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Thursday November 16th 2023

CURRICULUM DAY REMINDER MONDAY NOVEMBER 20th STUDENTS WILL NOT ATTEND ON THIS DAY

TERM FOUR CURRICULUM DAYS

Please make a note in the diary that this coming **Monday, November 20th and Friday December 8th** we will be holding Curriculum Days for all staff. The focus of these days will be on a range of focus areas including 2024 planning. A reminder that students will not attend school on these days.

C.G.P. S. WATER SAFETY PROGRAM

Our 'Water Safety' Program has been in full swing this week. It makes for a busy, yet really 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 occur tomorrow. We are very fortunate to have the Peter Krenz Leisure Centre in our local community.

FOUNDATION TRANSITION PROGRAM

A friendly reminder that our second Prep Transition session will occur next Thursday November 23rd, 9.15-10.45.am. We once again welcome in our new students and families.

2024 VOLUNTARY FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS AND BOOK PACKS

2024 Voluntary Financial Contributions information has been sent home with children who are currently in Foundation to Year Five with information for their 2024 school year. Students 2024 school book packs can be purchased on line at Education Plus, www.eduplus.com.au. All orders will be delivered to the school in early 2024 for distribution. These book pack orders must be completed online by Friday December 15th 2023 to ensure delivery before the start of the 2024 school year. Each year level has their own log in details that can be found in the booklet that has been sent home with your child.

BUSHFIRE PREPARATIONS

CGPS is working towards ensuring that in both planning within the Emergency Management Plan and our facilities are best prepared to respond safely and quickly in the event of fire within our community. Due to the proximity to bushland our school and Outside School Hours Care service listed on the Department of Education and Training's Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR). This means that our school will **close** on a day forecasted as **Catastrophic fire danger rating** in **North Western fire district**.

We will be holding an off-site evacuation in the near future as part of required Emergency Management practice and procedures. Our off site assembly area is Truscott Reserve.

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California Gully Primary School Preparedness and Pre-emptive Actions for the Bushfire Season



Fire danger ratings indicate how dangerous a fire would be if one started in those conditions and provide clear direction on the safest options for preserving life. They can be a trigger for action in community and for school and household level fire plans.

Schools and children's services listed on the Department of Education and Training's Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR) and those at some lower risk of bushfire or grassfire on the Category 4 list will be closed when a Catastrophic fire danger rating day is forecast in their Bureau of Meteorology district.

Schools and early childhood services listed on the Department of Education and Training's Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR) and those at lower risk of bushfire or grassfire on the Category 4 list take pre-emptive actions on elevated fire danger days to minimise the risk of being caught in a fire in these conditions. The category of risk (per the BARR or Category 4 list) determines the actions that the school or early childhood service will need to take on days of elevated fire danger.

Our school has been identified as being one of these schools at high bushfire or grassfire risk, and is listed on the Bushfire at Risk Register (BARR) category 3 school.

Our school will **close** on a day forecasted as **Catastrophic fire danger rating** in North Western fire district.

The department will advise our school of the potential for a **Catastrophic fire danger rating** as information becomes available, however the pre-emptive closure will be **confirmed by 1pm the day prior to Catastrophic fire danger day.**

Fire danger ratings are forecast by the Bureau of Meteorology up to four days in advance. Should a Catastrophic day be forecast, we will notify you of the potential closure by an email or hard copy letter and CGPS Facebook Page. If closure of the school due to a forecast Catastrophic day will be confirmed on the day prior and we will provide you with advice before the end of the school day.

Once confirmed, the decision to close will not change, regardless of improvements in the weather forecast. This is to avoid confusion and help your family plan alternative care arrangements for your child. It is also important to note that:

No staff will be on site on days where the school is closed due to a forecast Catastrophic day.

Out-of-school-hours care will also be cancelled on these days.

School camps will be cancelled if a Catastrophic fire danger rating day is forecast for the Bureau of Meteorology district in which the camp is located, or if the travel involves passing through areas that have Catastrophic fire danger.

Families are encouraged to enact their Bushfire Survival Plan on Catastrophic fire danger rating days. **On such days, children should never be left at home alone or in the care of older children.**

For those of us living in a bushfire prone area, the Country Fire Authority (CFA) advises that when Catastrophic days are forecast, the safest option is to leave the night before or early on the morning of the Catastrophic day.

As part of preparing our school for potential hazards such as fire, we have updated and completed our Emergency Management Plan for 2023-24.

What can parents do?

Make sure your family's bushfire survival plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements in the event that our school is closed due to elevated fire danger or a Catastrophic fire forecast. Further information can be found on the [CFA's website](#).

Ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers. Keep in touch with us by reading our newsletters, checking our website

Most importantly at this time of year, if you're planning a holiday or short stay in the bush or in a coastal area, you should check warnings in advance of travel and remain vigilant during your stay.

If your child is old enough, talk to them about bushfires and your family's Bushfire Survival Plan.

Twitter (<https://twitter.com/vicemergency>)

ABC local radio, Sky News and other emergency broadcasters

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Dates for the Diary

- **Friday November 17th** - Book Club Issue Eight Due Back to School
- **Monday November 20th** - Curriculum Day—**NO Students Required at School**
- **Tuesday November 21st** - Grades Three and Four Melbourne Museum Excursion
- **Thursday November 23rd** - Foundation 2024 Orientation Session 9.15 a.m. to 10.45 a.m.
- **Thursday November 30th** - Whole School Athletic Sports
- **Thursday December 7th** - Foundation Tea at Discovery Centre
- **Thursday December 7th** - Grades One and Two Sleepover at Discovery Centre
- **Friday December 8th** - Curriculum Day—**NO Students Required at School**
- **Tuesday December 12th** - Statewide Orientation Day — 2024 Foundation Students to attend from 9.15 a.m. to 12.15 p.m.
- **Friday December 15th** - 2024 On-Line Book List Orders Due
- **Wednesday December 20th** - Last Day of 2023 School Year



EAGLEHAWK CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL

FREE ENTRY **FRIDAY NOV 17, 2023** **3PM TO 6PM**

ANIMAL FARM • THE ZONE ROCK CLIMBING WALL
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT • ART AND CRAFT • JUMPING CASTLE
AIRBRUSH TATTOOS • SPORTING ACTIVITIES • CIRCUS ACTIVITIES
TZR REPTILES AND WILDLIFE DISPLAY • LUCKY DOOR PRIZES
FACE PAINTING • FREE SWIMS AT PETER KRENZ LEISURE CENTRE
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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 10th

Foundation Hinton:

Shayla J. - For great predicting during our sharing activity.

Foundation Tonkin:

Connor W. - For thoughtful predictions during division and sharing.

Grade 1/2 Price:

Koby W. - For his reading improvements.

Grade 2/3 Carroll-Dillon:

Patrick O. - For making excellent arguments in his persuasive writing.
 Well Done!

Grade 3/4 Ennor:

Brooklyn F. - For excellent results in weekly spelling tests.

Ben S. - For great work with function machines.

Grade 3/4 Ryan:

Hunter F. - For writing and publishing an excellent explanation text on a butterfly.

Pippa McK. - For always working hard and challenging herself in maths.

Grade 5/6 McKerrow:

Jasper McH. - For excellent work on his bee venn diagram.

Elis S. - For excellent work on his bee venn diagram.

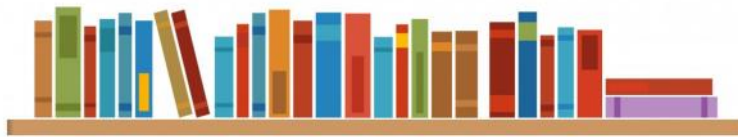
BOOK CLUB

Book Club Issue Eight has been sent home.

It is due back tomorrow, Friday November 17th 2023

You can order online using Loop and pay online with orders. All ordering and payment details are in the back of the Book Club booklet.

If you are ordering something for your child for a present, please let your child's teacher know so it is not given to your child.



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We are SunSmart - a note for families

Too much of the sun's ultraviolet (UV) radiation can cause sunburn, skin and eye damage and skin cancer.

UV damage accumulated during childhood and adolescence is associated with an increased risk of skin cancer later in life. Skin cancer is the most common cancer in Australia. It is also one of the most preventable cancers.

You can't see or feel the sun's UV. Whatever the weather, if the UV levels are three or more, it's important to *Slip, Slop, Slap, Seek and Slide!*

Sun protection times

Don't just wait for hot and sunny days to use sun protection. Check the sun protection times each day so your family can be protected when they need to be.



Daily local sun protection times and weather details are available from the SunSmart widget on our school website, in the weather section of the newspaper, on the SunSmart website at sunsmart.com.au and as a free SunSmart app. Sun protection times can also be found at the Bureau of Meteorology website and live UV levels are available from ARPANSA.

SunSmart membership

Our school is a registered member of Cancer Council Victoria's SunSmart Schools Program. We aim to protect children and staff from too much UV.

Sun protection and skin cancer prevention is a shared responsibility. Please help support our SunSmart membership and sun protection efforts by ensuring your child follows the SunSmart measures included in our policy at school and at home.

During the daily local sun protection times (usually from mid-August to the end of April), **use these 5 SunSmart steps – even if it's cool and cloudy.**

1. **SLIP** on covering clothing

For free dress days, ensure your child wears clothing that covers as much skin as possible (e.g. elbow length tops with a higher neckline or collar and longer style shorts or skirts). Densely woven fabrics are best.



2. **SLOP** on SPF30 (or higher) broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen

Apply a generous amount of sunscreen at the start of the day and make sure children have sunscreen in their bag ready to reapply throughout the day. Sunscreen should be reapplied every two hours. Please ensure children get plenty of sunscreen application practice at home so they'll be all set when they are at school. Under supervision, ask children to put a dot of sunscreen on each cheek, nose and chin and rub it in (avoiding the eye area) and sunscreen squiggles or dots on the back of the neck, arms and legs to cover these areas.

3. **SLAP** on a hat that protects the face, neck and ears

Choose a wide-brimmed, legionnaire or bucket hat. Peak caps and visors do not offer enough UV protection so please leave them at home. Please help your child remember to bring and wear their approved **school hat**. Please keep this at school so they will always be ready for outdoor activities, outdoor learning and play during school days. For the walk to and from school and weekends, please have an extra **home hat** to help keep children protected at home.

4. **SEEK** shade

Choose shady spots for learning and play whenever possible.

5. **SLIDE** on wrap-around AS1067 sunglasses

When appropriate and practical, help protect the eyes with sunglasses.

Need information in another language? Call 13 14 50 and ask to be connected to Cancer Council Victoria in your language

sunsmart.com.au



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Please Take Note

of New Prices

effective September 1st 2023



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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 COVID-19 capacity limits 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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