From the Principal

END OF YEAR SCHOOL CELEBRATION
On Thursday, 20th December the school community has an opportunity to celebrate the end of a successful school year.

Schedule
5.15pm. Family BBQ or picnic tea
6.00pm. Tony Bones Entertainment will present ‘Rudolph’s Recruits’ (no cost).
Children will be required to sit with their grades for the entire performance.
7.00pm Grade Prep to 2 Christmas Songs
Presentation to Departing Families
Grades 3 to 5 Christmas Songs
Christmas Raffle
Grade 6 End of Year Song

I would ask if younger or older siblings are attending they remain with their families during the evening.
I anticipate the evening will conclude around 7.45pm

STUDENT REPORTS: DISTRIBUTION DATE
End of year student reports will be distributed on Tuesday, 18th December.

STEP UP DAY - GRADES PREP TO 5
On Wednesday 12th December the school ran a ‘Step Up’ morning for grades Prep-5. The children were involved in a number of activities assisting the teacher and the children to get to know each other a little better. Overall it was another successful element of our school transition program. To conclude the transition day a letter was sent home with each child indicating:
The title of your child’s class
The name of your child’s teacher
Other important 2013 dates

NETBOOKS
End of Lease: Grade 5 & 6. All Netbooks and accessories are required to be returned to the school by Friday, 14th December.
END OF TERM DISMISSAL: EARLY FINISH AT 1.30 p.m.
All students will be dismissed at 1:30pm on Friday 21st December. Children will have their normal morning recess break at 11.00am.

Jason Lee
Principal

Grade 6 Graduation Dinner

On Monday December 17th, we will be celebrating the graduation from California Gully Primary School of our Grade 6 students. The celebration will commence at 6.00 p.m. with a meal for the Grade 6 students and staff catered by Kathy Block at the Long Gully Community Centre in Havilah Road. Parents and family of the Grade 6 children are welcome to join us at 7.00 p.m. for the presentations. The cost of the celebration is $18.00 per Grade 6 student, which also includes drinks.

Please return the form and money to the class teacher or to the school office by Friday December 14th.
Please Note: Excursion Credit is NOT available to cover the cost of the Graduation Celebration.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

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WANT TO RECYCLE YOUR CHRISTMAS CARDS???
Tis’ the season to be jolly!!!
Once again Christmas has come around very quickly. I am hoping you are all getting lots of Christmas cards sent your way.
Any cards you would like to dispose of after the New Year please send them Miss Christian’s way.
Miss Christian would love to recycle your cards for Christmas activities in her class next year.
Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas.

Outside School Hours Care
Outside School Hours Care will hold their final session on Thursday December 20th. If you have used the service and still have not paid your account, please do so by Wednesday December 19th.
Accounts will be posted on Monday, December 17th. If you will be using the service between Monday December 17th and Thursday December 20th please ensure that you come up to the school and pay your account by Friday December 21st.

Outside the office is a small uniform display. The upcoming Summer holidays is a great time for parents to take their children into Bendigo Uniforms Plus to purchase their child’s uniform for next year. They also sell the school’s bucket and wide brim style hats which are required during Terms 1 and 4.
Please remember that wearing of the school uniform is compulsory.

Porters Detailing
0408 381 262
For the month of December, 2012, we are offering complete vehicle details for $275.00.
This includes Cut and Polish, Steam Clean Seats and Carpet, Steam Clean Engine bay, Clean Dash and Windows.
Please mention this advertisement at time of booking, and we will give California Gully Primary School Parents’ Club $20.00 per detail.

Please call for more information.

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~ Merry Christmas ~

We at Nutrition Australia wish you all a very Merry Christmas and hope you have a happy and safe holiday. Here’s a great recipe for “Christmas Fruit & Coconut Balls.” These are a fantastic idea to cool down during the warm, summer weather!

Ingredients:
- 250g ricotta cheese
- 1/2 cup finely chopped fresh pineapple
- 1/2 cup finely chopped mango
- 1 cup sultanas
- 1 finely chopped banana
- 1 1/2 cup desiccated coconut
- Extra coconut for coating

Method:
1. Mix the ricotta cheese and fruits thoroughly together with a wooden spoon.
2. Add enough coconut to bring the mixture to a firm consistency.
3. Take teaspoon amounts of mixture and roll into small balls
4. Roll the balls in coconut and chill until firm.

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GREAT TIPS FOR HEALTHY KIDS

TIP 7. JUST MUCKING AROUND IS GOOD FOR YOU

Life can be stressful for adults and kids too, and everyone benefits from a rest now and then. These days many people have forgotten the art of ‘just mucking around’. It means not doing anything in particular, not being organised or structured. It can seem like a waste of time, but it’s one of the healthiest things you can do, especially as a family. Hanging around, laughing over silly things, just watching the clouds go by is relaxing and refreshing. It helps your mind turn off for a while and lets your body relax.

What you can do NOW
- Resist the urge to tell kids to keep busy.
- Show the way by taking time out and enjoying yourself rather than always trying to get things done.
- Stock up on board games suitable for the whole family to play.

Top Tip
Some kids who lie around watching TV to pass the time may seem relaxed but often they feel exhausted. What they need is some fresh air and physical activity.

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Parents’ Club Meeting
The next meeting of the Parents’ Club will be held Friday, February 8th 2013 at 9.05 a.m. in the conference room, this will be the first meeting for 2013 and we look forward to some of our new Prep families joining us.

Christmas Raffle
The Parents’ Club is again having a Christmas Raffle! We have had some fantastic prizes donated to us.

The Christmas Raffle will be drawn after the Christmas concert on December 20th. All raffle books and money must be back at school by 9 a.m. on Wednesday December 19th. Extra raffle books are available from the office.

A BIG Thank You to all the businesses that have donated prizes.

Prizes
1st Terry Jarvis Painting donated by Bethany Gallery Value $300.00
2nd Car Detailing donated by Porter’s Detailing Value $300.00
3rd Sports Power Bag with $50.00 worth of Groceries donated by Sports Power
4th $50.00 Gift Card donated by Champions IGA Long Gully
5th $50.00 Voucher donated by The Schweppes Centre
6th Sportsco Bag with $25.00 worth of Groceries donated by Sportsco
7th Sportsco Bag with $25.00 worth of Groceries donated by Sportsco
8th Shampoo and Blow Wave Voucher donated by Hairem Scarem
9th Beauty Hamper donated by Eaglehawk UFS Dispensary
10th 10 visit Pool Swim Pass donated by Peter Krenz Leisure Centre YMCA
11th Meal Voucher donated by the Bendigo RSL Value $50.00

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 December 11th and Thursday December 13th. 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

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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 December 7th**

**Prep/1 Christian:**
- Elycia M. - For a great diary entry this week.
- Kohby U. - For a superb effort in his writing.

**Prep/1 Peacock:**
- Seraya C. - For displaying increased focus when working at the tables. Great writing this week.
- Jordan P. - For a creative animal collage. Fantastic Meer Kat.

**2 Carroll-Hinton:**
- Bailey A. - For a great animal project.
- Ayla L. - For a great koala project.

**3/4 Hartney:**
- Braidyn D. - For working with a lot of enthusiasm on our Sustainable Energy topic.
- Zoe W. - For being a responsible, kind and helpful student.

**3/4 Tanner:**
- Shaylah H. - For excellent work during reading groups.
- Michael M. - For always bringing a positive attitude to school.

**5/6 Windridge:**
- Claire D. - For getting started quickly and always trying her hardest during class.
- Caleb M. - For working well with others during Humanities.

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**THE GIRLS SAY “THANK YOU”**

A big “Thank You” from the girls to all those families who have donated money towards their food. As a result a few have rewarded the students by laying a few eggs! If you would like to purchase some eggs please see Wendy in the 5/6 classroom (Room2). If you would still like to donate some money to the girls for more food you can give this money to Wendy.

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Jets Gymnastics
Bendigo School
Holiday Program is on again in 2013 for children aged between 5 to 13 years
Be sure to book early as places fill fast for each day, operating hours are 8.30am to 5.30pm from Monday to Friday starting January 14th and finishing January 25th
There is a different theme each day with lots of craft, games and gymnastic activities adding to the fun and excitement in our gym
You can view the daily descriptions and book online by accessing the following link: [http://www.jetsgym.com.au/index.php/holiday-program](http://www.jetsgym.com.au/index.php/holiday-program) or contact customer service at Jets Gymnastics Bendigo on 5444 1119 or email jetsbendigo@jetsgym.com.au for further information

Discounts apply for online bookings and payments and additional family members, don’t miss out book now

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

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