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Thursday October 12th 2023

BUILDING UPDATE

We once again thank the CGPS community for the ongoing support around the current building works. Over the past month many aspects of the project have either commenced or been completed. They include:

Verandah and internal painting, community room ceiling completed with only the flooring to go, Fire service works were finished over the holidays, joinery almost completed (Cupboards/desk/storage), concrete landscape paving is nearly completed at the front of the school, and the commencement of the front decking – stairs and ramps.

The project continues to run close to schedule and we look forward to setting up the main building and having the school grounds ready for 2024!

CALIFORNIA GULLY PRIMARY SCHOOL HEAD START PROGRAM

Our Head Start Program for 2024 Foundation students started yesterday where we have the opportunity for our future students to spend time at CGPS. This is an optional program but is a great way for children to transition positively into school. These sessions will occur in the last session of the day, we welcome all new children and families into our community.

TERM FOUR CURRICULUM DAYS

Please make a note in the diary that on **Monday November 20th and Friday December 8th** we will be holding a 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.

SNAKE AND REPTILE SAFETY

We have a range of reptiles either living or passing by our school grounds on a regular basis and it is essential the safety of all students and animals is our focus. At present classrooms are discussing the important steps if we come across wildlife and the most appropriate way to respond. Over the past 12 months these have included 'Sand Monitors' (Sand Goanna, Gould's Monitor), snakes, blue tongue and stumpy tails. We ask children be vigilant at all times, and encourage you to have conversations at home, particularly if your family ride, walk or skate to school.

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**. To support understanding for all families, detailed information is included within this newsletter, and will continue over coming weeks.

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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 October 12th** - Delivery Day for Walker's Doughnuts Fundraiser
- **Tuesday October 17th** - Book Club Issue Seven Orders Due Back
- **Thursday October 19th** - Delivery Day for Walker's Doughnuts Fundraiser
- **Friday October 20th** - Mango Fundraising Orders Due
- **Tuesday October 24th** - Foundation 2024 Orientation Session
9.15 a.m. to 10.45 a.m.
- **Thursday October 26th** - Final Delivery Day of Walker's Doughnuts Fundraiser
- **Wednesday November 1st** - Bendigo Cup Day Public Holiday
- **Monday November 13th** - School Council Meeting
- **Monday November 20th** - Curriculum Day—NO Students Required at School
- **Tuesday November 23rd** - Foundation 2024 Orientation Session
9.15 a.m. to 10.45 a.m.
- **Friday December 20th** - 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.

BOOK CLUB

Book Club Issue Seven has been sent home.

It is due back, Tuesday October 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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Congratulations to the following students on being named
Student of The Week
 for their positive attitude to school and social values.

Friday October 6th

Foundation Hinton:

- Makiah C. - For fabulous reading when working with Rohan.
- Elijah L. - For including lots of details in his writing.

Foundation Tonkin:

- Thea L. - For thoughtful contributions to class discussions.
- Shyannah S. - For actively participating in all class and group based tasks.

Grade 1/2 Leed:

- Dexter D. - For always being a kind, friendly and co-operative classmate.
- Kayden H. - For his enthusiasm and hard work in Maths lessons.

Grade 1/2 Price:

- Charliy J. - For a positive start to the term.
- Logan W. - For great understanding of multiplication.

Grade 2/3 Carroll-Dillon:

- Jaxson B. - For working well on multiplication arrays.
- Rylan K. - For working well on multiplication arrays.
- Addilyn W. - For working well on multiplication arrays.

Grade 3/4 Ennor:

- Savannah B. - For excellent work on 'What Do I Know About Stuff'. Get Out Of Here.
- Zac G. - For excellent work on 'What Do I Know About Stuff'. Get Out Of Here.
- Imogen H. - For always being a reliable, helpful and supportive partner.

Grade 3/4 Ryan:

- Trent G. - For his excellent home reading over the holidays.
- Jazmyn T. - For her excellent work choice when describing a French Bulldog.

Grade 5/6 McKerrow:

- Tiana C.-B. - For excellent work with decimals.
- Levi O. - For excellent work with decimals.

Grade 5/6 Windridge-Lee:

- Charlie B. - For working hard on his non-fiction topic.
- Avah C.-B. - For excellent home reading over the holidays.
- Justin T. - For excellent work with decimals in Maths.
- Isaac W. - For excellent work with decimals in Maths.



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Fresh North Queensland Mangoes

Direct from the farm to you!

Support Our Mango Fundraiser

If you *love mangoes*, here's your chance to indulge in fresh juicy Kensington Pride mangoes and support our fundraising drive.

California Gully Primary School is selling trays of mangoes picked and packed during the premium harvest.

Cost per Tray is: **\$27.00** (14 to 23 Mangoes per tray dependent on size)

Place your order by: **Friday October 20th 2023**

For Further information contact:

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CALIFORNIA GULLY PRIMARY SCHOOL

FUN-RAISER!

DELECTABLE DOUGHNUTS

\$20 PER BOX / OCTOBER 5TH, 12TH, 19TH
AND 26TH 2023



CLASSIC SAMPLER

2 X JAM
2 X NUTELLA
1 X STRAWBERRY JAM
1 X CHOCOLATE JAM



CUSTARD SAMPLER

2 X CLASSIC CUSTARD
2 X BRONUT
1 X CHOCOLATE BOSTON CREAM
1 X STAWBERRIES & CREAM

\$5 FROM EACH BOX
WILL BE DOUGH-NATED TO
CALIFORNIA GULLY PRIMARY SCHOOL

HOW TO ORDER?
SCAN THE QR CODE,
COMPLETE THE FORM
& PAY ONLINE



PICK UP THURSDAY OCTOBER 5TH, 12TH, 19TH AND 26TH 2023.
SHED AT SCHOOL AT 3.00 P.M

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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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BEING A DAD CAN BE TOUGH

WE ARE LOOKING FOR DADS OF YOUNG CHILDREN (AGED 0-4) TO GET INVOLVED IN A PROJECT ABOUT HOW TO BOOST DADS HEALTH & WELLBEING.



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children's
research
institute

FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO:
WWW.MCRI.EDU.AU/RESEARCH/PROJECTS/WORKING-OUT-DADS
OR SCAN THE QR CODE



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
EMPOWERING EAGLEHAWK'S
GRANT PROGRAM**



**CONTACT US TO SUPPORT
EEI TODAY**

SECRETARY@EMPOWERINGEAGLEHAWK.ORG.AU

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

Bendigo CRICKET CLUB



JUNIOR REGISTRATIONS OPEN

The Bendigo Cricket Club welcome all returning and new players to register for the 2023/24 season via the PlayCricket website.



We invite all youngsters to join our club, where opportunities abound.

Bendigo CC players hail from varied & diverse backgrounds, & regardless of your experience or skill level, you will have a place with us.



Round up your mates and get on board with the Goers! Simply scan the QR code or click [HERE](#) to get started.

If you have any difficulty registering or want further info - email us at

bendigo@club.cricketvictoria.com.au

Sacrament Preparation at St Liborius Parish

At St Liborius Catholic Parish, we will soon be beginning our sacrament preparation program for 2022-2023. Sacramental preparation covers the sacraments of Reconciliation (Penance), First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

Participation in the Sacramental life of the Church is at the heart of our Catholic faith. The preparation and celebration of these first sacraments are joyful occasions for Catholic children to receive the life and strength of Jesus Christ on their faith journey.

Reconciliation preparation will take place on Tuesday evenings from October 17th – November 14th, with the celebration of the Sacrament on November 21st at 7pm. The Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation will take place in the first half of 2024.

To be enrolled, children must be baptised Catholics in Grade 3 or higher. For any children that are not yet baptised please contact St Liborius Parish or come to an information event hosted by the parish on September 12th to find out more about the process for being received into the Church.

If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office (office@stliboriusseaglehawk.org.au / 5446 8235) or visit our website.

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Term 4, 2023

Loddon Mallee Regional Parenting

What's On In Term 4

All programs are delivered by our qualified and passionate facilitators.

Multi-Session Programs

Tuning in to Kids | 6 Sessions, Mondays

For parents and carers with kids under 12

Kids with emotional intelligence have better concentration, make friends more easily, and are better able to regulate emotions. In this program you'll learn to help your child understand and manage their feelings.

FREE | Mondays, 16 October - 20 November
In-person, CatholicCare Victoria Bendigo office | 10:30am - 12:30pm



Tuning in to Teens | 6 Sessions, Tuesdays

For parents with kids aged 12 plus

The adolescent years are among the most challenging for parents to navigate. This program helps parents build strong relationships and ensure positive interactions with their teenager, even in difficult times.

FREE | Tuesdays, 17 October - 21 November
Online, via Zoom | 10am - 12pm



Our Kids | 6 Sessions, Tuesdays & Thursdays

Post-separation program

This program explores how ongoing parental conflict affects children, how you can support your children through changing family relationships as well as how to develop effective communication with your co-parent.

\$150 (\$75 Concession)
- Online Zoom | Tuesdays, 17 October - 21 November | 6pm - 8pm
- In-person, CatholicCare Victoria Bendigo office | Thursdays, 12 October - 16 November | 12:30pm - 2:30pm



Register: www.catholiccarevic.org.au/register

Keep informed on what we offer across regional Victoria at www.catholiccarevic.org.au
(03) 5438 1300 | 176 - 178 McCrae Street, Bendigo VIC 3550



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Loddon Mallee Regional Parenting

Single-Session Workshops

Building Resilience in Kids

For parents with kids aged under 12

Resilience is not just about managing current stresses, but also developing skills for dealing with challenges throughout life and enhancing mental health. In this workshop, parents learn how to help kids develop skills, habits and attitudes for building resilience.

FREE | Tuesday, 3 October

In-person, Korong Leisure Centre @ Wedderburn P-12 College
9:30am - 11:00am



Kids and Worry

For parents with kids aged under 12

This workshop explores reasons why children worry and ways parents and carers can support them. It will include ideas and practical tools to help parents and carers assist children to manage their worries.

FREE | Thursday, 2 November

Online, via Zoom | 12:00pm - 1:30pm



Tech Strategies for Families

For parents with kids aged 0-8 years

Parenting in a world driven by technology presents a set of challenges for parents, guardians, grandparents and carers. Tech is a part of our reality, but setting boundaries around its use is not always easy.

FREE | Thursday, 16 November

Online, via Zoom | 9:30am - 11:00am



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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 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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