

# The Bell Topper

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Thursday October 26<sup>th</sup> 2023

## PUBLIC HOLIDAY REMINDER

**'BENDIGO CUP' PUBLIC HOLIDAY will occur on  
WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 1<sup>st</sup>**

### WORLD TEACHERS' DAY - FRIDAY OCTOBER 27<sup>th</sup>

Tomorrow is the perfect opportunity to recognise and thank all teachers.

CGPS students, families and community owe our teachers a great deal. We pass on a huge thank you to every teacher in our school for the work you do, and care you provide, every day.

### TERM FOUR CURRICULUM DAYS

Please make a note in the diary that on **Monday November 20<sup>th</sup> and Friday December 8<sup>th</sup>** 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.

Also the Bendigo Cup public holiday will occur next **Wednesday November 1<sup>st</sup>**.

### C. G.P. S. — WHEEL-A-THON FRIDAY NOVEMBER 3<sup>rd</sup> 2023

On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, the primary school will be having a Wheelathon to support the Wheelchairs For Kids organisation. This remarkable volunteer organisation, comprised of volunteers, and supported by the Rotary Club, produces and distributes over 300 wheelchairs per month to disabled children in third world, or developing, countries. You can find out more information about them at <https://wheelchairsforkids.org/>. One wheelchair is built and supplied for cost of \$275.

During our 'Wheelathon', our students will push and be pushed around a circuit on the oval, using the wheelchairs made by the volunteers, to raise money for this organisation. Sponsorship and donation forms will be sent with students tomorrow.

### ROAD SAFETY—CROSSING

It is great that we now have the infrastructure along Staley Street for our school crossing although will be some time before it is supported with a supervisor. Staff will continue to support safe travel and encourage anyone crossing to please use this supervised area. We understand that the carpark is still busy due to building works although please **do not** park within the designated lines of the crossing.



### 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

- **Wednesday November 1<sup>st</sup>** - Bendigo Cup Day Public Holiday
- **Friday November 3<sup>rd</sup>** - Wheel-A-Thon
- **Thursday November 9<sup>th</sup>** - Grades Five and Six GTAC Excursion
- **Monday November 13<sup>th</sup>** - School Council Meeting
- **Monday November 13<sup>th</sup> to Friday November 17<sup>th</sup>** - Swimming Program
- **Monday November 20<sup>th</sup>** - Curriculum Day—NO Students Required at School
- **Thursday November 23<sup>rd</sup>** - Foundation 2024 Orientation Session  
9.15 a.m. to 10.45 a.m.
- **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.
- **Wednesday December 20<sup>th</sup>** - Last Day of 2023 School Year



**.FUNLOONG.**  
**FREE FUN DAY!**

Join us to celebrate Children's Week with a range of FREE fun activities and live entertainment for children and families to enjoy! Scan the QR code to follow this inclusive event on Facebook.

**FREE COMMUNITY EVENT**  
**Saturday October 28**  
**11am to 2pm**  
**Hargreaves Mall and Williamson Street**

This event is proudly sponsored by:



### envisage<sup>®</sup> Enabling Visions and Growing Expectations **Empowering Families.**

Envisage is a **FULLY FUNDED** program open to parents and caregivers raising children aged 0-8 years with disability or developmental concerns.

This 5 part program has been co-designed with parents, carers, service providers, health professionals and researchers to empower families.

Each workshop is for 1 hour and it is also recommended that you spend additional time (approx 1 hour per week) preparing for the upcoming workshop reviewing the materials and resources on our learning platform. The 5 workshops cover:

- 1** What to health and well-being in early child and family development?
- 2** Child, sibling and family development
- 3** Parenting is a dance led by the child
- 4** Looking after myself so I can look after my family
- 5** Communication, Collaborating, Connecting

*"Meeting and sharing experiences with other caregivers was enlightening and opened up my world as I know I'm no longer alone on my journey." - Parent, Victoria*

ENVISAGE Families Australia is funded by the Australian Government, Department of Social Services. Go to [dis.gov.au](https://dis.gov.au) for more information.



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@envisagecommunity

## Book Club rewards your School!

Every purchase you make earns your child's school 15% of your order value in Scholastic Rewards that can be used to purchase valuable educational resources that benefit your child.



Families order from Book Club.



The school earns Scholastic Rewards.



The school redeems Scholastic Rewards for additional resources

**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 20<sup>th</sup>

### Foundation Hinton:

Maci H. - For fabulous contributions to class discussions.

### Foundation Tonkin:

Kristian G. - For great contributions during class number tasks

Annalise M. - For working hard at blending 3 and 4 letter words.

### Grade 1/2 Leed:

Hamish J. - For his extra effort in reading responses.

Skylah S. - For her excellent effort in reading responses.

### Grade 1/2 Price:

Violet F. - For positive attitude in maths games.

Jenika S. - For her knowledge of arrays with rows and columns.

### Grade 2/3 Carroll-Dillon:

Malik J. - For working well on his persuasive writing. Well Done!

Scarlett L. - For making excellent arguments in persuasive writing.  
Well Done!

### Grade 3/4 Ennor:

Bryce M. - For using great strategies in 'More Than, Less Than'.

Elaina W. - For working hard on her multiplication facts.

### Grade 3/4 Ryan:

Seth B. - For his excellent word choice in writing.

### Grade 5/6 McKerrow:

Zack L. - For excellent understanding of decimals.

Mayson T. - For excellent understanding of decimals.



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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.





# Benefitting the health and wellbeing of our Bendigo school children

School visits coming in TERM 4

Proudly funded by:



@mckernsteelfoundation

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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.



**murdoch**  
children's  
research  
institute

FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO:  
[WWW.MCRI.EDU.AU/RESEARCH/PROJECTS/WORKING-OUT-DADS](http://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**



**Empowering  
EAGLEHAWK**  
"Building Eaglehawk Together"

CONTACT US TO SUPPORT  
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SECRETARY@EMPOWERINGEAGLEHAWK.ORG.AU

## PIZZA NIGHT

St Matthew's, Long Gully

**SATURDAY  
28 OCTOBER**

5.30PM – 8PM

*All Welcome*

TOMATO CAPSICUM GARLIC BASIL OLIVES HALOUMI HAM MUSHROOM OREGANO SALAMI  
MOZARELLA TOMATO CAPSICUM GARLIC BASIL OLIVES HALOUMI  
HAM MUSHROOM OREGANO SALAMI MOZARELLA TOMATO  
CAPSICUM GARLIC BASIL OLIVES HALOUMI HAM MUSHROOM  
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MOZARELLA TOMATO CAPSICUM HAM MUSHROOM OREGANO  
CAPSICUM GARLIC BASIL OLIVES HALOUMI HAM MUSHROOM OREGANO SALAMI  
MOZARELLA TOMATO CAPSICUM GARLIC BASIL OLIVES HALOUMI



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# 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](mailto:bendigo@club.cricketvictoria.com.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

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OCTOBER 31, 2023

# 2023 DUAL CODE HALLOWEEN RACE MEETING

LORDS RACEWAY, JUNORTOWN

FREE ENTRY/FREE ACTIVITIES

 FREE KIDS BBQ FROM THE HUNTLY LIONS CLUB

 FREE SHOWBAGS FOR THE FIRST 250 KIDS

 FACE PAINTING

 JUMPING CASTLE & LASER TAG FROM THE ZONE

 MAGIC SHOW

 GREYHOUND ADOPTION PROGRAM (GAP)

 KIDS MOVIES

 BEST DRESSED PRIZES

 SPECIAL GUESTS BATMAN, WEDNESDAY ADAMS AND PENNYWISE THE CLOWN

 PETTING ZOO

BENDIGO PUBLIC HOLIDAY THE NEXT DAY!!

Please Take Note

of New Prices

effective September 1st 2023



**centavic**  
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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