

The Bell Topper

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Thursday September 18th 2025

TERM THREE CONCLUSION

A friendly reminder that tomorrow, Friday 19th September is the last day of Term 3. Don't forget that our school day will conclude at **2.15pm**. From all at CGPS, have a safe and relaxing holiday break.

PASSIONS & PATHWAYS

Congratulations to our Grade 5/6 students that participated in the 'Passion & Pathways' Expo held last Friday at the Bendigo Library. This was a great celebration of this program and the effort that has gone into it over Term 3. Student avatars, props for the display and artwork all looked amazing thanks to the support from Mrs. Lee and Mrs. Carroll. We also share our appreciation to the businesses that have supported school visits this term, with a special mention to the team at Pepper Green Farm for working with the students to rejuvenate the vegetable gardens and plant seedlings for students to look after until harvest.

FOOTY COLOURS DAY - FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 19th

A reminder that Footy (Team) Colours Day is occurring tomorrow. We look forward to a fun and enjoyable day to finish the term. Our JSC keep doing great things, well done! Good luck to those that have teams(in any sport) that are involved in winter sport finals both locally and in the AFL.

REMINDERS:

• SUNSMART - HATS

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 be always followed.



• 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.

BIKETOBER— MONDAY OCTOBER 6th—FRIDAY OCTOBER 31st

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.

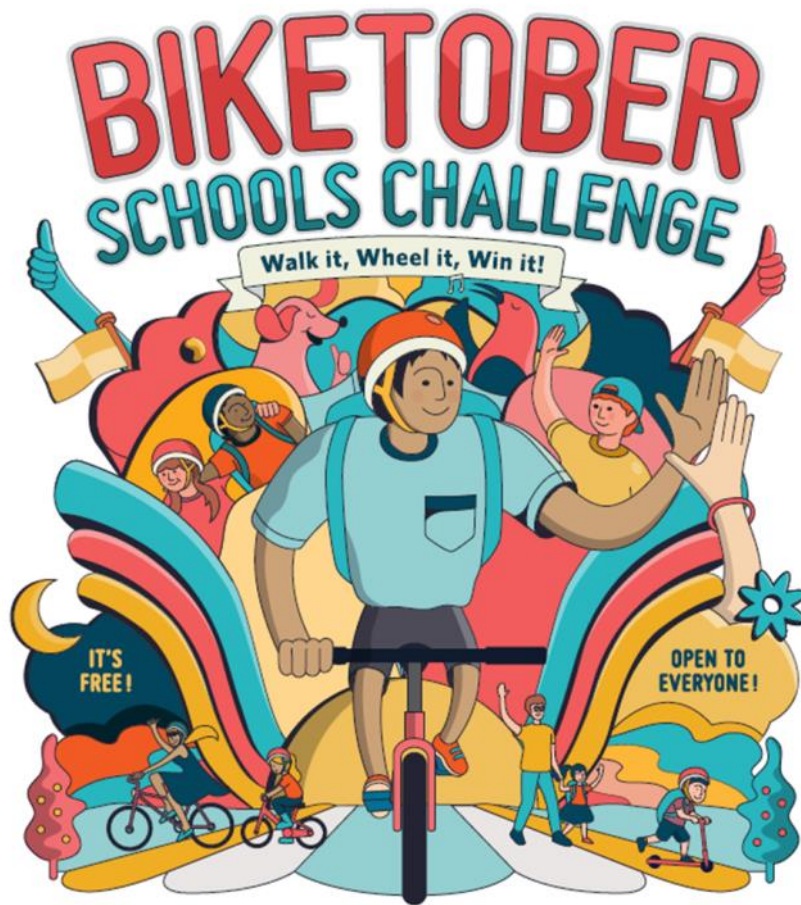
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Andrew Frawley
CGPS Principal

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Join the fun this October and see if your class can top the leaderboards!

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.



Dates for the Diary

- **Friday September 19th** - Footy Colours Day—wear your favourite sports team colours!
- **Friday September 19th** - Last Day of Term Three 2.15 p.m. Dismissal
- **Saturday October 4th** - Daylight Savings Begins—set clocks forward one hour
- **Monday October 6th** - First Day of Term Three
- **Tuesday October 21st** - Transition Session One—Foundation 2026
- **Thursday October 23rd** - Mango Orders Due Back
- **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
- **Tuesday December 9th** - Statewide Transition Day

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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.

Friday 19th September

Footy Colour's Day

(or Dress up in your Sports team Colour!)

No gold coin Donation for fun. Just

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

BlueScope, J.L. King & Co., WebTalent, Furphy, IMPACTA, Adroit, LTS equipment, ViaTek, Bendigo & Geelong Health Services, TILL, DOBELI, red arena

Bendigo Community Health Services

smalltalk

Supported playgroup

California Gully Primary School

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

Fridays 9.30-11.50am
Staley Street, California Gully

Morning tea provided
Enrolments essential

Contact facilitator
Tiffany Holschier
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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.

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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 12th

Foundation A (Hinton):

- Maddy B. - For working well with her partner during maths investigations.
Jackson W. - For his excellent improvement in blending sounds. You have worked very hard.

Foundation B (Tonkin):

- Grayson K. - For showing enthusiasm and a positive attitude during the Aquarium excursion.
Mason R. - For showing a positive attitude and behaviour during the excursion to the Aquarium.

Grade 1 (Leed-Martiniello):

- Levi A. - For his commitment to home reading and reaching over 175 nights!
Kaia C.-M. - For her excellent research of her chosen sea creature, sharks!
Allirah K. - For her improvements in reading and her resilient attitude!

Grade 1/2 A (Carroll-Dillon):

- Theo S. - For consistent home reading. Fantastic Effort!
Connor W. - For a wonderful week and showing a positive attitude towards his learning. Well Done!

Grade 1/2 B (Ennor):

- Ryker G. - For being a caring and helpful class member.
Ryder J. - For an amazing 200 nights of Home Reading.

Grade 3/4 A (McKerrow):

- Letaiah M. - For excellent story writing.
Tyson P. - For excellent work with 'arrays'.

Grade 3/4 B (Ryan):

- Mia B. - For creating an entertaining Limerick poem.
Sophia M. - For working hard to solve addition problems.
Addie W. - For creating an entertaining Limerick poem.

Grade 5/6 A (Price):

- Cage A. - For a positive attitude towards all work tasks.
Benjamin S. - For bouncing back from a tricky situation in a positive way.

Grade 5/6 B (Windridge-Lee):

- Jasper J. - For working hard on his hero and villain story.
Jagger N. - For working hard in writing time.
Phoenix R. - For an excellent attitude and participation at the basketball tournament.

COME & PLAY
CRICKET WITH
THE LIONS

GIRLS & BOYS
ALL AGES AND
SKILLS

CONTACT US

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Gratitude
Empathy
Mindfulness &
Emotional Literacy



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Order forms were sent home with children
on Tuesday September 9th.



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: **\$28.00** (14 to 23 Mangoes per tray dependent on size)

Place your order by: **Thursday October 23rd 2025**

For Further information contact:

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**AFL GRAND FINAL WEEK
SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMS**
Celebrate the lead up to the
AFL Grand Final with us!

BENDIGO - MIXED

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	REGISTER
TUESDAY 23 RD SEPTEMBER	9AM-3PM	STRATHFIELDSAYE RECREATION RESERVE, TANNERY LANE	

BENDIGO - ALL GIRLS

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	REGISTER
TUESDAY 30 TH SEPTEMBER	9AM-3PM	WEEROONA OVAL, BENDIGO	

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- Auskick (ages 4-7) - learning AFL skills through fun activities
- Superkick (aged 8-12) - put your AFL skills into practice with modified match play
- Dancing, AFL trivia, competitions and FUN!
- \$55 per person which includes a football

**Creating cooperation
and connection**

Raising children is hard.

One of the greatest challenges in parenting is getting children to cooperate. How can we do this without using punishments, rewards or coercion?

WITH
Lael Stone

This talk will explore other ways to help children to cooperate while keeping our connection strong. It explores the benefits of play and connection and gives practical ideas and strategies to use with your child.

- The impact of punishment and rewards
- The power of play for healing and connection
- Take home ideas to use with children
- Ways to stop yelling and start connecting
- Healthy boundaries

Lael Stone is an educator, TEDx speaker, author, mother, and parenting counsellor who has been working with families for over 20 years. Her work as a birth educator, post-natal trauma counsellor, and parenting educator has seen her work with thousands of families connecting about newborns all the way to the teen years.



The Details //

Tuesday 28 Oct 2025
7:00 - 8:30pm
The Capital Theatre, Bendigo
Hosted by Loddon Mallee Regional Parenting
Tickets: \$10 (inc booking fee)

FOR MORE INFO WWW.GOTIX.COM.AU | TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE

red energy arena
MULTISPORT
School Holiday Camp

REGISTER HERE

22 & 23 SEPTEMBER 2025
9:30AM - 3:00PM
5 - 15 years old

Try out basketball, netball, volleyball + more
with Bendigo's biggest athletes



BENDIGO Braves **BENDIGO BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION**

SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMP

DATE: 29 - 30 SEPTEMBER 2025
TIME: 10:00AM - 3:00PM
COST: \$80 (1DAY) \$150 (2 DAYS)

REGISTER HERE





Cadell Food Service **red energy arena**

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Bendigo Spirit's Membership Promo — Kids Go Free for children aged 5–14!

There are also significant savings across other membership options:

- Adult Full-Season Memberships: Starting from \$108
- Concessions (including students aged 14–18): From \$90

This means a family can attend all **9 home games** at **Red Energy Arena** for \$216 total — that's just \$24 per game. All members, including Free Child Members, will receive a membership pack.



LA TROBE SPORT HOLIDAY CAMPS



LA TROBE SPORTS CAMPS (AGES 6+)

MULTI-DAY PACKAGES AVAILABLE! REGISTER
FOR THE SPRING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS TODAY!









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THE ULTIMATE SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM



ROCKETEERS
Extraordinary Holiday Adventures

**BOOKINGS
NOW OPEN**

THERE'S SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE AT ROCKETEERS

Take the stress out of the school holidays with Rocketeers. Featuring over 200 wonderfully unique experiences that will ensure your child's school break is extraordinary!

From our LEGO® Gaming Builds event, featuring LEGO® Minecraft® and LEGO® Sonic® experiences, to DIY Decorated Kicks at Big Art Day – and everything in between!



DID YOU KNOW?

You don't have to attend the school where we operate to use our awesome holiday programs. Simply book into any of our convenient locations.



**Build
Friendships**



**Discover
Adventure**



**Create
Memories**



**Have lots
of fun!**

**BOOK INTO SCHOOL
HOLIDAY FUN NOW!**

SAVE BIG THIS SPRING!

Child Care Subsidy
available for
eligible families.

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