

The Bell Topper

California Gully Primary School 123

Volume 41 No. 31

P.O. Box 88

California Gully 3556

Phone: 5446-8393

Fax: 5446-3115

Email: california.gully.ps@educationvic.gov.au

Website: www.californiagullyps.vic.edu.au

Facebook: California Gully Primary School

Thursday October 5th 2023

TERM FOUR WELCOME

We would like to welcome all students and families back after the holiday break. We are looking forward to a fun filled term with lots of learning, activities and celebration as we (believe it or not) move towards to end of 2023!

SUNSMART - HATS

We are encouraging all families to start the search to find school hats as the weather (every-now and then) starts to warm up. CGPS expect the use of sun protection measures when the UV index levels are 3 or higher. In Term 4 the 'No Hat No Play' policy will be followed at all times. Hats can be purchased from Centavic Clothing or a Navy Blue Bucket/wide brim is fine.



SNAKE AND REPTILE SAFETY

Although the weather is unpredictable at present, we have had glimpses of the warmer weather and this often means local wildlife becomes more active. 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 month 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.

ASTHMA & HAYFEVER SEASON

If children need medication for Hay Fever through the school day please bring it to the school office, clearly named with pharmacy label attached. Make sure that the medication is in date. Inform the school office if your child has been medicated before school on any particular day. If your child is asthmatic please provide an up-to-date asthma plan, medication available at school and an if appropriate a spacer.

WATER BOTTLES

As the weather warms up we ask that children have a drink bottle to use in the classroom. It is important to keep hydrated by drinking water and equally is important not to have interruptions during learning time, needing to go to the bubble taps. Please only fill with water!

BUSHFIRE PREPARATIONS

Although we have had a wet and cold week, it is predicted that it will be a long, hot and dry summer, and with this the increased chance of bushfire. CGPS are 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.

Respect * Personal Best * Care

To report an absence through the school website you can use this link [Report an Absence](#)



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


Respect * Personal Best * Care

To report an absence through the school website you can use this link [Report an Absence](#)



Dates for the Diary

- **Thursday October 5th** - First Delivery Day of Walker's Doughnuts Fundraiser
- **Monday October 9th** - School Council Meeting
- **Thursday October 12th** - Delivery Day for Walker's Doughnuts Fundraiser
- **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
- **Tuesday November 23rd** - Foundation 2024 Orientation Session
9.15 a.m. to 10.45 a.m.
- **Tuesday December 12th** - Statewide Orientation Day — **2024** Foundation Students to attend from 9.15 a.m. to 12.15 p.m.



**CHILL OUT KIDS
TERM 4**

RELAXATION, MEDITATION, MINDFULNESS & WELLBEING
TO PROMOTE CALM KIDS

6 WEEK PEACEFUL KIDS PROGRAM
BEGINS OCTOBER
LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE

CONTACT BROOKE 0409 794 197

**CLASSES FOR PRIMARY AGES
TEENS
INDIVIDUAL ONE ON ONE
LESSONS
NDIS PARTICIPANTS
WELCOME**

**FACILITATED BY
BROOKE MILLAR
0409 794 197**



GIANT Tennis
COACHING PROGRAMS

HOT SHOTS 3-12YRS
JUNIORS & ADULTS
GROUPS & PRIVATE LESSONS
HOLIDAY PROGRAMS
CARDIO TENNIS
SQUADS
MATCH PLAY



CARDIO TENNIS Come & Try a Cardio workout with a Tennis twist! All welcome! Visit our website for more details...

REGISTER NOW FOR TERM 4 COACHING AT YOUR CLOSEST GIANT TENNIS VENUE:

- BENDIGO REGIONAL TENNIS CENTRE
- MAIDEN GULLY (MARIST COLLEGE)
- MARONG TENNIS CLUB
- SOUTH BENDIGO TENNIS CLUB

gianttennis.com.au

Respect * Personal Best * Care

To report an absence through the school website you can use this link [Report an Absence](#)





Congratulations to the following students on being named
Student of The Week
 for their positive attitude to school and social values.

Friday September 15th

Grade 1/2 Leed:

- Kirianii B. - For being a kind, helpful and friendly classmate.
- Chelsea G. - For always working hard and doing her best.

Grade 2/3 Carroll-Dillon:

- Willow L. - For being a caring and friendly class member of 2/3.

Grade 3/4 Ennor:

- Hezekiah B.-S. - For excellent teamwork during our orienteering activity.
- Braxtyn B. - For excellent teamwork during our orienteering activity.
- Erika K. - For excellent sentence work.

Grade 3/4 Ryan:

- Hunter F. - For his excellent teamwork during our orienteering activity.

Grade 5/6 McKerrow:

- Zack L. - For excellent work during the D.A.S.H. program.
- Kaiden W. - For excellent work during the D.A.S.H. program.

Grade 5/6 Windridge-Lee:

- Matilda B. - For excellent participation in the D.A.S.H. program.
- Charlie B. - For excellent participation in the D.A.S.H. program.
- Avah C.-B. - For excellent participation in the D.A.S.H. program.

envisage
 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:

"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 dss.gov.au for more information.

[@envisagenetwork](https://twitter.com/envisagenetwork) [Envisage Australia](https://facebook.com/EnvisageAustralia) [@envisage.community](https://instagram.com/envisage.community)



Respect * Personal Best * Care

To report an absence through the school website you can use this link [Report an Absence](#)





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:

Nicole Cooper

CALIFORNIA GULLY PRIMARY SCHOOL
No. 123

P.O. Box 88, Staley Street, California Gully, 3556
Phone: 03 5446 8393 Fax: 03 5446 3115



Respect * Personal Best * Care

To report an absence through the school website you can use this link [Report an Absence](#)





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**

Respect * Personal Best * Care

To report an absence through the school website you can use this link [Report an Absence](#)





Benefitting the health and wellbeing of our Bendigo school children

School visits coming in TERM 4

Proudly funded by:



@mckernsteelfoundation



Respect * Personal Best * Care

To report an absence through the school website you can use this link [Report an Absence](#)





Bringing Up Great Kids

Date & Time:

Every Monday starting
9 Oct – 13 Nov, 10.30 – 1pm

Venue:

136 Williamson St, Bendigo

Cost:

Free refreshments inc.

To register contact:

Jess : 0407 093 960

Kristy: 0459 249 990

Registration close 4th of Oct.

Overview

A parenting program for building good relationships with children. The Bringing Up Great Kids parent program is a fun 6-week face to face group that focuses on how parents communicate with their children. It offers opportunities for parents to learn about how children understand and use messages from their parents in their own development. This parenting program combines a reflective mindfulness-based approach to parenting with a focus on the emotional and developmental needs of children.



Program Content

The Bringing Up Great Kids program supports parents and carers to explore:

- Learn more about the origins of their own parenting style and how it can be more effective.
- Consider the relationship between a child's stage of neurological development and their behaviour.
- Identify important messages they want to convey to their child and how to achieve this.
- Understand the messages that children communicate to their parents and how they do this.
- Discover how to overcome some of the obstacles that are getting in the way of being the kind of parent they would like to be.
- Learn about the importance of building self-esteem in children.
- Discover ways for parents to take care of themselves and to find support when they need it.



Australian
Childhood
Foundation



Anglicare
Victoria

Respect * Personal Best * Care



BUNJIL NETBALL CLUB

Want to get back into Netball or keen to learn?
BUNJIL NETBALL CLUB WANTS YOU!

Any Players wanting to play -
Gr3, 11U, 13U, 15U, 17U & Open age groups

Contact AMANDA 0429 944 457



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

EEI TODAY

SECRETARY@EMPOWERINGEAGLEHAWK.ORG.AU

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.

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



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.

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

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.

<p>saverplus</p> <p>Saver Plus</p> <p>Program includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matched dollar for dollar savings up to \$500 • Money Minded workshops - Financial Education • Coaching on budgeting and savings <p>Eligibility Criteria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be a health/concession card holder • Be in receipt of a Carers Payment • Be studying or have a child in school • Have same regular income from work • Be 18+ years old <p>THE EDUCATION STATE</p> <p>Camps, Sports and Education Fund</p> <p>Funding to attend activities like:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • school camps or trips • swimming and school-organised sports programs • outdoor education programs • excursions and incursions <p>\$125 per year for eligible primary school students \$225 per year for eligible secondary school students.</p>	<p>STATE SCHOOLS' RELIEF</p> <p>State Schools' Relief</p> <p>Provides school uniforms and shoes to those that are unable to afford them.</p> <p>Eligibility Criteria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unemployment • Health Issues/Injury • Financial difficulties • Independent living support requirements • Natural Disasters • Bereavement • Domestic and family violence 	<p>Computerbank</p> <p>Computerbank</p> <p>Low cost refurbished computers that include various programs including word processing, Google Chrome and PDF Maker</p> <p>Eligibility Criteria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concession/Health Care Card holders • Students • Asylum seekers
---	---	---

Respect * Personal Best * Care

To report an absence through the school website you can use this link [Report an Absence](#)



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



Respect * Personal Best * Care

To report an absence through the school website you can use this link [Report an Absence](#)



Term 4, 2023

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



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



Respect * Personal Best * Care

To report an absence through the school website you can use this link [Report an Absence](#)





centavic
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.

Respect * Personal Best * Care

To report an absence through the school website you can use this link [Report an Absence](#)

