

# The Bell Topper

## California Gully Primary School 123

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Thursday November 23<sup>rd</sup> 2023

### ATHLETICS - THURSDAY NOVEMBER 30<sup>th</sup>

Next Thursday November 30<sup>th</sup>, all students F-6 will participate in an Athletics Carnival at Latrobe Athletics complex in Flora Hill. The event will run from 10am, with the first buses leaving CGPS at 9.15am, with the event finishing approximately 1pm. We encourage students to wear house colours for this activity. Please make sure all children have extra food, a water bottle and appropriate clothing/footwear. We have will have sunscreen available although please supply your own if you have a preferred brand.

### FOUNDATION, ONE AND TWO DISCOVERY CENTRE EXPERIENCE

On **Thursday December 7<sup>th</sup>**, our F/1/2 students have a wonderful opportunity to participate in a Discovery Centre Experience. A range of amazing activities will occur within the Discovery Centre, with Foundation students enjoying the fun until 8pm, with Grade 1/2 students having the opportunity to sleep-over. All information has been shared with students, please make sure permission forms are returned ASAP.

### TERM FOUR CURRICULUM DAYS

Thank you to families for the support on Monday, and a reminder that we have one further Curriculum Day booked for **Friday December 8<sup>th</sup>**. The focus of this day is allocated for 2024 planning. A reminder that students will not attend school on this day and OSHC will not operate.

### TRANSITION PROGRAM - STATEWIDE ORIENTATION DAY

After another successful visit this morning for our 2024 preps, the next Foundation transition visit is occurring on **Tuesday December 12<sup>th</sup>**. This is also the State-wide Orientation Day for students moving into Year 7 in government schools. Within CGPS students will move into their classrooms for 2024 during the morning block. Information for parents will also be sent home on this day, outlining grade structure, classroom placements and allocated teachers.

### 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](http://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 15<sup>th</sup> 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

- **Thursday November 30<sup>th</sup>** - Whole School Athletic Sports
- **Thursday December 7<sup>th</sup>** - Foundation Tea at Discovery Centre
- **Thursday December 7<sup>th</sup>** - Grades One and Two Sleepover at Discovery Centre
- **Friday December 8<sup>th</sup>** - Curriculum Day—NO Students Required at School
- **Tuesday December 12<sup>th</sup>** - Statewide Orientation Day — 2024 Foundation Students to attend from 9.15 a.m. to 12.15 p.m. Grade Six Students to attend 2024 Secondary School,
- **Friday December 15<sup>th</sup>** - 2024 On-Line Book List Orders Due
- **Wednesday December 20<sup>th</sup>** - Last Day of 2023 School Year

2024 Book Lists can be purchased on line at Education Plus,  
[www.eduplus.com.au](http://www.eduplus.com.au).

Foundation **CGP02024T**  
 Year One **CGP12024S**  
 Year Two **CGP22024R**

Year Three **CGP32024A**  
 Year Four **CGP42024W**  
 Year Five **CGP52024Y**  
 Year Six **CGP62024X**

Please note that there has been a mistake on the paperwork that went home — students in Years One and Two do not require A3 Whiteboards.  
 Earlier in the week there was a problem with the code for Year Three — this problem has now been fixed and the code above is the correct code.



THANKS TO:



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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 17<sup>th</sup>

### Foundation Hinton:

Bobbey M.-S. - For his increased confidence in the pool.

### Foundation Tonkin:

Dakota McN. - For enthusiastic participation during the Water Safety Program.

### Grade 1/2 Leed:

Olivia-Rose L. - For her excellent participation in swimming lessons.

Hayley W. - For her excellent participation in swimming lessons.

### Grade 1/2 Price:

Nate B. - For a great attitude at swimming.

Harmony D.-S. - For a great attitude at swimming.

### Grade 2/3 Carroll-Dillon:

Flynn H. - For excellent participation in swimming lessons. Well Done!

Jaidah S. - For excellent participation in swimming lessons. Well Done!

### Grade 3/4 Ennor:

Braxtyn B. - For always giving his best.

Erika K. - For excellent home reading.

### Grade 3/4 Ryan:

Ryan G. - For his positive attitude at swimming.

Miyah M. - For excellent problem solving strategies with perimeter.

Imogen P. - For her positive attitude at swimming.

### Grade 5/6 McKerrow:

Ruby G. - For excellent work with fractions with Sophie.

Sophie O. - For excellent work with fractions with Ruby.

### Grade 5/6 Windridge-Lee:

Millie K. - For working well on the Streamer fraction task.

Chloe O. - For working well on the Streamer fraction task.

Zephie P. - For working well on the Streamer fraction task.



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# Benefitting the health and wellbeing of our Bendigo school children

School visits coming in TERM 4

Proudly funded by:



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**COME TRY BADMINTON**

EVERY WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY NIGHTS DURING SCHOOL TERMS

**WHAT'S ON FOR JUNIORS?**

WEDNESDAY NIGHT TRAINING - U12 (6:15-7:15PM) U18 (7:30-8:30PM)

FRIDAY NIGHT COMPETITION - 6:45-8:30PM

ENQUIRE TODAY BY PHONING 0499 731 811

**Saver Plus**

Program includes:

- Matched dollar for dollar savings up to \$500
- Money Minded workshops - Financial Education
- Coaching on budgeting and savings

**State Schools' Relief**

Provides school uniforms and shoes to those that are unable to afford them.

**THE EDUCATION STATE**

**Camps, Sports and Education Fund**

Funding to attend activities like:

- school camps or trips
- swimming and school-organised sports programs
- outdoor education programs
- excursions and incursions

\$125 per year for eligible primary school students  
\$225 per year for eligible secondary school students.

**Computerbank**

Low cost refurbished computers that include various programs including word processing, Google Chrome and PDF Maker



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CLOTHING

2/1 Whip Court, Long Gully

California Gully Primary School

Please Take Note

of New Prices

effective September 1st 2023

	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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