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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

ADVANCE NOTICE OF STOPWORK ACTION

The Department is continuing enterprise bargaining with the Australian Education Union in relation to its log of claims covering employees in the executive class, the principal class, the teacher class and the paraprofessional class. As part of its industrial campaign the Union has called on its members to stop work for 24 hours on Wednesday 5th September. Any staff intending to take stop work action will notify me by the end of the week. I will inform the school community on Monday 3rd September as to the impact this will have on classroom programs.

UNIFORM

Just a reminder, that students are expected to wear school uniform every day to school and when on school excursions/representing our school in the community. We are seeking parental support to ensure all students adhere to the School Council Uniform Policy.

MATHLETICS

Recently the school purchased a program called ‘Mathletics’, some families may be familiar with this web-based learning program. The program aims to integrate home and school learning via the internet. For our purposes Mathletics covers the Prep-Year 6 Australian Maths Curriculum and is currently used in over 10,000 Australian schools, with more than 200,000 students accessing the site every day! It is the next generation in learning, helping students enjoy maths and improve their results.

We are currently evaluating its effectiveness and whether it could be an integral part of Maths teaching and learning in 2013. The benefits of Mathletics are;

- students are engaged and motivated to learn
- Mathletics is adaptive, it responds to individual student strengths and weaknesses, students instantly know if they are on the right track and can work through the curriculum at their own pace
- animated support guides students through concepts whenever they need, like a maths tutor might do
- teachers can access student records in order to track progress and identify learning needs
- weekly parent emails allow you to monitor your child’s progress

All students have 24/7 access to the Mathletics program. Next week we will be involved in professional development session looking at how to best implement Mathletics across Grade Prep to 6.

Jason Lee
Principal
THE BELL TOPPER

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SCHOOL WALK-A-THON

Our school walk-a-thon will be held next Friday September 7th. The children will walk down to Lake Neangar with their class. The Parents’ Club will provide the children with a B.B.Q. lunch and the children will walk around the lake. We would like parents to collect their children from the lake at 2.30 p.m. Those children not collected will walk back to school with their teachers. Parents are most welcome to get involved with the walk-a-thon. We require a few parents to act as marshals around the lake. More sponsorship forms are available from school.

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!!!

SCHOOL CALENDAR

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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 urgent assistance to collate the vouchers, if you can assist please let her know as soon as possible. If we can’t collate the vouchers we won’t be able to select sports equipment.

Thanks for participating in this year’s Woolworths Earn & Learn Program!
We are grateful for your support in making this a successful program.

We earned 15,540 Woolworths Earn and Learn points, these points will help us to choose some fantastic educational resources. Last year we only earned 3720 points, we have more than quadrupled last years points.

Minerals

Consuming minerals from a variety of food sources assists in maintaining a healthy lifestyle. Below are some of the most common minerals, why they are needed and what foods they are in.

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**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 this Friday, August 31st, after assembly. Gifts will be available to purchase. They range from $1.00—$5.00. Donations can still be given to Nicole in the office.

**Fathers’ Day Raffle**
Fathers’ Day raffle tickets can still be taken to the office on Friday, August 31st, before assembly. The raffle will be drawn after the Fathers’ Day stall is completed.

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**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 September 4th and Thursday September 6th. 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

Christmas has come early to playgroup. We have just picked up 2 huge toy laybys so it’s time for a mini celebration. Playgroup would like to invite all preschool children & their parents to join us next Thursday 6th September, from 10 am till noon in the Playgroup room. Morning tea and coffee will be supplied.
Congratulations to the following students on being named Student of The Week for their positive attitude to school and social values.

**Friday August 24th**

**Prep/1 Christian:** Tully McA-M. - For 100% effort in writing groups. Great sounding out.
Lachlan W. - For consistent home reading. Keep it up!

**Prep/1 Peacock:** Sammy C. - For settling well at activities during Investigation Time.
Great Box Construction.
Hayden M. - For trying hard when sounding out his words.
Ryan S. - For completing the Premiers’ Reading Challenge.

**2 Carroll-Hinton:**
Benjamin A. - For completing the Premiers’ Reading Challenge. Well done Ben!
Ayla L. - For completing the Premiers’ Reading Challenge. Top work.

**3/4 Hartney:**
Brady E. - For always working co-operatively and enthusiastically.
Keisha M. - For always working co-operatively and trying her best.

**3/4 Tanner:**
Daryn B. - For making better decisions during class/yard time.
Mitchell G. - For his outstanding achievements during Mathletics.

**5/6 Ennor:**
Cory E.-J. - For contributing in WWW sessions.
Jasmine McC. - For always giving her best.

**5/6 McKerrow:**
Bailey I. - For completing the Premiers’ Reading Challenge.
Janie-Maree P. - For excellent recording in her reading diary.

**5/6 Windridge:**
Zechariah E.-J. - For reading every night at home to complete the Premiers’ Reading Challenge.
Phoebe L. - For reading more books than needed and successfully completing the Premiers’ Reading Challenge.

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.

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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
Rabbi Club of Bendigo
Bendigo Bank
UPS Pharmacies
City of Greater Bendigo
Bendigo Advertiser
Ladies’ Morning Murder Makers
Department of Veterans Affairs
Fire & Life Homes Victoria

Specialising in Annual Health Check-Ups

The Men’s Health Clinic operates on Tuesdays from 3pm - 5.30pm. This Men’s Health Clinic is staffed by a male nurse health practitioner. The nurse will complete an extensive health assessment and when required, refer to a GP.

Phone: Bendigo Community Health Services on 5434 4300

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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.

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.

DAFFODIL DAY
Well done and thank you to all those in our school community who supported the Cancer Council Daffodil Day by purchasing Daffodil Day merchandise. We raised $288.00 for the Cancer Council.

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BOOK WEEK 2012 “CHAMPIONS READ”

DRESS UP DAY

Book Week 2012 Dress Up Day was a great success. We had an array of book characters on show. Alice and her friends made an appearance, Red Riding Hood took another detour on the way to Grandma’s house and the Ninja Turtles ventured from the underground sewers for the day.

Thank you to all those students who got involved and dressed up. Thank you to the parents for their time and effort in organising costumes for their children. I’m sure the children appreciate your hard work.

I would also like to thank the local businesses for your kind donations for our lucky raffle. To Collins Booksellers, Kmart, Spotlight, Mr Goodtimes, Toyworld, BookMark and All Books 4 Less you made our day complete. Thankyou.

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