**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**

- Last Day for Mango Fundraiser Order Forms to be returned - Friday October 30th
- Second Transition and Information Session for 2016 Prep’s - Tuesday November 17th
- School Fair - Thursday November 26th

**FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

**TERM 4 CURRICULUM DAY—STEPHEN GRAHAM**

On Tuesday the teaching staff worked alongside Stephen Graham in the review of our whole-school writing program. As a result of the discussions and the work undertaken the teachers have now increased their knowledge of the writing process and also the strategies that can be used to bring out the best in our students.

**BENDIGO SHOW—ART EXHIBITION**

It is again really pleasing to see how the staff and children enjoy looking at ways of linking with our local community. Thanks to Mrs Hinton and Mrs. Watt for their coordination and organisation of the artwork display, the staff for supporting the art show, the children for being so creative, Chris for transporting the children’s art work to the showgrounds and Natasha Fullerton and Chris for helping with the setup of the school display. As a result of all the hard work our display came 3rd overall, Ms Watt’s scarecrow came 2nd overall and as a bonus her basket of produce was voted number 1! It just goes to show when you have such a committed group of school community members what we can achieve. Photos can be viewed further into the newsletter.
CGPS SOFTBALL TEAM
Congratulations to the year 6 students who represented the school at the recent Bendigo region softball carnival. Three wins and one loss see our team head to Swan Hill for the Loddon Mallee Regional Championships, tomorrow! Thanks Miss Ennor for your intensive training routine leading up to the event. The bruises and bumps have been worth it!

CGPS T-20 CRICKET TEAMS
Congratulations to our boys and girls from grades 5 & 6 that competed at the recent Bendigo T-20 Blast. There were a number of wins and losses by both teams and each game was played with great endeavour and sportsmanship. One of our teams made the final to play off for an opportunity to take part in a larger Regional T-20 event however they were out played by a very handy Golden Square PS outfit. No matter, the boys and girls once again represented the school outstandingly.

SCHOOL BOOK FAIR
We have already held a Book Fair earlier this year however an opportunity has arisen which we feel is too good to refuse. Scholastics special deal is, if a child/parent buys one book they get to take a second book from the same price range for free. Buy one, get one free deal!
The Book Fair starts on November 10th and will run until November 24th.

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.

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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.

**Level 1**
I have 11 marbles. Four are loose and the rest are in two cups. How many marbles might there be in each cup?

**Level 2**
I am a 3 digit even number
I have a 7 in the tens column
All of my digits are different
I am less than 400
What number might I be?

**Level 3**
Make 42 using the digits 2, 3, 4, 9 only once in an equation. Use +, –, x, ÷, () as needed.
Can you find another way?

**Level 4**
Same shapes are the same price. What is the cost of each shape?

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Woolworths Earn & Learn 2015

Thank you to all those who supported the Earn and Learn program this year. We have placed an order for dual time clocks for the classrooms for next year. It was well worth saving the stickers!

Bendigo Show 2015

A BIG “Thank You” to Mrs. Hinton and Mrs. Watt for organising the displays for the Bendigo Show of the children’s art work, produce from our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden and Scarecrows. From the photos below you would have to agree that they looked fantastic on display.

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GREAT TIPS FOR HEALTHY KIDS

TIP 12. WEIGHT CONTROL APPLIES TO KIDS TOO

About one in every four Australian Children is overweight. You might think it’s just puppy fat, and that as kids grow they’ll lose the extra weigh. This may be true for some children, but research shows that overweight kids are more likely to become overweight adults. This can lead to a whole lot of health problems, some of them very serious. Being overweight can affect the way kids see themselves. Sometimes they are teased or bullied by other children, and they may be too self-conscious to take part in physical activity, which makes matter worse.

What you can do NOW

- Start being more active today - take your child for a walk to the shops or around the block.
- Go through the cupboards and fridge, clearing out any high-energy foods, particularly those high in saturated fats and sugars.
- If your child feels uncomfortable about their physical skills or appearance, be supportive and encouraging.

Good idea!

Give kids gifts or toys that require physical activity, like skipping ropes, balls, bats, bikes or skates.

Top Tip

Excessive weight is caused by a combination of too little physical activity and a diet high in energy (kilojoules). If you aren’t sure whether your child is overweight, ask your family doctor, the school nurse or another health professional to check it out, and ask them for advice.

VEGIE GARDENING FOR CHILDREN!

Vegie gardens are a fantastic way to introduce children to whole foods, like vegetables, whether the garden is developed within school grounds, the family backyard or a community garden. A spare patch of soil or even a few pot plants is all kids need to grow their own veggie patch.

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!

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
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:
- **November 4th**: Painting
- **November 11th**: Sand/Water Play
- **November 18th**: Pasting
- **November 25th**: Multi-Purpose Room—Adventure Play
- **December 2nd**: Making Christmas Decorations

For information of what events are coming up in playgroup please visit the school website Playgroup page.

Join us on Facebook: [www.facebook/calgullyplaygroup1](http://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 you are having difficulties.

Mrs. Paton

Don’t forget to check out the school’s website [www.californiagullyps.vic.edu.au](http://www.californiagullyps.vic.edu.au)

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Wanted: Mulberry Leaves
It’s Spring and the silkworm eggs had hatched. Please see Annette if you are able to provide a class with mulberry leaves. We will require an abundance of mulberry leaves to feed the silkworms.

**5c Drive**
Keep up the great collecting! Please send your coins to school. Our five cent collection now weighs:

8.099 kilograms.

Collectors of the week are Mason and Keely F.
Will we make 10 kilograms next week?

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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.

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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 30th 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.

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