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NEWSLETTER – TUESDAY EDITION

Due to the 'Bendigo Cup' Public Holiday tomorrow and a busy end of the week for all at CGPS, welcome to the early edition of the Week 4 newsletter.

BENDIGO CUP DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY – WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 28th

A friendly reminder that tomorrow, Wednesday October 28th is the 'Bendigo Cup' Public Holiday for the City of Greater Bendigo. Enjoy your day!

GYM PROGRAM – CATCH UP SESSION, THURSDAY OCTOBER 29th

Our final gym session will take place this Thursday October 29th. As this was a pre-existing excursion, the original permission form has been used. Please make sure appropriate clothing/uniform is worn for this activity.

CRAZY HAIR DAY – FRIDAY OCTOBER 30th





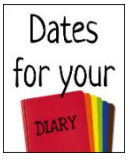
Changing futures for cystic fibrosis (CF) takes all of us. This Crazy Hair Day you're going to do more than change up your look you're going to change the lives of people impacted by CF. We look forward to some crazy hair and a gold coin donation!

SHINE A LIGHT ON TEACHERS ON FRIDAY OCTOBER 30th!

This Friday October 30th, 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. ***Shine a light*** on Australia's teachers who inspire, support, and empower our children and young people every single day. From lightbulb moments to helping someone find their way, teachers make a difference in ways big and small.

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

TERM FOUR – CURRICULUM DAYS



Please place the following dates into the diary for Term 4:
Friday November 20th - Assessment and Report Writing
Friday December 11th – 2027 Planning

Andrew Frawley
CGPS Principal

Dates for the Diary

- **Wednesday October 28th** - Bendigo Cup Day Public Holiday
- **Thursday October 29th** - Gym Program (make-up session for week missed in term three due to industrial action)
- **Friday October 30th** - Crazy Hair Day for Cystic Fibrosis
- **Monday November 9th to Friday November 13th** - Water Safety Program
- **Tuesday November 17th** - GTAC Excursion – Grades Five and Six
- **Wednesday November 18th** - Echuca Excursion – Foundation to Grade Two Students
- **Thursday November 19th** - Foundation 2027 Transition Day Two 9.15 a.m. to 10.45 a.m.
- **Thursday November 19th** - Equal Threads Uniform Visit for Uniform Sizing
- **Friday November 20th** - Student Free Day – Assessment and Report Writing
- **Tuesday December 8th** - Statewide Orientation Day
- **Friday December 11th** - Student Free Day – 2027 Planning Day
- **Friday December 18th** - Final Day of 2026 School Year

SCHOOL ARRIVAL TIMES AND EARLY COLLECTION

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. *Before School Care is available if dropping off children before 8.40 a.m. Enrolment details are found later in the newsletter.*

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

Early Collection: If your child needs to be collected early from school, please do not go to the classroom to collect your child. All children must be collected from the office. If you would like to collect your child early from school, please let the office and your child's classroom teacher know at least 30 minutes prior to collection, but preferably before the start of the school day.

To support Child Safe and OHS procedures, we ask that everyone respects this request.

Thank you for your care and understanding.





Respect * Personal Best * Care

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California Gully Primary School – School Uniform

Our school uniform supplier, State Schools Relief (SSR), has rebranded its online store to Equal Threads which will continue to provide quality, affordable uniforms while supporting students across Victoria.

There's nothing you need to do. Our school uniform range, ordering process and service all remain the same. Families can continue to easily find and purchase items using the familiar 'Shop by School' option on the new website.

Every purchase made through Equal Threads helps support students experiencing disadvantage with the essentials they need to feel confident, included, and ready to learn.

Visit the new website at

https://www.equalthreads.org.au/collections/california-gully-ps

Equal Threads (formally State Schools Relief Online Store), our preferred school uniform supplier, is offering free Click and Collect directly to the school.

Pre-order: Free Click and Collect

To receive free 'click and collect' delivery to school, please:

- Visit California Gully Primary School –Online Store
- place your 'click and collect' order between October 29th and November 12th.
- for new school families please state 'Prep 2027' in the 'additional notes' section of your order. For existing families, please state your students name and class.
- collect your order at our Prep Transition Day on November 19th.

As a social enterprise, Equal Threads returns all funds to State Schools Relief to support students experiencing disadvantage.





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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 23rd

Foundation A (Hinton):

Heather M. - For her dedication to home reading.

Foundation B (Tonkin):

Edith C. - For showing fantastic expression when reading.

Shayla P. - For working hard on trying to read smoothly.

Grade 1/2 A (Carroll-Dillon):

Elliotte E. - For writing an excellent summary about trains. Well Done!

Austin L. - For an excellent effort in writing tasks. Well Done!

Grade 1/2 B (Ennor):

Charlie P. - For great work on his transport A to Z list.

Frankee R. - For excellent out loud reading.

Grade 3/4 A (McKerrow):

Austen L. - For his excellent narrative writing.

Sianna S. - For her excellent narrative writing.

Grade 3/4 B (Ryan):

Anastasia Q. - For writing an excellent narrative about extreme weather.

Zane W. - For showing care and responsibility by supporting others.









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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 students 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 SPF50+ 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.

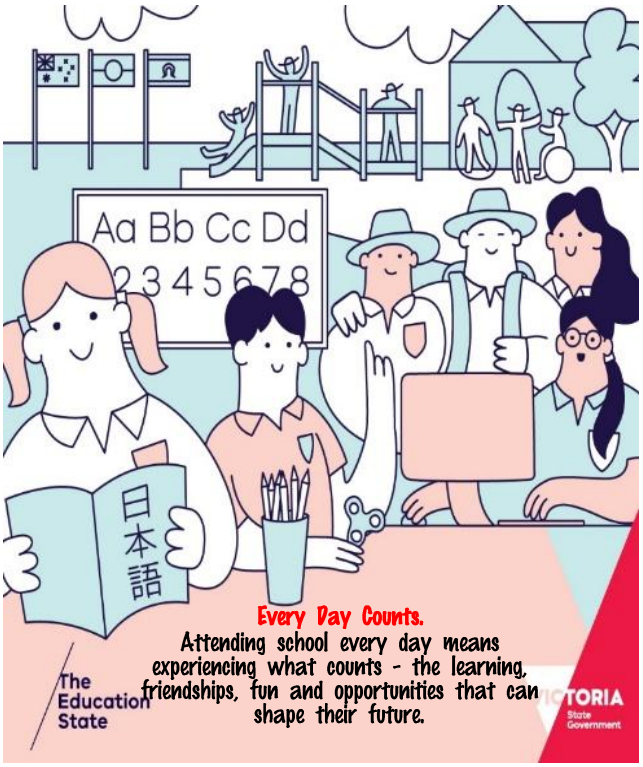
Need information in another language? *Call 13 14 50 and ask to be connected to Cancer Council Victoria in your language*

sunsmart.com.au

Cancer Council Victoria

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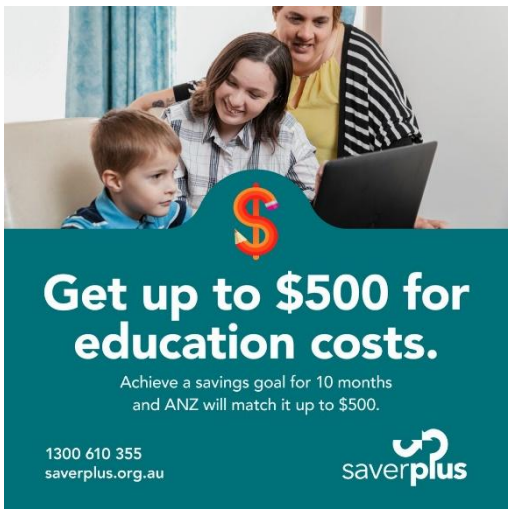












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4-7 YEAR OLDS*
Your introduction into Australian football centred around game-based activities kids love.
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SUPERKICK


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Get your tricky questions answered
Discover local support
Meet new people
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Light dinner
Surviving to Thriving
Carer health, wellbeing, and support
Bendigo Wednesday 10 June 2026 The Discovery Centre
Maryborough Tuesday 16 June 2026 The Mill House
Mildura Thursday 25 June 2026 Powerhouse Place Hall
Ballarat Tuesday 30 June 2026 The Goods Shed
Young Families to New Carers
Juggling a diagnosis, early support and family life
Bendigo Wednesday 7 October 2026 The Discovery Centre
Maryborough Tuesday 13 October 2026 The Mill House
Mildura Thursday 22 October 2026 Powerhouse Place Hall
Ballarat Wednesday 28 October 2026 The Goods Shed
Teens to Adult
School, work, relationships, and growing up
Ballarat Wednesday 4 November 2026 Barkly Square
Bendigo Wednesday 18 November 2026 The Discovery Centre
Mildura Thursday 17 December 2026 Powerhouse Place Hall
Maryborough Tuesday 16 June 2026 The Mill House
Home to Independence
Moving out, making decisions, and future planning
Ballarat Wednesday 10 March 2027 Barkly Square
Bendigo Wednesday 17 March 2027 The Discovery Centre
Mildura Thursday 22 April 2027 Powerhouse Place Hall
Maryborough Tuesday 4 May 2027 The Mill House
Get clear, useful information you can apply, ask questions in a safe, supportive space, and connect with other carers who understand.
Places are limited, scan the QR code to secure your spot!
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Are you supporting a family member or friend with disability, mental illness, age or health issues?
Even if it's just for a few hours every week, you could be a young carer.
This may look like....
Going with them to appointments or helping with medication
Cleaning the house or helping with other chores
Providing emotional support when someone feels sad
Taking care of younger siblings
Being a young carer might feel lonely. But you're not alone.
Carer Gateway has free support for young carers aged 25 and under.
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TUESDAY OCTOBER 27
FREE ENTRY | GATES OPEN 5.30PM
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FREE ACTIVITIES!
REPTILE SHOW
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BIG SCREEN with Kids Halloween Movies
GOLD PANNING
DJ
JUMPING CASTLE & LASER TAG
ROVING ENTERTAINERS
– Halloween characters
(Pennywise / Wednesday Addams/ The Joker)
TRICK OR TREAT STATIONS
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Email: bendigo@bgrv.org.au
Make-A-Wish


HALLOWEEN PARTY
31ST OCTOBER
4PM - 6PM
SPOOKY SCIENCE SHOW
GHOST STORIES IN THE DARK DOME
VERTICAL SLIDE OF DOOM
HAUNTED ARTS & CRAFTS
COSTUME CONTEST
TEMPORARY TATTOOS
DISCOVERY CENTRE
SPOOKY FUN FOR ALL AGES
TICKETS AVALIABLE AT
WWW.DISCOVERY.ASN.AU/EVENTS


BLAST OFF
WITH
BENDIGO EAST BASEBALL...
THIS SUMMER
GET INVOLVED
FREE EVENTS 2026/2027:
CHILDREN'S WEEK
WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 28, 6-8PM
BASEBALL ACTIVITIES, PRIZES, BBQ
AGES 6-12
SUMMER IN THE PARKS
WEDNESDAYS DECEMBER 2 + 9, 6-8PM
WEDNESDAYS FEBRUARY 17 + 24, 6-8PM
BBQ AND COME AND TRY BASEBALL
ALL AGES WELCOME
AUSTRALIA DAY AT LAKE WEEROONA
INFO, SIGN-UPS, DEMOS + MORE
FIND US!
ALL EVENTS AT*:
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Anglicare Victoria



EARLY HELP FAMILY SERVICES

Early Help Family Services is here to support you and your family in your community and be available where you live, work, learn and play.

Early Help is available to parents/caregivers and families with children from birth to 18 years.

Early Help can provide;

- Individual support for families and caregivers
- Safe and confidential parenting groups
- Connection to peer support groups
- Support, information and referrals to help with parenting, child/adolescent behaviour, housing, family problems, mental health and disability

"GETTING THE RIGHT SUPPORT EARLY CAN MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE"

Want to know more? Please speak with your Early Help Family Worker or speak with a school staff member who can refer you to the Early Help Family worker.

Early Help Family Worker

Imogyn O'Neill

Contact
0417 189 640

Email
Imogyn.oneill@anglicarevic.org.au

Location
Bendigo

Anglicare Victoria, Victorian Aboriginal Child Care Agency (VACCA) and Tweddle Child and Family Health Service deliver Early Help to families in the West Melbourne area.

VACCA

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BETTER TOMORROWS

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Do you know which junior sports are available in Bendigo, when they are played and when to register?
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See FAQs on our website
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