

The Bell Topper

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Thursday October 23rd 2025

BENDIGO CUP PUBLIC HOLIDAY - WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 29th

A friendly reminder that next Wednesday, October 29th, is the 'Bendigo Cup' Public Holiday for the City of Greater Bendigo. Enjoy your day!



BIKETOBER - 1 WEEK TO GO

Biketober is a fun, friendly competition to get more students, parents and staff travelling actively to school, by walking, bus, biking, or scooting. Each CGPS class will complete a weekly tally and compete to see which can get the most students travelling actively school over the month. We will provide further information.

TERM 4 CURRICULUM DAYS - MONDAY NOVEMBER 24th AND FRIDAY DECEMBER 12th

Please make a note in the diary that **Monday November 24th** is a Curriculum Day for all staff to support Assessment and Reporting.

On **Friday December 12th**, staff will focus on a range of areas including 2026 planning, the CGPS Teaching model.

Please note that students will not attend school on either day.

Also the Bendigo Cup Public holiday this coming **Wednesday October 29th**.

IT'S HATS OFF TO TEACHERS ON FRIDAY OCTOBER 31st!

Next Friday October 31st, is a great opportunity to celebrate the incredible teachers we have at our school and thank them for all the work they do to educate, inspire and empower learners.

It's time to tip our hats to the incredible educators we are lucky to have supporting our kids at CGPS!

On behalf of the CGPS Community, we say a big thank you!



Andrew Frawley
CGPS Principal



There will be no assembly tomorrow, Friday October 24th.



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Dates for the Diary

- **Wednesday October 29th** - Bendigo Cup Day Public Holiday
- **Monday November 10th to Friday November 14th** Swimming Program
- **Thursday November 20th** Grades Five & Six BioLAB Excursion
- **Thursday November 20th** Transition Session Two—Foundation 2026
- **Monday November 24th** Curriculum Day—No Students Required at School
- **Tuesday December 9th** - Statewide Transition Day
- **Friday December 12th** - Curriculum Day—No Students Required at School
- **Friday December 19th** - Last Day of 2025 School Year

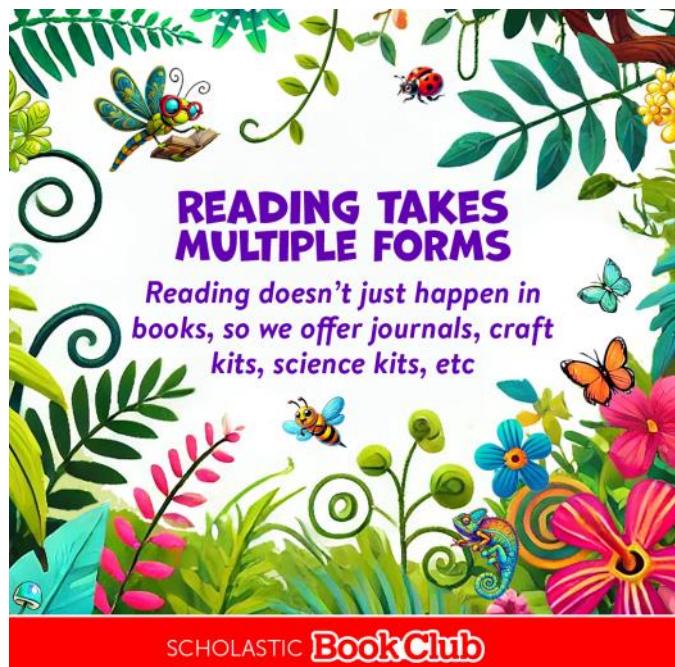
SCHOOL ARRIVAL TIMES

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.

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

LOST PROPERTY

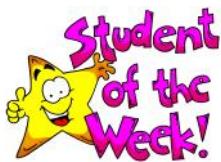
We have a large number of jumpers in lost property at the moment, unfortunately many items are un-named so makes it very difficult to return to owners. The Lost Property Basket is located outside the community centre to provide an opportunity for children, parents and carers to collect any missing uniform. We also remind families to please name all lunch boxes, drink bottles and clothing worn to school.



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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 17th

Foundation A (Hinton):

Hunter M. - For being a kind and inclusive classmate.
Jackson W. - For wonderful attempts at reading and writing independently.

Grade 1 (Leed-Martiniello):

Allirah K. - For her clear and concise instructions during our procedural writing.
Harmony P. - For always being ready for learning and willing to have a go at all learning tasks.

Grade 1/2 A (Carroll-Dillon):

Bobbey M.-S. - For great procedural writing on making a toasty. Well Done!
Alilyah O. - For a great attempt at procedural writing for brushing your teeth. Well Done!

Grade 1/2 B (Ennor):

Sianna S. - For excellent work making and drawing multiplication arrays.
Ava S. - For great work writing compound sentences.

Grade 3/4 A (McKerrow):

Melia M. - For excellent note taking for writing.
Alexis W.-L. - For her excellent handwriting.

Grade 5/6 A (Price):

Trent G. - For always being polite to his teachers and classmates.
John L. - For his great morning routines and organization.

Grade 5/6 B (Windridge-Lee):

Pippa A. - For working well on our Inventions Reading task.
Braxtyn B. - For working well in Reading sessions and showing interest in our Inventions topic.

Creating cooperation and connection
WITH Lael Stone

Raising children is hard. One of the greatest challenges in parenting is getting children to cooperate. How can we do this without using punishments, rewards or coercion? This talk will explore other ways to help children to cooperate while keeping our connection strong. It explores the benefits of play and connection and gives practical ideas and strategies to use with your child.

The Impact of punishment and rewards
• The power of play for healing and connection
• Take home ideas to use with children
• Ways to stop yelling and start connecting
• Healthy boundaries

Tuesday 28 Oct 2025
7:00 - 8:30pm
The Capital Theatre, Bendigo
Hosted by Loddon Mallee Regional Parenting
Tickets: \$10 (inc booking fee)

FOR MORE INFO WWW.GOTIX.COM.AU | TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE

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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
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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](#)

OCTOBER 28, 2025

2025 HALLOWEEN

DUAL CODE RACE MEETING

LORDS RACEWAY, JUNORTOUN

FREE ENTRY/FREE ACTIVITIES



- FREE KIDS BBQ FROM THE HUNTRY LIONS CLUB
- FREE SHOWBAGS FOR THE FIRST 250 KIDS
- FACE PAINTING
- JUMPING CASTLE & LASER TAG FROM THE ZONE
- GOLD PANNING
- GREYHOUND ADOPTION PROGRAM (GAP)
- KIDS MOVIES
- BEST DRESSED PRIZES
- SPECIAL GUESTS DARTH VADER, MALEFICIENT AND WEDNESDAY ADAMS
- FARMER DARRYL PETTING ZOO

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What's On in Term 4



Order forms were sent home on Tuesday September 19. Find out more with Camp Australia when you sign up for children.



Every Friday

Big Art Fridays

On Fridays, we pARTy!

Oct 17 - Nov 21

Big Art Comp

step into the spotlight

October 20 - 24

Children's Week

November 25

Free webinar for families

Building Confidence & Courage

with Michelle Mitchell

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OSHC.**

Before
and After
School Care

by  **Camp Australia**

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