PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

Staff (including myself) on yard duty after school have been concerned by the number of children crossing Staley St not at the designated crossing, (which is at the front of the school near the rotunda). Children crossing at other points are at risk of being injured and I seek the support of all parents to ensure the children cross the road at the designated point.

The following is an excerpt from ‘Kidsafe NSW. Children need assistance dealing with the traffic environment until at least the age of 10 as they are not equipped physically or developmentally to make the crucial decisions to keep them safe. Like learning to drive a car, children need practise and experience to walk in the traffic environment.

Children are vulnerable road users. Anywhere where there is a potential for moving vehicles is a potentially dangerous traffic situation for children. This includes residential areas, car-parks, at traffic lights, along footpaths, zebra and other crossings, driveways, quiet streets, and busy streets.

Although children may think they can handle crossing a road by themselves, remember that children:

- are easily distracted and focus on only one aspect of what is happening
- are smaller and harder for drivers to see
- are less predictable than other pedestrians
- cannot accurately judge the speed and distance of moving vehicles
- cannot accurately predict the direction sounds are coming from
- are unable to cope with sudden changes in traffic conditions
- do not understand abstract ideas - such as road safety
- are unable to identify safe places to cross the road
- tend to act inconsistently in and around traffic

http://www.kidsafensw.org/road-safety/pedestrian-safety/

SCHOOL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

The following timetable outlines our school election procedure. Nomination forms can be collected from the office.

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PERSONAL GOODS BROUGHT TO SCHOOL AT OWNER’S RISK

Personal property is often brought to school by students, staff and visitors. This can include mobile phones, IPods, calculators, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises. The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it will generally not pay for any loss or damage to such property. Therefore, bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school is discouraged.

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

The Department of Education does not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs. Reasonable low cost accident insurance policies are available from the commercial insurance sector.

Jason Lee
Principal

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

EMA application forms are available from the school office. If you are the holder of a Health Care Card or Pension Card please come to the office to collect and complete a form. This year you can choose to have your EMA paid directly into the school’s bank account to cover your student charges (this is the preferred option).

Applications must be returned to school no later than Friday February 22nd to ensure that all applications are promptly recorded on the system. LATE APPLICATIONS CANNOT BE PROCESSED.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

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Welcome back to all existing and new parents to California Gully Primary School for 2013. My name Kerryn Phillips I am the Primary Well Being officer. I will be at school all day on Monday, Thursday and Friday. I will be moving around the school in the first couple of weeks getting to know the students.

My overall role is to support students, families and the teachers within the school environment and the community. I hope to use my experience and knowledge to help make the school an even happier and safer place to be.

I will also be helping out with the lunch time program from 1.40 p.m. to 2.00 p.m. on the days I am at school.

I am available to catch up with students, parents and families on a broad range of matters including friendships, separation, grief and loss. I can be contacted on the school number, 5446 8393. If I am not available leave a message I’ll get back to you.

Kerryn Phillips

Outside School Hours Care

Welcome back to our old families of After School Care for 2013. We hope to welcome some new families this year to join in with our fun activities.

Some of our activities include cooking, arts/crafts, computers and indoor & outdoor games. We have some fantastic new games, blocks and hand puppets for the children to play with.

Our mobile phone number is 0427-338-776.

If you would like to book your child into After School Care, please do not forget to obtain an enrolment form from the school office and return it (completed) as soon as possible. If your child was booked in on a particular day last year, you are required to re-book them in for 2013.

If your child is not going to be in on the day they are usually booked in please let the school office know as soon as you know.

Mrs. Paton

School Uniform

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.
TIP 10. DAILY LIFE INVOLVES PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

When kids walk to their bedroom they are being physically active. When they go to the fridge they are being physically active. When the bend to do up their shoelaces they are being physically active. All this is called ‘incidental activity’. It’s the activity everyone does during the course of the day doing ordinary things.

However, these days there are shortcuts to cut back on physical activity. For example, the remote control for the TV or the CD player means that only the thumb is active as it hops across channels or tracks. Just by being aware of incidental activity you can look for ways to increase it.

**Good Idea!**
When you watch TV, introduce some activity. For example, encourage kids to mimic a dramatic scene or participate in an exercise class. This way TV is associated with physical activity.

**What you can do NOW**
- Give kids household chores, such as hanging out washing.
- Take your child shopping with you.
- Get them to bring in the shopping and put it away.
- Use the stairs, not the lift.

**Top Tip**
Buy pedometers for everyone in the family. Who can take the most steps in a day?

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**YUMMY SUMMER LUNCH IDEAS FOR THE KIDS...**

Now is the best time to take great advantage of all of the bright and wonderful fruits and vegetables in season. It's healthy and can be exciting to have a colourful lunchbox!

Fresh seasonal fruit salad with yoghurt makes a great lunchbox filler. Try celery sticks with hummus, salsa or cream cheese with chives, or make a mix of different coloured vegetable sticks, e.g. carrots, or a selection of dried fruit.

**Tasty Salad Suggestion:**
Pack in a container pieces of chicken or tuna or hard boiled egg with shredded lettuce, diced cucumber, avocado, capsicum and tomatoes.

To increase variety try adding fresh mango or pineapple, or include a pita bread wrap or fresh wholegrain roll in the lunchbox for them to tip the salad into.

It is important to include a freezer block in lunch boxes to keep meats and dairy cold, and be sure to include a bottle of water to drink!

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The Epsom Soccer Club are having their registration day for new and returning players.

**When:** Sunday 17th February 2013
**Place:** Epsom Huntly Recreation Reserve
**Time:** 3.00pm-5.00pm
**Price:** Non competitive (U6-U10)$130.00  Competitive: (U11-U16)$150.00

The entire fee is due on the day of registration.
Any further information please contact the Junior Coordinator: Robyn Braszell 0488393788 robyn-bras@gmail.com

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PARENTS CLUB NEWS

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

Parents’ Club Lunch Orders
Lunch orders will be every second WEDNESDAY. Please place correct money in the envelope when sending the orders to school. Children need to place their lunch orders in the pink tub in the office by 9.30 a.m. on Friday. If your child is absent on lunch order day, please let the office know so we can organise a refund.

The next Lunch Order day will be Wednesday February 27th. On the menu will be Salad Rolls and Popcorn. Order forms will go home next week and need to be returned to the office by 9.30 a.m. on Friday February 22nd

Easter Raffle
Easter Raffle books will soon be sent home, there is sure to be many wonderful prizes to be won. Tickets will be $1.00 each. The raffle will be drawn at assembly on Thursday March 28th. All raffle books and money must be returned to school by 9.00 a.m. Wednesday March 27th.

To make our Easter Raffle even more successful we are asking for donations of Easter eggs/bunnies or chocolates to make the prizes bigger and better. If you would like to donate some eggs or simply like to donate a gold coin to go towards purchasing Easter eggs there will be a basket in the office to place your donation in.

If you would like another raffle book please see Nicole in the school office.

Hot Cross Bun Drive
This term we will be conducting a Hot Cross Bun Drive. Order forms will be sent home shortly so you can order some of these yummy Easter treats!

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 next Tuesday, February 19th and Thursday, February 21st. 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!
EGGS FOR SALE
Our girls are busy laying lots of eggs, $2.50 a dozen. See Wendy in the grade 3/4 room.
If families have vegie scraps, stale bread or they would like to cook up some pasta or rice and bring it to my room in the morning the girls would really appreciate it.

Wendy Ennor

COMMUNITY NOTICES

A Sporting Chance Program

Dear Parent / Carer

A Sporting Chance Program is an inclusive Sport and Physical Education program aimed specifically at young individuals aged 7-13 who have an ASD.

The program aims to give individuals with an ASD a fair opportunity to achieve success in a sporting environment which can lead to favourable outcomes in everyday life.

Each term there will be a focus on a new sport. The concept is to help the students learn the basic skills, rules and language of a variety of common sports played in Australian schools. Each session will comprise of general fitness based activities followed by 'sport specific' skills activities and games. Student athletes will have the opportunity to socialise with their peers in a fun but stable and consistent environment whilst learning new skills, improving their fitness and developing their social awareness and communication skills.

Proposed Sequence:
Term 1: Fun, fitness and movement (Perceptual Motor & Movement Skills)
Term 2: Basketball
Term 3: Soccer
Term 4: Cricket

Proposed Venue:
Girton Grammar School: Tennis Court @ MacKenzie St and Londonderry Oval in Vine Street (depending on availability of venues, activity type & time of year)

Proposed Times:
At this stage, 1 x afternoon per week (more sessions if numbers are high)
Thursdays: 4.15 – 5.15

Cost:
Free!

Contact:
John Doherty: john.doherty@girton.vic.edu.au or phone 0417 540 697

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**Marong Junior Football Club - 2013 Registration Night**

Marong Junior Football Club are holding their 2013 Registration Night on Wednesday 27th February, 2013 from 5:30-7:00pm at the Marong Football clubrooms, Malone Park. The Panthers are looking forward a great season of footy. All current and new players are invited to register.

The Marong Junior Football Club are seeking to register teams across all age groups in the Bendigo Junior Football League:

- Under 9
- Under 10
- Under 12
- Under 14
- Under 16 & Under 18 Girls.

Children turning 7 in 2013 are eligible to register for the under 9 competition.

Due to new rules restricting the amount of teams clubs can lodge in 2013, if you can’t make it to our Registration Night and wish to play at Marong this year, it is important that you contact either Warren Gretgrix (President) on 0428 510 061 or Fiona Adams (Secretary) 54 353 663 (a/h) to have your child’s name registered for a team by Friday 1st March.

**Bendigo Family Nature Club**

Snapping in the bush: a summer afternoon of nature photography

Join the Bendigo Family Nature Club for shooting stills in the bush - bring along your camera and a hat

Date: Sunday February 17th

Time: 4-5pm

For Registration and Information: bendigonatureclub@gmail.com or 5444 0678

This is a free event for you and the kiddies made possible by the wonderful people of the Bendigo Field Naturalists and Bendigo Sustainability Group

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

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Eaglehawk Junior Football Club Registration Day will be held at the football club in Simpsons Rd on Sunday February 17 from 11am until 1 pm. This will be for all players from U/9 to U/16 and the Youth Girls Team.

There will be a BBQ lunch available and players who register and pay their fees on the day will receive a free membership to the Eaglehawk Football Club which will give entry to all senior home games for one adult. There will also be a boot swap so bring along your old boots that don’t fit and swap them for a pair that you can use for the season.

Registration fees for 2013 are U/9’s and U/10’s $65, U/12’s, U/14’s, U/16’s and Youth Girls $115 a single, $200 for 2 players and $240 for 3 or more players per family. Payment may be made by EFTPOS, cash or cheque.

All previous players and any new players are welcome.