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Thursday October 15th 2015

Calendar
Tuesday October 20th
2016 Prep Transition & Information Session

Tuesday October 27th
Curriculum Day

Wednesday October 28th
Bendigo Cup Day Public Holiday

Thursday October 29th - Friday October 30th
Life Education Van Visit

Monday November 9th
School Council Meeting

Thursday November 12th
P-2 Sleepover & BBQ Tea

Tuesday November 17th
2016 Prep Transition & 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

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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
- Book Club Issue 7 Orders and Money Due Friday October 16th
- First Transition and Information Session for 2016 Prep’s - Tuesday October 20th
- Curriculum Day (No Children at School) - Tuesday October 27th
- Bendigo Cup Day Public Holiday—Wednesday October 28th

From the Principal

Term Calendar
Earlier this week the school forwarded a term 4 calendar highlighting
our key events and hopefully assisting families with their planning
around various events this term. If you did not receive a term calendar they are available at the office.

Prep Orientation Days
Our first Prep Orientation Day for children commencing school in 2016 will be held next Tuesday, 20th October. 9.15am - 10.45am.
(Please note this date has been brought forward, the original date was 27th October). The 2016 prep children are to make their way to
the junior building when they arrive.
The children will be involved in a number of activities including
storytelling, play sessions and construction activities. The children
will not require anything for this session.
Our second and third Orientation Days will be held on Tuesday,
17th November and Tuesday 8th December.

2016 Prep’s Enrol Now
If you have a child in Prep in 2016 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 for 2016, please ask them to contact
the school immediately, as it is crucial for our planning.

School Assembly starts at 8.55 a.m. Please be on time!
GRADE STRUCTURE 2016 & FRIENDSHIP REQUESTS
The grade structure for 2016 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 2016, 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 2016, please let me know in writing by Friday 23rd 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.

EMERGENCY EVACUATION DRILL
Yesterday we held an off-site evacuation drill. This is a critical part of our overall emergency management procedures. When evacuating offsite our primary evacuation point is Truscott Reserve. Other drills taking place during the year include onsite evacuations (far end of the oval is our assembly point), lockdowns and lockouts.

CODE RED DAYS
Last week was an important reminder of how unpredictable our weather can be. I am prompted to remind our school community of what occurs on a Code Red Day.

What happens on a Code Red Day?
Schools, kindergartens and licensed child care centres that have been identified as being at high fire risk and on the Department's Bushfire At-Risk Register will close on days determined Code Red by the Emergency Management Commissioner. CALIFORNIA GULLY PRIMARY SCHOOL IS ONE OF THESE SCHOOLS.

Where possible, four to seven days notice of a planned closure will be provided; parents and carers should, however, expect that in some instances fewer than 4 days notice may be provided.

Once a Code Red Day has been determined by the Emergency Management Commissioner this decision will not change – regardless of any changes in the weather forecast. This will help limit confusion and help your family plan for how your children will be cared for when their school, kindergarten or child care centre is closed. Advice will be provided to you directly by the school. When our school is closed due to a Code Red day determination, no staff will remain on site.

Jason Lee
Principal

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PARENTS CLUB NEWS

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.

Final Payments for the Grades 3 to 6 Camp are due Friday October 30th.

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!
In Term 1 and 2, we looked at counting and the 100 days of Maths. In Term 3 we had a celebration of our 100 days of Maths and the Family Maths Night. In Term 4 we are working on puzzles and problem solving. Each week we will put 4 puzzles in the newsletter. We are encouraging families to do these puzzles together and to bring their answers in to school.

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

Congratulations to everyone for making the effort to walk or ride to school over the past week. Our results have improved out of sight. Last week 83% of children came to school in a car on the ‘Hands Up’ day. This week we had only 42% come to school in a car and 56% walked or rode. Great effort!

Remember, children can be dropped off and walk part way to school if it is too far to walk all the way. Keep up the good work and we will see if we can have even more children walk or ride to school next week.

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 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
Book Club Issue 7 has been sent home this week. Orders with correct money are **due back** at school **Friday, October 16th 2015.**

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.

School Assembly starts at 8.55 a.m. Please be on time!
Congratulations to the following students on being named Student of The Week for their positive attitude to school and social values.

Friday October 9th

Prep/1 Christian:
Leiam H. - For a fantastic week. Being respectful and doing his personal best.

2/3 Watt-Holt:
Taylah B. - For great Newspaper article writing.
Trey B. - For working well with others in the classroom.

4/5 Windridge-Reilly:
Ayla L. - For working hard on fractions in Maths.
Jazmin T. - For working hard on fractions in Maths.

5c Drive
I heard a rumour that someone had raided their holiday find to find all the five cent coins.
Our five cent collection now weighs 3.909 kilograms.
Collectors of the week is Sam H. and Sam G.

Keep saving your 5c coins and send them to school.

School Assembly starts at 8.55 a.m. Please be on time!
**GREAT TIPS FOR HEALTHY KIDS**

**TIP 10. DAILY LIFE INVOLVES PHYSICAL ACTIVITY**

When kids walk to their bedroom they are being physically active. When they go to the fridge they are being physically active. When they bend to do up their shoelaces, they are being physically active. All this is called ‘incidental activity’. It’s the activity everyone does during the course of the day doing ordinary things.

However, these days there are shortcuts to cut back on physical activity. For example, the remote control for the TV or CD player means that only the thumb is active as it hops across the channels or tracks.

Just by being aware of incidental activity, you can look for ways to increase it.

**What you can do NOW**

- Give kids household chores, such as hanging out washing.
- Take your child shopping with you.
- Get them to bring in the shopping and put it away.
- Use the stairs, not the lift.

**Top Tip**

Buy pedometers for everyone in the family. Who can take the most steps in a day?

**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.
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:

- **October 21st**
  - Multi-Purpose Room—Adventure Play

- **October 28th**
  - PUBLIC HOLIDAY - NO PLAY GROUP

- **November 4th**
  - Painting

- **November 11th**
  - Sand/Water Play

- **November 18th**
  - Pasting

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

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

Bendigo

Have you ever wondered why your boy is attracted to dirt, is loud and wriggles a lot, seems to not listen, loves stones, sticks and water and bounces around the house?

This two hour workshop will give insight into 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, 2015
When: Monday 19th October 2015
Time: Arrival and registration 6.45pm
Sessions 7.00pm - 9.00pm
Where: CatholicCare Sandhurst Noel Daly Room, 176 McCrae St Bendigo
Cost: $30 - concession $5
Child care: Sorry, child care is not provided
Facilitators: In Rodriguez and Kate Forreth
Parking: On site parking available - please enter via 116 Haslemores Street

For bookings and enquiries phone Ky Gregg on 5438 1300
Groups are subject to minimum and maximum numbers. Early registration is encouraged.

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City of Greater Bendigo Whipstick Ward Meetings

7pm - 8.30pm

Ward Councillors – Mayor Peter Cox, Lisa Ruffell and James Williams

Meeting time and date may be subject to change. To confirm, please visit www.bendigo.vic.gov.au

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Romsey Primary School is 150 years old this year.

You are invited to join us for our celebrations on Saturday October 24th between 10.00am and 4.00pm.

School tours and visits to the old school site, displays of student projects, old photos and other memorabilia, performances and demonstrations by students, Devonshire Teas and gourmet bar-b-cue.

Market Stalls

A formal ceremony to mark the occasion at 2.30pm

Catch up with old friends or discover RPS for the first time!

For further information contact the School Principal or visit www.rps.vic.edu.au

On Saturday evening, attend a special screening of ‘Daddy’ at the Mechanics Hall. For further information visit Bendigo Secondary College World Cinema on Facebook.

On Sunday enjoy a family movie day at the old school site.

School tours and displays will be on offer. Come and see what the school site has to offer. Look out for special deals in the canteen and restaurants.

Major sponsors:

Maureen Ranges Shire Council community grants scheme

Bendigo Community Bank—Romney Branch

Parkwood Creek Medical Centre—Romney

Romney Aerial Pharmacy

Mackenzie’s Car maintenance and General Plumbing, Retort.

School Assembly starts at 8.55 a.m. Please be on time!
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 16th 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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