)

Due to the predicted wintery weather today our whole school F-6 Cross Country next Thursday May 14th. The focus of this event is on personal best, participation, and enjoyment. We are encouraging students to wear their house colour's and please ensure appropriate footwear is worn for the run. We will be walking to Truscott Reserve after recess, with the first event (Prep/One) to begin at approximately 12 noon. We also encourage parents and carers to attend, showing your support and assisting around the course. Please keep an eye on our Facebook page if the weather looks wet or any late changes. **Grade 3-6** students will attend the Goldfields Sandhurst Cross Country, on Friday May 22nd.

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2027 FOUNDATION (PREP) ENROLMENTS AT CALIFORNIA GULLY PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Department of Education state-wide Foundation (Prep) enrolment timeline:

The timeline advises families when and how to enrol their child into Foundation (Prep) at a Victorian government primary school, including California Gully Primary School.

All government primary schools will follow the Foundation (Prep) enrolments for the 2027 school year.

You can find information and resources about the new timeline, including factsheets, at: [Enrolling in Foundation \(Prep\)](#). You can also download the 'Foundation (Prep) Enrolment Information Pack for Parents/Carers for the 2027 school year' from the [Starting school page](#).

What you need to do:

- Contact CGPS to learn more about our school and the enrolment application process
- Download the Foundation (Prep) enrolment information pack form
[Enrolling in Foundation \(Prep\)](#)
- Submit an enrolment application for Foundation (Prep) by **Friday July 31st 2026**
- You will be notified of the outcome of your application by **Friday August 14th 2026**. If you receive an offer of placement, you will complete enrolment forms to accept the offer by **Friday August 28th 2026**.

We are very excited to communicate with you information regarding the [California Gully Primary School – Transition Program](#), supporting our 2027 Foundation students and families.

- **CGPS Information Session - Tuesday May 12th (6-7pm)**
Prospective 2026 Foundation (Prep) families, occurring in the Community Centre.
- **CGPS - Open Morning: Friday May 15th, 9.15 -11.00am.**
Enjoy a tour of the school with CGPS 'Student Leaders'.

Andrew Frawley
CGPS Principal

Dates for the Diary

- **Friday May 8th** - Application for Year Seven Placement 2027 Due
- **Friday May 8th** - Mothers' Day Stall
- **Tuesday May 12th** - Foundation 2027 Information Night 6.00 p.m.
- **Thursday May 14th** - Cross Country
- **Monday May 18th** - School Council Meeting
- **Friday May 22nd** - Division Cross Country Grades Three to Six
- **Friday May 22nd** - National Walk Safely to School Day
- **Monday June 8th** - King's Birthday Public Holiday
- **Tuesday June 9th** - Curriculum Day—Student Free Day
- **Thursday June 11th** - 'Kids and Worry' Session (information flyer later in newsletter)
- **Monday June 22nd** - School Council Meeting
- **Friday June 26th** - Last Day of Term Two



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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

Foundation B (Tonkin):

- Ebony D. - For trying really hard at the Athletic sports and not giving up.
- Jaisen M. - For trying really hard at the Athletic sports and not giving up.

Grade 1/2 A (Carroll-Dillon):

- Madelyn B. - For a great start on her information report on echidnas.
Well Done!
- Matilda L. - For a great start on her information report on echidnas.
Well Done!!

Grade 1/2 B (Ennor):

- Adeline W. - For great work adding numbers using number lines.
- Iylah Z. - For being a kind, caring class member.

Grade 1/C (Leed):

- Charlie C. - For being a conscientious and hard working student.
- Rhiannon R. - For her positive attitude towards learning and displaying a growth mindset.

Grade 5/6 A (Price):

- Poppy D. - For her polite, positive personality and friendly start to the term.
- Lilliana M. - For her great animal research project.
- Jessie O. - For his concentration to tasks and giving 100%.

Grade 5/6 B (Reilly-Leel):

- Casey O. - For her positive 'team attitude' at athletics—encouraging her teammates to do their best.
- Izaihaz Z. - For his efforts at athletics and trying his hardest in all events.



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The Smile Squad free school dental program is coming to our school

The Smile Squad team from Bendigo Health is coming to our school soon.

Smile Squad is the Victorian Government's free school dental program.

This means *all* students can receive a free dental check-up, preventive services, and treatment at school.

How to access free dental care

We need your consent before we can provide services.

Consent is usually provided by a parent or guardian.

Sign up to Smile Squad at: <https://bit.ly/smilesquadvic>

OR use the QR code below:



Paper copies of the consent form are also available. Please contact the school office if you would like one.

The electronic consent form can be translated into more than 100 languages, and the paper form is currently available in 13 languages.

Smile Squad oral health packs

All children deserve a healthy smile, and the Smile Squad free school dental program is working hard to help make this happen.

Your child(ren) will soon receive a free oral health pack to bring home. The pack contains a toothbrush, full-sized toothpaste, and an oral health brochure. Please take a moment to read the brochure—it is full of useful tips to help your family eat well, drink well, and clean well for life.

Standard strength toothpaste

Smile Squad provides standard-strength fluoride toothpaste, which is generally recommended for ages six and over unless advised otherwise by a dental or trained health professional.

If your child is under six, please speak with a dental or trained health professional to determine whether this toothpaste is suitable. Alternatively, you may choose to put the toothpaste aside until they turn six or give it to another family member.

Do I need to attend my child's appointment?

No, you do not need to attend your child's appointment. You are welcome to attend if you wish, and you can choose to take your child to a community dental clinic if that suits your family better.



KIDS AND WORRY

**California Gully Primary School
Invites you to a parent/carer
session on Kids and Worry.**

This 90 minute workshop will explore the reasons why children worry, and ways parents and carers can support them. It will include ideas as well as practical tools to assist children to manage their worries.

Come along and be reassured, reminded of something, or perhaps learn something new.

Presented by Loddon Mallee Regional Parenting Service.



Thursday, 11 June

9.15am - 10.45am

California Gully Primary School

**Open to parents at California Gully
Primary School.**

Register to come along by contacting the school

P: 5446 8393

E: california.gully.ps@education.vic.gov.au

or by using the QR code below:



www.catholiccarevic.org.au
1800 123 228

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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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@mckernsteelfoundation

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
Every parent has 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



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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SCHOOL PHOTOS 2026 - VIEW IMAGES NOW

2026 School photos of your child are now ready to view online

Children should have brought a copy of this form home late last term with their unique code. If your child did not please email the school for their code.

2026 Image code:

To view images follow these 3 easy steps...



- 1 Go to order.arphotos.com.au and enter the 2026 image code for your child and 'continue'
- 2 Enter your email address and password to login to your account and view images
- 3 View images, select a photo package, then select the photos you want to include before finalising your order



If you haven't purchased from us before, go to order.arphotos.com.au and enter your child's 2026 code, then follow the prompts to enter your details and create an account. Once you've created an account you can view images, order photo packages and download images.

Once online you can:

- Share the images with family & friends for FREE
- Select & purchase photo packages to suit your needs using YOUR choice of images
- Choose from multiple layouts to create your package
- Download portrait images of your child



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FANTASTIC ONLINE ART CLASSES

Brilliant artists and instructors take the classes in real-time on Zoom.

- Easy to organise - we make it simple for you.
- The kids produce amazing work and are really proud of their art!
- All age groups covered!
- Super affordable
- To see the activities planned for the classes click visit our website, www.artisticat.com.au There are some amazing art ideas planned!

FIRST CLASS FREE!

Just \$18 a class after the free trial (exc GST)
 The full price varies depending on the number of classes in the term.

LIMITED PLACES BOOK NOW!

To book go to www.artisticat.com.au

ACTIVE KIDS ARE HEALTHY KIDS

JOIN US
FRIDAY 22 MAY 2026

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

Until they're ten, children must always hold an adult's hand when crossing the road

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Are you supporting a family member or friend with disability, mental illness, age or health issues? Even if it's just for a few hours every week, you could be a **young carer**. This may look like....

- Going with them to appointments or helping with medication
- Cleaning the house or helping with other chores
- Providing emotional support when someone feels sad
- Taking care of younger siblings

Being a young carer might feel lonely. But you're not alone.

Carer Gateway has **free support** for young carers aged 25 and under.

Carer Gateway may support you with things like help at home, young carer social events, counselling or study help.



Scan to learn more

Free support, call now!
1800 422 737
carergateway.gov.au



SUPPORTING NEURODIVERGENT CHILDREN IN COMMUNITY SPORT

FREE WORKSHOP
FOR SPORTS COACHES &
PHYSICAL ACTIVITY PROVIDERS IN GREATER BENDIGO

Monday 11th May, 6pm-8.30pm
@ Epsom Huntly Recreation Reserve

or

Sunday 21st June, 2pm-4.30pm
@ Lake Weeroona Pavilion

or

Wednesday 8th July, 6pm-8.30pm
@ Lake Weeroona Pavilion

Light refreshments provided



Scan the QR code to register for the workshop or visit:
<https://www.trybooking.com/DKRWV>

This FREE workshop will help community sports clubs and physical activity providers understand neurodiversity and how to implement practical strategies to create inclusive, supportive environments for neurodivergent children. This interactive workshop is a neuro-affirming session developed and facilitated by people with lived experience

Contact Jo at Sports Focus for further information on 5442 3101 or joc@sportsfocus.com.au



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 7077 | 0428 471 077

bendigomajorleague.com.au
admin@bendigomajorleague.com.au



STEM CLUB

ADVENTURE STARTS AFTER SCHOOL!

PREP – GRADE 6

8 WEEK PROGRAM

Weekly STEM sessions that spark imagination and build real skills.

\$100 PER TERM

THURSDAYS | 4-5PM



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COME & TRY

UNDER 10 GIRLS COMPETITION

The Bendigo Junior Football League are looking at creating an Under 10 Girls Competition in 2026

Gather some friends and join in some activities at Mercy Junortoun Sporting Precinct Friday 15th May at 4:15pm



Girls born in 2016, 2017, 2018 or prior to 30 April 2019

WANT TO PLAY FOOTBALL?

Junior Players Needed

U7 Mixed | U10 Girls | U12 Boys



KICK IT WITH US



GOLDENCITYFC.COM

goldencitysc@gmail.com



WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

FRIDAY 22 MAY 2026

Gratitude
Empathy
Mindfulness &
Emotional Literacy



Get up to \$500 for education costs.

Achieve a savings goal for 10 months and ANZ will match it up to \$500.

1300 610 355
saverplus.org.au



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