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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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JUNIOR FUTSAL

AGE GROUPS
7 AND UNDER
9 AND UNDER
11 AND UNDER
13 AND UNDER
15 AND UNDER
17 AND UNDER

MONDAY COMPETITION LEAGUE **WEDNESDAY BEGINNERS LEAGUE**

WHERE: 1-3 WATSON CRT GOLDEN SQUARE
WHEN: 6/10/2025 TILL 2/4/2026
COST: \$75 PER TEAM PER GAME
INSURANCE: \$50 PER TEAM
REGISTRATIONS CLOSE: 26/9/2025

Bendigo Major League Multisports

READING TAKES MULTIPLE FORMS

Reading doesn't just happen in books, so we offer journals, craft kits, science kits, etc

SCHOLASTIC Book Club

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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 an 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.

**Gratitude
 Empathy
 Mindfulness &
 Emotional Literacy**

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fresh fruit friday



Celebrating 10 years

Delivering 1,000kg of free fruit to Bendigo school children every week

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Made possible thanks to our Foundation Partners



Bendigo Community Health Services

smalltalk™
because you talk a great start



Supported playgroup

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
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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, JUNORTOWN

FREE ENTRY/FREE ACTIVITIES

BENDIGO PUBLIC HOLIDAY THE NEXT DAY!!



FREE KIDS BBQ FROM THE HUNTLY 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 BARTH VADER, MALEFICIENT AND WEDNESDAY ADAMS



FARMER DARRYL PETTING ZOO

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What's On in Term 4

Order forms were sent home with children on Tuesday September 9. Find out more on [Camp Australia](#)



Big Art Fridays

Every Friday

On Fridays, we PARTY!

Big Art Comp

Oct 17 - Nov 21

step into the spotlight

Children's Week

October 20 - 24

Free webinar for families

November 25

Building Confidence & Courage

with Michelle Mitchell

Your OSHC.

Before and After School Care

by **Camp Australia**

campaustralia.com.au/back-to-school-term-4

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