

The Bell Topper

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Thursday September 4th 2025

FATHER'S DAY AND STALL - THANK YOU!

We hope all of the dad's, Grandparents and special friends have a wonderful Father's Day on Sunday. We know there will be some wonderful gifts delivered thanks to the stall held today. Thank you to our fantastic helpers (Dakotah and Kasie) for their preparation and organisation, and to everyone that donated many amazing gifts. Once again thank you to all that have helped to make the stall such a positive one for all!

PROJECT ROCKIT

Project Rockit visited CGPS last Friday working with the 3-6's. The workshop facilitated by Ali and Riley linked to building positive relationships, online safety and inclusive culture building.

GRADE ONE/TWO'S - AQUARIUM VISIT (SEPTEMBER 2nd)

A wonderful day was had be all traveling to Melbourne by train and enjoying a visit to Melbourne (Sea Life) Aquarium. So much fun, learning and amazing things to explore.

All students that attended should be extremely proud of the positive attitude, listening and respect demonstrated over the day. We also decided to take a ride on a bus to finish the day, thank you to parents and carers for their understanding with the late change to our schedule. Thank you also to CGPS staff for their organisation and care in what was a really enjoyable day!

GRADE THREE/FOUR - HOPE AND ACTION - SUSTAINABILITY EDUACTION DAY (SEPTEMBER 3rd)

Grade 3/4's attended the Hope and Action Sustainability Day on Wednesday. Students participated in activities on water, nature, transport, resource recovery, food and farming. Lots of learning around local organisations and what we can do both at school and home, when being more sustainable. A special mention to Immy, Pippa Mc, Zac and Ethan on supporting the CoGB – Active Travel exhibit. Amazing leadership has been shown by this team over the year with CGPS activities and a great acknowledgement of their work to be invited as part of this event.



AUSTRALIAN TEACHER AIDE - APPRECIATION WEEK

Not often enough do we share our appreciation for the amazing work our Education Support Staff (Teacher Aides) provide within our school community. We are fortunate to have the most amazing staff, and on behalf of the CGPS community we say a huge thank you for the care, support and expertise demonstrated in supporting students and teaching staff each and every day.

R U OK? DAY - THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 11th

R U OK? Day is an annual national day of action encourages Australians to have meaningful conversations about mental health and wellbeing and to check in with friends, family, and colleagues who may be struggling with life's challenges.

We are asking students to add a touch of yellow with their uniform next Thursday, and we will also complete activities over the week.



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GYM

CGPS students F-6 completed the final session of our Gymnastic Program at Palmer's Gym last Thursday. The program fosters positive body awareness, encouraging children to feel good about their bodies, build confidence, and develop motivation through achievement. Thank you to all students for their fantastic attitude and also Active Schools, in supporting a grant that heavily subsidised the cost of the program.

THE 2025 PARENT, CAREGIVER AND GUARDIAN SURVEY

This survey will remain open until to Friday September 19th 2025. We have attached login details again with the newsletter this week.

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 and UV index increases. 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. Hats can be purchased from Centavic Clothing, or a Navy Blue Bucket/wide brim is fine.



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.

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.

Andrew Frawley
CGPS Principal



Dates for the Diary

- **Tuesday September 9th** - Foundation Aquarium Excursion
- **Friday September 12th** - Grades Five & Six 'Passions & Pathways' Session Three
- **Tuesday September 16th** - School Council Meeting
- **Friday September 19th** - Last Day of Term Three 2.15 p.m. Dismissal
- **Monday October 6th** - First Day of Term Three
- **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

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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.



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



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

Friday August 28th

Foundation A (Hinton):

Allira C. - For making excellent attempts at decoding words.
Eleanor F. - For trying hard when working on fluency.

Foundation B (Tonkin):

Aria D. - For making good attempts at reading fluently.
Declan McG. - For showing confidence and enthusiasm during gym sessions.

Grade 1 (Leed-Martiniello):

Braylen L. - For his respectful attitude and enthusiasm at Gym.
Evelyn Y. - For her excellent work finishing her Information Report on clownfish.

Grade 1/2 A (Carroll-Dillon):

Matilda L. - For working ell to type up her information report. Well Done!
Charlien P. - For great work with Maths equations.

Grade 1/2 B (Ennor):

William C. - For his great contributions in discussion time.
Ava S. - For doing a great job on her information text.

Grade 3/4 A (McKerrow):

Lachlan B. - For excellent work writing his fable.
Emily C. - For excellent work writing her fable.

Grade 3/4 B (Ryan):

Opal L. - For always showing fantastic G.E.M. practices.
Zane W. - For his excellent letter writing and the care taken to make his handwriting neat and well presented.

Grade 5/6 A (Price):

Hunter F. - For being a helpful class member.
Miyah M. - For always having a positive attitude in class.

Grade 5/6 B (Windridge-Lee):

Pippa A. - For working well in Maths on multiplication, area and perimeter.
Imogen H. - For working well in Maths on multiplication, area and perimeter.

**COME & PLAY
CRICKET WITH
THE LIONS**

**GIRLS & BOYS
ALL AGES AND
SKILLS**

CONTACT US

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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

**YOUTH
SOCIAL
GROUP**

LEGO **START**

**TUESDAYS &
WEDNESDAYS**
3:30PM - 6:00PM
Social Youth group.
Activities include, Sports Days,
Video Games, Arts n Crafts, Lego,
Cooking and much more!!

146a Midland Highway,
Epsom, 3551
Contact Admin: 0493 896 687
admin@sportzrulz.com.au



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red energy arena
MULTISPORT
School Holiday Camp

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

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

REGISTER HERE



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

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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!

[Secure Your Tickets Now!](#)

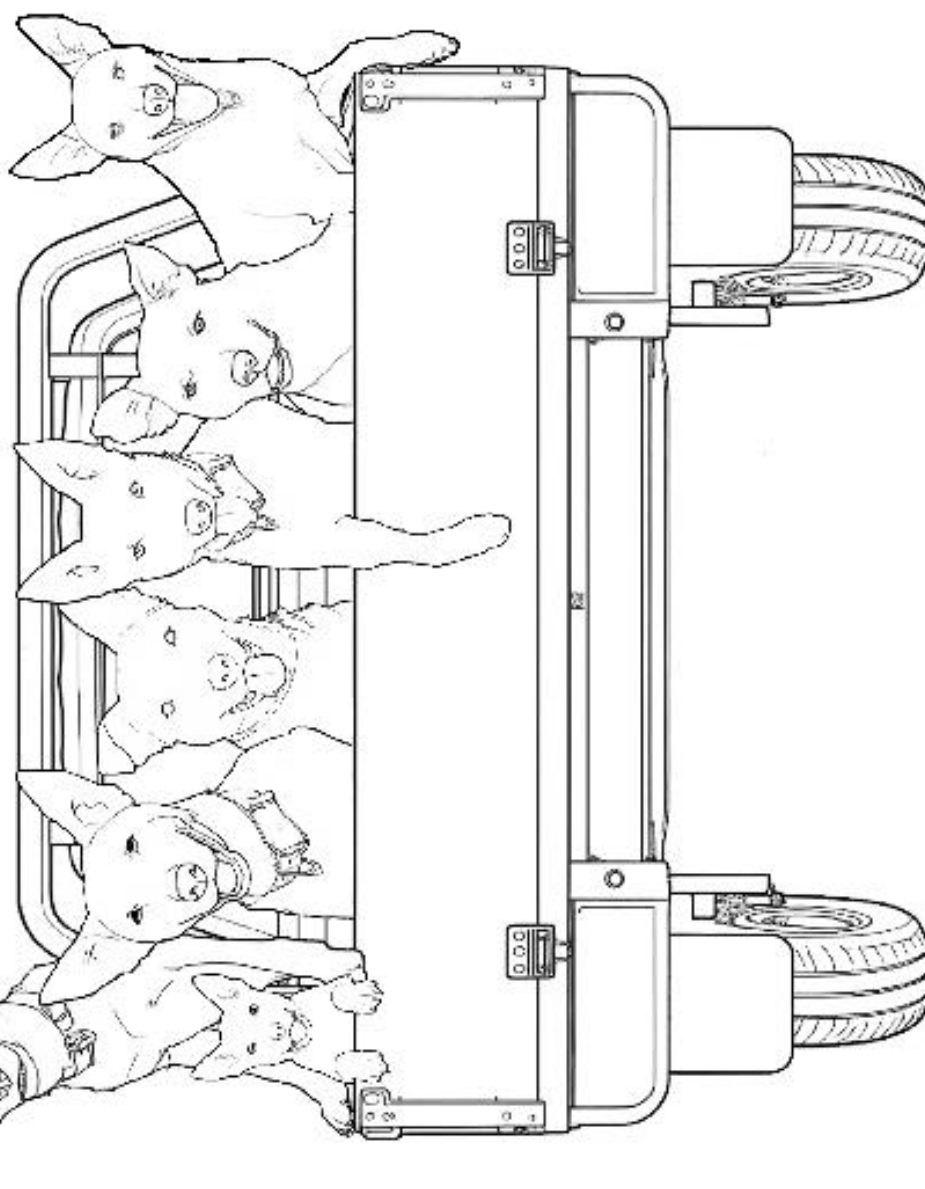


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2025 ELMORE FIELD DAYS 7, 8 & 9 OCTOBER



Categories

4 years & under 5-8 years
9-11 years 12-14 years

Name:

Age:

Phone Number/Email:

PRIZE: \$25 Smiggie Voucher
per age category.

Entries close 30th

September 2025.

To enter, email entry to
info@elmorefielddays.com.au

Or post to:

Elmore Field Days,
PO Box 27, Elmore VIC 3558

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