FROM THE PRINCIPAL

NAPLAN
NAPLAN testing for children in grades 3 & 5 took place this week. NAPLAN test the key areas of literacy and numeracy and provides parents and educators with a snapshot of how our students are progressing — individually, as part of their school community and as a nation. We will be provided with the results for all the students later in the year. When we receive the results they will assist us along with other sources of school data to inform our curriculum planning and identify areas for improvement across the school. ‘Information for Parent’ brochures were forwarded to parents and carers of children in grade 3 & 5 last week.

EDUCATION WEEK - MONDAY MAY 19th to FRIDAY MAY 23rd
Education Week is an opportunity to celebrate and acknowledge the work of the students and staff. We will have an open morning on Wednesday 21st May from 9.15 – 11.00am. This is an opportunity for parents, grandparents and friends to visit their child’s class. It is also a great time for prospective parents to see our school in action.

On Friday 24th May –between 9.30 -11.00am guided tours of the school will be conducted by our Junior School Councillors. Individual tours of the school are welcomed at any time, interested families can organise a meeting by contacting the school office.

TRIVIA NIGHT
California Gully School Council is again running a trivia night to raise funds for school programs but as importantly bringing the school community together for a night of entertainment and fun. Saturday 31st May is the date of the trivia night and we would like as many families to attend as possible. Talk to friends and family and book a table of 8 or just come along on the night and we’ll organise a seat for you. Contact the office if you have any questions.
REPORTING TO PARENTS - 3 WAY CONFERENCE
A Reporting to Parents Day will be held on Thursday 26th June. It is expected that all students will attend the meeting with their parents or carers. With students attending the meeting we believe it allows for immediate feedback on their progress and will provide all parties with a clear understanding of future goals and where extra support in some cases may be required. Interview times will be forwarded to families next week. If the time does not suit you please see your child’s classroom teacher to discuss an alternative time and or day.

Jason Lee
Principal

Annual Twisted Trivia Night
Saturday May 31st 2014
Keep this date free for a great night of trivia, games, silent auction and more. Tickets are just $10 per person. Get together a table of 8 or ask to be placed on a mixed table. This event is being held in the Early Years Learning Centre building. Arrive at 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start. Tickets and tables can be booked through the school office.

Donations for our Annual Twisted Trivia Night
Donations for raffles, prizes and silent auction would be greatly appreciated. Donations can be left at the office at any time. If you know of any businesses that may be able to donated goods or vouchers please let the office know.

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The 2014 Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge is underway! Both teachers and students have been busily preparing themselves for the challenge. A number of children have made an impressive start to the challenge already! Well done ☺

Most children in grades Prep to 2 have a library bag but others do not. To ensure the children maintain a good routine of looking after the books and keeping them in one safe place I would ask parents to organise a ‘library’ bag for their child. It could be a grocery bag, but a bag with a draw string would be ideal.

EGGS FOR SALE
Our girls are busy laying lots of eggs, $2.50 a dozen. See Wendy in the grade 3/4 room. Unfortunately in the extreme heat we have lost a few chooks, if you know of anyone who has some chooks to spare we would appreciate a few to help build our numbers again. Please see Wendy.

CAMP PAYMENTS
A deposit of $30.00 was due by the end of term 1 for the Grade 3 to 6 camp to Candlebark Farm. Please pay this a.s.a.p. to secure your place.

2014 SCHOOL PRODUCTION
This year’s production is “Kids in Space”. If you can be of assistance in anyway please see Wendy.
HEALTHY LIVING

GREAT TIPS FOR HEALTHY KIDS

TIP 8. A WIDE VARIETY OF FOODS IS ESSENTIAL

Your child’s body needs a variety of good foods each day to function properly. No one food will provide all the nutrition that the body needs, but a variety will satisfy the full range of requirements. Between the ages of five and puberty, kids are growing slowly and steadily, so the number of different foods they eat should increase gradually. The larger the variety of foods, the easier it is to satisfy their needs.

What you can do NOW

For a child aged between 8 and 11 years*, provide the following (or the equivalent) every day:

- 4 slices of bread (preferably wholegrain), 1 cup cooked rice or pasta.
- 1 cup salad, 1 cup raw or cooked vegetables.
- 2 fruits i.e. 1 apple plus 1 banana or a small glass of fresh orange juice.
- 1 cup reduced-fat milk, a mall tub of low-fat yoghurt, 2 slices cheese.
- A piece of lean meat, chicken or fish the size of your child’s palm, or an egg and a small handful of nuts.

Good Idea!

Try to have as many different coloured foods from as wide a variety of sources as possible. For example, have at least a green, yellow, orange, red and white vegetable every day and cut them into different shapes to add variety to the meal. It can often be a good way to teach young children about colours and shapes.

Top Tip

The main types of nutritious foods are: vegetables; fruit; reduced-fat milk, yoghurt and cheese; lean meat, fish, poultry; eggs; legumes; and wholegrain bread, cereals, pasta, rice and noodles.

* These are average servings. Some children eat a little more, others a little less.

“Fussy Eating” is part of the normal development of a young child’s food preferences. Young children may require exposure to a new food up to 10 times before they accept it, as their tastes are continually developing and changing. Be patient, and if a child does not accept a food first off, be positive and encourage it at a later date or in a different form. Introducing a new food with a familiar one also helps.

It is important not to make a fuss if a child refuses their meal. Quietly take it away and if hungry later, offer to reheat the meal.

Don’t force your child to eat all their meal before dessert - this gives the impression that sweet foods are the best and vegetables are second rate.

Suggestions from Nutritionist, Catherine Saxelby, include:

- Setting a good example by eating and enjoying nutritious foods such as fruits and vegetables.
- Following a routine by maintaining regular meal times.
- Avoid filling their stomachs with liquids (such as fruit juice) prior to meal times to ensure they will eat most of their main meal.
- Some fussy eaters are also slow eaters so try not to hurry them to finish their meals.
- Remember, parents decide the type of foods and when to serve them; children decide how much to eat.

For more information on this topic visit Nutrition Australia’s website

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Student Banking

Don’t forget that every Friday is School Banking day and students should bring in their weekly deposit. For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a cool Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for an exclusive School Banking reward item in recognition of their continued savings behaviour. There are new reward items available during Term 2, plush penguin key ring, plush shark key ring and whale shark pencil case. These are on display in the school office.

Remember our school earns 5% commission on every deposit made (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit). Thank you for supporting the School Banking program at California Gully Primary School.

New government dental scheme – one thousand reasons to smile!

Have you heard about the new government dental scheme “Child Dental Benefits Schedule”? From January 1st 2014, it is providing eligible kids with $1000 to spend on selected dental services over a 2 calendar year period. This great initiative expects to help around 3.4 million Australian kids between the ages of 2-17 years.

To benefit from this scheme, children must be eligible for Medicare and the family must be in receipt of Family Tax Benefit Part A or receive a relevant Government payment. Services that will be covered include: examinations, x-rays, cleaning, fissure sealing, fillings, root canals and extractions. Benefits will not be available for services carried out in hospital, or for orthodontic or cosmetic dental work.

To see if your kids are eligible, call your local Dentist who can look up the information for you.

*Information provided by Pacific Smiles Dental: visit pacificsmilesdental.com.au*
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 May 9th

Prep/1 Christian:

Oscar G. - For bringing a positive and happy and positive attitude to CASEA group.
Loga W.-R. - For bringing a positive and happy and positive attitude to CASEA group.

Prep/1 Holt:

Ryan-Lea B. - For working very well on his ring words.
Ashlee M. - For helping others in the classroom.

2 Carroll-Peacock:

Taylah B. - For settling into the school and her classroom so well. Well done.
Seraya C. - For using wonderful manners in our classroom.

3 Watt:

Blake B. - For his enthusiasm towards his work this week and doing his best.
Dakoda B. - For excellent efforts whilst working with fractions.

3/4 Ennor:

Shii-an B. - For always being willing to help with classroom activities and duties.
Georgia R. - For working hard in all classes.

5/6 McKerrow:

Roe-isha B. - For application to reading.
Nathaniel H. - For pleasing choices in literature.

5/6 Windridge-Doolan:

Ruby M. - For listening well and giving well though out responses to our class novel.
Zoe W. - For always doing her best and being a friendly and helpful class member.

Congratulations to... 

Tyson A. in Mr. McKerrow’s 5/6 class for achieving his Bronze 10 Deposit certificate.

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Parents’ Club Meeting
The next meeting of the Parents’ Club will be held Friday June 6th at 9.05 a.m. in the outside school hours care room, we look forward to some of our new Prep families joining us.

Mothers’ Day Stall
We hope that all Mum’s had a fantastic Mothers’ Day and they enjoyed the gifts that their children purchased at the Mothers’ Day Stall last Friday. The Parents’ Club raised $947.50 from the sale of gifts. Thank you for your continued support of the Parents’ Club.

Parents’ Club Lunch Orders
Just a reminder that there is a new lunch menu during Term 2 with more hot foods for the cooler months.
If your child misplaces their lunch order form you can go to the school’s website and download a form.
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 Monday. If your child is absent on lunch order day, please let the office know so we can organise a refund.
Please note that the Jelly Cups are no longer available.
Half size lunches are available on request, cost is $2.00.

Contacting the Parents’ Club
If you wish to contact the Parents’ club have an email address which is cgpsparentsclub@gmail.com.

Annual Twisted Trivia Night
Thank You to the following businesses for supplying items for the Silent Auction:
Fish ‘n’ Feathers  SportsCo  Bicknell’s Independent Sports
Manchester & More  Natural Living  Games World
Baker’s Delight  The Body Shop  The Complete Garden

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

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FREE AUTISM AWARENESS EVENT
THURSDAY 29th MAY, 9.30am – 12.30pm
Bendigo Baptist Church Auditorium
757 McIlor Road Junortoun

Guest Speaker: Dr Wendy Lawson
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Wendy is an adult on the autism spectrum, a psychologist, social worker, poet, author, adult educator, mother and grandmother who has been sharing her knowledge, understanding and experience of the autistic spectrum for over 15 years.

Wendy writes.......’Support for autism spectrum conditions (ASC) needs to come in various forms and from all corners of society. This seminar will outline what ASC is, how it impacts upon those living with ASC and what types of appropriate support work well.

‘Whether at home, school or outside in the community, understanding and supporting families and individuals will either break us, or make us.”

PROGRAM
9.30am - Welcome and Introductions
9.45am - 10.45am Session 1:
‘Autism Spectrum Condition and appropriate support at schools, homes and within the community’
10.45am - Morning tea (with gluten & dairy free options)
11.15am - 12.15pm Session 2:

QUESTIONS and ANSWERS with Wendy Lawson
An opportunity for questions from those in attendance on the day
12.15pm - 12.30pm – Wrap Up and finish

Parents, carers, friends, teachers, students, professionals, teenagers and adults on the Autism Spectrum are ALL WELCOME. MORNING TEA PROVIDED.

It is not necessary to book for this event – just come along

(Groups: Please advise of numbers for catering purposes only)

A gold coin donation upon entering would be greatly appreciated

Any questions? Please email BAAG at info@bendigoautism.org.au or RAC at scott@iac.org.au

Bendigo Autism Asperger Group (BAAG) is an Auspice Group of RAC Regional Information and Advocacy Council Inc. ABN 42 461 061 070

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Join us in the arcade outside ‘Café De Mill’ in Hargreaves Street (opposite Bert) each Thursday night at 4.00pm for a free warm bowl of soup and fresh roll each week.

Everyone is welcome...

Warm coats are also available should you or your family need some extra warmth over winter.

Are you eligible for public dental care?

All children aged 0-12 years and all Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people are eligible to access public dental services and are offered the next available appointment. Treatment is free for people who hold a health care card; a minimal co payment may be required for people who do not have a health care card. Call Bendigo Health public dental service - 5454 7994 or Amy Clark, Loddon Mallee Oral Health Network on 0418 983 190.

Hidden Creatures Animation Workshop

For children 10 to 12 years old
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PLAYGROUP

Let’s get together and build on friendships.

Wednesdays
9.30 a.m. - 11.30 p.m.
in the Outside School Hours Care room.

Please follow along a piece of fruit to share.
We follow the healthy eating guidelines and encourage the SunSmart messages that are taught to the students at school, to provide a great foundation for future students.

Session dates and activities:

- **Wednesday May 21st** Multi-Purpose Room - making Music Shakers
- **Wednesday May 28th** Pizza Making
- **Wednesday June 4th** "Acorn People"
- **Wednesday June 11th** Multi-Purpose Room
- **Wednesday June 18th** Mask Making using glue
- **Wednesday June 25th** "Teddy Bears Picnic" Icing teddy bear biscuits

For information of what events are coming up in playgroup please visit the school website Playgroup page.

Join us on Facebook: www.facebook/calgullyplaygroup1

Fungi Forage among the Oaks of Picnic Gully
Sunday 25th of May 9.30am - 12.30pm
Registration: fungiforaging.eventbrite.com.au

Join with the Bendigo Field Naturalists experts on Fungi in the magical setting of the Harcourt Oak Forest in our beautiful autumn.
This event is free and designed to ensure long lasting memories of the joy to be found in our local bush.
Made possible by the wonderful work of the Bendigo Field Naturalists and the Bendigo Sustainability Group.

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Creative Movement for Kids
Mondays 4pm – 5pm
A great way to support the health and wellbeing of children of all ages and abilities

Classes held at the Eaglehawk Community House 19 Bright Street Eaglehawk

Cost: $7 each or $10 for two kids from the same family

Primary School children must be accompanied by a parent/carer. Parents welcome to stay for a cuppa and a chat.

For further information contact Ruth Block on 0420 540 709 or Community House on 5448 8322

Bendigo Community Coat Drive

In the Conference Room (opposite the office) is a small uniform display. The California Gully Primary School Uniform is available from Bendigo Uniforms Plus. 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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Remember when you believed in anything and everything?

Researchers from the University of Western Australia are investigating children’s ability to detect and avoid potentially harmful social interactions, such as being easily fooled or tricked into doing something. We are looking to see how this develops in children, and when children outgrow this vulnerability.

We are looking for parents of Kindergarten – Year 6 children across Australia to complete an online survey (15 – 20 minutes). Participants will go into a draw to win one of 10 $50 gift certificates to Coles/Myers. To participate go to:

http://tinyurl.com/childsvq

Or for more information please contact Rebecca Seward at (08) 6488 4652
Parents Don’t Forget
You are more than welcome to join us for Breakfast!

California
Gully Primary School

Join us at our weekly Breakfast Program

Every Friday from 8 a.m. to 8.30 a.m.

Thanks to Empowering Eaglehawk, The Eaglehawk Football Club and the Peter Krenz Leisure Centre/YMCA we have a community breakfast program for all families (parents are more than welcome to attend) and staff of California Gully. The community breakfast program continues tomorrow, Friday May 16th at 8 a.m. (please note that we will stop serving breakfast at 8.20 a.m. any children who arrive after 8.20 a.m. will miss out).

Sharing in breakfast together, what a great way for our school community to start the day! We would also like to acknowledge the assistance of Roger King’s IGA in Eaglehawk for providing the food for the breakfast and their weekly donation of fruit for the Fresh Fruit Friday program in the Junior School.

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