

The Bell Topper

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Thursday November 2nd 2023

C. G.P. S. — WHEEL-A-THON FRIDAY NOVEMBER 3rd 2023

Tomorrow, Friday 3rd November, the primary school will be having a Wheelathon to support the Wheelchairs For Kids organisation. This remarkable volunteer organisation, comprised of volunteers, and supported by the Rotary Club, produces and distributes over 300 wheelchairs per month to disabled children in third world, or developing, countries. You can find out more information about them at <https://wheelchairsforkids.org/>. One wheelchair is built and supplied for cost of \$275.

During our 'Wheelathon', our students will push and be pushed around a circuit on the oval, using the wheelchairs made by the volunteers, to raise money for this organisation. Sponsorship and donation forms have been sent with students. If you would like to donate you can either use the below link or QR code:

<https://shoutforgood.com/fundraisers/Wheelathon-CaliforniaGullyPrimarySchool2023>



G.T.A.C. INCURSION — GRADE 5/6

On Tuesday our Grade 5/6 classes were extremely fortunate to have staff from GTAC spend time with each class. GTAC Staff (Gene Technology Access Centre) supported students in the design thinking process on how we can support bees to pollinate flowers. Students conducted research using microscopes to gain an awareness of the adaptations of bees and flowers for the process of pollination, and why this process is important for the environment and our food supply.

TERM FOUR CURRICULUM DAYS

Please make a note in the diary that on **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, the CGPS Maths Teaching model and please note that students will not attend school on these days.

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**.

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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 3rd** - Wheel-A-Thon
- **Thursday November 9th** - Grades Five and Six GTAC Excursion
- **Monday November 13th** - School Council Meeting
- **Monday November 13th to Friday November 17th** - Swimming Program
- **Monday November 20th** - Curriculum Day—NO Students Required at School
- **Thursday November 23rd** - Foundation 2024 Orientation Session
9.15 a.m. to 10.45 a.m.
- **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.
- **Wednesday December 20th** - Last Day of 2023 School Year



canteen
cancer's different in a
young person's world

We are thrilled to announce our next fundraiser for this term. We will be selling bandannas in support of Canteen, an organisation dedicated to aiding young people, aged 12-25, facing the challenges of a cancer diagnosis.

We will be selling the bandannas in Miss Ryan's classroom during the first half of recess, starting next week. Purchase your bandanna for \$5, and each transaction directly supports these courageous young individuals in their battle against cancer.

All support is greatly appreciated. Thank you for being a part of this meaningful cause.

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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 October 27th

Foundation Hinton:

- Eli B. - For great blending of 3 sound words.
- Austen L. - For ensuring his work is presented neatly.

Foundation Tonkin:

- Jace E. - For working hard on segmenting and writing 4 sound words.
- Ryker G. - For a good understanding of grouping when doing multiplication.

Grade 1/2 Leed:

- Chelsea G. - For her excellent work with her persuasive writing piece.
- Lilliana M. - For writing a detailed persuasive piece.

Grade 1/2 Price:

- Amity H. - For her improvement in reading and spelling.
- Callum T. - For his fantastic home reading.

Grade 2/3 Carroll-Dillon:

- Willow L. - For great work on writing a conclusion for her persuasive piece. Well Done!
- Allira S. - For great work on writing a conclusion for her persuasive piece. Well Done!

Grade 3/4 Ennor:

- Pippa A. - For an amazing 250 days of Home Reading.
- Savannah B. - For an amazing 250 days of Home Reading
- Ethan C.-B. - For an amazing 250 days of Home Reading
- Imogen H. - For an amazing 250 days of Home Reading

Grade 3/4 Ryan:

- Anneliese C. - For her excellent problem solving with 3D shapes.
- James M. - For his thoughtful contribution to class discussion.

Grade 5/6 McKerrow:

- Nikita M. - For excellent writing of her Alen 'How To' sheet.
- Silas W. - For excellent collection of data for maths.

Grade 5/6 Windridge-Lee:

- Hunter B. - For working well on his book club.
- Couleyah K. - For putting in extra effort to finish her book club reading on time.
- Chace P. - For working well on his book club book.
- Phillip W. - For working well on his reading.



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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

WHATS 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

CALL OUT TO ALL GROUPS

**GRANTS NOW
OPEN**

DO YOU WANT TO GET YOUR PROJECT STARTED?
DO YOU NEED SUPPORT FOR A PROGRAM?
DO YOU HAVE AN EVENT COMING UP?

**LOOK NO FURTHER THAN
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CLOTHING

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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 we will be prioritising those with appointments when needed. This booking system can also be found on the Centavic Clothing website.

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