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

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Calendar
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

Wednesday November 19th
P-2 Melbourne Zoo Excursion

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
- Curriculum Day (No Children at School) - Tuesday October 27th
- Bendigo Cup Day Public Holiday—Wednesday October 28th
- Second Transition and Information Session for 2016 Prep’s - Tuesday November 17th

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

PREP ORIENTATION DAYS
Our first Prep Orientation Day for children commencing school in 2016 took place Tuesday this week. The children had an enjoyable time undertaking a variety of activities organised by our junior unit teachers. I look forward to further acquainting myself with the children at our next two orientation sessions. Our second and third Orientation Days will be held on Tuesday, 17th November and Tuesday 8th December.

GRADE STRUCTURE 2016 & FRIENDSHIP REQUESTS
If there are any concerns about friendship placements for students in 2016, they need to be forwarded to me in writing by tomorrow Friday 23rd October.

2016 ARRANGEMENTS
We are currently finalising staffing arrangements for 2016, I am asking parents to let the office know if their children may be moving schools in 2016. If you are aware of a family coming to our school but as yet has not made contact please ask them to contact the school immediately. Accurate student numbers for planning are crucial.

School Assembly starts at 8.55 a.m. Please be on time!
PROMOTIONAL VIDEO
You should have received a media consent form last Friday indicating we are making a promotional video to be displayed on our webpage. The video will be approximately 2-3 minutes long and represent all the great things about California Gully P.S. Media consent forms have been filled out through the enrolment process however we are just ensuring you are happy for your child to potentially be filmed at school or school activity photos used. Importantly as much as the video will show just how great our school is, you the parent have the greatest influence on how positively our school is perceived within the community. So make sure you tell your friends about the wonderful opportunities your children have at California Gully P.S.

STUDENT FREE DAYS
Term 4 Curriculum Day on Tuesday 27th October
Bendigo Cup Day Public Holiday on Wednesday 28th October

E-SMART
Navigating the world of computers, ipads, ipods, video games and social media can be sometimes challenging for many parents. In particular situations our children are more IT savvy than we are. The Commonsense website is a great one stop shop to assist parents and carers with many aspects of the IT world and social media. The following link to the Commonsense website focuses on parent concerns. There is a lot of information so take your time navigating the various pages.
https://www.commonsensemedia.org/parent-concerns#

CONTACT DETAILS
Being able to contact parents at any time during the school day is extremely important. The majority of the time when we contact parents it is because a child is unwell, has left something at home which is required for school or we may just have a general concern for your child. Children can become distressed if we cannot make contact with you. If your contact details have changed please let the school know as soon as possible so we can update your details.

Jason Lee
Principal

SCHOOL CALENDAR

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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.

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.

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!
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.

School Assembly starts at 8.55 a.m. Please be on time!
California Gully
Walk and Ride To
School - October 20th

Can we keep improving our walking and riding numbers?

Well done on our excellent active travel numbers. It is great to see so many children walking and riding to school. We have our final ‘hands up’ count next Tuesday for our Walk to School month. Let’s see if we can get all children walking or riding to school. Remember that you can walk part way to school as well if you live too far from school.

School Assembly starts at 8.55 a.m. Please be on time!
Don’t forget to check out the school’s website www.californiagullyps.vic.edu.au

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.

California Gully Primary School is a registered SunSmart school member committed to ensuring students and staff are protected from too much UV which can cause skin and eye damage and skin cancer. Our school uniform includes covering clothing and sun protective hats and we have shady spaces for students to access. But we need your help.

SunSmart recommends SPF30 or higher broad spectrum, water resistant sunscreen be applied to any skin not covered by clothing. Our school will be implementing strategies to help remind students to apply sunscreen before heading outdoors.

Please help support this initiative by:
- Supplying your child with SPF30 or higher, broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen for use during school hours
- Talking to your child about the importance of using sunscreen regularly to help prevent skin damage and skin cancer
- Ensuring your child knows how to apply their sunscreen independently and has had some practise so they will be all set to apply it safely at school
- Being a SunSmart role model at home with sunscreen, hats, clothing, shade and sunglasses.

Sun protection is a shared responsibility. For more information about sunscreen please visit sunsmart.com.au

5c Drive
Keep up the great collecting and send your coins to school. Our five cent collection now weighs 6.548 kilograms.

Collectors of the week are Aaliyah M. and Tyler and Emily K.-S.

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 16th**

**2/3 Watt-Holt:**
- Tayleigh H. - For working very hard during math.
- Lachlan W. - For doing his personal best in Maths.

**4/5 Ennor:**
- Ella B. - For displaying excellent leadership skills in the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Program.
- Keely F. - For displaying excellent leadership skills in the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Program.
- Sam G. - For displaying excellent leadership skills in the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Program.
- Isabel P. - For displaying excellent leadership skills in the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Program.

**4/5 Windridge-Reilly:**
- Jessica B. - For working hard on fractions.
- Brodie C. - For working very well in Guided Reading interpreting tables.

**6 McKerrow:**
- Benjamin P. - For excellent design work in his Author Study.
- Jackson T. - For excellent thinking in fractions activities.
- Zachary T. - For excellent thinking in fractions activities.

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

GREAT TIPS FOR HEALTHY KIDS

TIP 11. ALL KIDS NEED TO PLAY

Play has been called ‘child’s work’ and that’s exactly what it is. Through a variety of games, children learn about the world and about themselves. When kids grow older, they still need to include play in their lives. In fact, adults need to as well. The whole point of play is that it’s fun. There’s no anxiety about competing with others, and no anxiety about having to ‘get it right’. Play flows freely, is not structured, and can take many forms, from active ball games to puzzles and word games.

What you can do NOW

- Encourage kids to find ways to amuse themselves other than turning to television or computer games.
- Make sure your kids have access to play equipment like swings or a trampoline.
- Go to the local pool for a swim and a splash around.

Top Tip

Making things together helps kids to learn problem solving techniques, become more resourceful and increases their communication skills.

Minerals

Consuming minerals from a variety of food sources assists in maintaining a healthy lifestyle. Below are some of the most common minerals, why they are needed and what foods they are in.

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<td>Calcium</td>
<td>Building teeth and bones, transmitting signals between nerves, controlling secretion of hormones.</td>
<td>Dairy products such as milk, cheese, yoghurt, fish with edible bones, almonds, sesame seeds, broccoli.</td>
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<td>Iron</td>
<td>Forming haemoglobin which assists in carrying oxygen through blood stream to tissues.</td>
<td>Red meat, chicken tuna, salmon, legumes, eggs, dried fruit, whole-grains, dark green leafy vegetables.</td>
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<td>Potassium</td>
<td>Assist in muscle and nervous system functions as well as regulating water in the blood, cells and tissues.</td>
<td>Nuts, fruit (especially dried fruit and citrus), raw vegetables, legumes, bran.</td>
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<td>Zinc</td>
<td>Immune system, cell growth and healing of wounds.</td>
<td>Beef, pork, lamb, peanuts and other legumes.</td>
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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:
- October 28th: PUBLIC HOLIDAY - NO PLAY GROUP
- November 4th: Painting
- November 11th: Sand/Water Play
- November 18th: Pasting
- November 25th: Multi-Purpose Room—Adventure Play
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!
Kalianna School Fair
Friday 6th November 2015
Time: 5pm to 8pm.
We will have heaps on offer including:
- Pallet gardens (Made by VCAL students)
- Pallet Furniture (Made by VCAL Students)
- Hanging Baskets (Made by VCAL Students)
- Hot Food, Cold Drinks
- Haunted House, Spinning Wheel
- Showbags, Lucky Jars
- Giant Slide, Jumping Castle
- Fairy Floss
- And lots more

Hope to see you there.

School Assembly starts at 8.55 a.m. Please be on time!
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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<td>Bendigo</td>
<td>7pm, Monday November 16</td>
<td>Bendigo Library, Activity Rooms 1 &amp; 2 259 Hargreaves Street, Bendigo</td>
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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-que.
- 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: Mrs Andrea French, school secretary, school secretary@californiagullyps.vic.edu.au or visit www.californiagullyps.vic.edu.au

On Saturday evening, attend a special screening of Dopey at the Mechanics Hall, 18 Mountain St, Bendigo. Just $5 entry.

On Sunday enjoy a family picnic day at the old school site. (No school on Saturday.)

We invite you to come along and look for special deals in our cafes and restaurants.

Major sponsors:
- Macedon Ranges Shire Council (community grants scheme)
- Bendigo Community Bank - Romsey Branch
- Parkwood Green Medical Centre – Romsey
- Romsey Amcal Pharmacy
- McCusker’s Gasware and General Plumbing, Romsey.

There is a flier for this event available from the school office.

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 23rd 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 the day!

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

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