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OUR TERM 4 TRANSITION PROGRAM FOR 2013 PREPS

Our transition program comprises three sessions during Term 4. This allows the children (and their parents/carers) the opportunity to familiarise themselves with the school buildings, teachers and some aspects of their school routines, ready for a confident start to 2013.

First Session
Tuesday October 23rd 9.45am-10.45
While the children are working in the classrooms with the teachers, an information session will be conducted for parents. We will have a few presentations that will provide information that will enable your child to make a smooth transition to school and an opportunity to ask questions and clarify any uncertainties. Morning tea will be provided.

Second Session
Tuesday November 13th 9.45am-10.45am
Children to be dropped off and picked up at the end of the session.

Third Session
Tuesday December 4th 9.45am-11.45am
Children bring their play lunch and have the opportunity to remain at school during recess.

Letters containing the relevant information will be sent to those families that have preps currently enrolled for 2013. If you know of a family intending to enrol children for 2013 please encourage them to contact the school either by visiting in person or contacting us by phone. We are looking forward to having them participate in our transition programs.

MATHLETICS
All children have access to Mathletics a highly engaging interactive website. Ask your child to show you what they have been doing and explore the site with your them, (they will need their username and password).

FATHERS’ DAY
I would like to thank Parents’ Club for their running and organisation of the Fathers’ Day stall and raffle. I also like to extend my appreciation to members of our school community who were able to donate items for the stall. All money raised is used to provide resources that will be of considerable value to both the students and staff.

Jason Lee
Principal
**SCHOOL WALK-A-THON**

Tomorrow, Friday September 7th, is our School Walk-a-thon. The children will leave school at 12.30 p.m. and have a B.B.Q. lunch at Lake Neangar. Students need to be collected from the lake at 2.30 p.m. if they do not wish to walk back to school. Parents are most welcome to participate. Sponsorship forms and money should be returned to school next week.

Thank you,

*Brendan Hartney.*

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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!!!

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**SCHOOL CALENDAR**

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Grades 3 to 6 Camp to Harrietville

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School Assembly starts at 8.55 a.m. Please be on time!
VEGIE GARDENING FOR CHILDREN!

Vegie gardens are a fantastic way to introduce children to whole foods, like vegetables, whether the garden is developed within school grounds, the family backyard or a community garden. A spare patch of soil or even a few pot plants is all kids need to grow their own veggie patch.

Children love to grow things and they love food, bringing fun and enjoyment into the whole process. Children will especially love their home-grown veggies being incorporated into the family meals!

The following vegetables are some of the more successful and easy options to grow in a child’s small patch during the warmer months:

- Broad beans
- Zucchini
- Carrots
- Snow peas
- Beans
- Potatoes
- Silverbeet
- Tomatoes
- Cherry tomatoes
- Lettuce - all varieties
- Baby spinach & rocket
- Herbs e.g. mint, parsley
- Corn
- Capsicum

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.

Coles Sports for Schools

We Collected 16,350 Coles Sports for Schools vouchers, these vouchers will help us to choose some great new sporting equipment.

Thank you to all those who collected vouchers.

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

Parents’ Club Meeting
The next meeting of the Parents’ Club will be next Friday, September 14th, after assembly in the school conference room - opposite the office. All are welcome to attend.

Fathers’ Day Stall
Thank you to all those families who donated gifts for the Fathers’ Day Stall last week. With your assistance the Parents’ Club raised $694.00. We hope all Dad’s had a fantastic Fathers’ Day and enjoyed the gifts that their children purchased for them.

Fathers’ Day Raffle
The Fathers’ Day Raffle was drawn last Friday. The Parents’ Club raised $372.20. Congratulations to our winners:
1st Prize ($100.00 Bunnings Voucher) Donna Roberts
2nd Prize ($70.00 Bunnings Voucher) Simon Grandison
3rd Prize ($50.00 Bunnings Voucher) Eve O’Sullivan
4th Prize (Wine Pack) Dale Hartland

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 September 11th and Thursday September 13th. 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.

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 August 24th**

**Prep/1 Christian:** Elyica M. - For showing great co-ordination skills during sports practice.  
Kohby U. - For mastering the skill of high jump.

**Prep/1 Peacock:** Jess M. - For interesting report writing and great attempts at using ‘talking marks’.  
Benjamin N. - For being a sensational "Little Red Riding Hood" in our class Shared Reading.

**2 Carroll-Hinton:** Jessica B. - For making a wonderful Viking hat.  
Tyler H. - For making a great Viking hat.

**3/4 Hartney:** Lachlan F. - For completing the Premiers’ Reading Challenge.  
Zoe W. - For completing the Premiers’ Reading Challenge.

**5/6 McKerrow:** Emily H. - For excellent partner work on literacy day.  
Tamika M. - For excellent partner work with her sister in literacy day.

**5/6 Windridge:** Thomas F. - For reading at home each night to complete the Premiers’ Reading Challenge.  
Mitchell P. - For being an "excellent" buddy during our Literature Activities.

Vision care for children is highly important and the detection of eyesight problems at an early age is imperative. An eye test before starting school and at two year intervals following this are recommended (unless requested otherwise from an optometrist).

SpecSavers Kangaroo Flat are offering all students who attend California Gully Primary School and visit them on any Tuesday until September 30th 2012, a 30% bulk discount on 1 complete pair for glasses from their two pair deal along with eye tests being bulk billed. Their usual offer of 1 complete pair for $39 or $99 is still effective.

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

MLC Tennis Hot Shots
The Bendigo Tennis Association will continue the delivery of MLC Tennis Hot Shots, a program which targets players from 4 to 10 years of age, who are looking to develop their tennis skills.
A FREE TRIAL LESSON will be held on Saturday 13th October, 2012 from 9.00am and 10.30am at Bendigo Tennis Centre. Bookings essential p: 5442 5744 info@bendigotennis.com.au

Hot Shots Term Program
An 8 week training program will start from Tuesday 24th October. Participants attend one 40 minute session per week.
Times:
Tuesday 4.00pm – 4.40pm & 4.40pm – 5.20pm starts 16/10/12
Wednesday 4.00pm – 4.40pm & 4.40pm – 5.20pm starts 17/10/13
Thursday 4.00pm – 4.40pm & 4.40pm – 5.20pm starts 18/10/12
Saturday 9.40am – 10.20am & 10.20am – 11.00am starts 20/10/12
Cost: $50 for the 8 week term | Bookings essential p: 5442 5744

Summer Tennis 2012/13
The Bendigo Tennis Association are also taking individual and team entries for all competition formats for 2012/13 summer season, which kicks off in the second week of October 2012. We offer playing opportunities for midweek ladies, juniors, Saturday afternoon seniors, veterans, and the popular junior series of competitions. Anyone wishing to participate is encouraged to visit our website to download full competition details, or contact the Bendigo Tennis Association on 5442 5744 or email info@bendigotennis.com.au.

Team Entries Close:
20th September, 2012
www.bendigotennis.com.au

NIT WIZ head lice salon, 942 Wellington Way Strathfieldsaye, across from IGA complex, opening this week All natural products! Call Nicole on 0418 352 550 for information and bookings.

School Holidays are almost here!
YMCA is now taking bookings for Holiday Program get in quick so you don’t miss out
Our program is available the following ways, on our website www.bendigo.ymca.org.au, call into one of our venues to pick up a copy or simply phone our friendly staff on 5445 8300 at YMCA House for a copy to be emailed or sent out to you.

Call us now on 5445 8300 to make a booking

YMCA
We build strong PEOPLE strong FAMILIES strong COMMUNITIES

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.

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

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Jets Gymnastics Bendigo
School Holiday Program is on
again soon for children aged between 5 to 13 years
Be sure to book early as places fill fast for each day, operating hours are
8.30am to 5.30pm from Monday to Friday starting September 24th and
finishing October 5th.
There is a different theme each day with lots of craft, games and gymnastic
activities adding to the fun and excitement in our gym
Download a brochure and enrolment form today from: http://jetsgym.com.au/index.php/holiday-program or contact customer service at Jets Gymnastics Bendigo on 5444 1119 or email jetsbendi-go@jetsgym.com.au for further information

Discounts apply for online bookings and additional family members, don’t miss out book now

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Looking to have some fun
for a great cause?
Big Brothers Big Sisters is holding a treasure
hunt with a difference!

Sunday 14 October 2012
Chase the Cache is a high-tech treasure hunt. Teams of four compete to find hidden ‘treasure’ in Melbourne’s Docklands, using handheld GPS units.

No experience needed and suitable for families, corporate teams or groups of friends.

The event is great fun and the money raised goes to our program that keeps vulnerable kids out of jail, off drugs and in school

Plus you can win great prizes and each participant receives a fabulous gift bag!

www.chasethecache.com.au

School Assembly starts at 8.55 a.m. Please be on time!
BOOK WEEK 2012 “CHAMPIONS READ”

BOOK WEEK VISITORS

During Book Week the Prep/one classes had a number of parents read their favourite children’s story with the classes. The children thoroughly enjoyed having the parents in the classrooms. Miss Christian and Mrs Peacock appreciated their participation in our Book Week celebrations.

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