**FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

The 2012 Parent Opinion Survey is to be conducted statewide from Monday 30th July through to Friday 3rd August. A random sample list of 40 families is generated through our CASES21 administrative system and these families will be forwarded the surveys. If you are one of the fortunate parents to receive a survey it is extremely important the survey is completed and returned to school. The more surveys returned the more reliable the results will be. The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development complies the results which we will then analyse and use to inform and direct our plans for school improvement.

**ATTITUDES TO SCHOOL SURVEY**

Recently the Student Attitudes to School Survey results were forwarded to all schools in Victoria. The results give us a snapshot of the Grade 5/6 students’ thoughts and feelings of school life compared to other Grade 5/6 children from across Victoria. The children were required to respond to a number of statements (for example; ‘I feel positive at school,’ ‘I feel good about being a student at this school’. The students would then score it between 1 and 5, (1 being ‘strongly disagree’ and 5 ‘strongly agree’). Across all Wellbeing and Teaching and Learning areas we were above the State average with nearly all scores above 4. The data indicates the students generally feel very good about school, have positive relationships with their peers, motivated to learn and are confident and engaged learners. This is a great endorsement for the school staff who work hard to develop sound relationships with the students, care for the students and provide positive educational opportunities. Through teacher analysis of the data and discussions with the students around their perceptions of school we will continue to look at ways of building upon the programs and good work already underway.

**SCHOOL FEES**

The Education Tax Refund (Schoolkids Bonus) has recently been forwarded to all eligible families. I would like to acknowledge and thank all of the families who have paid the school fees. Families who have paid the fees assist the school to meet its budget requirements and provide all of the students with the resources required to give them the best educational opportunities. If you have still not paid your fees or have been paying instalments the due date for the final payment is next Friday, August 3rd.
LODDON MALLEE FOOTBALL CARNIVAL

Our football team performed exceptionally well at the football carnival held yesterday. The 19 players who represented the school played as a team, their endeavour was second to none and they persevered all day. Five rounds of football were played; we lost our first game by a couple of goals but then dominated the next 4 games winning all of them. That put us into the Grand Final against Heathcote (who had beaten us in the first game). The enthusiasm was there as was the determination found in the previous games however Heathcote had a little more leg speed and eventually ran out victors. Thank you to Darren Appleby and Miss Ennor for their assistance on the day. Congratulations to all of the players for the outstanding way in which you represented California Gully Primary School.

Jason Lee
Principal

**EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE**

If you were not eligible for the E.M.A. during Terms 1 and 2 and now are can you please complete an E.M.A. form in the office by Wednesday August 1st. You need to be a current HealthCare Card holder and need to produce your card when applying. If you are no longer eligible please contact the office and let us know.

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**SCHOOL CALENDAR**

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| August 6th - August 10th | **Playgroup** 10.00 a.m.—12.00 p.m. | | **Playgroup** 10.00 a.m.—12.00 p.m. | **Student Banking Day** |
| | **Parents’ Club Lunch Order Day** | | | **Finance Committee Meeting** |

| August 13th - August 17th | **School Council Meeting** 10.00 a.m.—12.00 p.m. | **Playgroup** 10.00 a.m.—12.00 p.m. | | **Student Banking Day** |
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| August 20th - August 24th | **Playgroup** 10.00 a.m.—12.00 p.m. | | **Playgroup** 10.00 a.m.—12.00 p.m. | **Student Banking Day** |

School Assembly starts at 8.55 a.m. Please be on time!
OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

New families are always welcome to come and join in with our fun activities. Some of our activities include cooking, arts/crafts, computers and indoor & outdoor games. 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 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.

Accounts for Outside School Hours Care are posted to the families home fortnightly, each account is stamped with a date that indicates when it is due to be paid by, it would be appreciated if all outstanding accounts were paid by the due date.

Mrs. Paton

HEALTHY LIVING

YUMMY WINTER LUNCH IDEAS FOR THE KIDS!

- Vary the bread from day to day e.g. wholemeal, rye, pita, foccacia or bagels.
- Cold cauliflower or broccoli with cheese sauce.
- Left over fried rice, pasta or roast vegetables.
- Chopped vegetables, e.g. carrots, cucumbers, celery, cherry tomatoes or cooked corn on the cob served cold.
- Thermos of hot soup (with or without noodles) with a wholegrain roll.
- Quiche or cold pizza muffins.
- Bread topped with anything or on its own, scones, pikelets or muffins, fruit buns or bun loaf, crackers, popcorn or breakfast cereal.
- Pocket pita bread filled with chicken, avocado and salad.
- Always include fresh fruit, chopped, sliced or diced (use sealed containers for fruit salads).
- Include nuts and dried fruit, such as peanuts, apricots, apples and banana chips, they make great snacks.
- Low fat fruit yoghurts are fantastic and are high in calcium.
- Include low fat raisin and fruit bread and high fibre buns for a sweet snack.
- Unsalted, unbuttered popcorn and rice crackers are great snacks.

SCHOOL CAMP - Wednesday September 12th to Friday September 14th 2012

The Grade 3 to 6 School Camp to Harrietville is fast approaching. To ensure that we have given the camp directors correct numbers and assist in our planning we need all camp payments to be finalised by Friday August 3rd.

If you are not sure how much money is owing on your child’s school camp please check with Nicole in the office.

School Assembly starts at 8.55 a.m. Please be on time!
Parents’ Club Meeting
The next meeting of the Parents’ Club will now be Friday August 3rd, after assembly in the school conference room - opposite the office. All are welcome to attend.

Lunch Order
Parent’s Club will next be offering lunch orders on Tuesday August 7th. On the menu will be Sausages in Bread. Order forms will be sent home next week. All orders and correct money need to be returned to school no later than 9.30 a.m. on Friday August 3rd.

Fathers’ Day Stall
The Fathers’ Day stall is fast approaching and Parents’ Club are seeking your assistance. They would love donations of gifts (or a gold coin to go towards the purchase of gifts). These can be left in the school office. The Fathers’ Day stall will be held on Friday August 31st.

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 July 31st and Thursday August 2nd. 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!
Congratulations to the following students on being named Student of The Week for their positive attitude to school and social values.

**Friday July 20th**

**Prep/1 Christian:** Samuel G. - For completing 100 nights of reading. Superb effort. Congratulations!!!
Keesha W. - For great diary writing this week and being very neat.

**Prep/1 Peacock:** Myan P. - For wonderful handwriting. A great model for the rest of the class.
Brodie R. - For concentrating well and writing lots of sentences during ‘Speed Writing’.

**2 Carroll-Hinton:** Shii-an B. - For completing the Premiers’ Reading Challenge.
Nikyah R. - For completing the Premiers’ Reading Challenge.

**3/4 Hartney:** Jordan H. - For working exceptionally well all week.
Aaliyah N. - For reading with great enthusiasm and expression.

**5/6 McKerrow:** Addison B. - For excellent work in mathematics.
Mark S. - For excellent work in “summarising” activities.

**5/6 Windridge:** Ashlie A. - For completing the Premiers’ Reading Challenge.
Riley B. - For learning all of his times tables.
Jesse C. - For working very well in class.
Sharlee L. - For completing the Premiers’ Reading Challenge.
Charlie O’N. - For completing the Premiers’ Reading Challenge.

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**Goodstart Early Learning Flora Hill Car park fete**

Plenty of stalls with lots of bargains
When: Saturday 4th of August 2012
Time: 11am-3pm
Where: 32 Sommerville Street
Flora Hill (Centre Car park)

**NIT WIZ head lice salon, 942 Wellington Way Strathfield-saye, across from IGA complex, opening this week All natural products!**
Call Nicole on 0418352550 for information and bookings.

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

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**CELEBRITY TIPSTER ROUND 18**

**Murray T.**

Hawthorn will follow up their 47 point win over Collingwood last week with another win, this time over Essendon at Etihad on Friday night.

The home ground advantages will see a win for the seventh placed Geelong over the second placed Adelaide.

Melbourne are no match for North Melbourne.

Greater Western Sydney may have the home ground advantage at Skoda Stadium, but they are simply not going to have a chance against Collingwood.

Carlton will not be quite good enough, Richmond are improving and Carlton are just not consistent!

Sydney are sitting at the top of the ladder, Gold Coast are 17th, the result is predictable and definitely not in Gold Coasts favour.

Fremantle will play a good strong game but the home ground advantage will see Port Adelaide triumphant.

They are in need of a win to boost their confidence and somehow St. Kilda will beat Western Bulldogs.

West Coast will win this game against Brisbane at Paterson Stadium.

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Round 17 saw the largest winning margin for the round predictably with the defeat of Greater Western Sydney by Fremantle by 95 points. The narrowest win went to North Melbourne who delivered another narrow loss to Richmond, by just 4 points.

The highest number of wins tipped was 7 during Round 17, well done to Jeanette T, Brady E, Ben O’S, Eve O’S, Sophie K, Riley B and Keeley F. Jeanette T retains the top position on the leaders board. At the other end of the board, Ella S remains at the “top” of the “Alternative Leaders Board”. The lowest tipsters for Round 17 were Ella S, Pacy B. and Kiara A, who all only tipped 3 winners.

Good luck to all our tipsters for Round 17.
COMMUNITY NOTICES

Coles Sports for Schools is Back!  We are once again participating in the ―Coles Sports for Schools program. If you shop at Coles please collect the vouchers at the check-out and hand to Miss Ennor in the Grade 5/6 room. If your neighbours, brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, grandparents or anyone else shops at Coles get them to collect the vouchers also.  Vouchers are available at Coles, Coles Online, BI-LO or Pick ‘n’ Pay stores and will be available from June 13th until August 14th.  Don’t forget to look for bonus products throughout the program where you can boost our voucher tally by earning 1 voucher for every Bonus Voucher marked product.  So far we have collected over 5340 Coles Sports for Schools vouchers, these vouchers will help us to choose some great new sporting equipment at the end of the collection period.

Can you help?
Wendy needs your assistance to collate the vouchers, if you can assist please let her know as soon as possible.

It’s back and easier than ever to participate and get valuable resources for our school!
From now until August 12th 2012, you can collect stickers at Woolworths that go towards Earn & Learn points. For every $10 you spend at Woolworths (excluding the purchase of tobacco, liquor and gift cards), you will receive a sticker. These stickers can then be given to your children to collect on a special sticker card (another card was attached to last weeks Bell Topper). Once it is completed, they can simply bring it back here to school Woolworths collection box situated in the school office.  If you would like more sticker cards please just ask at the office.
The more points we earn, the more we can redeem from a choice of over 7,000 educational resources including mathematics and English resources, art & crafts materials and much, much more!
We are grateful for your support and look forward to a successful program.
So far we have earned 10,500 Woolworths Earn and Learn points, these points will help us to choose some fantastic educational resources.  Last year we only earned 3720 points, so we are well on our way to more than tripling last years points.

Just three weeks to go.
You only have about three weeks to earn valuable resources for your children, including art supplies, books, musical instruments, construction and much more. So log onto your Earn & Learn account at www.teaching.com.au and make sure you update your sticker tally using the Earn & Learn barometer and you’ll have a much better idea of the great things you can get for your school.

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.

School Assembly starts at 8.55 a.m.  Please be on time!
BOLD is hosting another essential evening for those still searching for answers by investigating another poorly understood disorder. We are continuing after the success of 'The Missing Piece - Sensory Processing Disorder' with a seminar on:

**Beating Procrastination**

*A modern day malaise*

Presented by

**Jim Young**

Senior Counsellor and Cognitive Behavioural Therapist at La Trobe University

As parents do you have **QUESTIONS** about your child’s behaviour – do they have problems in getting going, organisation, management, delaying, diverting attention, lack of energy and focus?

Teachers are you **CONCERNED** about student concentration/ organisation, self-management, confusion, lack of focus and energy?

If so, then YOU REALLY NEED TO ATTEND. You will learn about what can go wrong with our initiative, motivation, self concept and confidence and how this then impacts on children’s lives and parent’s lives and how to develop strategies to modify the behaviours and work habits.

**When:** Tuesday 7 August 2012

**Time:** Arrive 7pm for a 7.30 start

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

**Cost:** $10 - Families/Tertiary Students  
$35 - Professionals  
$30 per staff member from a rural school /5 or more from an organisation

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

Enquiries: email info@bold.org.au or contact Peter on 0488180299; Booking: Rachael Wells 5434 3922

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The Bendigo Library is about to begin a new chapter of its life with a major refurbishment.  
To enable these works to happen, services will be unavailable at Bendigo Library for three weeks from August 27.

From Monday, September 17, services will commence at our temporary library at 96-98 Pall Mall Bendigo (former Bendigo Advertiser site) until building works are completed in early 2014.  
Library services will continue as usual at Kangaroo Flat, Eaglehawk and Castlemaine during this time.  
For more information phone: 5449 2700 or visit [www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au](http://www.ncgrl.vic.gov.au)

Bendigo’s reputation as the sporting capital of Regional Victoria reaches a new high with the city being selected by Hockey Australia to again host the prestigious Australian Country Hockey Championships from 28th July until 3rd Aug.

The Championships will be played over 7 days, with all states being represented and an influx of approximately 300 players, supporters and officials. Teams from Western Australia, Queensland, New South Wales, South Australia, Australian Defence Force and Victoria will participate. These players represent the best Country Hockey Players from each State. These games are action packed and fast paced!

Games will start Sat 28th July at 7.30am and finish at 6pm each night (no games on Wed 1st Aug, as this is the rest day)  
Hockey Central Vic would like to encourage Schools to bring their students down to watch this high level hockey.

Entry is FREE

Food/Drinks can be purchased at the venue if required.

Hockey Fields are located at 14 Ashley Street, Iron Bark - near Spotlight or the Fruit Shack.

Hope to see you there!