STOPWORK ACTION

As you are no doubt aware the Department is currently involved in enterprise bargaining with the Australian Education Union (AEU). With negotiations so far unsuccessful the AEU has put in place certain bans which will impact on all State Government schools.

I feel as Principal of the school it is important I keep you informed of the changes/impact the bans will have. What must be kept in mind is if the current negotiations are successful then this may change.

- AEU members will not engage in writing end of year comments on student reports. The students will however receive a VELS progression point for each of the subject areas and attendance data.
- There may be more half day stoppages
- No use of the Ultranet
- No professional development on the National Curriculum

If you have any questions in relation to the bans do not hesitate to contact me.

SUNSMART

A few warmer days recently has triggered a few thoughts in relation to our Sunsmart and school uniform policy.

- All children must ensure they have a broad brimmed hat on at recess and lunchtime.
- Children are responsible for their own hats and must look after them accordingly
- All children should be in school uniform and accordingly girls should be wearing the school top not singlet style tops.

T20 BLAST

Last Thursday 24 students represented the school in the T20 Blast cricket tournament. The three teams acquitted themselves well and although no team made it through to the major final all teams played with great endeavour, great sportsmanship had fun and represented the school with distinction. I would also like to thank Darren Appleby who assisted with the umpiring and supervision of one team on the day.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Monday night at our school council meeting we covered a number of important financial arrangements for the 2013 school year. The indicative budget for 2013 and the school fees for 2013 were all discussed and endorsed at the meeting. Fundraising ideas for 2013 were also discussed a calendar of events will be drafted in December.
2013 ENROLMENTS
If your child / children will not be attending California Gully Primary School in 2013 due to your family moving on, could you please advise the school now. If you know of families who intend enrolling their children at California Gully for 2013, please ask them to contact the school immediately, as planning for next year is well underway.

IT’S NOT OKAY TO BE AWAY
Student Absence Data 02/02/12 to 09/11/12
As we come to the end of term 3 (165 school days) I would like to share our attendance data

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<th>Students</th>
<th>Late Arrivals</th>
<th>No. of days absent from school</th>
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<td>Boys</td>
<td>106</td>
<td>871.6</td>
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<td>Girls</td>
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Our current school absent rate (average per student) is 10.27 up from 8.2 at the end of Term 3. With just over 5 weeks of school remaining we are potentially on target and by the end of the year we will hopefully be under our 2012 target of 13 days absent on average per student. If you are having problems getting your child to school or are finding it hard to arrive on time please speak to myself or Kerryn to see how we might be able to support you.

Student Attendance 02/02/12 to 09/11/12

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<th>Total Students</th>
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<td>179</td>
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Since the beginning of the year 93 students have attended school 95 % or more of the time, which equates to no more than 8 days absent for the year. Of those 8 students have not missed a day, which is exceptional. 90% attendance (sounds encouraging…however) up until the 09/11/12 equates to 15 days away from school which is 3 weeks of schooling, is higher than the State average and the school’s 2012 target.

Jason Lee
Principal

SCHOOL CALENDAR

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School Assembly starts at 8.55 a.m. Please be on time!
Sail the seven seas with young Harold Sindbad, meeting pirates, mer-people, sultans, Roc Birds and ending up on the Fabulous Treasure Island, where dreams come true and everyone gets what they want on Neptune's Wonderful Wheel of Fortune.

**WHEN:** Tuesday November 20th 2012 and Wednesday November 21st 2012

**TIME:** 7.00 p.m. (on both nights)

**WHERE:** The Auditorium - Connect Church, Solomon Street (off Murphy Street) Bendigo East.

Less than a week until the Production!!

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GREAT TIPS FOR HEALTHY KIDS

TIP 3. IF THEY TRY IT, THEY MIGHT LIKE IT

Most kids like to stick to what they know. If it’s familiar, they feel safe and secure, so it’s no wonder they feel worried about trying new things. Some children are more anxious than others about trying something different. Often it’s due to their personality so these kids need more gentle persuasion and encouragement. They’ll feel safer if they know they don’t have to give up everything that is familiar to them. They just need to be prepared to have a go at new things.

What you can do NOW

♦ Try new foods and activities yourself.
♦ Be gentle, encouraging and patient if your child is anxious.
♦ Never give up - they’ll get the message eventually.

Good Idea!

Serve up a new food for two or three weeks and say “Try it, you might like it”. Don’t make a fuss about it. Better still, invite your child to help you prepare the new food.

Top Tip
Go slowly. Introduced new things gradually. It is best to start with one or two small changes and to let the family get used to them before introducing any more changes.

School Assembly starts at 8.55 a.m. Please be on time!
Parents’ Club Meeting
The Annual General Meeting will be held tomorrow, Friday November 16th at 9.05 a.m. in the conference room. All office bearer positions will become vacant and nomination forms were sent home last week. If you would like to nominate someone or yourself please fill in the form and bring it to the A.G.M. Extra forms are available from the office.

CAN YOU HELP?
Miss Reilly needs empty 1.25L Coke/soft drink bottles please. These bottles are going to be used in Science. If you can assist please send these clean bottles to the science room.

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 November 20th and Thursday November 22nd. 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 November 2nd**

**Prep/1 Christian:** Zeppelin R. - For being a helpful class member of P/1C.
  Lachlan W. - For excellent behaviour on our Zoo Excursion.

**Prep/1 Peacock:** Myan P. - For being a friendly, co-operative play mate.
  Ella S. - For being a thoughtful, gentle and caring class member.

**2 Carroll-Hinton:** Kodi P. - For consistent home reading.
  Jazmin T. - For consistent home reading.

**3/4 Hartney:** Jordan H. - For working really hard to improve his reading and writing.
  Izak O’S. - For fantastic gym work.

**5/6 Ennor:** Ellyssa H. - For always giving her best.
  Brittany M. - For always giving her best.

**5/6 McKerrow:** Tamika M. - For excellent works as my birthday assistant.
  Mark S. - For excellent work with read and retell.

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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.**

We recently sent a total of 2613 caps to Paul’s and they have kindly given us another $261.30. We have raised $780.10 since September 2011 with this fantastic program, keep those caps coming in!!!

**THE GIRLS SAY “THANK YOU”**

A big “Thank You” from the girls to all those families who have donated money towards their food. As a result a few have rewarded the students by laying a few eggs! If you would like to purchase some eggs please see Wendy in the 5/6 classroom (Room2). If you would still like to donate some money to the girls for more food you can give this money to Wendy.

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

COMMUNITY NOTICES

A Squashvic program

**Hits & Giggles**

Learn to play Squash in a social, non-competitive, FUN environment

Join in on the 6 week Program that will have you laughing and湟onging your way to fitness... …all while introducing you to the sport of Squash amongst like-minded women.

See the website below or contact Squash Vic for more details.

Enquire now:
Tegan Doherty (03) 9682 2199
dv.coor@squashvic.com.au
www.squashvic.com.au

**Bendigo Amateur Soccer League**

Inviting people with a disability to participate in

**Modified Indoor Soccer (Futsal)**

The Bendigo Amateur Soccer League invites you to come along and learn the basic skills of soccer. Get active, meet new people and have fun while playing indoor soccer.

**WHEN:**
Friday nights for four weeks (From 16 November to 17 December 2012)

**TIME:**
4.00pm - 4.45pm

**WHERE:**
Bendigo South East College Sports Stadium
Keck Street, Flora Hill

**COST:**
$2 per week (to be paid to Brock at training)

Don’t forget to wear your sneakers and bring a bottle of water.

**HOW DO I GET INVOLVED?**

CONTACT:
Brock Rogers
Ph: 5442 7952
Mob: 0418 582 851

Please contact Brock before the first session to book your place.

**REGISTRATION:**
Please complete and return the registration form to Brock at your first session.

Supported by Sports Focus, Access for All Abilities Program Provider
Supporting sport and recreation opportunities for ALL.
www.sportsfocus.com.au

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

Inglewood community is holding an Inglewood Alive Festival on Saturday the 1st of December, there will be market stalls, free jumping castle and the Inglewood primary school is holding a fete, there will be line dancers, rock and roll dancers, vintage cars, local produce, live music and the list goes on. The Town is holding a competition for best Christmas decoration; this can be any decoration you wish to submit. The winner will be chosen by people votes and the prize will be $50 for each category and they are as follows Kindergarten, under 12s, over 12 and senior. All entries must be in to the Inglewood town hall by no later than 11am on the day and the winners will be announced at 1.30. I will note that the winner must be present to receive their prize or it will go to next decoration with the highest votes. Really looking forward to seeing all your creation and hope everyone enjoys the fantastic day our community is going to provide for you and your family.

Any question about this Christmas decoration competition can be forwarded on to luckman@westnet.com.au
Bendigo Family Nature Club
Crusoe Reservoir Adventure, Choose your own adventure!

Sunday 18th November 2012: Start 9.45am.
Meet at 9.45am Main Gate of Crusoe Reservoir (toilets available at that point) Crusoe Road.
Bring bikes, fishing rods, kayaks, binoculars and be ready to explore this marvellous resource.
Choose your activities.
There are up to 10km of tracks to run, walk or ride your bike, so you can go anywhere from 1km to 10km’s.
Bring your lunch! Have fun!
How to get to the Crusoe Res.
Turn into Furness Street (near Harvey Norman) continue along the street until you hit a T intersection then turn right into Crusoe Road. The turn into the Reservoir is about half to one k on the right.
For more information and bookings: bendigonatureclub@gmail.com or 54440678
This event is made possible with the wonderful support of the Bendigo Field Naturalists and the Bendigo Sustainability Group

Your invited to attend a REVIEW of 2012 and 2013 PLANNING DAY for the Bendigo Family Nature Club THURSDAY 6th DECEMBER at 2 p.m.
You are welcome to come along or provide feedback at the meeting or via email. We are also looking for additional members to assist with organising the club, your assistance and brillliance would be appreciated and welcomed!

If you can't make it, please email your ideas for consideration by the group.
For more information: bendigonatureclub@gmail.com or 54440678