

The Bell Topper

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Thursday November 13th 2025

WATER SAFETY PROGRAM -

Our 'Water Safety Program' has been in full swim this week. It makes for a busy, yet very enjoyable week. It is great to see everyone doing their best, participating with enthusiasm and enjoyment. Thank you to all families for your support each day. Our final day of swimming will be tomorrow. Due to the Swimming Program, we will not hold an assembly this week.

STATE ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

On behalf of the CGPS Community we pass on our congratulations to Addilyn.W on her amazing performance at the State Athletic Championships held in Melbourne last Thursday. Addi placed 4th in Discus, and threw a personal best at this event, well done!

CALIFORNIA GULY PRIMARY SCHOOL TRANSITION PROGRAM (2026)

We are very excited to welcome our 2026 Foundation students and families for their 2nd transition visit in preparation for next year and will include an information session for parents/carers. This visit will occur on: Orientation Session 2: Thursday November 20th, 9.15 -10.45am

JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL CASUAL CLOTHES DAY – FRIDAY NOVEMBER 21st

JSC have organized a 'Casual Clothes' Day to occur next Friday 21st November. No theme, just causal clothes although a reminder that students must still follow SunSmart and footwear guidelines – Tops must cover shoulders, bucket/wide brim hats worn, and footwear must have covered toes. Thanks for your support!

TERM 4 CURRICULUM DAYS - MONDAY NOVEMBER 24th AND FRIDAY DECEMBER 12th

Please make a note in the diary that **Monday November 24th** is a Curriculum Day for all staff to support Assessment and Reporting.

On **Friday December 12th**, staff will focus on a range of areas including 2026 planning, the CGPS Teaching model.

Please note that students will not attend school on either day.

Kids Active Travel Program has ended, tell us again how your grades 3-6 child gets to school and what you think about your child walking or riding.

COMPLETE A SHORT ONLINE SURVEY

1. Scan the QR code
2. Read the instructions
3. Answer the questions
4. Submit
5. You can also access the survey at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CaliforniaGullyParentEnd>



ABOUT THE SURVEY

Now that the program has ended, we want to find out what's changed about how your child gets to school and your views on active travel to school. The survey is being run by the Department of Jobs, Skills, Industry and Regions, which funds the Kids Active Travel Program. Any information you provide will be confidential. More information is available by scanning the QR code.

Andrew Frawley
CGPS Principal

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Dates for the Diary

- **Monday November 10th to Friday November 14th** Swimming Program
- **Monday November 17th** Book Club Issue Eight Orders Due
- **Thursday November 20th** Grades Five & Six BioLAB Excursion
- **Thursday November 20th** Transition Session Two—Foundation 2026
- **Friday November 21st** Casual Clothes Day
- **Monday November 24th** Curriculum Day—No Students Required at School
- **Tuesday December 9th** Statewide Transition Day
- **Friday December 12th** Curriculum Day—No Students Required at School
- **Friday December 12th** 2026 Booklist Portal Orders Close

SCHOOL ARRIVAL TIMES

Morning Drop-off: We remind all families that children should not be onsite prior to the 8.40 a.m. bell. At this point staff are on duty and actively supervising. Please respect this request for the safety of all students, staff and families.

Late Arrival: If your child is late in arriving at school (any time after 9 a.m.) they must sign in at the office prior to going to the classroom. Thank you for your care and understanding.

LOST PROPERTY

We have a large number of jumpers in lost property at the moment, unfortunately many items are un-named so makes it very difficult to return to owners. The Lost Property Basket is located outside the community centre to provide an opportunity for children, parents and carers to collect any missing uniform. We also remind families to please name all lunch boxes, drink bottles and clothing worn to school.



ISSUE 8 CLOSING SOON!

\$5 EARN A PROMO CODE
Included with order confirmation

SCHOLASTIC Book Club
Stories that travel with you!

ORDERS DUE BACK BY:

SCHOLASTIC Book Club

Year 7 Information Evening

Learn about all things Year 7 in 2026

⌚ 6:00PM - 7:00PM

📅 Wednesday 19th November

📍 Grieve Community

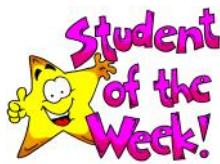
Free BBQ!

From 5:45PM, grab a sausage on your way in!

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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 November 7th

Foundation A (Hinton):

- Logan B. - For increased confidence when interacting with his peers and teachers.

- Hugo C. - For reading loudly, clearly and experimenting with expression.

Foundation B (Tonkin):

- Aiyanah B.-B. - For working hard to ensure her writing makes sense.

- Frankee R. - For working hard on learning her sounds.

Grade 1 (Leed-Martiniello):

- Margo La B. - For always giving her best effort and being engaged in all class tasks.

- Reuel L. - For his thoughtful and creative ideas when writing character descriptions.

Grade 1/2 A (Carroll-Dillon):

- Elliotte E. - For excellent work with adjectives in her descriptive writing.
Well Done!

- Shyannah S. - For excellent work with adjectives in her descriptive writing.
Well Done!

- Connor W. - For a fantastic week of great choices. Well Done!

Grade 1/2 B (Ennor):

- Ryder J. - For always giving his best.

- Eleanor S. - For being a kind and caring class member.

Grade 3/4 A (McKerrow):

- Lachlan B. - For excellent solving of the money problem.

- Casey O. - For excellent progress with multiplication tables.

- Tyson P. - For excellent solving of the money problem.

Grade 3/4 B (Ryan):

- Sophia M. - For always demonstrating excellent GEM practices to her teacher and peers.

- Callum T. - For including detail in his narrative plan to make his story engaging.

Grade 5/6 A (Price):

- Hunter F. - For being a helpful, caring classmate.

- Miyah M. - For being a helpful, caring classmate.

Grade 5/6 B (Windridge-Lee):

- Amber C. - For working well in book clubs.

- Imogen H. - For working well in book clubs.

- Jagger N. - For working well in book clubs.



Gratitude
Empathy
Mindfulness &
Emotional Literacy



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2026 Student Booklists

The Student Booklists for 2026 were sent home last Friday, November 7th, with the online ordering system opening on Monday November 10th. If your child did not bring home their booklist information please speak to their classroom teacher. Orders are required to be placed on-line with [Education Plus](#) by

Friday December 12th 2025

Below are the codes for each year level for 2026

Foundation

CGP02026T

Year One

CGP12026V

Year Two

CGP22026R

Year Three

CGP32026G

Year Four

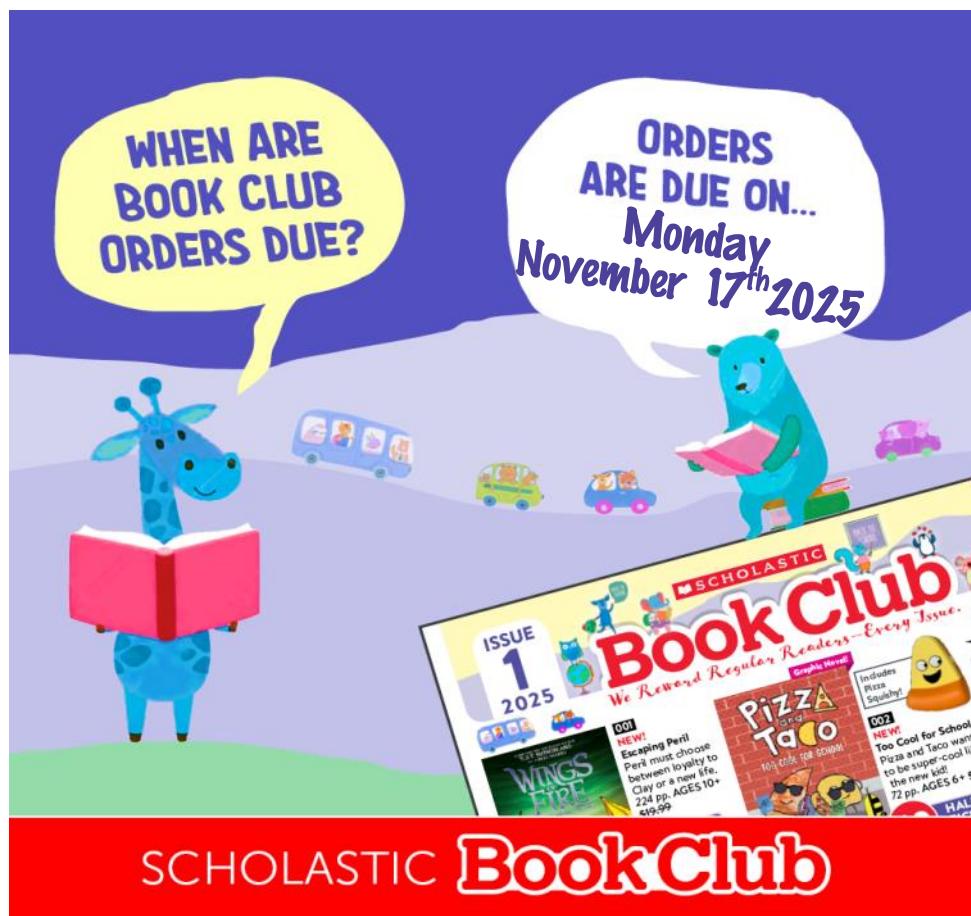
CGP42026Q

Year Five

CGP52026K

Year Six

CGP62026A



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Enrolments essential

Contact facilitator
Tiffany Holschier
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tiffanyholschier@bchs.com.au

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CLOTHING

**2/1 Whip Court, Long Gully
California Gully Primary School**

	Garment	Kids Sizing	Adults Sizing
	Teal/Ink Navy/White Short Sleeve Polo	\$30.00	\$32.00
	Teal/Ink Navy/White Long Sleeve Polo	\$33.00	\$35.00
	Ink Navy Rugby Top	\$37.50	\$39.50
	Ink Navy 1/2 Zip Polar Fleece Jumper	\$39.50	\$42.00
	Navy Hooded Windcheater	\$38.00	\$40.00
	Ink Navy Double Knee Hemmed Track Pants	\$28.00	\$30.00
	Navy Bucket Hat		\$15.00
	Navy Broadbrim Hat		\$15.00

Our School Uniform supplier, Centavic Clothing, are pleased to offer an online uniform shop for California Gully Primary School through their website:

<https://www.centavicclothing.com.au/>

Parents can place an order for uniforms, with the option of paying online, over the phone or on the day of collection.

We advise that any students needing to try on uniform items book an appointment as due to the size of the storefront Centavic Clothing will be prioritising those with appointments when needed. This booking system can also be found on the Centavic Clothing website.

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