Thursday December 20th 2012

2012 WRAP UP
I would like to take this opportunity to thank the school community for your support and assistance during the 2012 school year. The teaching and non-teaching staff are to be congratulated on the tremendous job they do educating the students and preparing them for the future. They are a dedicated, supportive and professional team.

Parents Club must be congratulated on the significant fundraising undertaken in 2012. The money raised has been used to purchase many items for a variety of causes. Items include; large TV for the BER building, books, games and educational resources for different classrooms, a fridge for the BER building, funds to complete the new junior school sandpit and outdoor learning area, online resources for all grades, moon sand, Lego and a pie warmer.

Thank you to our school councillors who once again made a formal commitment to the school and oversaw key decisions around finance, policy and facilities.

To one and all have an enjoyable Christmas and a great start to the new year.

NETBOOKS
The 2013 Netbook Program Shared Roles and Responsibilities booklet and lease agreement (for grade 6 students) will be forwarded to families early in term 1 of next year.

GRADUATION
The Grade 6 graduation took place on Monday night and the students looked the part and acquitted themselves well when delivering their speeches and presenting their graduating slideshow to the audience. The students and staff enjoyed a lovely meal prepared by Kath and Chris were assisted by a number of staff. Thank you also to the Grade 5 students who waited on the students and staff during the evening they did a superb job. Thanks to Mr Tanner for preparing and running the slide show for and on the night. A lucky few students received awards. The Peter Krenz award was shared between Jackson Epworth and Kara McOrmond. Caleb Morrison-Armstrong received the Parents Club Award, the Rotary Junior Citizenship Award went to Ruby Pointon and the George Speedy Citizenship Award went to Cody Bourke.

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, and need to be picked up at 1:30pm prior to having their lunch.
CANTERBURY CAROLS
I would like to congratulate the children who performed at the Canterbury Carols in Eaglehawk last Sunday night. The students were enthusiastic, sung with gusto, had a fun time and represented the school fabulously. Thank you to Mrs Holt for coordinating the children on the night and running the practice sessions leading up to the event. See back page for photos.

2013 SCHOOL LEVY INFORMATION
All children have received their 2013 school levies. If for some reason you have not received it please contact the office as soon as possible. Payment for 2013 levies can be made the week before school recommences.

The school office will be open on Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th January for payments to be made and EMA applications to be completed. Part or full payments are required before the end of week 5 (March 1st).

PREMIERS’ READING CHALLENGE
I would like to congratulate the 124 students who completed the Premiers’ Reading Challenge during the 2012 school year. The number of students who completed the challenge was significantly higher than in 2011, with 72% of children completing the challenge this year. Next year let us aim to achieve a completion rate of over 90%. That would be inspiring.

Jason Lee
Principal
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. We still have a number of people who have not paid their account, it would be appreciated if you could do so no later than **11 a.m. on Friday December 21st**.
If you have used 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.

School Assembly starts at 8.55 a.m. Please be on time!
GREAT TIPS FOR HEALTHY KIDS

TIP 8. A WIDE VARIETY OF FOODS IS ESSENTIAL
Your child’s body needs a variety of good foods each day to function properly. No one food will provide all the nutrition that the body needs, but a variety will satisfy the full range of requirements. Between the ages for five and puberty, kids are growing slowly and steadily, so the number of different foods they eat should increase gradually. The larger the variety of foods, the easier it is to satisfy their needs.

What you can do NOW
For a child aged between 8 and 11 years*, provide the following (or the equivalent) every day:

- 4 slices of bread (preferably wholegrain), 1 cup cooked rice or past
- 1 cup salad, 1 cup raw or cooked vegetables
- 2 fruits i.e. 1 apple plus 1 banana or a small glass of fresh orange juice
- 1 cup reduced-fat milk, a small tub of low-fat yoghurt, 2 slices cheese
- A piece of lean meat, chicken or fish the size of your child’s palm, or an egg and a small handful of nuts

* These are average servings. Some children eat a little more, others a little less.

Good Idea!
Try to have as many different coloured foods from as wide a variety of sources as possible. For example, have at least a green, yellow, orange, red and white vegetable every day and cut them into different shapes to add variety to the meal. It can often be a good way to teach young children about colours and shapes.

Top Tip
The main types of nutritious foods are: vegetables; fruit; reduced-fat milk, yoghurt and cheese; lean meat, fish poultry; eggs; legumes; and wholegrain bread, cereals, pasta, rice and noodles.

Bendigo Family ACTIVITY day-- FAMILY PARTICIPATION DAY
COME ALONG HAVE FUN... AND GET ACTIVE!!!
Friday 11th January
10am - 1pm
-SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS- OPEN AGES
*SPORTS *GAMES *ACTIVITIES *FACE PAINTING*JUMPING CASTLE *SAUSAGE SIZZLE*DISPLAYS AND INFORMATION FOR PARENTS *PRIZES AND GIVE AWAYS

(Sports clubs and Organisations will be coming along to show case their services....Find out what your child likes by having a try day....) Parents encouraged to participate for fun too....

COST: FREE For adults, Unlimited games, sports, face painting and jumping castle all included with an arm band- $15 Sausages on the day will be $2ea and bottles of water also available.

PLEASE PREBOOK to avoid disappointment!!!
PLEASE EMAIL FOR BOOKINGS-NAME AND AGES OF CHILDREN :
To
Bendigo social Little Butterflies-bslbbookings@gmail.com or 0417 505 581

Thank you to our Sponsors- City of Greater Bendigo

With thanks to the Community Funding Scheme 2013 also find Bendigo Social Little Butterflies on Facebook.

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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 were due back yesterday. Tickets will be available at the concert for those who want an extra chance to win!!!
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

The Parents’ Club would like to Wish all those in our School Community a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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 early in 2013. 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 14th**

**Prep/1 Christian:** Ella B. - For being a caring & respectful member of P/1C.
Piper K. - For great swimming effort!!!

**Prep/1 Peacock:** Molly F. - For being prepared to 'have a go' and do her best swimming.
Cameron N. - For wonderful efforts at swimming.

**2 Carroll-Hinton:**
Lani McC. - For having a wonderful week back at CGPS WELCOME BACK!
Shameka R. - For creating an excellent portfolio.

**5/6 McKerrow:**
Stephaine G. - For excellent efforts in all class activities.
Bailey I. - For excellent work at swimming.

**5/6 Windridge:**
Kara McO. - For completing outstanding work during class and being a terrific listener.
Emily W. - For completing work neatly and efficiently in every lesson.

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**Come and Try Day!**
**Sunday 10th Feb 2013**
10am-2pm
Garden Gully Reserve
Ashley Street Ironbark

BBQ lunch provided
drinks available for purchase

Hooked-on-Hockey (Hockey shop on site)
Coaching clinics for U9’s, U11’s, U13 & U15’s (from 10 - 11:30) followed by a family game and lunch
U17’s and senior players from 11:30am onwards

For more information contact:
Charlie Walker 0419 946 682
Nicole Hood 0400 853 203

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

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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) 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

act, create, communicate
Self-development through drama!
Boost your child's creativity, confidence and communication skills.

Enrolling now for students aged 5 to 17.

Classes Held
- Tuesday
- Wednesday
- Thursday

New Saturday Class for 2013

Contact the Principal
ALICE CALL – 5448 3166

www.helenogrady.com.au

It’s Time for SANTA TRÁM

Hey kids, Santa and his elves will be in Bendigo hiding at a secret location from 15 – 24 December. Luckily, the SANTA TRÁM knows how to find him. Jump aboard, have your photo taken with Santa and tell him what you would like for Christmas!

**DATES:** 15 – 24 December 2013

**TIMES:** 10.00am and 12.00pm daily

**LOCATION:** Bendigo Town Hall, 10 Drummond St, Bendigo

**COST:** Kids $10.00 – includes a gift from Santa. Adult $2.00 for the first two adults per child. $5.00 for every adult after that.

**BOOKINGS:** Essential. Phone 03 5441 8255 or book online at www.bendigotransways.com

Don’t forget to bring your camera!

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