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. A BBQ will be provided from 5.15pm. Tony Bones Entertainment will present ‘Rudolph’s Recruits’ from 6.00pm (there is no cost). From 7pm we will have a number of presentations, the Christmas Raffle will be drawn and the Grade 6 students will have an opportunity to be farewelled. It will be a great way to complete the year and I look forward to seeing everyone.

FAREWELL MR. TANNER
Recently Mr. Tanner successfully applied for a teaching position at Specimen Hill P.S. I would like to congratulate Mr. Tanner on his new position and thank him for the fantastic contribution he has made to California Gully P.S. in particular with the children he has taught over the past two years.

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 will run a ‘Step Up Day’ for children currently in Grades Prep to 5. The ‘Step Up Day’ will run from 9.15am to 11.00am. Grade 6 students are expected to be at school and an alternative program will be organised for them during this time. The morning will allow our students to work in their new class grouping and with their teacher for 2013. This will give all students an opportunity to further develop their relationships with old and new friends and the classroom teacher. I believe this will alleviate some of the anxiety that is common for children when changing grades and being with ‘new’ group of students.

A letter will be sent home following ‘Step Up Day’ (not on Monday 10th as indicated in last week’s newsletter) indicating:
The title of your child’s class
The name of your child’s teacher
The number of students in the class
Other important 2013 dates.
I have requested parents or carers to inform the school if their child / children will NOT be attending California Gully PS in 2013 due to the family moving on.
Also, if you know of families who intend enrolling their children at California Gully for 2013, please ask them to contact the school immediately.

School Assembly starts at 8.55 a.m. Please be on time!
NETBOOKS
End of Lease: Grade 5 & 6. All Netbooks and accessories are required to be returned to the school by Friday, 14th December.

2013 Netbook Allocation
The 1to1 Netbook Program for grades 5 & 6 will continue in 2013. However we making changes to the model used over the last few years. Grade 6 students will complete the 2nd year of their lease agreement. Grade 5 students will have access to their own netbook in the classroom and at the classroom teachers discretion based on educational needs will, be able to take it home to complete set tasks. 2013 Netbook lease agreement, Roles and Responsibilities statements and the Acceptable Use Policy for students moving into grades 5 & 6 next year will be forwarded to families at the beginning of the 2013 school year. It must be read and signed by both parents/carers and the child and returned to school before possession of the net book takes place.

At the beginning of the 2013 school year an information session for parents will be held. The information session will clarify the role of parents, students and school and outline how the netbooks will be used. For parents of children receiving netbooks for the first time this is a compulsory session.

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

School Calendar

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CALIFORNIA GULLY PRIMARY SCHOOL
“Kids at Sea” - D.V.D.’s
We are again taking orders for “Kids at Sea” D.V.D.’s.
If you are interested please fill in the form sent home Wednesday and return it to the school office as soon as possible.
The cost for each D.V.D. is $15.00.
Please note that we will be ordering D.V.D.’s according to what is indicated on the return forms. We will not have any spare D.V.D.’s available for purchase at a later date.

All D.V.D. orders are to be returned to school no later than Wednesday December 12th 2012

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.

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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GREAT TIPS FOR HEALTHY KIDS

TIP 6. YOU ARE WHAT YOU EAT

You are what you eat. Whatever you put into your mouth today contributes to the body you have and the way you feel.

If you eat healthy, nutritious foods, your body works well and you have energy and vitality. If you eat junk foods that have little nutritional value, you may feel heavy and listless and your body does not function well.

Naturally, you want to give your kids the best possible start in life. When you feed them nutritious foods, you are creating a healthy foundation for them.

Good Idea!

Make your own muffins, using grated carrot or zucchini, banana, or mashed pumpkin. For extra Vitamin B, sprinkle them with sunflower seeds or sesame seed before baking.

What you can do NOW

- Increase the amount of fresh food you serve the family.
- Cut back on buying lollies, chips and cakes - buy them just once in a while.
- Make a list of nutritious recipes that are quick to prepare.
- Serve a good balance of fruit, vegetables, rice, pasta, noodles, bread (preferably wholegrain or wholemeal) and legumes (e.g. chickpeas, lentils, baked beans).

Top Tip

Growing some of your own foods in pots, like silverbeet a and cherry tomatoes, can help to educate your family about where food comes from, plus you'll have fresh food ready to pick.

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PARENTS CLUB NEWS

Parents’ Club Meeting
The next meeting of the Parents’ Club will be held Friday, December 7th at 9.05 a.m. in the conference room, this is the last meeting for the year. We only have 5 members for the 2013 committee and would love to see some new faces!!

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

School Assembly starts at 8.55 a.m. Please be on time!
Don’t forget to check out the school’s website www.californiagullyps.vic.edu.au

Congratulations to the following students on being named Student of The Week for their positive attitude to school and social values.

**Friday November 30th**

**Prep/1 Peacock:**
- Lily G. - For participating co-operatively in drama activities.
- Keeley G. - For participating co-operatively in school activities.

**2 Carroll-Hinton:**
- Shii-an B. - For working well in class.
- Jessica B. - For being a friendly outgoing student.

**3/4 Hartney:**
- Lachlan F. - For always working and playing co-operatively.
- Keisha M. - For being a happy, caring and co-operative student.

**3/4 Tanner:**
- Mickayla B-W. - For her spectacular drawing of the Water Cycle.
- Jackson T. - For his beautiful recreation of the Water Cycle.

**5/6 McKerrow:**
- Braydan C. - For excellent results in reading and maths tests.
- Emily H. - For excellent results in reading and maths tests.

**5/6 Windridge:**
- Lachlan F. - For always working and playing co-operatively.
- Keisha M. - For being a happy, caring and co-operative student.

**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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**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](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**

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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 956 682
Nicole Hood 0400 855 305

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**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
ALISE Call – 5448 3166

www.helenogrady.com.au

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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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IT’S TIME FOR SANTA TRAM

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

TIMES: 10.00am and 12.00pm daily.
DURATION: 1.5 hours.
WHERE: Catch the SANTA TRAM from the Bendigo Tramways Depot & Workshop. 1 Tramways Avenue, Bendigo.
COST: Child: $9.00 - includes a gift from Santa. Adults: $20.00 for the first two adults per child, $5.00 for every adult after that.
BOOKINGS: Bookings are ESSENTIAL. Phone 03) 5443 8235 or book online at www.bendigotramways.com

Don’t forget to bring your camera!

Storytime Special @ Eaglehawk Library

Join us for a very special Storytime to celebrate the expansion of services at the Eaglehawk Library

Enjoy stories, songs and rhymes followed by a simple craft

For children aged 2 - 5 years

Eaglehawk Library
Tuesday December 11, 2012
4.00 – 5.00pm

Eaglehawk Library NEW hours
Tuesday 10.00am – 5.00pm
Friday 9.00am – 12.00pm
Saturday 9.30am – 1.00pm

For bookings phone Annette on 5449 7753
or email annette@mgcfl.vic.gov.au

OUT of the Box Toy Library

Monday and Friday
9:30-11:30am

Last Open Day 2012, 17th Dec.
Reopening 14th January 2013.

Out of the Box Toy Library:
St Matthews, 153 Eaglehawk Rd, Lang Gully.
Enter through the garden gate on Creeth St.

ph 5442 2659

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