FROM THE PRINCIPAL

WELCOME
I would like to welcome everyone back for the 2013 school year. We have a number of new students and our current enrolment is 166. I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all of our new students and families and trust they will enjoy being part of California Gully Primary School. I would like to acknowledge the work of the staff ensuring students have had a smooth start to the year quickly returning to the school routines. I would also like to thank parents for their positive approach with the children and making sure they were ready to go from day 1.

NETBOOKS
All Grade 6 students received a Netbook Agreement booklet outlining the 2013 Netbook Program. The Netbook Agreement (which also incorporates the Acceptable User Agreement) should be returned to school by Monday 11th February. Part or full payment for the lease of the netbook is required in this day.

ACCEPTABLE USE AGREEMENT
At California Gully Primary School we recognise the need for students to be safe and responsible users of digital technologies. We believe that explicitly teaching students about safe and responsible online behaviour is essential and is best taught in partnership with parents/guardians. As part of this partnership parents and guardians are required to read and sign the Acceptable User Agreement. Please complete this agreement and return to school by Monday 11th February.

BUSHFIRE AT-RISK REGISTER
Parents are reminded that California Gully Primary School has been included on the Department’s Bushfire At-Risk Register. Our school has been assessed against specific criteria to determine our level of risk. It is important for parents to understand that California Gully Primary School will be closed in the event that the Bureau of Meteorology issues a “CODE RED Fire Danger Rating” warning for the weather district in which the school is located.

SCHOOL UNIFORM
It has been pleasing to see all of the children in school uniform from the start of the school year. It is extremely important for the children to be aware that our school uniform is compulsory and must be worn to school every day. If for some reason your child refuses to wear it or believes they do not need to wear the uniform please speak to me about how together we can resolve the issue. Term 1 requires all children to wear a broad brimmed hat during recess and lunchtime as directed by our SunSmart Policy. Students without hats are required to stay in an undercover area limiting their access to the yard during recess and lunch. If you are aware that your child does not have a broad brimmed hat or has misplaced it could you replace the hat so they are able to play in all areas of the school.
VICTORIAN SCHOOL TERM DATES FOR 2013
Term 1 – 29th January – 28th March
Term 2 – 15th April – 28th June
Term 3 – 15th July – 20th September
Term 4 – 7th October – 20th December

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

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SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
Our first school council meeting will be held next Monday, February 11th, starting at 7.30 pm. (Finance Subcommittee meeting at 7 pm).

Jason Lee
Principal

SCHOOL CALENDAR

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School Assembly starts at 8.55 a.m. Please be on time!
EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

E.M.A. 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 E.M.A. 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.

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

EGGS FOR SALE

Our girls are busy laying lots of eggs, $2.50 a dozen. See Wendy in the grade 3/4 room.

Thank you the Moretti, Crozier, Graham and Appleby families for looking after the girls over the holidays, thank you also the Fullerton family for arranging some chook food for the girls. Also 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.

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.

School Assembly starts at 8.55 a.m. Please be on time!
HEALTHY LIVING

GREAT TIPS FOR HEALTHY KIDS

TIP 9. TV CAN BE A FRIEND OR AN ENEMY

TV can be a good educator. It can also be a great entertainer and, as every parent knows, it can be a cheap babysitter and provide company for kids if they are on their own. However, the benefits of TV can cancelled out by the harm that it can do. Many children watch many hours of television each week. This means that they are: sitting passively for long periods of time; snacking as they watch; and exposed to ads for highly-processed foods, often high in fat and sugar.

What you can do NOW

- Establish good TV habits in your home; limit your child’s TV viewing to one hour per day on weekdays; avoid having the TV on during daylight hours; and record some shows to watch later and eliminate the ads.
- Remove the remote control. At least changing channels will mean getting up and moving.
- Have just one TV in the house.

Good Idea!

Plan the week’s viewing ahead of time. Look through the TV guide together and choose suitable programs. When you watch, discuss aspects of the program with your kids.

Top Tip

Avoid having a TV in your child’s room. Studies show that kids in families who often watch TV during meals eat more of the highly advertised foods like pizza and salty snacks, and less fresh, healthy foods.

MARKETS AND FESTIVALS...

There are many food festivals and markets happening all around Australia. Take advantage of the excellent summer weather and take the kids to explore, share in and celebrate home grown food. Many markets allow exposure to different cultures through food tastings, from contemporary to traditional foods. Children have the opportunity to touch, taste and smell a variety of fresh seasonal produce prior to being processed and packaged away on the supermarket shelves. Many of these markets also provide children’s activities and even hands-on cooking classes.

There is a great range of fresh fruit and vegetables available to purchase along with local products such as olive oils, cheeses and breads just to name a few. Involving children in choosing fresh fruit and vegetables also helps encourage them to eat it.

For information on markets, events, festivals and expos in your area visit Australian Markets & Fairs at www.marketsandfairs.com.au

School Assembly starts at 8.55 a.m. Please be on time!
Parents’ Club Meeting
The next meeting of the Parents’ Club will be held tomorrow, 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.

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.

Parking and Animal Services from the City of Greater Bendigo have contacted our school and requested that the following information be conveyed to our school community.

The illegal parking of vehicles adjacent to our school poses a safety concern to children, pedestrians and other road users. Parents are reminded that it is essential to comply with the parking restrictions when dropping off and collecting children from school.

Motorists must not stop in no stopping areas, even briefly, with or without the motor running. They must not stop next to a continuous yellow edge line, on resident’s nature strips, too close to school crossings, park over driveways or double park. A number of schools have short term time restricted areas, such as 2 minute pick up drop off. These parking areas are in place to allow for ease of access close to schools and these restrictions must be adhered to. Drivers should also be aware that they cannot perform a U-turn over an unbroken or continuous dividing line.

With regard to children’s crossings, the law requires that a driver approaching a children’s crossing must drive at a speed at which the driver can, if necessary stop safely before the crossing. Please slow down and take extra care when driving in school zones.

City of Greater Bendigo Parking Officers and Bendigo Police will conduct random patrols throughout the school year to ensure that motorists are adhering to the Road Rules.

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 12th and Thursday, February 14th. 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!
BOOK CLUB

Scholastic Book Club is sent home twice a term. Our school benefits from children ordering books from Scholastic Book Club as we are able to choose free books for the library or classrooms. Book Club brochures will have a date due stamped on the front of the brochure. If you wish to order a book from any of the brochures that are sent home, you can put all orders in one envelope with your child’s name and grade on it. Please include the money in cash or if you wish to write a cheque, make it payable to California Gully PS. Our school benefits from Scholastic Book Club as we are able to choose free books for the library or classrooms. There is also a credit card facility for orders over $15.

Please follow the directions on the back of the brochure and return the order with the receipt attached to school. Book Club Issue 1 has been sent home this week. It is due back at school on Thursday, February 14th 2013. If you have any questions, please see Linda Windridge or your class teacher.
Don’t forget to check out the school’s website www.californiagullyps.vic.edu.au

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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 Coordinantor: Robyn Braszell 0488393788 robyn-bras@gmail.com

School Assembly starts at 8.55 a.m. Please be on time!
**BOLD** is bringing Karen Starkiss from **Dyslexia Assessment and Support Services** to Bendigo for an information evening for families.

**How to Support your Dyslexic Child at Home and School**

**Time:** Arrive 7:00pm for a 7:15pm Start

**Where:** Catholic Education Centre, 120 Hargreaves St Bendigo

**Cost:** $10 per family

Complete the registration form located at [www.bold.org.au](http://www.bold.org.au)

Enquiries: - email info@bold.org.au

Information: Judy 0408 312 027
Booking: Rachel Wells 5434 3922

**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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**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.

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**NORTH BENDIGO JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB**

Registration Day February 17th (Sunday)

11am - 2pm at the NBJFC rooms.

Any queries contact Tommy on 0417308490 or tpnicholson38@bigpond.com

looking forward to another fantastic year.

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Don’t forget to check out the school’s website [www.californiagullyps.vic.edu.au](http://www.californiagullyps.vic.edu.au)