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Thursday November 17th 2016

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
- No Breakfast Program - Friday November 18th
- Book Club Orders and Money Due - Friday November 18th
- Production DVD Orders Due (with correct money) - Friday November 18th
- Prep 2017 Transition Day - Tuesday November 22nd
- Final Breakfast Program for 2016 - Friday December 2nd
- Prep 2017 and Grade 6 Orientation Day - Tuesday December 6th

FROM THE PRINCIPAL
TERM 4 CURRICULUM DAY
Our curriculum day was quite successful with our focus on preparing for a number of key initiatives starting next year. All of the teaching staff assisted in the review of our Annual Implementation Plan (AIP). This document outlines our goals, actions and success measures we put in place and aim for in any given year. Following the review of our 2016 AIP we considered and documented what some of our new and ongoing priorities would be. We looked in-depth at our spelling program and how we can develop and put in place a more effective whole-school spelling program. As a result the school will be running the SMART spelling program which we believe will better differentiate the learning for the students and assist in providing the students with the strategies to spell successfully as they progress through primary school. We also identified oral language development as a key learning area to focus on with our students, in particular those students entering their Prep year but also across years one to six. The students’ oral language needs across the year levels are different and we are planning to cater for their various needs.

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TERM 4 KEY DATES
A calendar with all of our term 4 events was forwarded to all families a few weeks ago. If you do not have one or have misplaced it please see Nicole in the office. With only 4 weeks of school remaining after this week it is timely to remind you of some key dates and events which you may now be thinking about.

2017 School Charges will be distributed on Tuesday December 6th. No money is required to be paid prior to the 2017 school year. You will receive a breakdown of the school charges and key dates for payments.

2017 Grade Notification
Parents will be advised in writing of their child’s class placement for 2017 on Tuesday December 6th.
The Year 6 graduation will be celebrated on Wednesday December 14th (further information will be forwarded to Grade 6 students)
The Whole School End of Year Concert will take place on the evening of Thursday December 15th, (further information in next week’s newsletter)

PREP TRANSITION PROGRAM
Our second 2017 Prep Transition Day will occur next Tuesday 22nd November. An information session for all parents will take place from 9.15am to 10.45am.

Jason Lee
Principal

BOOK CLUB
Please order online and pay with your card at www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP. If you are unable to order online, then put the order and money in cash in an envelope marked with your child’s name and give to the class teacher.
Book Club Issue 8 has been sent home earlier this week. It is due back at school Friday November 18th 2016.

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Parents’ Club Meeting
The next meeting of the Parents’ Club will be in the conference room on a date to be confirmed. We need desperately more members so new members are always welcome.

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

Parents’ Club Christmas Raffle
Tickets will go home November 25th.
Prizes so far:

1st $100.00 Hamper (Donated by the Parents’ Club)
2nd X-Drine Mini G-Shock Remote Control Drone
3rd Crochet Owl (Donated by Renee Jenkins)
4th ‘Stampin Up’ Pack including a free card making class voucher (Donated by Renee Jenkins)
5th 4 x Tubs of Billy G’s Cookie Dough & Cookie Cutters (Donated by the Parents’ Club)
6th 4 x Tubs of Billy G’s Cookie Dough (Donated by the Parents’ Club)

If you would like to make our raffle bigger and better, you can leave donations of non-perishable food items at the office.
The raffle will be drawn at the end of year concert on Thursday December 15th.
Thank you to all families who support the Parents’ Club.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

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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 too.

**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. Introduce 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.

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**National Nutrition Week**

National Nutrition Week is held every year by Nutrition Australia in October and is a fantastic opportunity to get parents, teachers and kids to join in the fun and opportunities to understand more about healthy living through food variety and physical activity!

Nutrition Australia, as well as many schools, community health centres and workplaces, will be hosting a number of events during Nutrition Week. For further information and to find out more about events in your area visit the Nutrition Australia website [www.nutritionaustralia.org](http://www.nutritionaustralia.org).

Also available on the Nutrition Australia website is the Nutrition Week Kit designed for schools, families, workplace, childcare and other community groups to assist in planning their own events and activities.

Activities available in some states include:

- Guest speakers
- Celebrity chefs & cooking demonstrations
- Trade stalls from sporting organisations
- Children’s activities including face painting and competitions
- Showbags

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

Friday November 11th

Prep O’Sullivan:
Lilly C. - For your dedication home reading.

3/4 Ennor:
Mason F. - For persistence in spelling groups and learning the blue spelling rule.

5/6 McKerrow:
Jess M. - For excellent results in reading.
Zeppelin R. - For excellent results in reading.
Jazmin T. - For excellent results in reading.

5/6 Windridge:
Kathryn G. - For excellent work in Maths.
Errin H. - For working hard in reading groups.

TISSUES
With hay fever season well and truly upon us there are a lot of sniffles. Can parents please send a box of tissues to school for their child’s classroom.

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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

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:
- November 23rd Adventure Play - Outside
- November 30th Free Play
- December 7th Christmas Craft

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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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 next Friday November 25th at 8 a.m. (please note that we will stop serving breakfast at 8.20a.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 to start the day!

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen at California Gully Primary

Wednesday Mornings
8.00 a.m. to 8.45 a.m.

Catch the savings bug with school banking every Tuesday.

Bendigo Bank

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### Jim Wid Soccer Coaching
Ages 3-12

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FREE session last Monday for new enrolments!

ENROL NOW!!!
Contact Jim: 0431 299 930
email: jim.widtennis@gmail.com

Find us on Facebook!

### Jim Wid Tennis Coaching
Tennis. Fun. For Life.
Ages 3 and up

Unsure? FREE trial.
FREE racket for new enrolments
ENROL NOW!!!

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### Tuning In To Teens
Bendigo

Tuning in to Teens shows you how to help your teen develop Emotional Intelligence

Join our six session parenting program for parents and carers of teens.
Would you like to learn how to:
• Be better at talking with your teen?
• Be better at understanding your teen?
• Help your teen learn to manage their emotions?
• Help to prevent behaviour problems in your teen?

Term 1, 2017

When: Thursday 16th February - Thursday 23rd March 2017
Time: Arrangement and registration 4.45pm
Sessions 7.30pm - 9.00pm
Where: CatholicCare Sandhurst Noisy Daly Room, 176-178 McIvor St, Bendigo
Cost: $40 for the whole course or $20 concession
Child Care: Sorry, child care is not provided
Facilities: Jo and Kate
Parking: On-site parking available - enter via Hargreaves Street

Groups are subject to minimum and maximum numbers determined seven working days prior to the commencement date. Early registration is encouraged.

For bookings and enquiries phone Ky Gregg on 5438 1300

### Saver Plus

TERM TWO TO-DO LIST:
• pay for Amy’s school excursion
• buy James new cricket shoes
• find out more about Saver Plus!

Match your savings for school costs, dollar for dollar, up to $500. Saver Plus is looking for new participants in your local area.

You may be eligible to join if you or your partner have:
• a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
• a child at school or starting next year
• some regular income from work.

Call or SMS Card, your local Saver Plus Coordinator:
03 5448 1024 / 0439 935 516 or
carol.gledhill@bsl.org.au

Saver Plus was developed by ANZ and the Brotherhood of St Laurence and is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government.

### Book Fair. Buy One, Get One Free

Once again we are having a Book Fair in the Library.
This is a Special Offer by Scholastic, where if you buy a book, you get another book for the same value for free.
This fair went very well last year, and so we had the opportunity to run it again.

The school does not make any commission on this fair, as it is an opportunity for our students and parents to save some money before Christmas.
Books make a wonderful present for your children, and encourages them to keep reading over the Christmas break.
This is the way it will work this year.

The Book Fair Will Only Be Open For Purchasing On The Following Days and Times.
Thursday 16th November
• 8.30-8.50
• 3.15-4.00

Friday 17th November
• 8.30-8.50

Monday 21st November
• 8.15-8.50
• 3.15-4.00

Thursday 22nd November
• 8.30-8.50

Friday 23rd November
• 8.30-8.50

Monday 27th November
• 8.15-8.50
• 3.15-4.00

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Spring Summer Series - Bendigo
Miss Me-time is a chance for all women to giggle, jiggle and wiggle together while being active. All you need to do is rock up in your active wear!

November

**Knock it out**
- Tuesday 15 November
- 1.30pm
- Corner of Gibson & Mitchell Street, Bendigo

**Step right up**
- Tuesday 22 November
- 5.45pm
- Rosewood Park Runnells Bendigo

**Sticking with it**
- Thursday 24 November
- 9.30am
- Spotlight car park, Marong Road Bendigo

December

**Twist and swivel**
- Thursday 1 December
- 10am
- 15 Adams Street, North Bendigo

**Reach your goals**
- Wednesday 7 December
- 9.30am
- 140 Victoria Street, Eaglehawk

**Catch & release**
- Friday 16 December
- 6pm
- Rodds Oval, Pinnell Road, Strathdale

**Special treat for you!**
We think all Miss Me-time ladies deserve a treat, so we are giving you the chance to get up to 3 hot drink vouchers.
All you need to do is rock up!
Visit out Facebook page to find out more! facebook.com/meantimebendigo

Women only  
No RSVP  
Free  
It’s fun  
Child friendly

Boys Brains

Strathfieldsaye

This workshop will give insight in to the workings of a boy’s brain and how their needs are different to girls. It will provide practical strategies to help parents and carers understand boy’s needs and how to meet them.

Term 4, 2016
- When: Tuesday 22nd November 2016
- Time: Arrival and registration 5:45pm
- Session 6.00pm - 8.30pm
- Where: St Francis of the Fields Community Centre, 40 Blucher Street Strathfieldsaye
- Cost: Free
- Child care: Sorry, child care is not provided
- Facilitators: Kate and Anne-Marie (Family Education Services CatholicCare)

Maximum number of twenty participants. Early registration is encouraged

For bookings and enquiries phone Deb McDermott on 5439 3191

Boys Brains

Bendigo

This workshop will give insight in to the workings of a boy’s brain and how their needs are different to girls. It will provide practical strategies to help parents and carers understand boy’s needs and how to meet them.

Term 4, 2016
- When: Thursday 8th December 2016
- Time: Arrival and registration 5:45pm
- Session 6.00pm - 8.30pm
- Where: CatholicCare Sandhurst Noel Daly Room, 376-178 McCrae Street Bendigo
- Cost: $20 or $5 concession
- Child care: Sorry, child care is not provided
- Facilitators: Kate, Belinda and Anne-Marie

For bookings and enquiries phone Ky Gregg on 5438 1300

Kid Zone

After-school kids program aged at Primary School aged children. Open to all children from Prep to Grade 6.

All adult leaders have Working With Children’s Checks. Parents/Caregivers/Grandparents are encouraged to stay, join in or watch with a cup of tea or coffee.

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