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CALIFORNIA GULLY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Calendar
Thursday October 23rd
Boo Club Issue 7 Orders and Money Due Back

Wednesday October 29th
Bendigo Cup Day Holiday

Sunday November 9th
Working Bee

Tuesday November 11th
Curriculum Day

Friday November 14th
Parents’ Club Annual General Meeting

Monday November 17th
School Council Meeting

Tuesday November 18th
Prep 2015 Transition Session

Every Wednesday 9.30 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.
Playgroup

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.

From the Principal

California GULLY PRIMARY SCHOOL - SCHOOL REVIEW

During the last week of term 3 our school undertook its School Review. It involved a number of teachers, invited principals (as peer reviewers) and an experienced school reviewer which formed a panel to discuss our schools progress over the past 3 ½ years. The areas of focus included: school achievement, wellbeing and engagement. The conversations generally focused on the topics of: student growth throughout their time at school, the impact of teaching professional development on student learning, high expectations of students and engaging with our school community. Based on the review process a School Review Report was documented and over the past two weeks it has been presented to the school staff and our School Council members.

I have taken a number of key quotes from the school reviewer’s report.

‘there has been a significant shift in practice at the school that leads the panel to support the notion that improved teaching and learning practice has impacted positively on learning growth’.

‘In this next period of time the school will look to identify students who show potential for higher achievement and develop short term learning plans for each and work more intensively with them...’

‘The school has a comprehensive wellbeing approach, which ensures the safety of students and effective behaviour management strategies’

‘...developing greater ‘student voice’ by seeking feedback from students about their learning would be valuable’.

‘The tone of the school is very positive and observation of students indicates calm and organised classrooms with students engaged in their learning activities’.

‘The review day was marked by quality robust discussions and evident enthusiasm to continue the right work for school improvement in the next strategic plan period 2015-2018’.

‘The California Gully Primary School community can be rightly proud of the achievements of the past four years and is in an excellent position to build on these into this next strategic plan period’.

There is always another level of work to be undertaken and improvements in what we do are always being considered, discussed and actioned. It is however at certain times appropriate to acknowledge the dedication and hard work of all our teaching and support staff. Their ongoing efforts to provide your children with a safe and inclusive environment and an academically challenging but engaging curriculum over the past 3 ½ years has ensured the outcome of our school review has been positive.

We are now in the process of creating the new 4 year Strategic Plan. It will be directed by the school review report and the information obtained from the school community and outlined in our school self-evaluation. It is an exciting period for the school and I am positive the new strategic plan will establish goals which reflect the vision of our school and we will initiate key strategies which over the 4 year period will ensure students receive the best possible education.

School Assembly starts at 8.55 a.m. Please be on time!
TERM 4 CURRICULUM DAY - PUPIL FREE DAY
Our term 4 curriculum day will take place on Tuesday 11th November. The day will involve all staff working together to create our 2015-2018 Strategic Plan.

T20 BLAST CRICKET CARNIVAL
On Friday 7th November a number of our boys and girls will be competing in the T20 Cricket Competition. Notes will be sent home shortly and need to be returned to Mr Lee. Parents of children taking part in the tournament are more than welcome to attend and support the children.

WORKING BEE
A working bee will be take place on Sunday, November 9th, the starting time will be 9.00 am and concluding at 11.30am. The aim of the working bee is to undertake a general tidy up. A variety of jobs need to be completed and your assistance during the morning would be greatly appreciated, even if it is only for an hour or so. If you are able to bring along any of the following tools it would be very helpful.

- Whipper snipper
- Wheelbarrow
- Spades
- Rakes
- Yard brooms
- Chain saw/long handled saw for tree branches
- Other gardening equipment
- Trailer
- Blower

Please ensure you have the appropriate safety equipment/clothing.

Jason Lee
Principal

The vegie garden has been planted and with the warmer weather it is going to need plenty of water. We are in need of some parents to hang around after assembly to help water the vegies. Please see Wendy if you can help.

It’s that time of the year again!!!!!
Our silkworms have hatched. We are once again trying to find mulberry leaves to feed the hungry little creatures. If you are able to supply some mulberry leaves, please see one of the Prep, One or Two teachers.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

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PARENTS CLUB NEWS

Parents’ Club Meeting
The Annual General Meeting will be held on Friday November 14th at 9.15 a.m. following assembly in the conference room.

Lunch Orders
Due to the Bendigo Cup Day holiday on Wednesday October 29th there will be no Lunch Orders that day.

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

School Hoodies can now be ordered at Bendigo Uniforms Plus, cost is $35.00.

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:
- Wednesday October 29th — Bendigo Cup Public Holiday
- Wednesday November 5th — Hand and Feet Stamping
- Wednesday November 12th — Fruit Animals
- Wednesday November 19th — Adventure Play in the Multi-Purpose Building
- Wednesday November 26th — Box Construction
- Wednesday December 3rd — Making Cupcakes

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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At lunch time on Tuesday, 35 children joined Mrs Peacock and Mrs Windridge on a Mystery Maths Walk. We stopped at each corner and used a spinner to tell us which way to turn. Unfortunately, 3 times in a row the children managed to spin $\frac{1}{4}$ turn left or 90° turn left so we ended up going around the block! We hope to venture further next 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**

**Prep/1 Christian:**

- Jack B.-R. - For the progress he has made with his reading.
  - Fantastic !!! Keep it up :)
- Gus B. - For the progress he has made with his reading.
  - Fantastic !!! Keep it up :)
- Max G. - For the progress he has made with his reading.
  - Fantastic !!! Keep it up :)

**Prep/1 Holt:**

- Xavier H. - For working beautifully in term 4.
- Ashlee M. - For trying hard all the time.
- Declan T. - For great Drama performing in Week 1,

**2 Reilly-Peacock:**

- Taylah B. - For continually being a good role model in Grade 2.
- Ella L. - For working hard and showing persistence in her writing and Maths tasks.

**3 Watt:**

- Jayden B. - For terrific behaviour whilst representing our school on the Brick by Brick excursion.
- Errin H. - For giving her best effort in persuasive writing.

**3/4 Ennor:**

- Jai G. - For being a very helpful, co-operative class member.
- Mia O.-H. - For doing her best in all areas of the curriculum.

**5/6 McKerrow:**

- Thanisha H. - For being a 4 times table wizz with Mrs. Hinton
- Jordan H. - For enjoying his achievements in Maths groups.
  - Awesome job Jordan.
- Brayden P. - For showing confidence in multiplication and identifying the strategies that can help him. Mrs. Hinton thinks you are a champ!
  - Jackson T. - For excellent responses at the art gallery.
  - Connor W. - For excellent responses at the art gallery.

**5/6 Windridge-Doolan:**

- Mickayla B-W. - For always putting in her best effort.
- Aaliyah M. - For being a helpful class member.
- Keisha M. - For excellent participation in Maths groups.

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GREAT TIPS FOR HEALTHY KIDS

TIP 26. ALL KIDS NEED IS A BALL OR A FRISBEE

You might think you have to spend a whole lot of money for your kids to get enough physical activity. Some people sign up their kids for all kinds of sports and other activities and buy equipment that can be expensive.

That’s one way to do it, but it isn’t the only way. Remember that once upon a time all most kids had were skipping ropes and balls, and they managed to have lots of fun while exercising at the same time.

What you can do NOW

♦ Provide inexpensive equipment such as skipping ropes, balls, bats, Frisbees or hula hoops.

Top Tip

When you provide inexpensive things like balls and skipping ropes, kids regard them as fun. They are more likely to use them on a regular basis.

HAPPY, HEALTHY BODIES!!

♦ Teach your kids that their body size and weight are just one part of who they are. Point out that everyone is a different shape and size, just like hair and eye colour, shape is a normal part growth and development.

♦ Set a good example. Putting down your own body in front of your kids sends a clear message that it’s OK not to like yourself. Focus on health not weight.

♦ Compliment other aspects of children such as personality, manners, hair, or smile!

♦ Encourage active possibilities and limit inactive possibilities. Encourage outside play after school instead of watching the TV or playing computer games.

♦ Don’t refer to foods as ‘good’ or ‘bad’ but rather ‘everyday’, ‘healthy’ or ‘sometimes’ foods.

♦ It is easier for a child to make good food choices when access to less healthy choices is limited.

♦ Save high fat and high sugar foods for treats and celebrations.

♦ Avoid using foods as a rewards

♦ Children may need encouragement to eat more, rather than less, but of a broader range of healthier foods.

♦ Exposing children to a wide variety of foods will embed a preference for these foods later in life (even if they complain about eating their greens as a teenager!)

♦ Make family mealtimes part of your routine. Whenever possible, sit and eat together as a family and have the TV turned off.

EGGS FOR SALE

Our girls are busy laying lots of eggs, $2.50 a dozen. See Wendy in the grade 3/4 room.

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Don’t forget that every Friday is School Banking day and students should bring in their weekly deposit.

For every deposit made at school, no matter how big or small, students will receive a cool Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for an exclusive School Banking reward item in recognition of their continued savings behaviour. There are new reward items available during Term 4, a projector cup and sea streamers. These are on display in the school office.

Remember our school earns 5% commission on every deposit made (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit). Thank you for supporting the School Banking program at California Gully Primary School.

Thanks to Empowering Eaglehawk, The Eaglehawk Football Netball 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 will continue tomorrow Friday October 24th at 8 a.m. (please note that we will stop serving breakfast at 8.20a.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 to start the day!

We would also like to acknowledge the assistance of Roger King's IGA in Eaglehawk for providing the food for the breakfast and their weekly donation of fruit for the Fresh Fruit Friday program in the Junior School.