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

CAN YOU HELP?
On Saturday May 18th the School Council will be holding a Sausage Sizzle at Eaglehawk IGA supermarket between 9.00 a.m. and 1.00 p.m. We are looking for willing cooks for the day! So if you want to show off your barbecue skills please let Nicole know in the school office.

Advance Notice:
On Saturday June 1st the school will be conducting a Trivia Night in the Early Years Learning Centre (new building). This evening will begin at 6.30 p.m. A flyer will be sent home with children this week.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

NAPLAN—TESTING GRADES 3 & 5
The National Assessment Program – Literacy & Numeracy (NAPLAN) is a series of tests conducted nationally for students in Grades 3 and 5. Tests will be conducted on the following days:
- Tuesday, 14th May - Language Conventions and Writing
- Wednesday, 15th May - Reading
- Thursday, 16th May - Numeracy

‘Information for Parent’ brochures are available from the school office or can be downloaded from the internet http://www.nap.edu.au/verve/_resources/NAPLAN_2013_Parents_Brochure.pdf.

TRIVIA NIGHT
The California Gully Trivia Night is being held on Saturday 1st June. We are still looking at adding as many prizes as possible to the event. If you run a business which could assist with prizes or know of someone who might like to support the school and at the same time advertise their own business on the school website and on the night please speak to Nicole or Mrs Carroll.

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

Education Week is from Monday, 20th to Friday, 24th May. To celebrate and acknowledge the work of the students and staff the following activities will be taking place.

**Wednesday 22nd May** – Open morning- 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 new parents to see our school in action.

11.00 a.m. National Simultaneous Storytime. This is an important annual campaign that aims to encourage more young Australians to read and enjoy books. Now in its 13th successful year it is a colourful, vibrant and fun event that promotes the value of reading and literacy.

**Friday 24th May** – 9.30 -11.00am Guided tours conducted by our Junior School Councillors.

PREP ENROLMENTS 2014

If you have a child who will be attending California Gully Primary School in Prep next year, you are most welcome to enrol at any time. Early enrolments assist us to put in place staffing, grade structures and allocate resources for next year. When enrolling your child, you will need to provide with the enrolment form:

1. A copy of the birth certificate (we can make copies of originals if necessary) and
2. A school entry immunisation certificate obtained from The Australian Childhood Immunisation Register (ACIR) . Phone 1800 653 809.

Enrolment forms are now available for collection from the office.

PREP INFORMATION EVENING TIME & DATE

A prep information evening for prospective parents and carers will be held on Wednesday 12th June from 6.30pm to 7.30pm. The aim of the meeting to inform parents of our Prep program, our transition program and the resources we have at our disposal to make the move into a primary school a successful and enjoyable experience.

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to the 108 students who achieved 100% attendance for the month of April. We have 37 students with unexplained absences dating between May 1st – 8th. If your child has been absent without explanation please contact Nicole in the office.

BREAKFAST PROGRAM

It was great to once again to see the children enjoying breakfast at school last Friday morning. Remember this a school community breakfast and parents and carers are more than welcome to join the children and teachers.

Jason Lee
Principal

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**School Calendar**

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GREAT TIPS FOR HEALTHY KIDS

TIP 20. KIDS THRIVE ON LOVE

All human beings need love and affection, and especially children. They thrive when they know they are loved and valued.

Being loved gives kids confidence. This means they believe in themselves, know what’s good for them, know how to look after themselves and feel that the choices they make do matter.

Confidence doesn’t mean being a show-off or feeling superior to other people.

Every child has particular abilities, and it’s important for parents and other adults to recognise them and celebrate them. They might include: honesty; a sense of humour; persistence; empathy; being organised; creativity; and being co-operative.

What you can do NOW

♦ Show your child you love them in whatever way you can.
♦ Hug them freely.
♦ Encourage your child to aim for success by taking one step at a time, by asking for help, and by hanging in there. Provide support all the way.
♦ Recognise your child’s particular strengths and celebrate them.

Good Idea!

As a parent, you may have to expand your idea of ‘success’. It isn’t always about awards and excelling at school. Kids are also successful when they make a tiny step forward in understanding, or in a skill.

Top Tip

Loving your child means setting boundaries. It helps them feel safe and secure.

Fussy Eating

“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 them 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.
Congratulations to the following students on being named Student of The Week for their positive attitude to school and social values.

**Friday May 3rd**

**Prep Peacock:**
- Sienna A. - For a great start to her Ring Word program. Lots of words already.
- Daniel V. - For contributing to rhyming activities confidently.

**1/2 Carroll-Reilly:**
- Billy N. - For working hard on improving his reading. Well done!
- Ella S. - For great throwing and catching skills in sport.

**1/2 Christian:**
- Shanae B. - For being an excellent friend to all the children in her class.
- Lily G. - For her honesty owning up when she made a mistake and her declaration to try harder and do better.

**3/4 Ennor:**
- Keely F. - For great partner skipping.
- Elisha L. - For great partner skipping.
- Shameka R. - For completing the Premiers’ Reading Challenge.

**4/5 Watt:**
- Shakira E.-J. - For getting along well with others.
- Michael M. - For having a fantastic attitude and always being polite and caring.

**5/6 Windridge:**
- Thomas F. - For excellent work in reading groups.
- Zoe W. - For working hard at home learning her times tables.

**6 McKerrow:**
- Jamie-Maree P. - For an excellent effort with her short story.
- Kyle V. - For excellent recording in his reading diary.

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**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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**GRIP Leadership Conference**

On the first of May, all the grade six members of Junior School Council attended the GRIP Leadership Conference. Chris and my parents took us there by car. When we arrived at the Capital Theatre we went inside and went up the stairs to get to the stage area where the GRIP Leadership Conference was held. Before we sat down, there were booklets on our seats with pens. We were going to use these later on in the Conference.

In our first education lesson we did something with Itokan called Australia’s Got Talent. We had a sheet in our booklets with talents and a blank space under them. We had to go around to other children from different schools and ask if they had that talent. The first person to fill out all of the talents had to go on stage and they won a badge.

In our next session we played a game with Mason called First Job. On the white board there was a picture of a celebrity and there were two options for their first job. If you thought it was the one on the right side you ran over that side and if you thought it was the left side you went over there. I went up for our school and soon it got down to only three people. The new one was Natalie Bassingwalder’s first job and the options were a cheerleader or a mascot. I ended up winning and I won a ‘Loud Noises’ badge, it had green headphones on it amongst a black background.

We had some lunch and then we went back and had a dance lesson. We had to fill out a survey and say what we thought of the conference. GRIP leadership was a very fun conference and I’m sure that it taught many children important things about being a leader.

By Vanessa C., Kayla F. and Sharlee L.

5/6 Windridge

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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 Friday May 24th 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.

“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!

Mothers’ Day Stall!!
The Mothers’ Day Stall is on Friday May 10th.
Each child will be able to purchase a gift for their mum or special person.
The gifts will range from $1 to $5.
We are still taking donations of gifts for the Mothers’ Day Stall.
They can be left in the office with Nicole.

Mothers’ Day Raffle!
We have had a couple of extra prizes donated for the raffle.
1st Prize $100.00 Coles Myer Voucher provided by the Parents’ Club
2nd Prize Central Deborah Goldmines, Discovery Centre and Tramways Voucher
3rd Prize $25.00 Voucher donated by Fitzpatricks Home Hardware
4th Prize $30.00 Voucher donated by Champions Supa IGA Long Gully
5th Prize $25.00 Voucher donated by Hairem Scarem
6th Prize Avon Hamper value $15.00
7th Prize Chocolate Hamper value $15.00
Raffle will be drawn tomorrow, Friday May 10th, after assembly.

Thank you for supporting the Parents’ Club!!

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 May 14th - Activity to be confirmed.
Wednesday May 15th - Activity to be confirmed.

Join us on Facebook: www.facebook/calgullyplaygroup1

School Assembly starts at 8.55 a.m. Please be on time!
Last Friday the prep children completed 50 days of school. They are half way to their 100 Day Celebration. They completed lots of half activities. Unfortunately a killer whale seems to have gobbled up 50 of our prep, one, two children.

Woolworths Earn & Learn 2013
It's back and it is now easier than ever to earn valuable resources for our school.
It’s simple to participate: from Monday 8th April, when you shop at Woolworths you can collect points from the checkout operator (remember to ask them for the stickers as they will not ask you) and place them on point sheets. There'll be one point for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco, and gift cards). Once completed, place your point sheets in the collection box located in the office here at school.
Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheets can be downloaded from www.woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn, collected in store or downloaded from the school’s website www.californiagullps.vic.edu.au

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

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26 Myer St

Contact the Principal
ALISE Call – 5448 3166

Thank you to

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

CATHOLIC COLLEGE BENDIGO
ENROLMENTS - YEAR 7, 2014 Each year Catholic College Bendigo welcomes new students. For students currently in Year 6, a Transition Day is held to experience life as a Year 7 student. Students in Year 6 are invited to attend for a Transition Day on Wednesday May 29th 2013. If you are interested in your Year 6 student attending Transition Day it is necessary to register by contacting Mrs. Trish Martin, College Registrar on 5449 3466 or email tmar-tin@ccb.vic.edu.au to obtain a Registration Form.

What do you know about the Bendigo Regional YMCA?

- We serve almost 470 meals each week through our school breakfast programs
- We have over 1,000 children participating in Aquatic Education classes each week
- We have recently opened a new, state of the art Early Learning Centre – Lightning Ice, the only one of its kind in Regional Victoria
- We provide funding to the local community through the YMCA Foundation
- We provide childcare to over 100 families every day
- We have won the not-for-profit sector of the 2012 Bendigo Business Excellence Awards
- We sponsor local sporting teams including the Bendigo Spirit, Bendigo Braves, England Football/Football Club, the Bendigo Special Olympics Swim Team among many more
- We currently have 7 After School Care programs, and 5 Holiday Programs

This is the best place to get the ball rolling.

www.bendigoymca.org.au  5445 8300

www.bold.org.au  info@bold.org.au

PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

This group is suitable for parents and carers of children who learn differently or are struggling with their education.

The group aims to support parents/carers by:
- Providing educational and topical information which can then be discussed in a supportive and safe environment.
- Allowing parents/carers to share success, hardships, concerns and experiences with others in similar positions.
- Inviting professionals to share with the group about community resources.

Meetings:
3rd Thursday of each month
Time: 7.30pm-9.30pm
Location: Bendigo Neighbourhood House
21 Neale St, Bendigo (corner of Hodgkinson St)

Thursday 16th May
importance of self-care.
Caring for your relationships
Strategies for making ‘me’ time.
Sharing ideas.

Thursday 20th June
DVD – “How Difficult can this Be?”
This is a powerful DVD that puts you in the world of a child who has learning difficulties, helping you to understand how they feel.

This group is run by volunteers who have an interest in children’s experiences with learning. Whilst they have a great deal of knowledge and personal experience, they are unable to provide professional advice.

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