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Thursday November 26th, 2026

TRANSITION PROGRAM - TUESDAY DECEMBER 8th STATEWIDE ORIENTATION DAY

Our next Foundation transition visit will take place on **Tuesday December 8th**. 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 2027 during the morning. Information for parents will also be sent home on this day, outlining the Grade structure, classroom placements and allocated teacher.

STATE ELECTION – NOT BEING HELD AT CALIFORNIA GULLY PRIMARY SCHOOL IN 2027

Unfortunately, due to our current building work we were unable to host a polling station at California Gully Primary School this coming Saturday.

The venues below are all situated near California Gully PS:

California Gully - Anglican Church Hall (St Jude's), Cnr Upper Cal Gully Rd & Taylor St
Eaglehawk -Eaglehawk RSL Hall, Peg Leg Rd, EAGLEHAWK
Long Gully -Long Gully Uniting Church Hall, Wilson St, BENDIGO
Maiden Gully -Maiden Gully Hall, Calder Hwy, MAIDEN GULLY

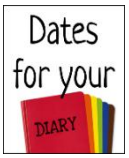
AFL - RICHMOND VISIT

We are fortunate to have a small number of players attending California Gully Primary School on Tuesday December 1st. Students will have the opportunity to meet and participate in a Q&A with our special visitors. We encourage any students that are Richmond supporters to pack any of their Tiger's merchandise to wear and/or be signed during the visit.

GRADE SIX GRADUATION AND CALIFORNIA GULLY PRIMARY SCHOOL CELEBRATION – THURSDAY DECEMBER 10th

On Thursday December 10th, our Grade 6 students will enjoy the day celebrating their graduation from primary school. The day will include activities in Bendigo, lunch and a ceremony being held at school in the afternoon, beginning at 3.30 p.m.

TERM FOUR CURRICULUM DAYS – FRIDAY DECEMBER 11th



Please make a note in the diary that **Friday November 20th** is a Curriculum Day for all staff to support Assessment and Reporting.

On **Friday December 11th**, staff will focus on a range of areas including 2027 planning, the CGPS Teaching model. Please note that students will not attend school on either day.

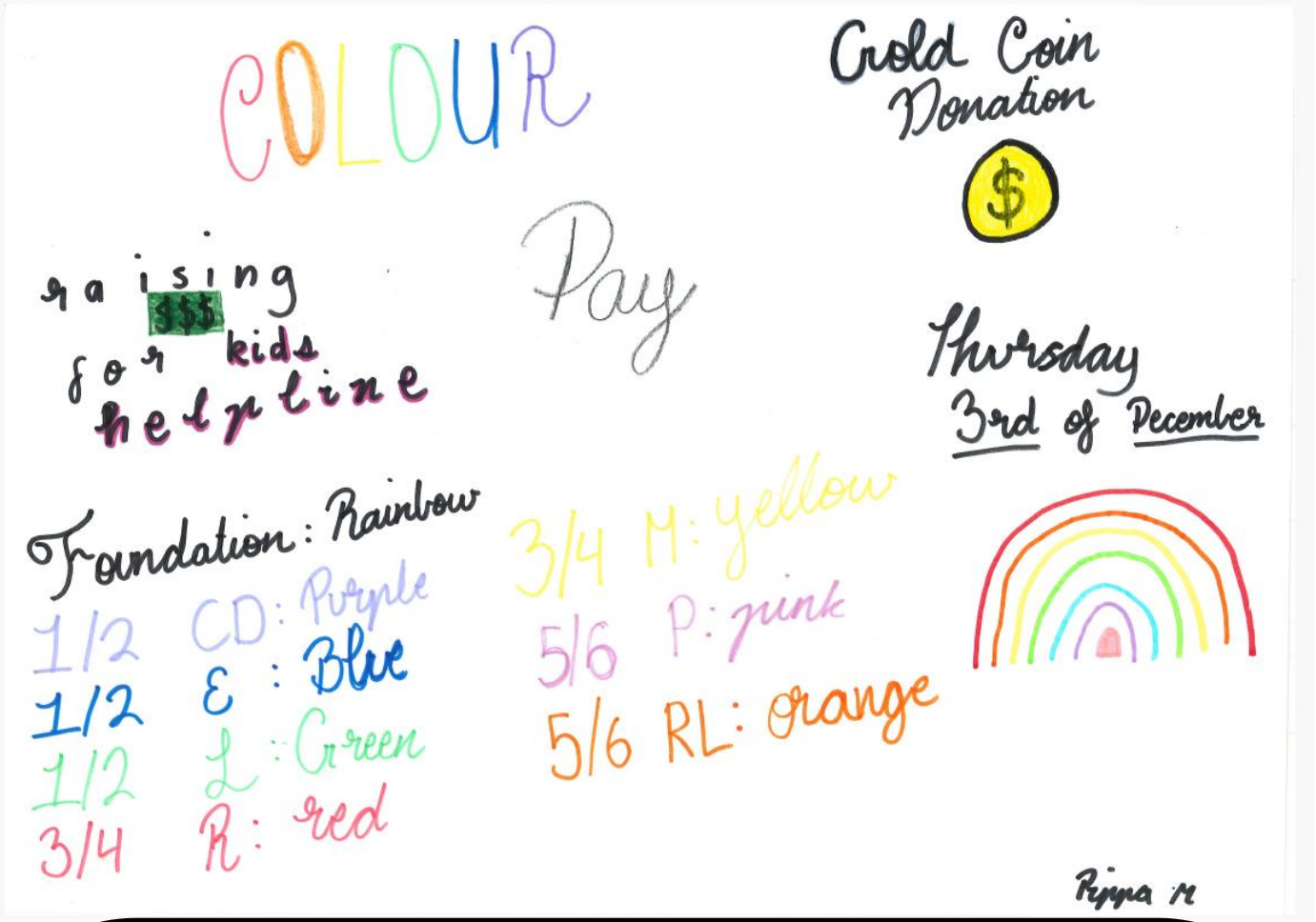
MONDAY DECEMBER 14th – CALIFORNIA GULLY PRIMARY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Our California Gully Primary School Christmas Concert is just around the corner, and we can't wait to celebrate the festive season with our school community.

This will be part of a day of celebration – classroom parties, disco, Christmas outfits, starting with a small concert.

Join us for a morning of wonderful performances from 9.15-10a.m.

Andrew Frawley
CGPS Principal



Dates for the Diary

- **Friday November 27th** - 2027 Year Six Uniform Orders Due
- **Friday December 4th** - 'Colour Day' – Dress In Your Class Colour
- **Tuesday December 8th** - Statewide Orientation Day
- **Friday December 11th** - Student Free Day – 2027 Planning Day
- **Monday December 14th** - Christmas Concert 9.15 a.m.
- **Friday December 18th** - Final Day of 2026 School Year
- **Friday December 18th** - 2027 Book List Orders Due to Education Plus

2027

- **Monday January 18th** - School Office Open for CSEF Application Lodgment and Payment of Parent Voluntary Contributions
- **Tuesday January 19th** - School Office Open for CSEF Application Lodgment and Payment of Parent Voluntary Contributions
- **Wednesday January 20th** - School Office Open for CSEF Application Lodgment and Payment of Parent Voluntary Contributions
- **Thursday January 21st** - School Office Open for CSEF Application Lodgment and Payment of Parent Voluntary Contributions

SCHOOL ARRIVAL TIMES AND EARLY COLLECTION

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. *Before School Care is available if dropping off children before 8.40 a.m. Enrolment details are found later in the newsletter.*

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

Early Collection: If your child needs to be collected early from school, please do not go to the classroom to collect your child. All children must be collected from the office. If you would like to collect your child early from school, please let the office and your child's classroom teacher know at least 30 minutes prior to collection, but preferably before the start of the school day.

To support Child Safe and OHS procedures, we ask that everyone respects this request.

Thank you for your care and understanding.

State Schools Relief
Growing confidence in the lives of Victorian students for over 95 years

EQUAL THREADS
A social enterprise of State Schools Relief, supporting students experiencing disadvantage

California Gully Primary School – School Uniform

Our school uniform supplier, State Schools Relief (SSR), has rebranded its online store to Equal Threads which will continue to provide quality, affordable uniforms while supporting students across Victoria.

Our school uniform range, ordering process and service all remain the same. Families can continue to easily find and purchase items using the familiar 'Shop by School' option on the new website.

Every purchase made through Equal Threads helps support students experiencing disadvantage with the essentials they need to feel confident, included, and ready to learn.

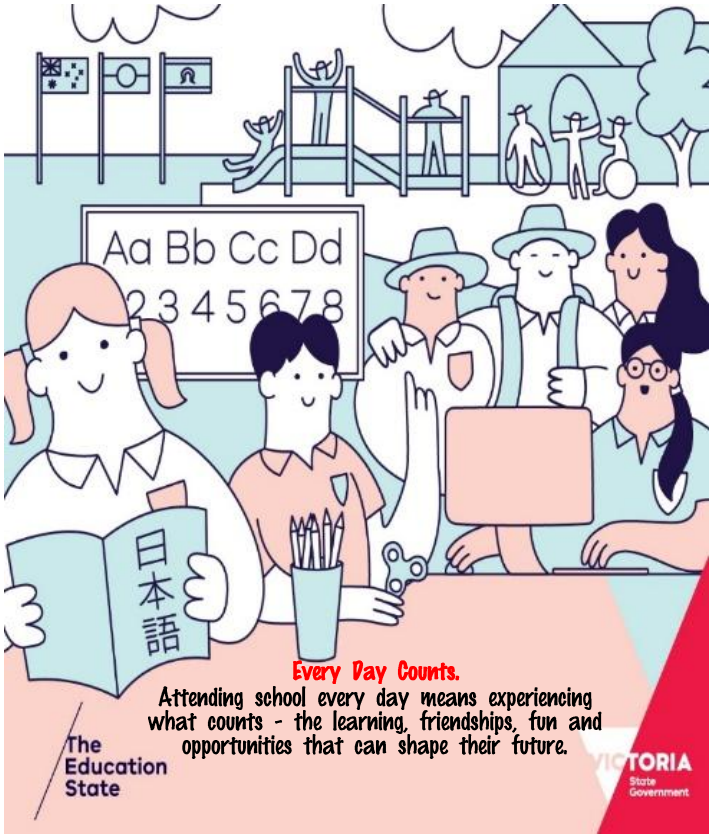
Visit the new website at

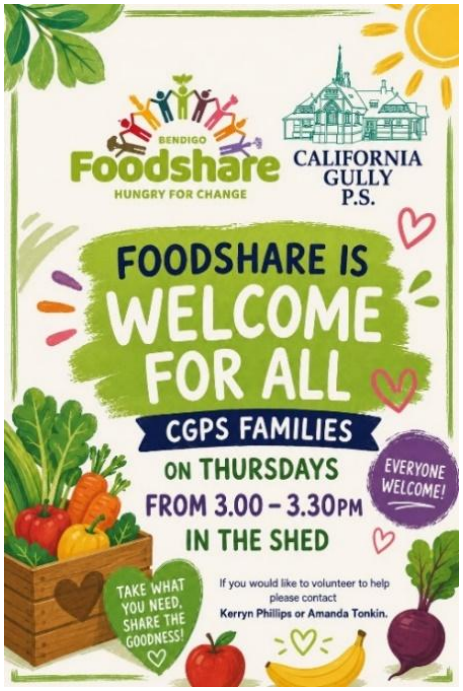
https://www.equalthreads.org.au/collections/california-gully-ps





To report an absence through the school website you can use this link Report an Absence









CatholicCare are facilitating an upcoming free workshop hosted by the Bendigo Library next Tuesday December 1st called '**Starting School**', 1-2.30pm. This is an ideal workshop for families with children transitioning to prep in 2027 .

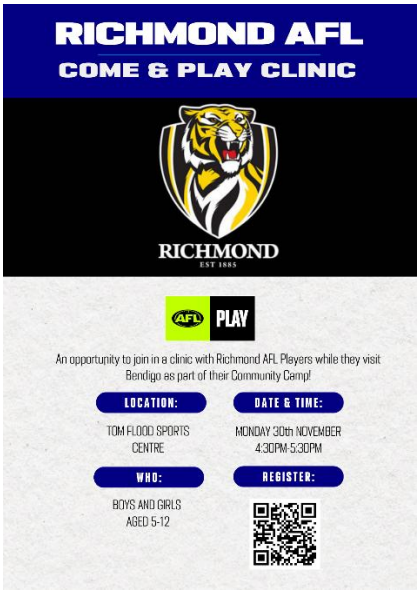
Registrations are encouraged but not essential Starting School Tickets, Tuesday 1 December • 1 PM - 2:30 PM | Eventbrite


Bendigo Community Health Services
smalltalk
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


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
Carer Gateway
Holstep Health
Bendigo Health


Lifely
Support For Carers
Free events for carers of people with disability
Hear from experts and real carers
Get your tricky questions answered
Discover local support
Meet new people
Free onsite disability support
Light dinner
Surviving to Thriving
Carer health, wellbeing, and support
Bendigo Wednesday 10 June 2026 The Discovery Centre
Maryborough Tuesday 16 June 2026 The Mill House
Mildura Thursday 25 June 2026 Powerhouse Place Hall
Ballarat Tuesday 30 June 2026 The Goods Shed
Young Families to New Carers
Juggling a diagnosis, early support and family life
Bendigo Wednesday 7 October 2026 The Discovery Centre
Maryborough Tuesday 13 October 2026 The Mill House
Mildura Thursday 22 October 2026 Powerhouse Place Hall
Ballarat Wednesday 28 October 2026 The Goods Shed
Teens to Adult
School, work, relationships, and growing up
Ballarat Wednesday 4 November 2026 Barkly Square
Bendigo Wednesday 18 November 2026 The Discovery Centre
Mildura Thursday 17 December 2026 Powerhouse Place Hall
Maryborough Tuesday 16 June 2026 The Mill House
Home to Independence
Moving out, making decisions, and future planning
Ballarat Wednesday 10 March 2027 Barkly Square
Bendigo Wednesday 17 March 2027 The Discovery Centre
Mildura Thursday 22 April 2027 Powerhouse Place Hall
Maryborough Tuesday 4 May 2027 The Mill House
Get clear, useful information you can apply, ask questions in a safe, supportive space, and connect with other carers who understand.
Places are limited, scan the QR code to secure your spot!
www.lifely.org.au
#LifelyCarerSeries


BENDIGO TRAMWAYS
SANTA TRAM
11-23 DECEMBER 2026
HO HO HOP ON BOARD, WE'RE GOING TO FIND SANTA!
Santa is in BENDIGO, but his location is classified North Pole business! Step on board the Santa Tram for an unforgettable adventure in search of Santa's hidden location.
BENDIGOTRAMWAYS.COM I 4444 2810
BOOK NOW!


RICHMOND AFL
COME & PLAY CLINIC
RICHMOND
EST 1885
AFL PLAY
An opportunity to join in a clinic with Richmond AFL Players while they visit Bendigo as part of their Community Camp!
LOCATION:
TOM FLOOD SPORTS CENTRE
DATE & TIME:
MONDAY 30th NOVEMBER
4:30PM-5:30PM
WHO:
BOYS AND GIRLS
AGED 5-12
REGISTER:


BLAST OFF
WITH
BENDIGO EAST BASEBALL...
THIS SUMMER
GET INVOLVED
FREE EVENTS 2026/2027:
CHILDREN'S WEEK
WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 28, 6-8PM
BASEBALL ACTIVITIES, PRIZES, BBQ
AGES 6-12
SUMMER IN THE PARKS
WEDNESDAYS DECEMBER 2 + 9, 6-8PM
WEDNESDAYS FEBRUARY 17 + 24, 6-8PM
BBQ AND COME AND TRY BASEBALL
ALL AGES WELCOME
AUSTRALIA DAY AT LAKE WEEROONA
INFO, SIGN-UPS, DEMOS + MORE
FIND US!
ALL EVENTS AT*:
BENDIGO EAST BASEBALL CLUB
QUARRY HILL REC RESERVE
HAMLET STREET, QUARRY HILL
*EXCEPT FOR AUSTRALIA DAY AT LAKE WEEROONA
SIGN UP...
AND FOR OTHER ENQUIRIES:
BENDIGOEASTBASEBALL.COM


2027
EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
Now open for all players & volunteers!
Come & join Epsom Football Club!
No experience necessary
Mixed & all-girls teams available
Ages 4 yrs (turning 5) & above
Non-competitive teams from Under 6 to Under 10
Competitive teams from Under 12 to Under 16
Youth (16-18yrs), Mens & Women's teams
Complete the form (link below or scan QR code) to get early access to all 2027 club info, including Club Open Day, registrations and pre-season training dates.
https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/GNauxGvza5
Questions? Email juniors@epsomfc.com.au


NUTBUSH DANCE!
Proudly brought to you by RDCC FLASHMOB projects and motion dance studio
Celebrating Tina Turner's birthday – she would have turned 87!
WHEN: Thursday 26th November 2026
TIME: Assemble 10.30am – midday
WHERE: The sound shell, Canterbury Park, Eaglehawk
FREE community event for all - Drinks available
Register your attendance
admin@sportzrulz.com.au
SPORTZRULZ AUSTRALIA
RED DOOR COMMUNITY CENTRE


MARIST BRASS
PRESENT
Carols
AT
ST KILIAN'S
SUNDAY 7 PM | 6 | DECEMBER 2026
ST KILIAN'S CHURCH, 161 MCCRAE ST BENDIGO
ENTRY BY DONATION
Featuring
Marist Brass Band & Marist Brass Academy
With special guests
Sacred Heart Cathedral Choir
Marist College Choirs
SCAN ME


LEGO MANIA
BUILD & CREATE
"Friends" LEGO City Community Build
Join us at the Red Door Community Centre for an exciting LEGO building event!
Help us create an amazing community LEGO display that will be showcased in our shop window for all to enjoy!
ALL ABILITIES WELCOME
SAFE & SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT
MAKE NEW FRIENDS
GET CREATIVE
We can't wait to build something incredible with you!
Register your interest now for September school holidays with the QR code.
$7.50 per hour
(03) 4448 2020
www.sportzrulz.com.au


TheirCare
where Kids love to be!
California Gully Primary School
Bookings now open!
Cancellation Fee
Late Booking Fee
Late Pick-up Fee
To register visit theircare.com.au
Book Now
Save up to 90% with child care subsidy
TheirCare support team is available between 6.30am - 9pm weekdays (Eastern Standard Time)
on 1300 072 410 or info@theircare.com.au


CODECAMP
Ages 5-13
Save Up To $50* On Summer Camps
NEW Programs
NEW!
Minecraft
Coding
Create with AI
Robotics
Animation
YouTube
Book now at codecamp.com.au/flyer
SAVE $50
on 5-day camps – online
Use code: SUMMER50
SAVE $30
on 2-day camps
USE CODE: SUMMER30
Supported by GROUP


ALL STARS NETBALL CLUB
NO TRYOUTS.
Anyone who wants to play is welcome.
2027 SIGN UP
CVNA Winter Competition starting in early April
We are all about inclusion and the fun of playing sport.
For expressions of interest, please use the QR code or link below
https://allstars.s.gy/eoi

Anglicare Victoria



EARLY HELP FAMILY SERVICES

Early Help Family Services is here to support you and your family in your community and be available where you live, work, learn and play.

Early Help is available to parents/caregivers and families with children from birth to 18 years.

Early Help can provide;

- Individual support for families and caregivers
- Safe and confidential parenting groups
- Connection to peer support groups
- Support, information and referrals to help with parenting, child/adolescent behaviour, housing, family problems, mental health and disability

"GETTING THE RIGHT SUPPORT EARLY CAN MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE"

Want to know more? Please speak with your Early Help Family Worker or speak with a school staff member who can refer you to the Early Help Family worker.

Early Help Family Worker

Imogyn O'Neill

Contact
0417 189 640

Email
Imogyn.oneill@anglicarevic.org.au

Location
Bendigo

Anglicare Victoria, Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency (VACCA) and Tweddle Child and Family Health Service deliver Early Help to families in the West Melbourne area.

VACCA

PARTNERSHIP LOGOS

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BETTER TOMORROWS

anglicarevic.org.au


Do you know which junior sports are available in Bendigo, when they are played and when to register?
Visit
www.sportsfocus.com.au
Check out the
Bendigo Junior Sports Calendar
for all the information
SPORTS FOCUS
SAFE • WELCOMING • INCLUSIVE


TheirCare
Where Kids love to be!
Enrolments Now Open!
Up to 90% of Child Care costs can be covered by Child Care Subsidy!
Enrolments are now open for families to enrol.
Enrolments are completed online at www.theircare.com.au and usually takes approx. 15 to 20 minutes to complete.
See FAQs on our website
theircare.com.au/families