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

- Empowering Eaglehawk Family Fun Day - Friday October 14th
- Parents’ Club Meeting - Friday October 14th
- Billy G’s Cookie Dough Orders Due - Friday October 14th
- Prep 2017 Transition Day - Tuesday October 25th
- Bendigo Cup Day Holiday - Wednesday October 26th
- School Production ‘Kids in Paradise’ - Tuesday November 8th
- Curriculum Day - Wednesday November 16th

TERM CALENDAR

A term 4 calendar highlighting our key events will be sent home at the beginning of next week. Hopefully this will assist families with their planning around various events this term.

GRADE STRUCTURE IN 2017 & FRIENDSHIP REQUESTS

The grade structure for 2017 is yet to be completed as enrolments are still in the process of being finalised. At this time of year there are also a number of enquiries into available places from families moving into the area. Importantly if your child will not be attending California Gully PS in 2017, we would appreciate you letting us know.

We understand friendship groups are important, however it is equally important to recognise the need to establish productive environments that support learning, as well as maintaining or building new friendship groups. If there are any concerns about friendship placements for students in 2017, please let me know in writing by Friday 21st October.

Whilst we will take all concerns into consideration, we do not guarantee that these can be implemented as we must ensure that there is an equal balance of social, emotional and academic needs within each classroom. Please note that it is not possible for parents to request specific teachers. Classroom groups will be developed for social and educational needs, and then teachers will be matched with a classroom.

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2017 PREPS ENROL NOW
If you have a child in Prep in 2017 and have not yet completed your enrolment form, we ask that it be returned to the school office as soon as possible. If you know of families who intend enrolling their children at California Gully from 2017, please ask them to contact the school immediately, as it is crucial for our planning.

CALIFORNIA GULLY ‘HEAD START PROGRAM’ - PREP2017
EXTENDED TRANSITION PROGRAM
Our extended transition program for our 2017 Prep students (known as ‘Head Start’) began on the 12th October and will run until the end of November. The children involved this week got to meet and socialise with some of their 2017 classmates. They also had the chance to meet some of the teachers, become familiar with some of our school routines and enjoy a number of activities. We look forward to the next Head Start session to be held next Wednesday, October 19th.

Jason Lee
Principal

SCHOOL CALENDAR

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Parents’ Club Meeting
The next meeting of the Parents’ Club will be in the conference room after assembly tomorrow, Friday October 14th. We need more members so new members are always welcome.

Lunch Orders
The next lunch order day will be early next term and on the menu will be hot dogs.

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

Billy G’s Cookie Dough Fundraiser
Order forms were sent home at the end of last term. Please return your order form tomorrow, Friday October 14th along with correct money.
This is a great, very yummy product that could potentially make us some ‘dough’!

Thank you for your support.
Parents’ Club
GREAT TIPS FOR HEALTHY KIDS

TIP 48. SOME FOODS CAUSED EARLY DENTAL DECAY

Tooth decay is caused by the sticky film on teeth called plaque. When you eat, the bacteria in plaque changes the sugars in food into acids, and these attack the tooth surface to cause holes.

If kids snack often, especially on sugary foods or if they sip sweet, fizzy drinks, cordials or juices, they are more likely to develop early dental decay. This is a good reason for them to have few snacks between meals, to stick to fresh, nutritious food as much as possible and to drink water.

What you can do NOW

- Make sure kids floss and brush their teeth regularly - every morning and every night.
- Serve water with all meals and snacks.
- Cut back on the sugary snacks you keep at home.

Top Tip

Take your child to the dentist at least every six months for a check-up and professional clean.

Good Idea!

Serve lots of crunchy vegetables for strong, healthy teeth. For example, provide carrot sticks, capsicum slices, cherry tomatoes and raw mushrooms.

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY IDEAS

Fresh air and regular physical activity is essential to maintain a healthy body. There are many non-structured ways to encourage activity for children and the whole family.

- If school is within walking distance, walk instead of driving them to school. Enquire about Walking School bus in your state or territory.
- Visit the beach or park and take the cricket bat/ball and frisbee.
- Take the dog for a walk.
- Do some backyard gardening and build a vegetable patch.
- Visit the local swimming pool.
- Visit the local park with playground equipment or take a footy.
- Take a bike ride and find favorite local spots for a picnic or drink stop.
- Find out, through recreation/community centres about your surrounding areas and organise a bush walk in the hills or outer city.
- Find outings that involve walking, e.g. visit the zoo or a museum.
- Participate in a community walk (e.g. all Australian states have a ‘city to surf’ fun run / walk plus many more community walks).
- Choose presents for children that encourage activity, e.g. kites, outdoor equipment, gift vouchers to outdoor activity parks, canoe hire, roller rinks.
- Encourage children and the family to help with household chores, such as painting, washing windows or sweeping leaves.

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Walk to School in October
This October, our school is participating in VicHealth’s Walk to School program, a month long activity that encourages children to walk, ride or scoot to and from school every day.
Walk to School encourages children to make walking a part of their daily routine as walking is fantastic for improving fitness, friendships and confidence. Walk to School is free, fun and there are fantastic prizes for schools up for grabs. All grades are participating in Walk to School.

Heart Foundation
Jump Rope for Heart

Our school is participating in Heart Foundation Jump Rope for Heart. This program helps our students get more physically active and improves their attitude towards healthy lifestyle as well as raising money for the Heart Foundation. We will be practicing our skipping over the next couple of weeks and will have a fun Jump Off Day on Friday, October 28.

Come and join us in raising money for the Heart Foundation’s research and health program work.
You can help us fundraise by using the sponsorship forms that were sent home this week, or you can do it online at:


Then Click on the Kids Register Here button, then find our school to help us fundraise. If you have any issues, please see Linda Windridge.
Our Skype session with Thomas Edison Museum

On the 7th of October Grade 5/6W went on Skype to see the Thomas Edison Museum. Carmen, the ranger, was telling us about the inventions Thomas Edison had made. It was very interesting to get told about Thomas Edison’s life and inventions. First we got to see the chemistry lab where he had done his experiments and there was a lot of bottles with chemicals in them. Luckily they were non-toxic. Then we saw the library where Thomas Edison brainstormed his experiments. Carmen told us that Thomas’s wife did not like him sleeping on his desk so she brought a bed in to the library for him so he could sleep whenever he needed to.

Next we went to the machinery room. They had a lot of machines. Carmen said that there were about 35 people who worked there. When we went to the second floor, Carmen showed us the cylinders that had been made for his phonograph invention. He played them for us and the songs were “Casey Jones” and another song. Then we went into the storage room and Carmen showed us a huge doll and it sang twinkle, twinkle little star. We were very happy we got to see the museum. Thanks to Mrs Windridge for letting us Skype with Thomas Edison Museum and thanks to Carmen for using his time to make this happen.

By Keesha W.

Grade 5/6 W Skype Session

On the 7/10/16 we had a skype session with a man named Carmen and he showed us the Thomas Edison museum. First we went into the chemistry lab and saw a lot of bottles and some had old chemicals in it but it was non toxic. Next we went into the library and every book was from the 1800’s. We went to Thomas Edison’s desk and there were little boxes full of ideas of Edison’s. Next we saw Edison’s bed because he worked so much he barely went home, then Carmen showed us how many storeys there were. There are more than 10 000 workers in the Museum. Then we went into the machine room and he shown us the drills and other bits of machinery. Then we went to the secret room 5 where he made his motion picture so people weren’t stealing his idea. Then we saw a cylinder that played music on the phonograph and it was blue. He played Casey jones. Then we went into the storage room. There were nuts, bolts and nails. There was also a waffle machine. I enjoyed asking questions and it was really enjoyable and interesting.

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

**Friday October 16th**

**Prep O’Sullivan:**
Shayne T. - For being a positive helper in class.

**1/2 Peacock-Hinton:**
Leiam H. - For accurate placement of numbers on number lines.
Xavier H. - For reading fluently in reading group activities.

**3/4 Ennor:**
Zachery N.-R - For displaying a keen attitude & for working independently.
Lschlan W - For excellent work with similes. Luckily the hard work didn't make him as sick as a dog.

**5/6 Windridge:**
Isabel P. - For being a friendly and helpful class member.
Ella S. - For working well 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.

**THE 2ND ANNUAL EAGLEHAWK’S GOT TALENT!**
Calling all people, all ages with a Talent. Be it singing, juggling, dancing or something different. Please register your interest by talking to Lt Chris!

**SATURDAY 15TH OCTOBER 2016 @ 7PM GOLD COIN DONATION EAGLEHAWK SALVATION ARMY 51 CHURCH ST, EAGLEHAWK**

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

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:
- October 19th: T.B.C.
- October 26th: Bendigo Cup Day Public Holiday
- November 2nd: Broomstick Horses

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 tomorrow, Friday October 14th 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!*

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Craft, Sewing and Stitching Fun for Children 6 to 14 years

Weekly Classes Starting Term 4
Fun Crafty Afternoons 6 - 9 years Thursday 4 to 5.30pm
Learn to Sew 10-14 years Wednesdays 4 to 5.30pm
Learn to Sew Clothing 11 -15 years
Learn to Sew Beginners 14+ years Wednesday 7 to 9pm
Learn to Sew Basics 14+ years Thursday 7 to 9pm

Contact Kathryn on 0438 254 650 or kathryn@merakicottage for more details.
Adult classes also available.  https://www.facebook.com/merakicottage/

Empowering Eaglehawk Presents

Family Fun Day
Friday 14th October 2016
5pm - 9pm

BRING ALL YOUR FAMILY
CHILDREN & FRIENDS
TO HAVE SOME FUN!

Canterbury Park
EAGLEHAWK
More info call 0407 712 508 or 0418 986 988

Giant Outdoor Cinema
Start 5.00pm - Cinema 7.00pm

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**BOLD is excited to host a FREE screening of Outside the Square during Dyslexia Empowerment Week**
Nathalie Parry will facilitate the discussion.

Thursday 20th October at 6:30pm
Catholic Education Centre, 120 Hargreaves St Bendigo
Please register by emailing info@bولد.org.au
Small supper will be provided.

If you work or live with someone with Dyslexia then this film and discussion is important.
Nathalie Parry is an educational consultant with a Masters of Education (Specific Learning Difficulties). She is based in Woodend and is experienced in working with children and adults requiring intervention with their literacy and numeracy.

Outside the Square was made in Queensland in 2014.

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**Prizes**
- 1 x $150 Amazon Gift Card
- Sports vouchers
- Two private Taekwondo lessons

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**Taekwondo classes**
Hahin Taekwondo Ji Do Kwang
Olympic sport, controlled Sparring and Poomsae (patterns), compete at a club, state, national and international levels
Learn workable, practical, effective self-defence, improve self-discipline, self-esteem, strength and co-ordination

**Bendigo Central and Maiden Gully locations**
Juniors’ beginner weekly classes
5.15 – 6 pm Tuesdays
6 – 7 pm Wednesdays
Internationally certified instructors, coaching accredited, Working with Children Certified, Level 1 First aid

All Enquiries Call
0428 182 707 (03) 5443 2535
hahntkd@gmail.com
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