FROM THE PRINCIPAL

SCHOOL COUNCIL
I would like to congratulate the following school council members who were nominated and accepted the following positions for the 2013 school year.
President- Deanne Pointon
Vice President- Ian Nicholson
Minute secretary- Nicole Cooper
The following school community members make up our school council team and will work alongside the executive during 2013.
Parent Category                     DEECD Category
Rohan Anderson                      Doris Carroll
Paul Epworth                        Kaitlin Christian
Dale Hartland                       Cheryl Holt
Craig Graham                        Community member
Paul Guilmartin                     Natasha Fullerton
Chris Parker

Our school council sub-committee’s for 2013 include; Finance, Policy, Community Relations and Buildings and Grounds. If any parent or carer has a strong interest in any of the sub-committee areas please speak to me about becoming involved. The school council prioritises school community involvement and utilising the skills of our community.
At our Monday meeting we endorsed 3 policies which had been reviewed and updated as part of our cycle of reviews. The policies endorsed included the ‘Smoke –Free’, ‘Cybersafety’, and ‘Bullying’ policies. I have included the Smoke-Free policy this week and will include the other policies over the next couple of weeks. The Smoke –Free policy ensures we are demonstrating our commitment to reaching the benchmarks outlined in the Victorian Prevention and Health Promotion Achievement Program.
The 2012 Annual Report was also endorsed at our school council meeting. The Annual Report will now be forwarded to DEECD and made available to the school community in June.

STAFFING TERM 2
Miss Christian will be on leave for the duration of term 2. Miss Christain is to be replaced by Miss Clohesy who comes highly recommended. I would like to wish Miss Christian all the best and a safe journey as she sets off half way across the world and at the same time welcome Miss Clohesy to the California Gully P.S community.

EVACUATION DRILL
An emergency evacuation drill was held last Friday. The drill allowed us to look at how well we can manage an emergency situation and also look at how we might be able to improve our efficiency in evacuating in a safe and effective manner. Over the course of the year further evacuation drills and emergency drills will be undertaken.

Jason Lee
Principal
JSC FOR 2013

President: Vanessa C.
Vice President: Sharlee L.
Secretary: Paris S.

These are the faces of the new Junior School Council members for 2013!!!

We look forward to a wonderful year of fundraising for our school and other community projects.

ROYAL CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL

The Good Friday Appeal is a unique fundraising activity that brings together people from all parts of the community in a very special way. The common goal is to raise money for The Royal Children’s Hospital in Melbourne, and to ensure that all children with life threatening illnesses receive the best possible medical and clinical care. It all started in 1931 when groups of journalists from the Herald & Weekly Times organised a sporting carnival in aid of charity, the Children’s Hospital being a recipient of the funds. In 1942, Sir Keith Murdoch as Managing Director and Editor the “The Herald” agreed that “The Herald” and radio station 3DB should broadcast an all day Appeal on Good Friday. In 1957, Channel 7 joined the Appeal and began the first daylong telethon, which is now held at Melbourne’s Telstra Dome.

School’s have been involved in the Royal Children’s Hospital Good Friday Appeal through the distribution of Appeal envelopes (one was attached to the newsletter that went home on Thursday March 7th). Here at California Gully Primary School we are proud to continue supporting the Appeal; many of us know or will know of a child who has had to spend time in the Royal Children’s Hospital.

If you would like to show your support for this worthwhile charity, you can do so by returning the donation envelope by Wednesday March 27th. Donation envelopes can be left with Nicole in the school office.

School Calendar

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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 March 15th**

**Prep Peacock:**
- Mia A. - For being a friendly, co-operative class member.
- Liam C. - For sitting still on the mat and paying attention during instruction time.
- Josephine C. - For putting in her best effort during reading groups.

**1/2 Carroll-Reilly:**
- Tyson B. - For achieving 25 nights of reading. Super effort!
- Samuel C. - For achieving 25 nights of reading. Top stuff!
- Seraya C. - For achieving 25 nights of reading. Well done!
- Sarah H. - For achieving 25 nights of reading. Keep it up!
- Jess M. - For achieving 25 nights of reading. Reading star!
- Hayden M. - For an awesome writing effort about his visit to the Recycle Yard. Keep it up!
- Zachery N.-R. - For achieving 25 nights of reading. Great effort!
- Billy N. - For achieving 25 nights of reading. Well done!
- Zeppelin R. - For achieving 25 nights of reading. Reading star!
- Lachlan W. - For achieving 25 nights of reading. Top effort!

**3/4 Ennor:**
- Isabel P. - For being a polite, helpful and caring class member.
- Shameka R. - For a sensational BTN report on Monster Trucks.

**4/5 Watt:**
- Nicholas C. - For caring for others in class and in the yard.
- Lachlan F. - For being organized and reading everyday before school.

**5/6 Windridge:**
- Joshua A. - For fantastic work in writing his fairytale in first person point of view.
- Zoe W. - For excellent effort with her home reading.

**6 McKerrow:**
- Ashlie A. - For excellent work in maths lessons.
- Kobie C. - For being a supportive team member during the A.A.S. Program.

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**School Uniform**

Parents are encouraged to take their children into Bendigo Uniforms Plus to purchase their child’s uniform at anytime. With the Easter school holiday rapidly approaching this maybe a good time to prepare your child for the cooler weather and purchase a polar fleece jacket or windcheater. 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.

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GREAT TIPS FOR HEALTHY KIDS

TIP 15. PHYSICAL ACTIVITY CAN BE FUN

Most kids aren’t interested if you tell them they have to be physically active because it’s ‘good for them’. A better approach is to set a good example and enjoy activity yourself. Look for ways to be active that appeal to you. Don’t think of it as exercise, because that can sound like too much hard work. Start regarding physical activity as an opportunity to improve your health. Flying a kite involves physical activity, and so does dancing to music. There are many ways to be active and to have a lot of fun.

What you can do NOW

- Join up with another family and play frisbees.
- Head for the beach to explore the rock pools.
- Find a grassy slope and slide down on sheets of cardboard.
- Explore the neighbourhood thoroughly. Walk to the next suburb and back.

Good Idea!

When was the last time you used playground equipment? Take your kids to the nearest playground and join them as they climb, swing, and balance.

Top Tip

Gather a group and play tag in the backyard or at the park.

HEALTHY GUIDELINES FOR KIDS...

The best help you can offer your kids is making sure that there is always an abundance of breads, cereals, vegetables and fruits available; incorporate lean meats and dairy foods in their diet; encourage drinking of plenty of water; choose low salt foods; and most importantly follow these yourself to be a good role model.

- Ensure kids have good eating habits by providing them with a variety of healthy meals and snacks.
- Influencing your child’s food selection is not an easy task, as kids are naturally reluctant to try new foods, that is they dislike new foods. Be patient; it may take up to 10 exposures before a new food is accepted by a child, and it is during a child’s development when their palate and tastebuds are most influential.
- Kids are grazers and its best that they eat according to their appetite. Ensure that healthy options are available for them to snack on such as cut up vegetable sticks or fruit pieces.
- Your child has a small stomach with high nutrient requirements so their foods eaten will vary every meal.

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

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Parents’ Club Meeting
The next meeting of the Parents’ Club will be held early term 2 at 9.05 a.m. in the conference room, we look forward to some new faces 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.

Easter Raffle
Parents’ Club Easter raffle tickets went home a few weeks ago. The prizes are:
1st Prize $50 Easter Hamper  2nd Prize $30 Easter Hamper
3rd Prize $20 Easter Hamper  4th Prize Chocolate Fondue set & block of chocolate
All prizes have been provided by the Parents’ Club.
Tickets are $1.00 each. All raffle books and money must be back by Wednesday March 27th. The raffle will be drawn Thursday March 28th at assembly.
If you would like another raffle book please see Nicole in the school office.

Hot Cross Bun Drive
Hot Cross Bun orders can be collected from the kitchen between 2.30 p.m. and 3.30 p.m. next Tuesday March 26th, just in time for Easter! Thank you to the 23 families who supported this fundraiser, we raised $148.00.

“Foneraiser” Mobile Phone Recycling
All families would have received a satchel for old mobile phones. We will earn cash from “Foneraiser” for each mobile phone we send them throughout 2013. Not only do we raise funds for or school but we are also helping the environment at the same time!

Advance Notice - Mothers’ Day Stall
The Mothers’ Day stall and raffle will be held early Term 2, we are seeking donations of gifts to go on the stall (we sell gives ranging in price from $1.00 to $5.00) If you can help with items or a gold coin donation please leave these in the office. If anyone knows of any businesses that would like to donate a prize for the raffle please speak to Natasha Fullerton.

Playgroup
Tuesdays and Wednesdays
10.00 a.m. - 12.00 p.m.
in the Outside School Hours Care room.
Looking to meet other mums or new friends for your little ones? Come on over and join us her at Cal. Gully Playgroup!! Bring along a piece of fruit to share, a healthy snack, drink bottle and hat. All Welcome!!!
Next Sessions:  Tuesday March 26th - Easter Bonnet Making and Chocolate making
Wednesday March 27th - Easter Bonnet Parade and more Chocolate making
Bring along a treat to share with the group.
Join us on Facebook:  www.facebook/calgullyplaygroup1

Go to the Playgroup page on the school’s website for more information:  www.californiagullyps.vic.edu.au

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

**School Website**

As you may know our school has a website – www.californiagullyps.vic.edu.au. Our website enables the school to communicate in a meaningful, timely and economical way with our school community.

There is one major benefit of our site. We control it. We have access to the back end of the site and we can upload and change all the content, forms, notices and photos at will. This means our website has become a very dynamic, constantly changing, up-to-date source of information for all things happening at the school.

Our website has many wonderful and useful features including:

- SunSmart UV Alert with the days weather forecast.
- Dynamic Event Calendar so you can see what’s coming up
- Access to our newsletter and read it online
- Constantly changing news and articles about your school
- Absence forms and permission forms for upcoming events are available for download
- Healthy Eating tips to assist in school lunch box preparation

We hope you regularly visit our school’s website and if you have any ideas or feedback on the content that you would like to see on the site please let us know.

*Please Note: If your child has been absent from school absence notes are available from the school’s website and need to be returned to your child’s classroom teacher on the first day that they return to school.*

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**“Talking with other parents and carers makes you realise you are not alone”**

If you would like to talk to someone who has been through a similar experience with managing their children’s asthma, or need support to live well with your own asthma, we would like to connect you with others for mutual support via the phone, internet or face-to-face groups.

**Peers Leading Peers** will link you to a trained volunteer who can listen to your concerns and help you to manage. This is the first program of this kind to be available for asthma in Australia. We are grateful to the Victoria State Government Department of Health for their funding support.

The program is available for anyone with asthma or parents, grandparents and people who regularly care for a child with asthma.

If you are interested in accessing support or becoming an "Asthma Peer Support Volunteer“ contact Belinda at The Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 278 462 or binglis@asthma.org.au

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The **Epsom Soccer Club** are having their **MEET THE COACHES DAY**

**When:** Sunday 24th March 2013
**Place:** Epsom Huntly Recreation Reserve
**Time:** 5.00pm

Any further information please contact the Junior Coordinator: Robyn Braszell 0488393788 robynbras@gmail.com

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

Sunday March 24
12pm to 2pm
Registration for all players - Juniors and Seniors

The K2 van will be there for uniform and equipment sales

For more information please contact
falconbaseballclub@hotmail.com

Thank you to

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Geoff Findlay  Manager
342 Hargreaves St, Bendigo 3550
Ph (03) 5443 3069

for your support of the California Gully Primary School Parents' Club fundraising efforts.

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Preschooler Clubs
Playgroup in another language – Amazing to watch 2-5yrs & parents join in

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Enquiries to Sally Anne:
M: 0418 399 824
E: sally-anne.symes@fclubs.com.au
Twitter: @Languages4Kids
www.fclubs.com.au

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NAB AFL Auskick will again be running this year at Eaglehawk with the season commencing on Sunday 21 April at 9am at the California Gully Recreation Reserve (corner of Louden and Nelson Streets). The season will start with an introductory day where those Auskickers who have paid their registration will be able to collect their NAB AFL Auskick Pack. The cost of the program is $60 and the season will run for 10 weeks (plus the introductory day). Please note that registration and payment can only be completed on-line this year, so please make your way to the Auskick website and sign up to the Eaglehawk Auskick Centre (www.aflauskick.com.au). If anyone has any questions, please give Matt Shanahan a call on 0408 476 140.

All Stone Quarries have a VIP program that we are beneficiaries of. If you are a member of the program and have indicated that you would like California Gully Primary School to be your community group of choice 1% of your purchases is donated to the school.

ASQ keep track of all purchases made by our VIP customers. The more members, the more they spend, the more funds we raise. To ensure the success of the ASQ VIP program and to help our fundraising efforts we have some VIP membership brochures available from the school office. Simply fill out the form and return it to ASQ. Better still VIP members get 5% discount on all purchases they make at ASQ Landscape Supply yards and 5% of all plants, giftware and nursery items from their Garden Centres. Win/Win for both members and the school!

Once a year ASQ will present us with a cheque for the funds raised over the prior 12 months.

**SHORT TRIAL CLASSES & OPTIONS TO ENROL FOR TERM 2**

161 - 167 Barnard St Bendigo (IDANCE STUDIO)

15th & 22nd March

BALLET, JAZZ & HIP HOP

www.ucandance.com.au email: aliesha@ucandance.com.au for more info

Ph: 0419398230

The Bendigo YWCA is once again running their School Holiday Program. The YWCA is a not-for-profit organisation and the program has a focus on having fun, meeting new people and learning new things. We are a small program with a maximum of 30 children attending each day emphasising the safety, security and value of each child.

For more information, or to make a booking, please contact us through our website at www.ywca.net or directly on 5443 5465. There are also copies of the Program available to pick up from the school office.

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