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Calendar

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Mothers’ Day Breakfast

Monday May 9th
School Council Meeting 7.00 p.m.

Tuesday May 10th
• Gym Program
• Family Astronomy Evening

Wednesday May 18th
• Education Week Open Morning
• 2017 Prep Information Session

Every Tuesday and Friday
8.30 a.m. - 8.55 a.m.
Library Open for borrowing and returning books and quiet reading

Every Wednesday 9.30 a.m.
- 11.30 a.m.
Playgroup

Every Friday 8.00 a.m.
- 8.20 a.m.
Breakfast Program

MISSION

At California Gully Primary School we educate students to be lifelong learners and well informed and productive community members who are well prepared to become active, engaged and responsible citizens of the local and global community.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

EDUCATION WEEK

Monday 16th May is the beginning of Education Week. On Wednesday 18th May we will have an ‘Open Morning’ running from 9.15am - 11.00am. Family members are more than welcome to join the children during their classroom activities and have a look around the school.

School tours will take place from 9.15am to 11.00am on Friday 20th May. Tour groups will be guided by staff and our student school leaders.

The 2017 Prep (Foundation) Information session will be held on Wednesday 18th May from 6.30pm to 7.30pm.

PREP ENROLMENTS 2017

If you have a child who will be attending California Gully Primary School in Prep (Foundation) 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)
2. A school entry immunisation certificate obtained from The Australian Childhood Immunisation Register (ACIR). Phone 1800653809.

Enrolment forms are now available for collection from the office. The 2017 Information Booklet is currently being reviewed but will be available before the end of term.

If you know anyone moving into our area, has a child attending your child’s preschool or who has a Prep child for next year and is considering their options talk to them about our school and please invite them to our 2017 Prep (Foundation) Information session.

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NAPLAN
The annual NAPLAN tests begin next Tuesday, 10th May for Year Three and Five students. The results of the testing provide information for our teachers on the impact our teaching and learning program is having on the learning growth of the students. The aim is to see one year’s learning growth for every student no matter what level they start at. The NAPLAN results provide useful information that combined with other assessment tasks helps our school build on its current practice. ‘Information for Parent’ brochures have been forwarded to parents earlier this week.

EAGLEHAWK SECONDARY COLLEGE SCIENCE PRIMARY EXTENSION PROGRAM
Starting in two weeks time Mrs Marland a teacher from Eaglehawk Secondary College (ESC) will be running a four week electrical circuits science program with our grade 5/6 students. The first 3 weeks will see Mrs Marland at our school working with the students on a number of activities and the fourth and final week our students will head over to ESC to complete the science program. This is a fantastic initiative implemented by ESC, our students will have an opportunity to increase their skills and knowledge in this area of science and compliments our science program.

PARENT SURVEY—EXTENSION
The school parent survey is due TOMORROW. I have been pleased with the return rate and importantly this will provide the school an understanding of what you the parents feel is important in the education of your children. If you have not returned the survey but have time tonight please complete it. (It should take no longer than 10 minutes). The survey focuses on school connectedness, school programs and communication. The more surveys returned the better we will understand what you see are the strengths of our school and what we might build upon and or change.

FACEBOOK
The school has set up a Facebook Page which we believe will enhance our school’s profile across a broader audience and enable us to celebrate our school’s successes and programs almost instantaneously. The site has not gone live yet but you are able to view the page. Following School Council approval of the Facebook Code of Conduct the page will be opened up to our community and beyond.

Jason Lee
Principal

CSEF (Camps, Sports & Excursion Fund)
Applications are now open for families who are Health Care Card holders to apply for the funding - forms are available from the school office, when completing your application please bring a long your current Health Care Card, this is needed for the application to be accepted.

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Parents’ Club Meeting
The next meeting of the Parents’ Club will be in the conference room after assembly on a date to be advised. All welcome.

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

Parents’ Club

Outside School Hours Care
Monday to Friday 3.15 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.

- Available for all parents of California Gully Primary School
- Affordable
- Childcare in a safe and secure environment
- Providing interesting activities for all children
- Permanent/Casual Bookings available
- Emergency bookings always available

Mrs. Paton

School Calendar

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This year we will again celebrate 100 days of Maths. Each week in the newsletter we will have a focus on Maths. Here is a puzzle page for all the family. Level 1 and 2 are generally for younger students, but you can do whatever levels you wish. Children may complete them on their own or they may need some assistance. We hope you enjoy them. Bring in your neat answers and we will display them on the Maths Board in the undercover area. It would be great to see some work up on display each week!
Congratulations to the following students on being named Student of The Week for their positive attitude to school and social values.

Thursday April 29th

Prep Dillon:

Caleb G. - For working beautifully in library
Kaiden W. - For learning to write his name. Well done.

1/2 Peacock-Hinton:

Dylan C. - For putting in his best effort and completing his work.
Sam H. - For working really hard in library every week.
Brody S.-B. - For working well in Maths.

3/4 Ennor:

Bailey B. - For trying hard at all times.
Tayleigh H. - For being a helpful, co-operative and caring class member.
Lachlan H. - For trying hard and behaving well in library.

3/4 Reilly-Carroll:

Jackson G. - For working hard on his persuasive text this week.
Ashlee M. - For working very well in library.
Tai W. - For working really hard on all class tasks.

5/6 McKerrow:

Kirsty F. - For working well in library at all times.
Kodi P. - For excellent work recording word puzzles.

5/6 Windridge:

Jayden B. - For working well in library lessons.
Jayde C. - For being a helpful and co-operative class member.
Shelby G. - For doing his personal best in all learning tasks.

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HEALTHY LIVING

GREAT TIPS FOR HEALTHY KIDS

TIP 30. FAMILIES MAKE THE BEST RUNNING MATES

Families can take many forms, but whatever the form, they can join together in sport and other physical activity.
Doing activities with other family members helps keep you motivated. It’s always easier to get into physical activity when you have a partner or two, and who better to join than a parent, brother or sister?

What you can do NOW

♦ Join the kids for a run around the block.
♦ Prepare a picnic lunch and set off for a bushwalk together.
♦ Take the kids to the park to fly a kite.
♦ Play a game of cricket in the backyard.
♦ Take the whole family roller-skating.

Good Idea!

Talk with your kids about the sorts of physical activity you could do together. Some people prefer less strenuous activity, while others prefer a really good workout. Try to include whatever physical activity best suits each of your kids.

HEALTHY GUIDELINES FOR KIDS...

The best help you can offer your kids is making sure that there is always an abundance of breads, cereals, vegetables and fruits available; incorporate lean meats and dairy foods in their diet; encourage drinking of plenty of water; choose low salt foods; and most importantly follow these yourself to be a good role model.

♦ Ensure kids have good eating habits by providing them with a variety of healthy meals and snacks.
♦ Influencing your child’s food selection is not an easy task, as kids are naturally reluctant to try new foods, that is they dislike new foods. Be patient; it may take up to 10 exposures before a new food is accepted by a child, and it is during a child’s development when their palate and tastebuds are most influential.
♦ Kids are grazers and its best that they eat according to their appetite. Ensure that healthy options are available for them to snack on such as cut up vegetable sticks or fruit pieces.
♦ Your child has a small stomach with high nutrient requirements so their foods eaten will vary every meal.

Top Tip

Kids who aren’t active tend to come from families that aren’t active. Active kids tend to come from active families.
EGGS FOR SALE
Our girls are busy laying lots of eggs, $2.50 a dozen. See Wendy in the grade 3/4A room.

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 bring 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:

May 11th       Mothers’ Day Morning Tea & Craft
May 18th       Finding Treasures - Exploring Our School
May 25th       Planting Seeds
June 1st       Bookmaking—Playgroup Stories
June 8th       Playdough Fun
June 15th      Multi-Purpose Room - Adventure Play
June 22nd      Pyjama Party - Last Playgroup Term 2

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

Join us on Facebook: www.facebook/calgullyplaygroup1

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Join us at our weekly Breakfast Program
Every Friday from 8 a.m. to 8.20 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 6th 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!

California Gully Primary School Learning Club

Has Started!!!

The Learning Club has fun, interactive activities and games to improve literacy and numeracy skills and develop confidence. All sessions are fully supervised.

Light refreshments are provided.

If interested in participating, please complete a Registration Form at the School Reception desk.

The Learning Club is proudly supported by the Smith Family & La Trobe University.

Introducing FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY

Benefiting the health and wellbeing of our Bendigo school children

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