

The Bell Topper

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Thursday September 17th, 2026

TERM 3 CONCLUSION & FOOTY (TEAM/FAVOURITE) COLOURS DAY

A reminder that tomorrow, Friday September 18th is the last day of Term 3. Don't forget that our school day will conclude at **2.15pm**, that it is also Footy (Team) Colours Day. We look forward to a fun and enjoyable day to finish the term.

From all at CGPS, have a safe and enjoyable break!

2026 PARENT CAREGIVER AND GUARDIAN OPINION SURVEY

This survey is now open until Friday September 18th, 2026. The survey seeks feedback on school climate, community engagement in learning, teaching practices for student engagement and outcomes, and attitudes towards school attendance.

ASTHMA & ALLERGIES

If children need medication for Hay Fever and/or allergies 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, if appropriate, a spacer.



SUN SMART - HATS

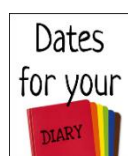
With the weather warming up and UV index increasing on a daily basis. It is extremely important to have hats available at school. CGPS support the use of sun protection measures when the **UV index levels are 3 or higher**. In Term 4 the 'No Hat No Play' policy will always be followed. Hats can be purchased from www.equalthreads.org.au, or a Navy Blue Bucket/wide brim is fine.



CALIFORNIA GULLY PRIMARY SCHOOL – SCHOOL REVIEW

California Gully Primary School will be undertaking our School Review in the first week of Term 4, on **Tuesday 6th and Wednesday October 7th**. Throughout the two days, we will have visitors in our school who will spend time in classrooms, meeting with staff and talking with students about their experiences at CGPS. We will also be holding a **parent session on Wednesday morning from 8:45–9:15am** and warmly invite any parents and carers who are available to call in and share their thoughts and experiences of our school.

TERM FOUR – CURRICULUM DAYS



Please place the following dates into the diary for Term 4:

Monday October 19th – Tuning Into Kids, Emotionally Intelligent Teaching

Friday November 20th - Assessment and Report Writing

Friday December 11th – 2027 Planning

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CALIFORNIA GULLY PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS

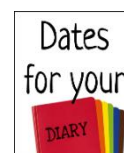
A reminder that students are expected to wear the correct school uniform each day. This is particularly important when attending excursions and community events, as students are representing California Gully Primary School. Thank you to families for supporting our students to wear their uniform with pride. If you need support, please reach out to our Well-Being Team or order using www.equalthreads.org.au.

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. We regularly have 'Sand Monitors' (Sand Goanna, Gould's Monitor), snakes, blue tongue and stumpy tails. We ask children to always be vigilant, and encourage you to have conversations at home, particularly if your family ride, walk or skate to school.

Andrew Frawley
CGPS Principal

Dates for the Diary



- **Friday September 18th** - Last Day of Term Three
2.15 p.m. Dismissal
- **Friday September 18th** - Footy/ Team Colour Day
- **Monday October 5th** - First Day of Term Four
- **Tuesday October 15th** - BioLAB Excursion – Grades Five and Six
- **Monday October 19th** - Student Free Day – Tuning into Kids,
Emotionally Intelligent Teaching
- **Tuesday October 20th** - Foundation 2027 Transition Day One
9.15 a.m. to 10.45 a.m.
- **Tuesday October 22nd** - Mango Fundraising Orders Due Back
- **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)
- **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

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.

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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>



fresh fruit friday

Running for over a decade, the program now delivers 1,500kg of free fruit to Bendigo school children every week.

mckern steel foundation

Made possible thanks to McKern Foundation and our supporting partners:

BlueScope, King & Co, Bendigo Community Health Services, FURPHY, IMPACTA, Adroit, DDBELI, McKern McGregor, AGNICO EAGLE, MCGIC, KIESER, Bendigo Telco, DLO, Healthy Campuses, nab, Your business here.

Want to support the program? Contact us to sponsor and provide more fruit to your school.



RESILIENCE PROJECT

FAMILY HUB

As part of our work with The Resilience Project this term, our emphasis has been on **Empathy**. The Family Hub helps build healthy habits - not just for your kids, but for you too. You will find:

- Bite-sized videos
- Practical tips and ideas
- Family-friendly activities

Empathy
Putting ourselves in the shoes of others to feel and see what they do. We practice this through being kind and compassionate towards other people.

Video
Tips to manage overwhelm as a parent with Dr. Em. Duration: 5 minutes and 15 seconds

Family Activity
Developing empathy helps us to foster deeper connections, increases our likelihood of acting kindly, and helps us experience positive emotions. Try practising empathy with our Family Vocabulary activity.



BENDIGO Foodshare
HUNGRY FOR CHANGE

CALIFORNIA GULLY P.S.

FOODSHARE IS WELCOME FOR ALL

CGPS FAMILIES
ON THURSDAYS
FROM 3.00 - 3.30PM
IN THE SHED

TAKE WHAT YOU NEED, SHARE THE GOODNESS!

If you would like to volunteer to help please contact
Kerryn Phillips or Amanda Tonkin.

EVERYONE WELCOME!



Bendigo Community Health Services

smalltalk

Supported playgroup

California Gully Primary School

A free, fun playground for parents/carers and children to learn together

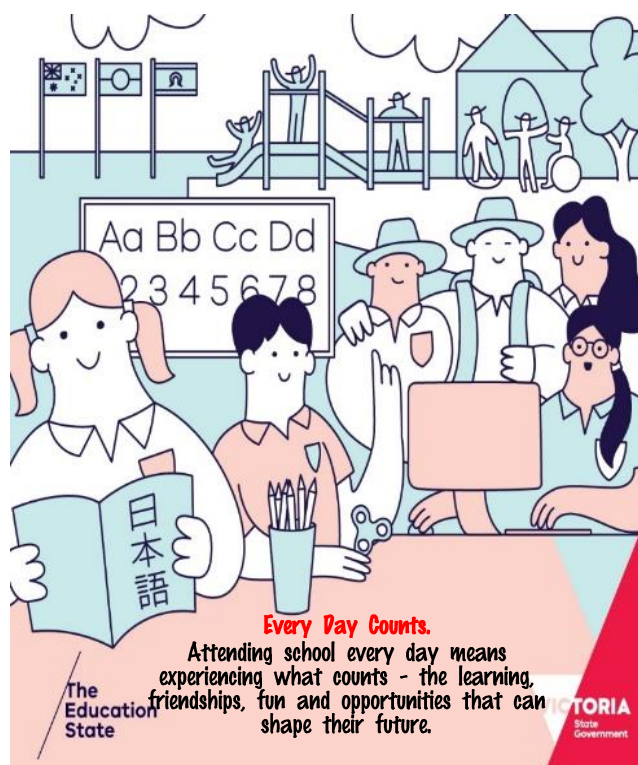
Fridays
9.30-11.30am
Staley Street, California Gully

Morning tea provided
Enrolments essential

Contact facilitator
Tiffany Holschier
0498 642 909
tiffanyholschier@bchs.com.au

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



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Every Day Counts.
Attending school every day means experiencing what counts - the learning, friendships, fun and opportunities that can shape their future.

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VICTORIA
State Government

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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 September 11th

Foundation B (Tonkin):

- Jaisen M. - For showing courage and resilience while recovering from injury.
- Eli R. - For making independent attempts at writing sentences.

Grade 1/2 A (Carroll-Dillon):

- Matilda L. - For excellent work with renaming 2 and 3-digit numbers. Well Done!
- Blair M. - For having a positive attitude to his learning. Well Done!

Grade 1/2 B (Ennor):

- Allirah K. - For displaying improved listening skills.
- Aivah M. - For displaying improved listening skills.

Grade 1/C (Leed):

- Theo S. - For his super effort in Reading.
- Tyrone T. - For his terrific work with Place Value in Maths.

Grade 3/4 A (McKerrow):

- Eli B. - For great work writing his retell.
- Nellie W. - For excellent work with fractions.
- Connor W. - For being a fantastic helper in the Art Room. Thank You.

Grade 3/4 B (Ryan):

- Tander F. - For working hard to identify equivalent fractions.
- Oliver G. - For his excellent attitude on our excursion to Jirrahlinga Sanctuary.
- Charlii J. - For her excellent attitude on our excursion to Jirrahlinga Sanctuary.

Grade 5/6 A (Price):

- Lilliana M. - For her descriptive use of different sentence structures.
- Addilyn W. - For her positive attitude towards all tasks.

Grade 5/6 B (Reilly-Lee):

- Jack B. - For lending a helpful hand to build, paint and clean up with Kath after our Buddy Bench painting sessions. Kath appreciated the help.
- Elaina W. - For her helpful attitude and thoughtfulness in making our Father's Day gifts – a great help especially on clean up duty!

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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: **\$29.00** (14 to 23 Mangoes per tray dependent on size)

Place your order by: **Thursday October 22nd, 2026**

For Further information contact:

Nicole Cooper

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No. 123

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



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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



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STRIKERS NETBALL CLUB
TWILIGHT SEASON 2026

LOOKING FOR A FUN, TEAM-BASED SPORT?
 COME PLAY NETBALL WITH US IN 2026!
New and experienced players welcome!

TWILIGHT SEASON RUNS OCTOBER – DECEMBER 2026



FOR A FRIENDLY
 2-a-side game
 with minimal or no
 equipment needed



SKILLS & CO-ORDINATION
 Develop your skills
 through fun and interactive
 while learning the game



ALL NEW! FIRST
 20+ sessions played
 at all abilities. That's
 Grade 3 and above



EXPERIENCE GAINED
 4 or 10 sessions
 during the year
 after school

BOYS & GIRLS
 GRADE 3 AND ABOVE

INTERESTED?
 REGISTER YOUR INTEREST TODAY!
 MORE INFORMATION TO COME SOON.

CONTACT US:
 EMAIL: info@strathfieldsayebc@gmail.com
 OR VISIT: www.strathfieldsayebc.com.au

STRIKERS NETBALL CLUB

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JUNIORS COME AND JOIN OUR CLUB!
 PLAY. LEARN. GROW. BELONG.
 BE PART OF SOMETHING SPECIAL!

LOOKING FOR
U11, U12, U14 & U16
ALL SKILL LEVELS WELCOME!

TRY CRICKET WITH OUR
MASTER BLASTER
 FUN, ACTIVE & PERFECT
 FOR KIDS AGED 5-7

JUNIOR BLAST
 GREAT FOR KIDS
 AGED 7-9+ LOOKING
 TO GIVE CRICKET
 A GO!

FRIENDSHIPS
CONFIDENCE
TEAMWORK
FUN!

CONTACT STEVE!
 EMAIL: juniorscoordinator@mngmccricket.club
 OR TEXT: **0419 196 332**

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STRATHFIELDSAYE
STRATH BASKETBALL CLUB

NEW PLAYERS WELCOME
SUMMER SEASON

Born 2020-2017?
 We'd love to hear from you!

Strong interest may help us form additional teams in those age groups.

Older juniors and adults welcome too
 Team placement depends on player numbers and available vacancies.

REGISTRATIONS AND ENQUIRIES OPEN NOW
strathfieldsayebc@gmail.com

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Artistic Cat
FANTASTIC ONLINE ART CLASSES

Brilliant artists and instructors take the classes in real-time on Zoom.

- Easy to organise - we make it simple for you.
- The kids produce amazing work and are really proud of their art!
- All age groups covered!
- Super affordable
- To see the activities planned for the classes click visit our website, www.artisticcat.com.au There are some amazing art ideas planned!

FIRST CLASS FREE!

Just \$18 a class after the free trial (exc GST)
 The full price varies depending on the number of classes in the term.

LIMITED PLACES BOOK NOW!

To book go to
www.artisticcat.com.au

Gratitude
Empathy
Mindfulness &
Emotional Literacy

STEM CLUB
ADVENTURE STARTS AFTER SCHOOL!
PREP – GRADE 6
8 WEEK PROGRAM

Weekly STEM sessions that spark imagination and build real skills.

\$200 PER TERM **THURSDAYS | 4-5PM**

 **DISCOVERY CENTRE**

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Looking towards 2027 Term 1

PROPS THEATRE

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Stage One for 5 - 8 years
Stage Two for 9 - 12 years

LOCATION

82A Mitchell Street Studio
www.propstheatre.com.au
Enrolments OPEN

SCAN ME




 Eaglehawk
51 Church Street, Eaglehawk

Free Children's Music

Program Ages 8—13

Come and learn to play a brass instrument
from 30 April 3:45 — 5 pm,
Each Thursday during school terms

Contact: 5446 8135 press 1 and leave a message

Afternoon tea will be provided each week.

In partnership with 



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"Friends" LEGO City Community Build

Join us at the Red Door Community Centre for an exciting LEGO building event!

Help us create an amazing community LEGO display that will be showcased in our shop window for all to enjoy.

 ALL ABILITIES WELCOME

SAFE & SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT

MAKE NEW FRIENDS

GET CREATIVE

We can't wait to build something incredible with you!

Register your interest now for September school holidays with the QR code.

\$7.50 per hour



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GAMES FROM 4PM

AGE GROUPS

- 5 & UNDER
- 7 & UNDER
- 9 & UNDER
- 11 & UNDER

TERM 4 2026 + TERM 1 2027

JUNIOR FUTSAL

MONDAY Competition 3 & under

WEDNESDAY Beginner league

SCAN QR CODE BELOW TO REGISTER

1-3 Waterson Court, Golden Square VIC 3555
PHONE: 0428 471 077
EMAIL: admin@bendigomajorleague.com.au





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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.



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ALL GIRLS GROUPS AVAILABLE

AFL PLAY

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS SORTED

PLAY.AFL/HOLIDAYPROGRAMS

BENDIGO AFL SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

TUESDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER | 9AM-3PM
BACKHAUS OVAL, BENDIGO
BOYS AND GIRLS AGED 4-12
\$55 PER PERSON - FOOTY TO KEEP!



Paw & People SUPPORTS
People. Paws. Practical Understanding.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

Fun, practical and inclusive sessions with dogs for children aged 6-12

A safe, engaging holiday option for busy families.

PROGRAMS INCLUDE

- INTRODUCTION TO DOG GROOMING**
Learn safe handling, brushing basics, coat care and gentle grooming practices.
- SLIME MAKING & DOG TREATS**
Create slime, make simple dog treats and enjoy hands-on holiday fun.
- TREASURE HUNT WITH DOGS**
Follow clues, solve fun challenges and enjoy games and teamwork.

Dates: 21, 24 & 25 September
Time: 9:00am - 3:00pm
Cost: \$35 per session
Location: Held at Amegilla ND Community Hub
Age: For primary school children aged 6-12

Additional info:
Transport and extended care available on request
Additional fees apply, conditions apply
Fully insured
Working With Children Checks

More information and bookings: see website
Email: pawandpeople.supports@gmail.com
Website: info14385.wixsite.com/pawandpeople.supports

Run by Bradley Broadway & Cheryl Lyons
Bradley and Cheryl are working together to create safe, practical and engaging school holiday sessions for primary school children. With a relationship-led, inclusive approach and a focus on connection, confidence and participation, the programs give children the chance to learn, create and enjoy time with dogs in a supportive community setting.

Limited spaces

People. Paws. Practical Understanding. | We can't wait to meet you!

SCHOOL HOLIDAY NETBALL CLINIC

6-14 YEARS

WITH THE BENDIGO STRIKERS!

FOR YOUNG NETBALLERS AGED 6-14

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Train with Bendigo Strikers players
- Skills, games & challenges
- Build confidence & have fun
- Photos, signatures & giveaways
- Fresh fruit supplied by the McKern Steel Foundation

RED ENERGY ARENA BENDIGO
WEDNESDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER
1:00PM - 4:00PM

\$50 PER PARTICIPANT

BENDIGO STRIKERS | mckern steel

Holiday camps on sale now!

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Coding • Animation • Craft & much more

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SAVE \$25 Use coupon code **FLYER25** at checkout

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Achieve a savings goal for 10 months and ANZ will match it up to \$500.

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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.

Carer Gateway may support you with things like help at home, young carer social events, counselling or study help.

Scan to learn more

Free support, call now!
1800 422 737
carergateway.gov.au

Carer Gateway | Holstep Health | SENIOR HEALTH

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NEW FAMILIES REGISTER NOW!

COME & TRY DAY

8:15am • Saturday 3rd October 2026
Lar Birpa Athletics Complex



Scan to register now!



Monster Making

What makes a good monster in a story? Are they hairy, scary, or just misunderstood? Jess will help you find monster inspiration in stories to design your own spooky (or very friendly) monster. Ages 5-8 years.

Wed 30 Sep, 10-11am
Bendigo Library

BOOK NOW

Drawn to Nature

Stuck for ideas? The natural world is full of inspiration just waiting to be found. Discover some amazing places and animals, learn how to keep a sketchbook and understand the importance of inspiring others to care for the environment. Ages 8-13 years.

Wed 30 Sep, 11.30am-12.30pm
Bendigo Library

BOOK NOW

Writing & Sketching with Jess McGeachin

We are delighted to welcome wonderful children's author and illustrator Jess McGeachin! Drawing quite literally from a day job at Melbourne Museum, Jess loves sharing stories about hidden worlds, sometimes magical and sometimes real!

Wed 30 Sep, 2-3pm
Kangaroo Flat Library

Pop-Up Museum Dinosaurs, Megafauna & More

Journey back through time and get up close and personal with touchable fossils, collection objects, taxidermy and activities supported by Museums Victoria educators. Ages 5-13 and families. 30-minute timeslots available. Book to confirm your spot, or drop-in and try your luck!

Mon 28 Sep, 11am-2pm
Bendigo Library

BOOK NOW

Full school holiday program:
ncgrl.vic.gov.au/holidayprogram

BOOKINGS REQUIRED
www.goldfieldslibraries.com



Check out what's on

Junior Rangers
holiday program

Parks VICTORIA | Sharing Nature's Stories



Flora Explorer

Learn how to identify flowering plants in the Greater Bendigo National Park that can be found in the park at this time of year.



Flora Explorer

Learn how to identify flowering plants in the Greater Bendigo National Park that can be found in the park at this time of year.

Date and Times

Flora Explorer - Thursday 1 October 2026
Shadbolt's Picnic Area, 10am – 11.30am

Flora Explorer – Friday 2 October 2026
Greater Bendigo National Park 10am – 11.30am



Junior Ranger activities are free for all families. Activities take place in parks across Victoria during the school holidays. **Bookings are essential.** Scan to find out more at juniorrangers.vic.gov.au

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From Diagnosis to OAM

plus a Sibling's Perspective: A Personal Autism Journey

Bendigo

Wednesday 21 October 2026, 6:30pm-9:30pm

(3 hour seminar including question time, doors open 9am)

Daniel and Daniel's Dad (Daryl) will discuss Daniel's journey from diagnosis to present day giving an insight from Daniel's personal perspective of living life as an Autistic individual.

Daniel's sister (Alicia) will also be sharing the sibling perspective and is a qualified educator (may be prerecorded).

Topics include diagnosis, school journey, independent living, employment and strategies used to achieve the best outcomes.

Presented by

Daniel Giles OAM
Order of Australia Medal Recipient
& Autistic Self-Advocate

Daryl Giles
Daniel's Dad

Alicia Purcell
Daniel's Sister
and Educator



Exhibitors



Venue

The Bendigo Club: 22 Park St, Strathdale VIC

Free Bendigo Cinema ticket (valued at \$23)
available with main meal purchase
from The Bendigo Club bistro menu
(Refer to The Bendigo Club social media for details and T&C
Image by Oliver Green-Wood, Images from Instagram)

Seminar tickets (*includes \$0.50 booking fee for online bookings)

Child (0-11 yrs): FREE Child (12-17 yrs): \$10.50*

General Admission: \$35.50*

Professionals (Educators/Caseworkers/Therapists - incl. CPD cert.)
\$85.50*

events.humanitix.com/doam-bgo26 (or scan QR code)

Contact

e: admin@speakinginsights.com.au

w: speakinginsights.com.au



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EDUCATORS - Educators can claim 3 hours of Professional Development, Australian Professional Standard for Teachers at the level of Proficient Teacher 6.4.2

HARVEST MOON FESTIVAL 2026

A FREE COMMUNITY EVENT ON
GRAND FINAL EVE 25/09/2026

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15+ FOOD VENDORS
12PM - 8PM

PERFORMANCES 2PM - 6PM
FEATURING BCA LION TEAM

CRAFT ACTIVITIES AND MOONCAKES

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Where Kids love to be!

THE PLACE TO BE THESE HOLIDAYS!

SPRING 2026 HOLIDAY PROGRAM

ALL STAR ARENA

Pass the Popcorn!

Show your Team Spirit

Pickleball Creations

Epic School v School!

Book now at TheirCare.com.au
Save up to 90% with the Child Care Subsidy

Scan to find your nearest holiday program location

*Activities shown are just some of the fun activities available, check your service flyer for details!

Holiday Program Important Information!

What to bring

- ☐ A healthy morning tea and lunch
- ☐ A labelled drink bottle for water
- ☐ Suitable clothing for an active day - closed toe shoes and jacket if wet/cold
- ☐ SunSmart hat for Spring and Summer holidays
- ☐ Medical Management Plan & Medication if applicable - see below for details

Don't forget!

- ☐ Keep your lunchbox nut-free to keep everyone safe
- ☐ Do not include food items that need to be reheated
- ☐ Label all items with child's name!
- ☐ Bus departure and arrival times are indicative only. For an accurate estimated time of arrival and departure please contact your service directly.

Personal belongings

Electronic devices, money and other valuables should be left at home.

If brought to the service, these items remain the responsibility of the family. TheirCare does not accept responsibility for loss or damage.

TheirCare provides

- ☒ Breakfast and afternoon tea snack
- ☒ Sunscreen
- ☒ Water to refill bottles

Unexpected changes to activities

In the unlikely event that an activity is unable to run, an alternative activity will be provided.

Activities and times are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances such as severe weather or provider availability. If an alternative cannot be sourced we will update your invoice to reflect this.

General daily advertised activities are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances, at the discretion of the service coordinator.

Serious stuff!

Medical Management Plan & Medication

All children who have been diagnosed with a medical condition including allergies, food/chemical intolerances, anaphylaxis, asthma, epilepsy will need to provide:

- ☐ A completed Medical Management Plan with a colour photo
- ☐ Necessary medication

Please note it is a legal requirement under the Education & Care National Regulations and the Terms and Conditions for booking that these are provided.

In the interests of child safety, care may be refused on the day should the appropriate documentation or medication or medication not be supplied.

Child Care Subsidy

Please note that subsidised hours are calculated and allocated by Centrelink on a fortnightly basis. Check Centrelink for eligibility.

Fortnightly childcare subsidised hours

Each session is calculated using the full service operational hours, not the hours attended by the child.

Additional Child Care subsidy will not cover any hours beyond the subsidised hours per fortnight.

Refer to TheirCare Holiday Program FAQ
<https://theircare.com.au/holiday-programs/>
for further information and example.

Changes to your booking

Simply log into your account anytime to make the relevant changes or call us between 8:30am - 5:00pm weekdays on 1300 072 410.

Fees for changes to your booking

More than 5 days	Less than 5 days*	Less than 24 hours
No Charge	\$10.00	Full Fee

*Less than 5 days from the start of the session. If child does not attend and we are not notified in advance, full fee plus \$10.00 fee is applied.

When making additional bookings, the \$10.00 fee is eligible for the Child Care Subsidy, which means you may only need to pay the gap, depending on your families' circumstances.

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If you have any questions, please speak with one of our friendly Educators or call Customer Support on 1300 072 410.

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Up to
90%
of Child Care costs
can be covered
by Child Care
Subsidy!

Enrolments Now Open!

**Enrolments are now open
for families to enrol.**

**Enrolments are completed online at
www.theircare.com.au and usually
takes approx. 15 to 20 minutes to
complete.**

**See FAQs on our website
theircare.com.au/families**



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California Gully Primary School

Social, engaging & fun experiences for children

Develop creativity, life skills & confidence through play

Qualified, caring & engaged staff

Exciting & thoughtfully developed programs

Healthy & happy food provided weekly

Bookings now open!

Monday - Friday (Hours of Operation)	Per Week (Child Care Only)	Out-of-pocket (All other Child Care Subsidy)
Before School Care (BSC) 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	\$10.00	\$0.00
After School Care (ASC) 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM	\$10.00	\$0.00
Half Day Day 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	\$10.00	\$0.00
Half Day Program 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM	\$10.00	\$0.00

Cancellation Fee
All other fees apply to the following:
BSC/ASC within 48 hours of session start time: \$5.00
Half Day Program within 5 days of session start time: \$10.00
Same day cancellation fee to out-of-pocket session fee

Late Booking Fee
All other fees apply to the following:
BSC/ASC within 48 hours of session start time: \$5.00
Half Day Program: Book less than 5 days from the session start time fee is \$10.00

Late Pick-up Fee
All other fees apply to the following:
\$5 per minute after service close time

To register visit theircare.com.au

Book Now

Save up to 90% with child care subsidy!

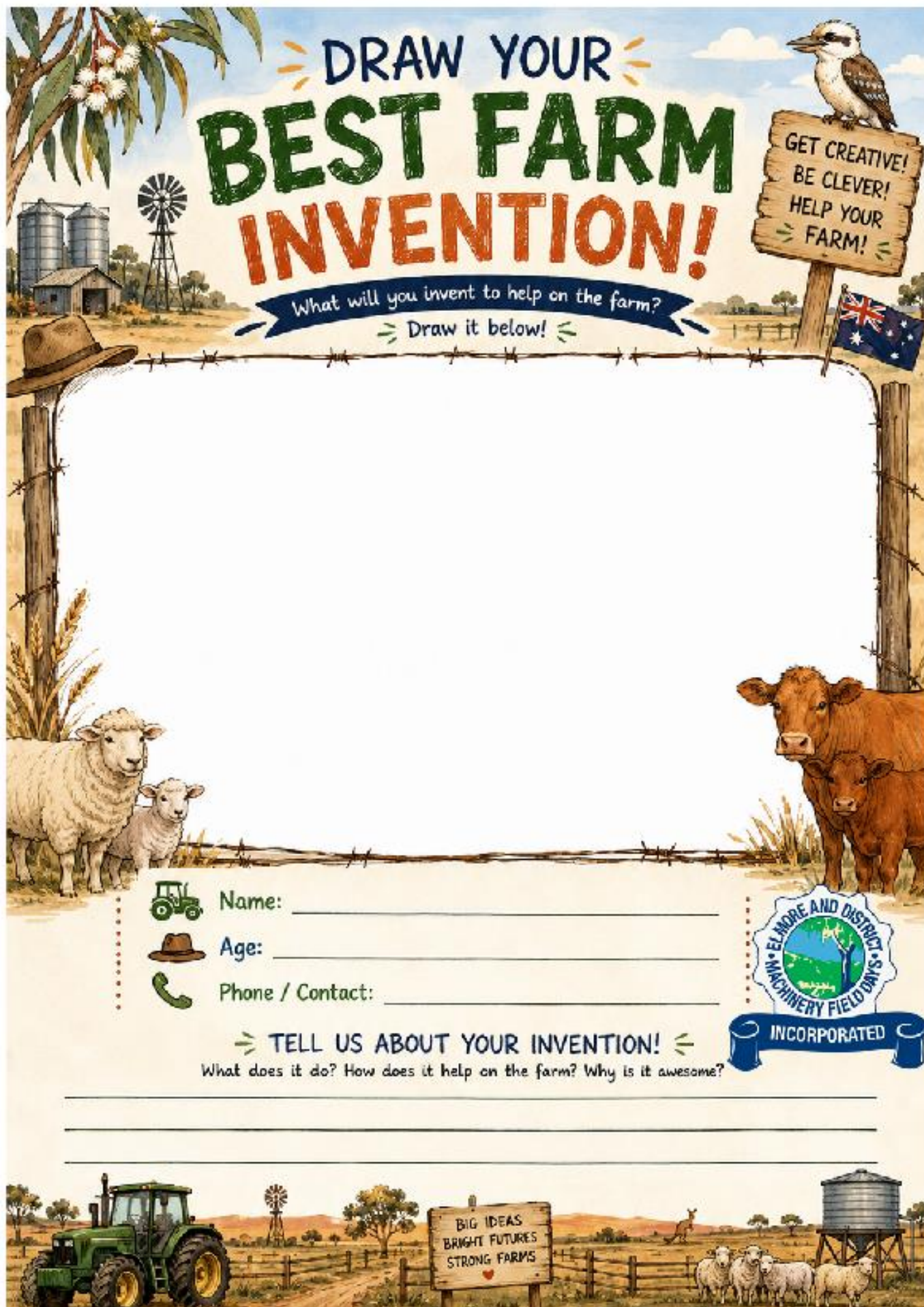
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Your service Coordinator will be available during session times.

TheirCare support team is available between 6.30am - 5pm weekdays (Eastern Standard Time) on 1 800 072 410 or info@theircare.com.au

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Entries close on Tuesday September 29th 2026.

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