FROM THE PRINCIPAL

SCHOOL CAMP -  
Wednesday September 12th to Friday September 14th 2012

The Grade 3 to 6 School Camp to Harrietville is fast approaching. To ensure that we have given the camp directors correct numbers and to assist in our planning we need all camp payments to be finalised by tomorrow, Friday August 3rd.

If you are not sure how much money is owing on your child’s school camp please check with Nicole in the office.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING TEAMS

I would like share some of the work which occurs outside of the daily 8.30am-3.15pm classroom program. We have two professional learning teams. One team is responsible for Curriculum which includes the reviewing, planning and development of literacy, numeracy and ICT programs as well as meeting the requirements of all other subject areas. The second team focuses on Welfare and reviews the processes we have in place to assist all children to be well rounded citizens. The team looks at programs and strategies that assist students emotionally, socially and physically.

At the moment the curriculum team is reviewing our literacy and numeracy plans and looking at the next level of work. The team is also reviewing our curriculum planning documents and units of work in light of the implementation of the National Curriculum next year. The welfare team continues to monitor attendance, review policy (Student Code of Conduct) and led by Mr. McKerrow implement the KidsMatter Framework.

Both teams work extremely hard to provide the best possible professional learning, building upon the effective school programs already in place and increasing the knowledge and skills of all staff.

2013 PREP ENROLMENTS

Term 3 is a critical time for the initial organisation of grade structures and staffing. If you have a child who will be attending California Gully Primary School in Prep next year or know of someone who intends to enrol their child at our school it would be appreciated if you could enrol your child as soon as possible and or make potential families aware of this situation. When enrolling your child, you will need to provide with the enrolment form:

1. A copy of the birth certificate (we can make copies of originals if necessary) and
2. A school entry immunisation certificate obtained from The Australian Childhood Immunisation Register (ACIR) . Phone 1800653809 or visit the Medicare office with your Medicare card and they can print one for you. Enrolment forms are now available for collection from the office.
INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH PROJECT
Researchers from the Community Planning and Development Program at La Trobe University, and the Centre for Urban Studies at Aalto University in Helsinki, Finland are doing a study about children’s views about their outdoor environments.

Students from our school have been invited to share their views about the spaces they like and do not like in the City of Greater Bendigo. On Friday 3rd August the students will have the opportunity to answer questions about their thoughts, feelings and experiences in Bendigo. The views of California Gully Primary School students will be compared with those of Finnish and Japanese children and their cities.

If your child is in Grade 5 or 6 and has not returned the permission form to be involved in this international research project please return the form tomorrow.

PREMIERS’ READING CHALLENGE
The Premiers’ Reading Challenge will continue to run until the 10th September 2012. Many children have completed the Premiers’ Reading Challenge which is fantastic and many more are close to finished. It would be great if you could encourage your child to borrow ‘Challenge Books’ from the school library in order to finish the challenge and celebrate their success.

CHRIS KENNETT BOOK LAUNCH
Chris Kennett the local author and illustrator who worked with all of the children in Term 1 has asked me to invite any children from our school to the official launch of his new book, ‘Rudy Toot’. See all of the details on the right.

LODDON MALTEE FOOTBALL CARNIVAL

This is a photograph of the 2012 Loddon Mallee Football Carnival Division 6 Runner’s Up. The carnival was held last week at Catholic College, Junortoun.

Jason Lee
Principal

School Assembly starts at 8.55 a.m. Please be on time!
Today the grade preps celebrated 100 days of school for 2012. The grades prep, ones and twos joined in a variety of activities based on the number 100. We had parents join us as the children sang songs and congratulated the preps on their 100th day.

Healthy Living

**National Healthy Bones Week**

National Healthy Bones Week is hosted by Osteoporosis Australia and Dairy Australia to raise awareness about growing and maintaining healthy bones.

**Important facts about calcium**
- Calcium is essential for normal development and growth.
- It is needed for the formation of bones and teeth.
- Children need at least 2 to 3 servings of calcium each day.
- The best source of calcium is milk along with cheese and yoghurt.
- Low fat milk and yoghurt have as much calcium as full fat varieties.

**Ideas for increasing calcium intake**
- Add sliced/diced low fat cheeses in the lunchbox or on sandwiches.
- A glass of milk is great anytime – at breakfast, after school or before bedtime.
- Milk/yoghurt based shakes are always fun, just add fresh fruit or juice.
- A huge variety of low fat fruit yoghurts suitable for lunchboxes are also available.
- Breakfast cereal with low fat milk makes a great snack any time of the day.
- Add low fat yoghurt to potatoes or soups
- Tinned fish with bones, e.g. canned salmon
- Nuts and seeds e.g. almonds, tahini.

**Free Kids Good Health Recipe Book**

It is important to teach children about nutrition so they can establish healthy eating habits. Dairy Australia has a free Kids Good Health Recipe Book full of easy, tasty and healthy recipes. Most importantly all of these recipes contain calcium rich dairy foods which will help kids achieve their 3 recommended serves of dairy every day!
PARENTS CLUB NEWS

Parents’ Club Meeting
The next meeting of the Parents' Club will be tomorrow, Friday August 3rd, after assembly in the school conference room - opposite the office. All are welcome to attend.

Lunch Order
Parent's Club will next be offering lunch orders next Tuesday August 7th. On the menu will be Sausages in Bread. Order forms were sent home earlier in the week. All orders and correct money need to be returned to school no later than 9.30 a.m. on Friday August 3rd.

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.

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 7th and Thursday August 9th. 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

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 July 27th**

**Prep/1 Christian:**
- Zaccari B. - For fantastic construction of the Olympic rings. Go Aussies!!!
- Levi E. - For completing 100 nights of reading. Congratulations!!!

**Prep/1 Peacock:**
- Jayden B. - For working wonderfully all the time. Great effort.
- Ryan S. - For always doing his best work in class.

**2 Carroll-Hinton:**
- Ayla L. - For sensational listening during class discussion.
- Lani McC. - For completing the Premiers' Reading Challenge.

**3/4 Hartney:**
- Ethan B. - For being and interested and caring student.
- Connor W. - For getting long well with everyone.

**3/4 Tanner:**
- Aaliyah M. - For finishing the Premiers' Reading Challenge.
- Benjamin P. - For finishing the Premiers' Reading Challenge.

**5/6 McKerrow:**
- Markus B. - For excellent work in reading groups.
- Tayha-Lee H. - For excellent work in reading groups.

**5/6 Windridge:**
- Kayla F. - For being a friendly and helpful class member.
- Kara McO. - For completing the Premiers' Reading Challenge.

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**Goodstart Early Learning Flora Hill**

**Car park fete**

Plenty of stalls with lots of bargains

**When:** Saturday 4th of August 2012

**Time:** 11am-3pm

**Where:** 32 Sommerville Street

Flora Hill (Centre Car park)

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**NIT WIZ head lice salon,** 942 Wellington Way Strathfield-saye, across from IGA complex, opening this week All natural products!

Call Nicole on 0418352550 for information and bookings.

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

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Junior School Council 2012

Round 18 saw the largest winning margin for the round was predictably again with the defeat of Greater Western Sydney by Collingwood by 120 points. I’m starting to think they should change their name to “lesser” Western Sydney! The narrowest win went to Carlton who delivered another narrow loss to Richmond, by just 4 points (the same number of points as their Round 17 defeat at the hands of North Melbourne.

The highest number of wins tipped was 8 during Round 18, well done to Craig G, Taylah P, Paul E, Ben O’S, Mitchell G, Izak O’S, Ross P, Olivia G, Natasha F and Kassie P. Jeanette T retains the top position on the leaders board by 5 points. At the other end of the board, Ella S remains at the “top” of the “Alternative Leaders Board”. The lowest tipsters for Round 18 was Susan C., who only tipped 3 winners. Good luck to all our tipsters for Round 19.

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CELEBRITY TIPSTER ROUND 19 - Pacy B.

Hawthorn will follow up their 94 point win over Essendon last week with another win, this time over Geelong at the MCG.

Eighth placed North Melbourne will have an easy win over the fifteenth placed Western Bulldogs.

Greater Western Sydney have the home ground advantage, but can’t possibly win against Port Adelaide unless Port Adelaide sent an Under 9’s team to play them. West Coast may be the stronger team, but something will go wrong and the win will go to Fremantle.

St. Kilda will not be quite strong enough to beat Collingwood.

Richmond are going to surprise the home team when the beat Brisbane at the Gabba.

Gold Coast are just hopeless, easy win for Melbourne here.

Sitting at the top of the ladder and being consistent all year will see Sydney the easy winners of Carlton.

Essendon will play a good strong game and will cause an upset when they beat Adelaide at AAMI Stadium.
Coles Sports for Schools is Back!  We are once again participating in the —Coles Sports for Schools program. If you shop at Coles please collect the vouchers at the check-out and hand to Miss Ennor in the Grade 5/6 room. If your neighbours, brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, grandparents or anyone else shops at Coles get them to collect the vouchers also.  Vouchers are available at Coles, Coles Online, BI-LO or Pick ‘n’ Pay stores and will be available from June 13th until August 14th.

As the official supermarket of the Australian Olympic team for the 2012 Olympic Games, Coles are celebrating by giving you double vouchers until the 14th August. Which means you get 2 vouchers for every $10 you spend at any Coles, Bi-Lo or Pick ‘n’ Pay stores or at Coles Online. So double the amount of sporting equipment you can earn in the next 3 weeks!

Also keep an eye out for bonus products throughout the store to get even more vouchers for your school!

So c’mon California Gully Primary School, get behind your school and collect extra vouchers!

So far we have collected over 5340 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.

It’s back and easier than ever to participate and get valuable resources for our school!

From now until August 12th 2012, you can collect stickers at Woolworths that go towards Earn & Learn points. For every $10 you spend at Woolworths (excluding the purchase of tobacco, liquor and gift cards), you will receive a sticker. These stickers can then be given to your children to collect on a special sticker card (another card was attached to last weeks Bell Topper). Once it is completed, they can simply bring it back here to school Woolworths collection box situated in the school office. If you would like more sticker cards please just ask at the office.

The more points we earn, the more we can redeem from a choice of over 7,000 educational resources including mathematics and English resources, art & crafts materials and much, much more!

We are grateful for your support and look forward to a successful program.

So far we have earned 10,500 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 are well on our way to more than tripling last years points.

Just two weeks to go.
You only have about two weeks to earn valuable resources for your children, including art supplies, books, musical instruments, construction and much more.

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.

School Assembly starts at 8.55 a.m.  Please be on time!
The Bendigo Library is about to begin a new chapter of its life with a major refurbishment. To enable these works to happen, services will be unavailable at Bendigo Library for three weeks from August 27. From Monday, September 17, services will commence at our temporary library at 96-98 Pall Mall Bendigo (former Bendigo Advertiser site) until building works are completed in early 2014. Library services will continue as usual at Kangaroo Flat, Eaglehawk and Castlemaine during this time. For more information phone: 5449 2700 or visit www.ncrgf.vic.gov.au