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Thursday November 9th 2023

C. G.P. S. SWIMMING PROGRAM NOVEMBER 13th to 17th

Our swimming program is occurring next week at the YMCA -Peter Krenz Leisure Centre.

A reminder that permission forms need to be returned to school prior to swimming and payment for those indicated.

Everything needed for swimming should be sent to school every day: bathers, towels and underwear (if required).

If you are new to CGPS this year or did not participate in swimming in 2022, could you please follow the link below to prefill your child/ren approximate level for swimming prior to the start of this program.

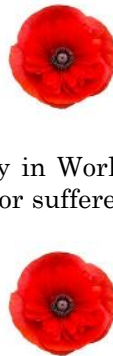
Adding your information greatly helps for a smooth start to the week of swimming and lessons being able to get underway without assessing students first.

<https://forms.office.com/r/DqsH6MujNL>

REMEMBRANCE DAY

On 11 November, we commemorate Remembrance Day. This date is the anniversary of the Armistice's signing as the first step to end fighting with Germany in World War I. We commemorate all who have died or suffered in wars, conflicts and peace operations. Understanding for students has occurred within the classroom, Art and Library sessions at CGPS this week.

Lest We Forget



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

Last Friday, we held a Wheel-a-thon with the support from Rotary, with all funds raised going to 'Wheelchairs For Kids'. This remarkable volunteer organisation, distributes over 300 wheelchairs per month to disabled children in third world, or developing, countries.

One wheelchair is built and supplied for cost of \$275.

Completing a circuit on the oval, all CGPS students worked together, appreciating the resilience and strength required to use a wheelchair, while raising funds for a great cause. It is not too late to support:

Donation forms need to be returned tomorrow or you can donate directly using the below link or QR code:

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



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

- **Monday November 13th** - School Council Meeting
- **Monday November 13th to Friday November 17th** - Swimming Program
- **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
- **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 November 3rd

Foundation Hinton:

Hail B. - For fabulous mathematical explanations.

Grade 1/2 Leed:

Melia M. - For great work with problem solving tasks.

Ana Q. - For her wonderful contributions to class discussions.

Grade 1/2 Price:

Kanyon T. - For following all class morning routines.

Grade 2/3 Carroll-Dillon:

Ruby D. - For her enthusiastic approach to all her learning tasks.
 Well Done!

Grade 3/4 Ennor:

Alyrah C. - For always giving her best.

Riley T. - For always working well in math sessions.

Grade 3/4 Ryan:

Willow D'A. - For her excellent problem solving with 3D shapes.

Jagger N. - For his positive attitude towards our Auslan lessons.

Grade 5/6 McKerrow:

Bailey B. - For excellent writing of his book talk.

Brylee W. - For excellent writing of her book talk.

Grade 5/6 Windridge-Lee:

Scarlett C. - For working well in her group at the GTAC incursion.

Suzanna H. - For working well in her group at the GTAC incursion.

Jaylem J. - For persevering in Maths.

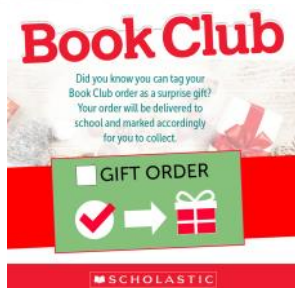
BOOK CLUB

Book Club Issue Eight has been sent home.

It is due back, 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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Benefitting the health and wellbeing of our Bendigo school children

School visits coming in TERM 4

Proudly funded by:



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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 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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