

# The Bell Topper

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Thursday November 30<sup>th</sup> 2023

### CURRICULUM DAY - FRIDAY DECEMBER 8<sup>th</sup>

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.

### BUILDING UPDATE

The building project continues to move along well with nearly all internal works completed. At the front of the school, landscaping works will continue across the front lawn area to finish off the project, with time required to let the lawn establish over the summer holidays. The Admin. office is now located at the front of the main building, please use the main stairs or ramp for access. At this stage we request that students and families only use the front entrance of the school while some finishing touches occur to areas at the rear of the main building. We will organise and share times next week for families to tour the upgrades, students will have the chance to do this with their grades. Next Friday December 8<sup>th</sup> (Curriculum Day), the old Admin/Wellbeing portable will be removed via a crane.

### 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.

### SCHOOL ACCESS AFTER HOURS

Unfortunately we are asking families and students to stay off school grounds after hours at present. Ongoing minor vandalism and mess continues to occur after school hours and over weekends. We love the fact that we can normally allow families to enjoy this space, all gates will now be locked at the conclusion on the school day and weekends. Please be aware of where your children are playing, being respectful and ensure they are not using CGPS when not permitted.

### TRANSITION PROGRAM - STATEWIDE ORIENTATION DAY

After another successful visit last week 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.

### 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 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
- **Friday December 15<sup>th</sup>** - Year Six 2024 Polo Shir 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.

Early last 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.

**EAGLEHAWK UFS**  
**Christmas Carols**  
Sunday 10 December  
CANTERBURY GARDENS

6pm - 7pm  
free BBQ

7pm - 9pm  
Carols

8.30pm  
Santa

Eaglehawk Citizens Brass Band *lead by Ken Wellard*  
joined by Primary School choirs from Eaglehawk, Eaglehawk North, California Gully, St Liborius and The Minstrels from St Peters' Church

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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 24<sup>th</sup>

### Foundation Hinton:

- Mirabella N. - For helping her class mates during investigation time.
- Ava S. - For being a great helper during transition.

### Foundation Tonkin:

- Aria T. - For an excellent retell in writing.

### Grade 1/2 Leed:

- Alexis F. - For having an excellent attitude towards her learning.
- Ellahnne-Leigh K. - For her excellent efforts in Reading.

### Grade 1/2 Price:

- Izaihaz Z. - For completing work independently.

### Grade 3/4 Ennor:

- Poppy D. - For being a caring and helpful class member.
- Olivia H. - For being a caring and helpful class member.

### Grade 3/4 Ryan:

- Jaxon J. - For his positive attitude towards our Melbourne excursion.
- Jakobe L. - For his excellent attitude towards our problem solving lesson with weight.

### Grade 5/6 McKerrow:

- Oliver A. - For excellent work on his math test.
- Anika A. - For an excellent 'get' in connections.

### Grade 5/6 Windridge-Lee:

- Matilda B. - For working well on her Inventions book.
- Oliver P. - For working well on his Inventions book..

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# Benefitting the health and wellbeing of our Bendigo school children

School visits coming  
in TERM 4

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# CHRISTMAS TOY AND FOOD DRIVE

 YOU CAN DROP OFF AT RECEPTION AT  
ANY OF THE FOLLOWING VENUES

Gurri Wanyarra Wellbeing Centre  
Faith Leech Aquatic Centre  
Brennan Park Swimming Pool  
Marong Swimming Pool  
Heathcote Swimming Pool



# CHRISTMAS TOY AND FOOD DRIVE

4th - 20th of DECEMBER

LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO BRING JOY  
TO LOCAL FAMILIES IN NEED

All donations will be passed onto Bendigo  
Foodshare and Anglicare Victoria - Bendigo



## FOOD DRIVE

supporting Bendigo Foodshare

You can HELP by donating:

- Canned fruit and veg
- Tea/coffee
- Rice and pasta
- Long-life milk
- Spreads (jam, peanut butter)
- Packet and bottled sauces
- Biscuits
- Puddings
- Tinned fish
- Breakfast cereals
- Non refrigerated Christmas food items
- Toilet paper



## TOY DRIVE



- Arts and crafts
- Board games
- Dolls
- Bikes
- Toy cars
- Gift vouchers
- Sports equipment
- Musical instruments
- Kids jewellery
- Play dough
- Puzzles
- Baby toys
- Colouring books
- Kids books
- Dress ups
- Soft toys
- Hampers



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**Epsom Football Club**  
Play soccer with us in 2024

Come & join us next year - learn new skills, meet new people & have fun!  
No experience necessary - we offer both boys, girls & mixed teams.

**Non-Competitive Juniors**  
Under 6's, 7's, 8's, 9's & 10's

**Competitive Juniors**  
Under 12's, 14's & 16's

**Senior Competitive**  
Youth, Women, Men's

**REGISTER YOUR INTEREST NOW!**

For further information contact secretary@epsomfc.com.au  
or visit [www.facebook.com/EpsomSoccer](https://www.facebook.com/EpsomSoccer)

**Saver Plus**  
Program includes:  
• Matched dollar for dollar savings up to \$500  
• Money Mindset 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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