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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
- Jump Rope for Heart Jump Off Day - Friday October 28th
- Mango Orders and Correct Money Due - Friday October 28th
- School Production ’Kids in Paradise’ - Tuesday November 8th
- Curriculum Day - Wednesday November 16th
- Prep 2017 Transition Day - Tuesday November 22nd

FROM THE PRINCIPAL
STUDENT ARTISTS ON SHOW
Many of our students have had the opportunity to demonstrate their artist flair at both the Bendigo Agriculture Show and the St Matthews Art Show (Family Fun Day) held last weekend. All of the students who entered artwork in either event should be very pleased with their efforts, we definitely have some budding artist amongst us. Thank you to all of the teachers for supporting the students with both community events. In particular thank you to Mrs. Hinton for her work in creating the school display at the Bendigo Showgrounds it looked fantastic.
Our students are very fortunate to have teachers who ensure they are part of a dynamic whole-school through our Arts Program.

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2017 ARRANGEMENTS
2017 grade structures are close to being finalised for next year. I am asking parents to let the office know if their children may be moving schools in 2017. 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.

WARM WEATHER & SNAKES: DISCUSS WITH YOUR CHILD
Last year we had a snake sighting in our school and we acted accordingly to the situation. With the warmer weather imminent it is timely to have a discussion with your child(ren) about being safe around snakes, to stay well away if one is sighted, not to agitate it, and report it to an adult as soon as possible.

STUDENT SUPPORT
From time to time children will have disagreements with one and other whether it is in the classroom or yard and as a result sometimes inappropriate choices can be made. At California Gully Primary School we adhere to a behaviour management model called the ‘Student Support Process-A Staged Response’. This ensures all staff follow the same guiding principles / guidelines and we are consistent with our decision making. Depending on the nature of the inappropriate behaviour we determine a logical consequence. Sometimes children are required to attend ‘Reflection Time’ where they have an opportunity to think about their behaviour how it has affected others and to explain what they could have done and what they will do if something similar occurred again. An important part of this process is the sending home of the ‘Reflection Time Sheet’. The intent is to ensure clear communication with parents and carers and provides an opportunity for parents to follow up on any questions they may have regarding their child’s behaviour, if required. There are a variety of levelled consequences available to the school some more obvious to students, parents and carers than others. If there comes a time where you have a query around an issue that may involve your child please contact me for clarification.

ASTHMA & HAY FEVER SEASON
If children need medication for Hay Fever through the school day please bring it to the school office, clearly named with pharmacy label attached. Make sure that the medication is in date. Inform the school office if your child has been medicated before school on any particular day. If your child is asthmatic they should have their asthma medication with them every day and for a more effective recovery they should also have a spacer.

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 November 11th. We need desperately more members so new members are always welcome.

Lunch Orders
Due to the busyness of term there will be no lunch orders this term.

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

Parents’ Club Fundraising
Parents Club will be running a Christmas raffle again this year. Keep an eye out for the raffle book coming home soon.

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

TIP 50. BALANCE IS THE KEY TO GOOD HEALTH

Helping your kids lead a healthy life doesn’t have to be difficult. It doesn’t involve strange diets or pushing yourself beyond reasonable limits, but it does require some effort. Always keep in mind a balance between: activity and rest; food and drink intake and energy output; waking hours and sleeping hours; work and recreation; and time with others and time alone.

What you can do NOW
- Decide on what is important for your family, and be firm about making changes.
- Lead the way in bringing balance in your own life.

Top Tip

Go easy on yourself. These may be times when you slip back into old habits, or cut corners because you are so busy. As long as you aim to do your best for your kids, they’ll benefit.

VEGIE GARDENING FOR CHILDREN!

The following vegetables are some of the more successful and easy options to grow in a child’s small patch during the warmer months:

- Broad beans
- Zucchini
- Carrots
- Snow peas
- Beans
- Potatoes
- Silverbeet
- Tomatoes
- Cherry tomatoes
- Lettuce - all varieties
- Baby spinach & rocket
- Herbs e.g. mint, parsley
- Corn
- Capsicum

Children love to grow things and they love food, bringing fun and enjoyment into the whole process. Children will especially love their home-grown veggies being incorporated into the family meals!

FUN . FITNESS . FRIENDS

JUNIORS SQUASH AT BENDIGO SQUASH CLUB

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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.


Bus Travellers Can Walk Too!

We understand that a lot of students catch the bus every day and therefore aren’t able to walk to and from school. To ensure bus travellers don’t miss out on Walk to School month, we are allowing them to complete a couple of laps around the school oval before, during (recess and lunch time) or after school and this can be marked as a ‘walk’ on their classroom calendars. Although, this is not exactly active travel this will still help children achieve the recommended 60 minutes of activity each day.

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 is tomorrow, 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 a couple of weeks ago, 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.

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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 October 21st**

**1/2 Peacock-Hinton:**
- Dante A. - For making thoughtful contributions to our discussions about Sound.
- Jack B.-R.. - For making thoughtful contributions to our discussions about Sound.
- Gus B. - For making thoughtful contributions to our discussions about Sound.

**3/4 Reilly-Carroll:**
- Gabby P. - For sensational effort during production practice.
- Daisy W.-Q. - For sensational effort during production practice.

**5/6 McKerrow:**
- Benjamin A. - For excellent work n Maths.
- Kodi . - For excellent work n Maths.

**5/6 Windridge:**
- Suzie C. - For 200 nights of reading.
- Isobel G. - For being a friendly, helpful & co-operative class member.
- Myan P. - For excellent home reading.

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**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.

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**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

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**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:

- **November 2nd**  Broomstick Horses
- **November 9th**  Adventure Play - Multi-Purpose Building
- **November 16th**  ‘Fireworks’ Painting

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 28th 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 to start the day!
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Commonwealth Bank Student Banking

Rewards Program update

In Term 4, two new reward items from our Outback Savers range become available to redeem!
- Bush Fly Fan
- Wriggly Glow Worm
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