**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**

- Final Transition Session for 2016 Preps Grade 6 Students Orientation Day at 2016 Secondary College - Tuesday December 8th
- It would be appreciated if any Outstanding Amounts were paid by Friday December 11th at the latest.

**From the Principal**

**2016 Grade Notification**

Parents will be advised in writing of their child’s class placement for 2016 on Tuesday 8th December. Information will inform parents of the following:

- The name or title of your child’s class
- The name of your child’s teacher(s)
- The number of students in the class

**2016 Transition Day— ‘Step Up’**

A ‘Step Up’ transition session for our students in their 2016 grade groupings will occur on Tuesday 8th December from 9.15am-11.00am. Students will be involved in a number of activities and have an opportunity to interact with their 2016 classroom peers and classroom teacher.

Teachers have spent considerable time developing class groups. The following factors were considered when determining classes: even distribution of academic ability within grades, separation of children who do not work well together, gender balance, interpersonal development, friendship groups, attitude, maturity, individual needs and behaviour.

Over the past month I have requested parents or carers to inform the school if their child / children will NOT be attending California Gully PS in 2016 due to your family moving on.

Also, if you know of families who intend enrolling their children at California Gully for the 2016 school year, please ask them to contact the school immediately.
2016 SCHOOL CHARGES (INCLUDING ESSENTIAL SCHOOL ITEMS)

2016 School Charges will be distributed on Tuesday 8th December. The school fees include our Arts, Curriculum, Sports Levy and the Booklist costs. We have endeavoured to keep costs down for all parents and carers.
The school office will be open on Wednesday 20th January and Thursday 21st January. At this time Student Charges can be paid and Camps, Sports & Excursion Fund application forms can be completed (please note you will need your Health Care Card to complete this process). Please refer to the school charges documentation for other payment options.

WHOLE SCHOOL END OF YEAR CONCERT: WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16th

Our school concert will be held on Wednesday, 16th December in our school grounds. The night will commence from 6.00pm. Families can bring along their own basket tea or enjoy the school council run BBQ. At 6.30pm children will begin to gather and get organised for their class items. At 6.45pm the entertainment will begin. It is expected that the night will conclude between 7.45pm and 8.00pm.

As all children at the school will be involved in this night we ask that parents keep this date free and we look forward to your attendance.

The format of the evening is as follows:
The event is alcohol-free. As the evening involves children, we ask that parents, friends and relatives do not bring alcohol.
The playground area is out of bounds during the performances. We ask that parents supervise their children (of all ages) to ensure they are not on the playground during performance times.
School buildings and grounds are smoke-free. This is a state law.
School children are to be seated in their class groups in front of the stage area so they are ready to go on for their performance. They should not be sitting with their family.
Adults should display good audience behaviour by facing towards the performers and limit their talk whilst performances are taking place. Enjoy the evening!

SWIMMING PROGRAM

Our swimming program starts next week. The children will have a lesson each day for 1 week.

Bus times (leaving for pool)
12.25pm: Grades P/1C, 2/3CH & 4/5W - swimming from 12.45pm
1.15pm: Grades 2/3HW, 4/5E & 6 - swimming from 1.45pm
Children need to bring their bathers, towel, sunscreen and a rashie top or T/shirt each day in a strong named plastic bag.

Swimming Permission Forms
A permission form must be signed before the start of the swimming program, or your child won't be able to participate. Please do this immediately if you haven't already done so.

Jason Lee
Principal
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.

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.

**SCHOOL CALENDAR**

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

School Assembly starts at 8.55 a.m. Please be on time!
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.
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Bendigo Market Place
Money Can Grow on Trees
From Monday 2\textsuperscript{nd} November to Sunday 13\textsuperscript{th} December shop at Bendigo Marketplace and put your shopping receipts towards our school.
This can be done by either:
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\item Placing receipts in our school’s drop box located next to the tree display
\item Visiting the customer service staff (Please note Customer service hours will be limited)
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CAL GULLY’S

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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.

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GREAT TIPS FOR HEALTHY KIDS

TIP 16. BREAKFAST IS ESSENTIAL

Breakfast is the most important meal of the day. That’s because it’s been around 12 hours since you last ate. When kids leave home without eating anything, their stomachs are empty for a long time. They are more likely to grab just anything to relieve that hungry feeling. But a good breakfast stops those hunger pangs from striking during the morning, and it helps kids stay alert. Nutritious foods will give enough energy to last the whole morning.

Breakfast ideas include: porridge with reduced-fat milk and some sliced fruit on top; an egg on toast; fruit salad and low-fat yoghurt; baked beans on toast; a bowl of breakfast cereal with reduced-fat milk; and a muffin with reduced-fat cream or ricotta cream.

What you can do NOW

- Make the time to provide a good breakfast for your kids and for yourself.
- Stock up on healthy breakfast foods like fruit, reduced-fat milk, low-fat yoghurt and wholegrain bread and cereals.
- Even when your mornings are rushed, grab something healthy such as a piece of fruit or a small tub of low-fat yoghurt.

Top Tip

What you eat at breakfast literally ‘breaks the fast’. Make sure you plan enough time every morning to eat breakfast in a relaxed manner and don’t have to rush.

WAYS TO INCLUDE CALCIUM IN YOUR CHILD’S DIET

Calcium is essential for your child’s health as it a major building block strong bones and teeth. The best sources of calcium include milk, yoghurt and cheese (choose low fat varieties). At least 2-3 serves each day are recommended. Keeping active is also important for bone strength.

Non-dairy sources of calcium include:
- Calcium-fortified soy products.
- Salmon with bones.
- Almonds
- Nori sheets

1. Cereal (containing little added sugar - less than 5g of sugar per serve), is a great breakfast food or for quick snacks. Serve with hot or cold milk for variety!
2. Encourage a glass of milk with dinner.
3. Freeze low fat milk based drinks for school lunches. A great way to keep the lunchbox cool on warmer days!
4. Make smoothies with low fat yoghurt, milk, fruit and ice.
5. Freeze low fat yoghurts for lunchboxes or dessert.
6. Cut low fat cheese slices into different shapes for a varied lunchbox snack.
7. Plain low fat ice-cream and custard are a yummy and popular dessert choice and can be enjoyed regularly.
8. Dollop low fat yoghurt and/or cheese on baked potatoes or for soups. Soups can also be made using low fat milk.
9. Be a good role model! Kids make many food choices by watching their parents.
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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 20th**

**Prep/1 Christian:**
- Brody S.-B. - For being respectful and doing his personal best in the classroom and yard.

**2/3 Watt-Holt:**
- Jackson G. - For consistently doing well in Spelling Tests.
- Ella L. - For consistently doing well in Spelling Tests.
- Charlotte L. - For some great dancing at our Sleepover.

**4/5 Windridge-Reilly:**
- Jayden B. - For making his descriptive writing more interesting and using a variety of conjunctions.
- Myan P. - For making his descriptive writing more interesting and using a variety of conjunctions.

**6 McKerrow:**
- Ryan D. - For excellent agate art work.
- Shaun McC.-S. - For excellent presentation of our play.
- Michael M. - For excellent presentation of our play.
- Jackson T. - For excellent presentation of our play.

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

- 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

School Assembly starts at 8.55 a.m. Please be on time!
Wanted: Mulberry Leaves
It’s Spring and the silkworm eggs had hatched. Please see Annette if you are able to provide a class with mulberry leaves. We will require an abundance of mulberry leaves to feed the silkworms.

5c Drive
At the final weigh-in our five cent collection weighed 16.722 kilograms. The children managed to trace the perimeter of the netball court and many of the interior lines.

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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 27th 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.