FROM THE PRINCIPAL

SERVICE TO EDUCATION - 40 YEARS

Last weekend Mr. McKerrow had the opportunity to attend a function in Melbourne to celebrate and acknowledge 40 years of outstanding service to education. On behalf of the school community I would also like to acknowledge and thank Mr. McKerrow for his tremendous contribution to California Gully Primary School. Of his 40 years of service Mr. McKerrow has worked at California Gully Primary School for 26 years starting in 1987. Apart from his important classroom teaching role in which he has positively impacted on 100’s of young people’s lives Mr. McKerrow has also had a very important role to play in relation to student wellbeing and on a number of occasions has taken on the role as acting principal. Well done Mr. Mac!

LITERACY AND NUMERACY WEEK

Literacy and Numeracy Week is an opportunity to acknowledge the importance California Gully Primary School places on providing all of the students with explicit instruction in the areas of literacy and numeracy. Across the school there is a dedicated time when all teachers are implementing programs to increase the children’s knowledge and skills in the areas of literacy and numeracy and how this knowledge is applicable to real life situations. We also have in place across grades Prep to 6 support programs to assist those children having difficulties with aspects of the literacy and numeracy program. We are continually re-evaluating how to best use the resources at our disposal to provide the highest quality educational opportunities for the children.

Parents and carers also play a crucial role in the education of the children. In partnership with the school we need to positively reinforce the importance of practising reading on a daily basis at home. The more children practise their reading the more confident they will become reading different texts and overtime they will also develop a wider range of reading strategies to assist with their comprehension. Numeracy is one area where as parents you can use real life experiences and situations to illustrate to the children how mathematical skills and knowledge are used on a daily basis.

Next week we will celebrate Literacy and Numeracy Week. On Wednesday 29th the junior school will break up into groups and rotate through a variety of fun and engaging math activities. On Thursday 30th the whole school will be involved in literacy activities. Children will undertake a variety of activities using the award winning 2012 shortlisted books. On Friday 31st the senior school will break into groups and undertake a number of numeracy activities.

School Assembly starts at 8.55 a.m. Please be on time!
EDUCATION SUPPORT STAFF
Today we celebrated and acknowledged the Educational Support Staff here at California Gully Primary School. It provided us with an opportunity to thank Nicole Cooper, Kath Block, Leonie Verrion, Chris Smith, Sandie Poynter and Kerryn Phillips for the continuing support they provide for the children, staff and parents through a variety of roles. Thank you!

*Jason Lee*  
Principal

### SCHOOL WALK-A-THON

Our walk-a-thon is in two weeks time, Friday September 7th, at Lake Neangar. Walk-a-thon sponsorship forms were handed out on Monday of last week so children can begin collecting sponsors. Please make sure that children are supervised when collecting sponsors.

The school is registered for the Paul’s “Collect-a-Cap” program. Please keep collecting from friends, family and neighbours the specially marked caps from Paul’s milk bottles. *Washed* Paul’s “Collect-a-Caps” can be handed into the office.

*We recently sent a total of 2613 caps to Paul’s and they have kindly given us another $261.30. We have raised $780.10 since September 2011 with this fantastic program, keep those caps coming in!!*

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| August 27th - August 31st | Book Club  
Issue 6 orders  
and Correct Money Due | **Playgroup**  
10.00 a.m.—12.00 p.m. | **Playgroup**  
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**Fathers’ Day Raffle Tickets Due** | **Student Banking Day**  
**Fathers’ Day Stall** |
| September 3rd - September 7th | **Playgroup**  
10.00 a.m.—12.00 p.m. | **Playgroup**  
10.00 a.m.—12.00 p.m.  
**Student Banking Day**  
**School Walk-a-thon** | | |
| September 10th - September 14th | **Playgroup**  
10.00 a.m.—12.00 p.m. | **Playgroup**  
10.00 a.m.—12.00 p.m.  
**Student Banking Day**  
**Parents’ Club Meeting 9.00 a.m.** | | |
| September 17th - September 21st | **Playgroup**  
10.00 a.m.—12.00 p.m. | **Playgroup**  
10.00 a.m.—12.00 p.m.  
**Student Banking Day**  
**Last Day of Term 3** | | |

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Don’t forget to check out the school’s website www.californiagullyps.vic.edu.au

HEALTHY LIVING

★ PHYSICAL ACTIVITY IDEAS ★

Fresh air and regular physical activity is essential to maintain a healthy body. There are many non-structured ways to encourage activity for children and the whole family.

- If school is within walking distance, walk instead of driving them to school. Enquire about Walking School bus in your state or territory.
- Visit the beach or park and take the cricket bat/ball and frisbee.
- Take the dog for a walk.
- Do some backyard gardening and build a vegetable patch.
- Visit the local swimming pool.
- Visit the local park with playground equipment or take a footy.
- Take a bike ride and find favorite local spots for a picnic or drink stop.
- Find out, through recreation/community centres about your surrounding areas and organise a bush walk in the hills or outer city.
- Find outings that involve walking, e.g. visit the zoo or a museum.
- Participate in a community walk (e.g. all Australian states have a ‘city to surf’ fun run / walk plus many more community walks).
- Choose presents for children that encourage activity, e.g. kites, outdoor equipment, gift vouchers to outdoor activity parks, canoe hire, roller rinks.
- Encourage children and the family to help with household chores, such as painting, washing windows or sweeping leaves.

ATTENTION GRADE 5/6 PARENTS

All of the Grade 5/6 classes are in desperate need of tissues, can each child please be sent to school with a box of tissues for their classroom.

Coles Sports for Schools
Please send all your vouchers to school by Friday August 23rd.
So far we have collected over 10,870 Coles Sports for Schools vouchers, these vouchers will help us to choose some great new sporting equipment at the end of the collection period.

Can you help?
Wendy needs your assistance to collate the vouchers, if you can assist please let her know as soon as possible.

Thanks for participating in this year’s Woolworths Earn & Learn Program! We are grateful for your support in making this a successful program.
So far we have earned 11,400 Woolworths Earn and Learn points, these points will help us to choose some fantastic educational resources. Last year we only earned 3720 points, so we have more than tripled last years points.

School Assembly starts at 8.55 a.m. Please be on time!
PARENTS CLUB NEWS

Parents’ Club Meeting
The next meeting of the Parents' Club will be Friday September 14th, after assembly in the school conference room - opposite the office. All are welcome to attend.

Fathers’ Day Stall
The Fathers’ Day stall is fast approaching and Parents’ Club are seeking your assistance. They would love donations of gifts (or a gold coin to go towards the purchase of gifts). These can be left in the school office. The Fathers’ Day stall will be held on Friday August 31st.

Fathers’ Day Raffle
Books of raffle tickets for the Fathers’ Day Raffle have been sent home. Please have sold and unsold tickets along with correct money returned to school by Thursday August 30th. The raffle will be drawn at assembly on Friday August 31st.

PLAYGROUP
Tuesdays and Thursdays
10.00 a.m. - 12.00 p.m.
in the Outside School Hours Care room.
The next Playgroup sessions will be Tuesday August 28th and Thursday August 30th. Please bring along a healthy snack and drink. All Welcome!
We always try to encourage the healthy eating and SunSmart messages that are taught to our students at school, to provide a great foundation for our future students.

Join us on Facebook:
www.facebook/calgullyplaygroup1

Vision care for children is highly important and the detection of eyesight problems at an early age is imperative. An eye test before starting school and at two year intervals following this are recommended (unless requested otherwise from an optometrist).
SpecSavers Kangaroo Flat are offering all students who attend California Gully Primary School and visit them on any Tuesday until September 30th 2012, a 30% bulk discount on 1 complete pair for glasses from their two pair deal along with eye tests being bulk billed. Their usual offer of 1 complete pair for $39 or $99 is still effective.

School Assembly starts at 8.55 a.m. Please be on time!
Congratulations to the following students on being named Student of The Week for their positive attitude to school and social values.

**Friday August 17th**

**Prep/1 Christian:** Caleb C. - For completing 100 nights of reading. Congratulations!!!
Ella L. - For working well during maths this week.

**Prep/1 Peacock:** Dakoda B. - For completing a wonderful 'dolphin' picture for Jack Kelly.
Seraya C. - For completing the Premiers' Reading Challenge.

**2 Carroll-Hinton:** Toby F. - For attempting tasks independently.
Georgia R. - For great thinking in Maths.

**3/4 Hartney:** Lachlan F. - For writing an amazing acrostic poem about the Olympic Games.
Phoenix P. - For writing an fantastic story about competing in the Olympic Games.

**3/4 Tanner:** Callum G. - For his excellent attitude towards all classroom tasks this week.
Eve O’S. - For her efforts while using the Alphabet Key during Writing.

**5/6 Ennor:**
Kobie C. - For working well and contributing to class discussion.
Ellyssa H. - For completing the Premiers’ Reading Challenge.

**5/6 McKerrow:**
Jackson E. - For excellent work with multiplication tables.
Olivia G. - For excellent work with multiplication tables.

**5/6 Windridge:**
Sharna B. - For completing the Premiers’ Reading Challenge.
Riley B. - For completing the Premiers’ Reading Challenge.
Vanessa C. - For completing the Premiers’ Reading Challenge.
Caleb M. - For completing the Premiers’ Reading Challenge.
Emily W. - For completing the Premiers’ Reading Challenge.

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**BOOK CLUB**

Book Club  Issue 6 has been sent home and is due back (with correct money) at school on Monday, August 27th.

School Assembly starts at 8.55 a.m. Please be on time!
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COMMUNITY NOTICES

The Bendigo Men’s Health Working Party 2012 would like to acknowledge the following sponsors and partners:

- Bendigo Community Health Services
- Rotary Club of Bendigo
- Bendigo Bank
- UFS Pharmaceutical Services
- City of Greater Bendigo
- Bendigo Advertising
- Australian Lutheran Church
- Department of Veterans Affairs
- La Trobe and Ballarat Universities
- Settlement Services Program - Department of Immigration and Citizenship
- Christian Health Alliance - General Practice
- Long Cottage, Pyrmont & surrounds
- Salvation Army

Men’s Health Clinic

Specialising in Annual Health Check-Ups

The Men’s Health Clinic operates on Tuesdays from 5pm - 8.30pm. The Men’s Health Clinic is staffed by a male health nurse practitioner. The nurse will complete an extensive health assessment and where required, refer to a GP.

Phone: Bendigo Community Health Services on 5494 4800

2012 Men’s Health Week

Monday 2 September 2012
Event: RUN FOR DAD SUNDAY
Where: Bendigo Community Health Services
Time: 9:30am - 9:45pm
Cost: $12 per adult

Tuesday 3 September 2012
Event: OUR BIG LUNCH
Where: 1st floor CAC, Ballarat
Time: 12:00pm - 1:00pm

Wednesday 4 September 2012
Event: JOIN US FOR LUNCH
Where: Salvation Army Community Centre, Mary Street, Bendigo
Time: 12:00pm - 1:00pm
Further information at www.salvationarmy.org.au/bendigo

Thursday 5 September 2012
Event: MOVIES IN THE PARK
Where: Victoria Square, Bendigo
Time: 7:30pm

Friday 6 September 2012
Event: BENDIGO COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES OPEN DAY
Where: Salvation Army Community Centre, Mary Street, Bendigo
Time: 10:00am - 12:00pm

Saturday 7 September 2012
Event: FREE MOVIES IN THE PARK
Where: Victoria Square, Bendigo
Time: 7:30pm

Calendar of Events
WOMEN WELCOME

2012 MEN’S HEALTH WEEK CALENDAR OF EVENTS

School Assembly starts at 8.55 a.m. Please be on time!
Help your Kids to Worry Less

During this two hour workshop we will explore the reasons why children worry and ways parents and carers can support them. It will include ideas as well as practical tools to assist children to manage their worries. This workshop is for parents and carers.

When: Thursday 6th September 2012
Time: 6.15pm - 8.30pm
Facilitators: Narelle Williams and Amanda Lomax
Where: CentaCare Function Room, 176-178 McCrae Street, Bendigo
Parking available in the CentaCare staff car park, entrance via Hargreaves St
Cost: No cost (please provide own childcare)
For bookings and enquiries contact Narelle Williams on 54381300

Knowing your Teenager

Where: CentaCare Function Room, 176-178 McCrae Street, Bendigo
When: Thursday 23rd August 2012
Time: 6.15pm – 8.30pm
Facilitators: Narelle Williams & Colleen Speedy
Cost: No cost (please provide own childcare)

Groups are subject to minimum and maximum numbers. Early registration is encouraged.

NIT WIZ head lice salon, 942 Wellington Way Strathfieldsaye, across from IGA complex, opening this week All natural products! Call Nicole on 0418352550 for information and bookings.

School Assembly starts at 8.55 a.m. Please be on time!
Forthcoming exhibition:  
**Philanthropy: The art of giving**  
8 September – 18 November 2012  
The Gallery has been fortunate to acquire a number of key contemporary works through the Cultural Gifts Program, and individual donations and gifts, in addition to works purchased via significant bequests such as the RHS Abbott Bequest and The Grace and Alec Craig Bequest. The forthcoming exhibition, *Philanthropy: The art of giving*, focuses on works created and received into the collection in the past decade through the generosity of individual benefactors, and provides an opportunity to acknowledge the important contribution made through the spirit of philanthropy. With works by artists such as Petrina Hicks, Peter Atkins, Dale Frank, Stephen Haley, Gladdy Kemarre Tracey Moffatt, Sally Smart and Anne Zahalka, this exhibition is a great opportunity to gain greater insight into the contemporary collection and also an ideal opportunity for students to learn more about the many contemporary artworks in our collection. Teacher Notes and Professional Learning will be available.

**Bendigo Family Nature Club**  
This month we are looking up into the trees. Focusing on birds, and getting to know their names, their habitat and their calls.  
Sunday 26 of August 9.45am start until 12pm  
Register to find out about the location and what to bring  
[Email](mailto:bendigonatureclub@gmail.com) or 5443 1326  
This is a free event for kids and their big people. Made possible through the wonderful knowledge and support of the Bendigo Field Naturalists and the Bendigo Sustainability Group.  
Visit our blog for previous events [http://bendigofamilynatureclub.blogspot.com.au](http://bendigofamilynatureclub.blogspot.com.au) or like us on Facebook

**BOOK WEEK 2012 “CHAMPIONS READ” DRESS UP DAY**

In conjunction with Book Week, California Gully will be holding a dress up day Friday August 24th.

Students are to come dressed as their favourite book character.  
A parade will be held showcasing all costumes.  
Parents are more than welcome to come along and watch.

School Assembly starts at 8.55 a.m. Please be on time!