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CALIFORNIA GULLY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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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.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

TERM 4 CURRICULUM DAY - PUPIL FREE DAY

The term 4 curriculum day will be held on Tuesday 11th November. The main purpose of the curriculum day is to develop our 4 Year Strategic Plan.

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 is because a child is unwell, has left something at home which is required for school or we may just have a general concern about 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.

GRADE STRUCTURE IN 2015 & FRIENDSHIP REQUESTS

Two weeks ago I requested in writing any concerns regarding friendship placements for the 2015 school year. The cut-off date for the requests was Monday 27th October. The teachers and I are now determining grade structures and establishing the most productive environment to support the learning for your children. When allocating children to grades we will consider equal balance of social, emotional and academic need. Please note that it is not possible for parents to request specific teachers.

2015 ARRANGEMENTS

We are currently finalising staffing arrangements for 2015, I am asking parents to let the office know if their children may be moving schools in 2015 OR you are aware of a family coming to our school that has not made contact yet please have them contact the school. Accurate student numbers for planning are crucial.

Calendar

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

Tuesday November 25th
Prep to 2 Anakie Fairy Park Excursion

Friday December 5th
Breakfast Program Concludes for 2014

Monday December 1st to Friday December 5th
Whole School Swimming Program

Monday December 8th
School Council Meeting

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

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

PROCESS FOR LATE ARRIVALS AFTER 9.00 a.m.
Students arriving late to school must be signed in by a parent or adult (over 18 years of age).
It is not the responsibility of the child to sign themselves in. The duty of care is placed with the parent. Your support with this process is appreciated.

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.

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### SCHOOL CALENDAR

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WORKING BEE

A working bee will be take place on **Sunday, November 9th**, the starting time will be 9.00 am and concluding at 11.30 am. The aim of the working bee is for 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.

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**Student Banking**

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.

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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 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
- Wednesday December 10th — Adventure Play in the Multi-Purpose Building

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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Congratulations to the following students on being named Student of The Week for their positive attitude to school and social values.

**Friday October 24th**

**Prep/1 Christian:**
- Aaron B. - For fantastic character portrayal of Little Red Riding Hood. Great acting!!
- Sam H. - For upholding our school values of Respect, Care and Personal Best at all times.

**Prep/1 Holt:**
- Ryan B. - For working really well in class.
- Josephine C. - For working really well in class.

**2 Reilly-Peacock:**
- Jade H. - For using good strategies to count money in Mathematics.
- Kohby U. - For thoughtful reflection in Mathematics.

**3 Watt:**
- Sarah H. - For being a kind and considerate classmate.
- Brandon O. - For taking his time and producing top quality results during Art.

**3/4 Ennor:**
- Keely F. - For excellent work in Writing sessions with Mrs. Parker.
- Sam G. - For great teamwork and an excellent Lego construction at Brick by Brick.
- Nikyah R. - For excellent work in Writing sessions with Mrs. Parker.
- Zander W. - For great teamwork and an excellent Lego construction at Brick by Brick.

**5/6 Windridge-Doolan:**
- Keisha M. - For working hard with her multiplication algorithm.
- Chara S.-W. - For excellent work in Maths.

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HEALTHY LIVING

GREAT TIPS FOR HEALTHY KIDS

TIP 27. KIDS CAN LEARN TO LIKE NEW FOODS

When it comes to trying out new foods, some kids are more adventurous than others. Many kids go through a stage of wanting only very specific foods, and they won’t consider anything else. For example, they may eat a particular cereal and perhaps a spread on toast, but little else.

It’s more difficult to convince picky eaters to try other foods, but with gentle persistence you can expand their tastes. One approach that parents commonly use is ‘Try it, you might like it’. Kids can be surprised at how much they do like the taste of a new food. The trick is to keep offering the new food. Eventually your child will get the message that this food is being served regularly and they may as well try it.

What you can do NOW

- Serve new food along with foods that you know your child loves.
- Show an interest in foods from other cultures and food you’ve never tried before.
- Ask your kids to join you in cooking new foods.

Good Idea!

Sometimes kids will be more likely to try food in one form rather than another, such as parsnip mashed with potato rather than slices of baked parsnip. Think about different ways you can serve up new foods.

Top Tip

When you introduce a new food to your child, serve it at the beginning of the meal when your child is hungry.

National Nutrition Week

National Nutrition Week is held every year by Nutrition Australia in October and is a fantastic opportunity to get parents, teachers and kids to join in the fun and opportunities to understand more about healthy living through food variety and physical activity!

Nutrition Australia, as well as many schools, community health centres and workplaces, will be hosting a number of events during Nutrition Week. For further information and to find out more about events in your area visit the Nutrition Australia website www.nutritionaustralia.org.

Also available on the Nutrition Australia website is the Nutrition Week Kit designed for schools, families, workplace, childcare and other community groups to assist in planning their own events and activities.

Activities available in some states include:
- Guest speakers
- Celebrity chefs & cooking demonstrations
- Trade stalls from sporting organisations
- Children’s activities including face painting and competitions
- Showbags

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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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 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.