FROM THE PRINCIPAL

END OF TERM

Once again we have had a very rewarding term. Reflecting on the term we have undertaken a variety of activities including, interschool events (football, netball, athletics, AFL 9’s and basketball), VIBE, Literacy & Numeracy Week activities, Book Week Activities, Walk-a-thon, Harrietville Camp. All of the activities are valuable extensions of the work undertaken in the classroom and experiences that may not come around that often.

Classroom teachers have again provided engaging programs and challenged the students to achieve their best. The Education Support Officers have assisted the teachers and students in a very professional manner ensuring all of the students have had every opportunity to engage in the classroom programs. The students are making positive progress across all year levels and no doubt will excel with teacher guidance as we move into term 4.

Thank you to the parents, careers and family members who have assisted with classroom programs this term your assistance is always greatly appreciated.

Parents’ Club have continued to support the school in a variety of ways and importantly raised funds to ensure the students have those extra resources which are beyond the school budget.

To the entire school community have an enjoyable and safe holiday.

IT’S NOT OKAY TO BE AWAY

Student Absence Data 02/02/2012 to 14/09/2012

As we come to the end of term 3 (137 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>
<th>Current school absence rate</th>
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<td>Boys</td>
<td>86</td>
<td>713.5</td>
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<td>Girls</td>
<td>111</td>
<td>760.5</td>
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Our current school absence rate (average per student) is 8.2 up from 4.6 at the end of Term 2. Winter has definitely hit hard and many children have been away with a cold or the flu. As we enter Term 4 the weather will gradually improve and I expect our absence rate will be less than that of Term 3 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: 02/02/2012 to 14/09/2012

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<th>Total Students</th>
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<td>179</td>
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<td>56%</td>
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<td>Students of total school population</td>
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Since the beginning of the year 102 students have attended school 95 % or more of the time, which equates to no more than 6.5 days absent for the year. Of those 15 students have not missed a day, which is excellent. Interestingly although 90% attendance up until the end of Term 3 sounds good it equates to 13 days away from school (our 2012 end of year target). Attendance certificates for Term 3 will be handed out this term.
SUNSMART - HATS TERM 4
From term 4 children should be wearing their hats as part of our SunSmart Policy. Children without a hat will be required to stay in the undercover area of the school. If your child needs a new school hat both the broad brimmed and bucket hats can be purchased from Fashion Plus in Williamson St for $12 with the logo (current stock) and $10 without the logo. If stock becomes limited the turnaround after ordering a hat with a logo is approximately a week.

WORKING BEE (TERM 4)
A working bee will be held on Sunday October 28th (the third Sunday after we return to school). An overall tidy up around the school will take place and some general maintenance. More specific details will be provided at the start of Term 4.

Jason Lee
Principal

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!!!

SCHOOL CALENDAR

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<td>First Day of Term 4</td>
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<td>School Council Meeting 7.30 p.m.</td>
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HAPPY, HEALTHY BODIES!!

+ Teach your kids that their body size and weight are just one part of who they are. Point out that everyone is a different shape and size, just like hair and eye colour, shape is a normal part of growth and development.
+ Set a good example. Putting down your own body in front of your kids sends a clear message that it’s OK not to like yourself. Focus on health not weight.
+ Compliment other aspects of children such as personality, manners, hair, or smile!
+ Encourage active possibilities and limit inactive possibilities. Encourage outside play after school instead of watching the TV or playing computer games.
+ Don’t refer to foods as ‘good’ or ‘bad’ but rather ‘everyday’, ‘healthy’ or ‘sometimes’ foods.
+ It is easier for a child to make good food choices when access to less healthy choices is limited.
+ Save high fat and high sugar foods for treats and celebrations.
+ Avoid using foods as a rewards
  + Children may need encouragement to eat more, rather than less, but of a broader range of healthier foods.
  + Exposing children to a wide variety of foods will embed a preference for these foods later in life (even if they complain about eating their greens as a teenager!) 
  + Make family mealtimes part of your routine. Whenever possible, sit and eat together as a family and have the TV turned off.

ATTENTION GRADE 5/6 PARENTS
All of the Grade 5/6 classes are in desperate need of tissues, can each child please be sent to school with a box of tissues for their classroom.

MAIDEN GULLY JUNIOR CRICKET CLUB
Maiden Gully Junior Cricket Club still has vacancies for players in its Under 11s team for the 2012/13 season. If you are interested you can contact Gary Stagg on 0409 706 245.

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PARENTS CLUB NEWS

Parents’ Club Meeting
The next meeting of the Parents’ Club will be Friday, October 19th, after assembly in the school conference room - opposite the office. All are welcome to attend.

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 October 9th and Thursday October 11th. 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

Can you help our Playgroup?
They are in need of a baby gate, if you have one that you no longer require, please leave it with Nicole in the office.

BENDIGO LITTLE ATHLETICS SECOND REGISTRATION DAY
The second and final opportunity to pick up registration numbers and/or register for Little Athletics prior to the season start and take advantage of the early-bird discount fee is this Thursday 20th September from 6.00pm at the Athletics Track, Retreat Road, Spring Gully. The 20% discount is available only until midnight on the 20th. The full season fee of $120.00 is applicable after this date.
Registration may also be made on-line at www.lavic.com.au and payment made via credit card.
Competition begins on Saturday 13th October at 8.30am, Athletes must be fully registered and wearing their assigned number and bar-code for registration to be complete and results to be valid.
Anyone unsure about registering for the whole season can use a Come & Try Registration which is available for two weeks only at a cost of $5.00 per week.
Forms may be downloaded at www.bendigolac.org.au. For further information visit the websites above or email registrarblac@hotmail.com or bendigo@lavic.com.au.

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

BENDIGO UNITED CRICKET CLUB
Milo Cricket Registration Night
Thursday 11th of October 2012

4pm to 5pm @ Harry Trott Oval Clubrooms, Neale St, Kennington

Fees for 2012 are:
$70 includes Milo cricket kit, Ages 5-10 boys and girls.
Week 1 - Thursday 18th of October 2012, same place and time.
Final week - Thursday 15th of December 2012, Inc presentation.

New and past players are most welcome; come and meet the coach.
Coach contact: Miggy Podosky mobile 0468792362

www.bendigounited.com

Wanted Junior Tennis Players.
Are you interested in playing tennis in Eaglehawk this spring and summer?
Come along to our Information and sign-up day
When - Saturday October 13th
Time - 10.00am
Where - the Eaglehawk Tennis Complex - Crowther St
Eaglehawk (off Victoria St)
Bring a racquet and have a hit
For details call: Louise Kemp – 5446 9262 OR Kylie Sea: 5446 1919
Or visit our website - www.eaglehawktennis.org.au
We are on Facebook- Eaglehawk tennis

Eaglehawk Community House

Catholic College Bendigo Alumni
Calendar of Coming Events
13 October 2012: St Mary’s College/Marist Brothers’/Catholic College Bendigo Class of 1987, 25-Year reunion. Includes all those who attended as part of that group between 1982 and 1987.
Tickets on sale now through Barb Lomas at the General Office on 5445 9100 or blomas@ccb.vic.edu.au

Bendigo Visitor Centre
School Holidays Program
DREAM-WEAVING

Weave a wonderful work of art to take home! Using colourful wools, fabrics and other materials
Cost: $8 per person includes workshop and materials
Times: 10.30am – 11.00am
Dates: Wednesday 26th September
Saturday 29th September
Wednesday 3rd October 2012
Bookings: A must! Limited spaces available

BOOKINGS: Ph 5434 6060

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

piggy bank appeal

Very Special Kids supports families throughout their experience of caring for children with life-threatening illnesses from diagnosis through to recovery or bereavement.

The Piggy Bank Appeal is the biggest annual fundraiser for Very Special Kids which aims to raise over $1 million to support families of children with life-threatening illnesses. The Piggy Trails are the highlight of the Piggy Bank Appeal. For two weeks in September, a group of wonderful volunteers drive the giant piggy banks throughout Melbourne and Victoria visiting hundreds of towns and suburbs. At each Piggy Trail stop, volunteers collect donations, sell merchandise and distribute information about Very Special Kids.

Wednesday the 26th of September Long Gully Lotto will be hosting a Trail Stop at their store, Long Gully IGA from 9am-12pm this will include a sausage sizzle, as well a merchandise stall to do their part in fundraising for the Very Special Kids.
 aspect Victoria is pleased to offer our highly successful three day autism specific Aspect Positive Behaviour Support workshop for parents of children and young people aged 6 and 25 years with an autism spectrum disorder in the Loddon Mallee Region of Victoria.

Based on Aspect's direct experience working with families, this workshop teaches parents how to use contemporary, evidence-based, autism specific positive behaviour support strategies at home with their children.

Aspect Positive Behaviour Support workshops have proven effectiveness

Since 2005, 1200 families have participated in Aspect Positive Behaviour Support workshops. An independent evaluation of the workshop program showed "evidence of an extremely significant decrease in challenging behaviours ... and evidence of an extremely significant increase in parental self-efficacy following the 3-day workshop and again at the 4-6 week follow-up."

Families participating in this workshop will:

- Develop best practice understanding of autism and how an autism spectrum disorder can contribute to challenging behaviours.
- Learn how to create an autism friendly environment at home.
- Learn how to write an autism specific behaviour support plan for one of their child's behaviours.
- Learn how to write a crisis plan and respond confidently when challenging behaviour occurs.
- Learn how to teach new skills to promote their child's communication, emotional regulation or independence.

What participants say about Aspect Positive Behaviour Support workshops:

"Fantastic presentation. Very interactive & affirming & capacity building. Ideas not just discussed but taught how to follow through on." 

"Best information session on Autism I have been to, so much clarity about getting to the core behaviour, unpeeling onion, enjoyed all visuals. Thank you so much."

"I have attended many workshops & seminars with my daughter to try & find answers to what we needed to know. This workshop has been the most informative ever."

To be eligible for this workshop you must be the parent or carer of a child or young person aged between 6 and 25 years with a diagnosed autism spectrum disorder and you must live in the local government areas of Buloke, Campaspe, Central Goldfields, Gannawarra, Greater Bendigo, Loddon, Macedon Ranges, Mildura, Mount Alexander and Swanhill. Service providers working with participating families are encouraged to attend.

- **When**: Three day workshop is on 23rd, 24th & 25th October 2012
- **Where**: Weeronga Lake Pavilion, Weeronga Drive Bendigo 3550
- **Time**: 9.30am to 2.30pm each day
- **Cost**: FREE
- **Register**: Online at www.autismspectrum.org.au
- **Contact**: Heather Kirkhope at Aspect Victoria:
  - Phone: 03 9377 6628 or email hkirkhope@autismspectrum.org.au

Autism Spectrum Australia (Aspect) is Australia's largest not for profit autism specific service provider. Established in 1986, Aspect provides a wide range of services and support. In 2010 Aspect commenced operation in Victoria.

Aspect has been funded by the Department of Human Services to provide a range of positive behaviour support programs across Victoria.

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Kyokushin Karate
Karate lessons are currently taking place on Tuesday’s and Thursday’s in the school shed from 7.00pm to 8.00pm. Beginners are more than welcome. If you would like further information please contact Lance McInnis on 54424832 or 0438768412, or just turn up on the night.

Family Movie
Fundraiser at the Bendigo Cinemas
ONLY 25 TICKETS LEFT!!!
HOTEL TRANSYLVANIA- Rated G
Children 3years to 15years....
Thursday 20th September
movie @ 4:30pm
BENDIGO CINEMAS
107 Queen St., Bendigo, Victoria 3550.
ALL TICKETS $15!!!!!
All children will get a goodies bag with
1xpack chips
1x zooper dooper to take home and freeze..
Spooky stickers and tattoos
1x balloon
** Lucky Door Prizes and Giveaways **
Dress up as anything theme - Prizes for the
Best Dressed!!
For Bookings and Info:
phone 0417 505 581
email bslbbookings@gmail.com

AUSTSWIM BENDIGO
The next Austswim Course is being conducted in Bendigo on the following dates:
Saturday 10 November 9.30 – 5.00pm
Sunday 11 November 9.30 – 3.30pm
VENUE: Peter Krenz Leisure Centre
Napier St
Eaglehawk
COST: $383.00

AUSTSWIM RE-REGISTRATION
If you gained your Austswim Certificate or re-registered in 2009
you need to re-register in 2012. You can do this by attending
some theory and practical sessions during the full course. Ring to
find out times when you will need to attend.
Cost for update: $77.00
If interested contact: Kate Nichols
Fax. 58312597
Mobile. 0427 153 591
Email. kate@valleysport.net.au

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