CALIFORNIA GULLY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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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

- School Fair - Thursday November 26th
- Final Transition Session for 2016 Preps Grade 6 Students Orientation Day at 2016 Secondary College - Tuesday December 8th

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

CALIFORNIA GULLY PRIMARY SCHOOL TRANSITION PROGRAM

Our 2016 preps enjoyed their second transition day on Tuesday 17th November. The children had an enjoyable time working in the classroom and became more familiar with their 2016 surroundings. The teddy bear activities were a huge success. The 2016 prep parents were involved in an information session which highlighted all aspects of the school’s programs. The final transition day for those children commencing school in 2016 will be on Tuesday, 8th December from 9.15 - 11.45. Once again the children will be working in the prep room. However, on this day they will also have an opportunity to explore the playground. The children will also stay a little longer and participate in our recess routine.

Grade 6 students will also spend the day at their chosen secondary schools. Children entering Grades 1-6 in the 2016 school year will be given the opportunity to undertake an orientation session in their new classroom between 9am -11am.

TERM 4 KEY DATES

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.

2016 School Charges will be distributed on Tuesday 8th December. No money is required to be paid prior to the 2016 school year. You will receive a breakdown of the school charges and key dates for payments.

2016 Grade Notification

Parents will be advised in writing of their child’s class placement for 2016 on Tuesday 8th December.

The Whole School End of Year Concert will take place on the evening of Wednesday, 16th December. (further information in next week’s newsletter)

The Year 6 graduation will be celebrated on Monday 14th (further information will be forwarded to Grade 6 students)

School Assembly starts at 8.55 a.m. Please be on time!
PERSONAL BELONGINGS BROUGHT TO SCHOOL
As is the usual practice at the beginning of each term Principals have been asked by the Department of Education and Training to remind the school community of the following:

- Personal property is often brought to school by students, staff and visitors. This can include mobile phones, electronic games, calculators, toys and sporting equipment.
- The Department does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property.
- Staff and students should be discouraged from bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school.

CYBERSAFETY
The following is an extract from Commonsense Media and focuses on how to support your children when using social media.

FAMILY TIP SHEET - Cyberbullying
What makes cyberbullying so toxic, invasive, and harmful? How do teens think about cyberbullying — and how can they help be part of the solution instead of part of the problem? Cyberbullying has been a major buzzword over the past several years, with a distressing number of headlines calling attention to every parent’s worst nightmares: school expulsions, arrests, youth suicides. Thankfully, many schools and young people are now taking a stand against cyberbullying, and children are stepping forward to demonstrate empathy and kindness.

• Build a support network for your children.
  It can be easy to think that you'll be the one to support your child in times of need. But kids often hesitate to reach out to parents in the toughest of times. Encourage your kids to turn to any trusted adult — teacher, coach, older sibling — if they are on the receiving end of hurtful online behaviour. Remind your kids that you understand these situations are complicated, and that you do not want them to handle it alone. Share personal stories of when you needed someone else's support. Sometimes kids worry that parents will overreact, so it is helpful to explain that you'll think through the solution together. Try communicating your commitment to helping them find solutions that feel comfortable, safe, and supportive if and when these situations arise.

• Encourage your kids to stand up to the bully — or at the very least to stand with the victim.
  In an ideal world, we hope our kids will stand up to bullies — and this is certainly a great message for your kids. If it feels safe, encourage your child to address the bully online or, better yet, offline. Still, it doesn't always feel safe, socially or otherwise, to stand up to cyberbullies. Urge your kids to at least stand with the victim by communicating (1) that they do not share the bully's perspective and (2) that they are there for support. For example, a kid might say, "Hey, I just wanted to let you know that I saw what is going on online and I just wanted to tell you that I'm really sorry this is happening to you. I don't feel that way about it and I think it is really mean that people are saying that. If you need to talk to someone or if there is anything I can do, let me know."

• Be strategic in your support.
  If you feel that your child or someone you know is being cyberbullied “aka the target,” know that there are concrete steps that you can take. First, listen to the victim and be a sympathetic ear. Show the victim how to block bullies online; many platforms have “blocking” features or have a way to report inappropriate use. Encourage the victim to take screenshots and/or print the evidence of the mean messaging. And last, find ways to encourage kindness at your kids' schools or within the community. How can you highlight the positive ways kids are using media and technology these days?

CONNECTING FAMILIES © 2014 www.commonsense.org/educators

Jason Lee
Principal

CAL GULLY’S

We are holding “Cal Gullys Got Talent” auditions again this year as a Junior School Council fundraiser. If you would like to go in the competition please bring $2 for your entry and give to Mickayla or Jakoby in Grade 6.

Auditions will be held late in November in front of JSC representatives, and teachers. Those students who make it to “the final” will be informed after auditions.

School Assembly starts at 8.55 a.m. Please be on time!
Parents’ Club Meeting
The next meeting will be held **on a day and time to be confirmed** in the conference room.

Second-hand Uniforms Wanted
Parents’ Club want to start a Second-hand Uniform Store. If you have any unused uniforms including track pants, hats, plain polo's you would like to donate please bring them to the school office.

Contacting the Parents’ Club
If you wish to contact the Parents’ club have an email address which is [cgpsparentsclub@gmail.com](mailto:cgpsparentsclub@gmail.com).

PepperGreen Farm vegie bags available to order through Wendy Ennor.
Place your order on a Wednesday, $30 full bag or $15 half bag.
Price includes delivery to school.

2015 Eaglehawk UFS Dispensary - CANTERBURY CAROLS.
Canterbury Park Sound Shell, Sunday December 13. Lions Club Free sausage sizzle at 6pm followed by the Carols Program at 7pm. School Choirs, Sing Australia Choir, “Our Place Minstrels”, Guest Artists and Santa. Free Program and Glow Stick. Please bring your own seating/rug. Come and enjoy this “FREE” family night. If inclement weather to be held in the Peter Krenz Leisure Centre – Napier Street Eaglehawk.

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**SCHOOL CALENDAR**

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| November 23rd - November 27th | School Banking Day - Bendigo Bank | | School Fair | Breakfast Program 8.00 a.m. to 8.20 a.m.  
School Banking Day - Commonwealth Bank  
Whole School Incursion - Sink or Swim |
| November 30th - December 4th | School Banking Day - Bendigo Bank | | | Breakfast Program 8.00 a.m. to 8.20 a.m.  
School Banking Day - Commonwealth Bank |
| December 7th - December 11th | School Banking Day - Bendigo Bank  
Grade Prep 2016 and Grade 6 Orientation Day | | School Camp | School Banking Day - Commonwealth Bank |
| December 14th - December 18th | Grade 6 Graduation Dinner | School Banking Day - Bendigo Bank | End of Year Concert  
End of Year Pool Break-Up | Final Day of 2015 School Year |

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Here are some new Maths Puzzles for all the family. Have a go at these at home, 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 new work up on display each week! Give your work to Mrs Peacock or Mrs Windridge.
Bendigo Market Place
Money Can Grow on Trees
From Monday 2nd November to Sunday 13th December shop at Bendigo Marketplace and put your shopping receipts towards our school. This can be done by either:
⇒ Placing receipts in our school’s drop box located next to the tree display
⇒ Visiting the customer service staff (Please note Customer service hours will be limited)

Sister School Experience
On Thursday 12th of November Phoebe and I went to the Bendigo Library to attend a meeting for the Sister Schools committee. We had to make a speech about our sister school. Our sister school is Santa Rita Elementary School, California, USA. We spoke about writing letters to our pen pals and talking to them on Skype. There were two other schools there to talk about their sister schools in England and China. It was a fun thing to do.
Jazmin T. and Phoebe S.
**GREAT TIPS FOR HEALTHY KIDS**

**TIP 15. PHYSICAL ACTIVITY CAN BE FUN**

Most kids aren’t interested if you tell them to be physically active because it’s ‘good for them’. A better approach is to set a good example and enjoy activity yourself. Look for ways to be active that appeal to you. Don’t think of it as exercise, because that can sound like too much hard work. Start regarding physical activity as an opportunity to improve your health. Flying a kite involves physical activity, and so does dancing to music. There are many ways to be active and to have a lot of fun.

**What you can do NOW**

- Join up with another family and play Frisbees
- Head for the beach to explore the rock pools
- Find a grassy slope and slide down on sheets of cardboard
- Explore the neighbourhood thoroughly. Walk to the next suburb and back

*Good idea!*  

When was the last time you used the playground equipment? Take your kids to the nearest playground and join them as they climb, swing, and balance.

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**Top Tip**

Gather a group and play tag in the backyard or at the park.

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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 13th**

**Prep/1 Christian:**
- Gus B. - For giving 110% in class all week. Well done Gus!
- Xavier H. - For giving 110% in class all week. Well done Xav!

**2/3 Carroll-Hinton:**
- Jesse B. - For showing a great understanding of building to ten and tens counting in maths.
- Max G. - For an impressive effort in his nightly reading.
- Ashlee M. - For showing a great understanding of building to ten and tens counting in maths.
- Gabby P. - For making the effort to form her letters correctly when writing.
- Tai W. - For persevering with all classroom tasks.

**2/3 Watt-Holt:**
- Billy N. - For thinking of others in the classroom.
- Richard P. - For working quietly in the classroom.

**4/5 Ennor:**
- Kirsty F. - For valuable contributions to classroom discussions and Reading sessions.
- Sam G. - For being a terrific teacher table tidier.
- Ryan H. - For being a terrific teacher table tidier.
- Isabel P. - For being a terrific teacher table tidier.

**4/5 Windridge-Reilly:**
- Phoebe S. - For writing and presenting a speech to the Sister Cities Committee about our contact with Santa Rita Elementary School in Los Altos.
- Jazmin T. - For writing and presenting a speech to the Sister Cities Committee about our contact with Santa Rita Elementary School in Los Altos.

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ANNUAL ‘HELP THE CHICKENS’ MONTH
Our annual ‘Help the Chickens’ month is underway. If you would like to make a Gold Coin donation to help feed the girls and (and boy). Drop your donation in to Wendy.

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 25th Multi-Purpose Room—Adventure Play
- December 2nd Making Christmas Decorations
- December 9th Christmas Cooking/Party (Final session for 2015)

For information of what events are coming up in playgroup please visit the school website Playgroup page.
Join us on Facebook: www.facebook/calgullyplaygroup1

AFTER SCHOOL 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

The program in term 4 is running well and the children having an enjoyable time.
A reminder to all parents; with the end of the year fast approaching all accounts will need to be finalised. Please talk to Nicole if your are having difficulties.
Mrs. Paton

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Wanted: Mulberry Leaves
It’s Spring and the silkworm eggs had hatched. Please see Annette is 
you are able to provide a class with mulberry leaves. We will require 
an abundance of mulberry leaves to feed the silkworms.

BOOK CLUB
Issue 8 is out and due back to school on Friday, November 20th. It is the last issue for the year. It is a good opportunity to get some books for Christmas presents. Please see your child’s teacher if you wish to order a book for Christmas that you don’t want given to your child to bring home.

5c Drive
Keep up the great collecting. Last few days! Our five cent collection now weighs 11.860 kilograms. Collector of the week is Ayla Lethlean. Please have all 5 cent coin collections at school by next Wednesday 25th November. On this day we will be laying the coins on the netball court lines. Will we be able to trace the whole of the court?

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TATTOOS
We are looking for donations of temporary tattoos for the Grade Prep/One stall at the fair. Can each child please send along a tattoo donation suitable for children. Thank you!
The Eaglehawk Junior Football Club Inc. seeks applications for coaching positions for all grades from under 9 to Youth Girls for the 2016 season. An application form must be submitted and is available by contacting the Secretary on either 0448 374 455 or email to eaglehawk.jfc@gmail.com or on the club’s website. For further information about the roles, please contact the Coaching Coordinator on 0411 759 084. Applications close on Friday 27th November 2015 and can either be submitted to the Secretary at PO Box 325 Eaglehawk Vic 3556 or via email to eaglehawk.jfc@gmail.com.
Don’t forget to check out the school’s website www.californiagullyyps.vic.edu.au

Eaglehawk Secondary College
Bundle Up & Save
Valid Nov 2nd 2015 - Jan 15th 2016

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*All polos & hoodies include embroidered school logo.

These deals will be running until mid-January 2016.

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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 tomorrow, **Friday November 20th** at 8 a.m. (please note that we will stop serving breakfast at 8.20 a.m.).

Sharing in breakfast together, what a great way for our school community to start to start the day!

We would also like to acknowledge the assistance of Fairley's IGA in Eaglehawk for providing the food for the breakfast.

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