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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
- Last Day of Term 3 - 2.15 p.m. Dismissal - Friday September 16th
- Footy Colours Day - Friday September 16th
- First Day of Term 4 - Monday October 3rd
- Parents’ Club Meeting - Friday October 7th
- School Council Meeting - Monday October 10th
- School Production 'Kids in Paradise' - Wednesday October 12th

FROM THE PRINCIPAL
END OF TERM - THANK YOU
Another school term is almost complete and once again I would like to thank the school staff for the tremendous work they do educating the students. Thank you to the families who have been in a position to support the school and its many different programs. Your efforts do not go unnoticed and it is appreciated immensely. To all of the children have an enjoyable and restful holiday and I look forward to everyone coming back safe and refreshed and prepared for a rewarding term 4.

SEPTEMBER SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING
At our school council meeting we endorsed a number of policies and reviewed the Child Safety Standards which must be adhered to from September this year. Policies endorsed include: School Staff Information Register; School On-Site Supervision; e-Smart; Parent Payment; and the Child Safety Policy.

The inception of the Child Safe Policy (introduced as part of the Child Safety Standards) provides the opportunity to remind all parents of the importance and requirement to have a Working with Children’s Check (WWCC) if you intend to volunteer at school. Volunteering at school can take many different forms from attending excursions, assisting with maintenance, working in the school vegetable garden, assisting with the school production, and assisting in the classroom. As a volunteer getting a WWCC is free apart from the cost of the photo. The following link https://online.justice.vic.gov.au/wwccu/onlineapplication.do allows you to complete the process online or you can obtain a WWCC form from any Post Office. WWCC’s need to be presented to Nicole in the office who will make a record of this. If you are unsure of your obligation in relation to obtaining a WWCC please speak make a time to meet with me.
GRADE 3 TO 6 HARRIETVILLE CAMP
By all accounts the grade 3 to 6 camp was a roaring (if not chilly) success. The students enjoyed the various adventure activities undertaken over the 3 days. Importantly the children will take away some wonderful memories. I would like to take the opportunity to thank all of the staff who attended and committed to the 3 day event, there is significant responsibility attached to all camps and excursions. A special thank you to Ms. Ennor for coordinating and overseeing such a successful camp it does take a considerable amount of planning and work. Well done everyone!

SUNSMART COMPLIANCE
Children from the beginning of term 4 should be wearing broad brimmed hat or bucket hat as part of our SunSmart Policy. Peaked caps are not part of our school uniform and children will not be allowed to wear them during the course of the school day. Children without a hat will be required to stay in a designated undercover area or attend the Alternative Lunchtime Program. If your child needs a new school hat both the broad brimmed and bucket hats can be purchased from Bendigo Fashion Plus in Williamson St.

2017 STUDENT ENROLMENTS
It is most important we know of any California Gully PS students who will be attending another school (e.g. moving away) in 2017. Please let the office know as soon as possible if this is your situation. This information is very important for planning our class structure and staffing for 2017.

PARENT CONTACT DETAILS
The staff and I often need to contact parents and carers when children are not feeling well or have had an accident in the yard. From time to time the primary contact details are no longer operating and we have no way of contacting the family. This can also be quite distressing for the child concerned. Please if you have changed mobile or landline numbers let Nicole know in the office.

LOST PROPERTY
There is a large amount of lost property in the clothing bin located in the undercover area. Much of this is un-named. Please make sure all items of clothing are clearly named, especially jackets as the students tend to take them off while playing outside. If items are left in the lost property bin at the end of term they will be used as spare clothing or charity.

CALIFORNIA GULLY ‘HEAD START PROGRAM’ - PREP 2017 EXTENDED PROGRAM
Our extended transition program for our 2017 Prep students (known as ‘Head Start’) will be beginning on the 12th October and running until the end of November. Children will get to know their classmates, school routines and surrounds better; introduce the children to some of the teachers, classrooms and playground; boost their confidence through a variety of age appropriate activities and ease the separation from parents. Please remember for this year the children need to be enrolled before they are able to attend sessions. The program will be of significant advantage to our 2017 Prep children so any parents who have not enrolled their children please do so before the end of term; or if you know of a family intending to enroll their child please have them contact the school as soon as possible. If you would like any more information regarding the Head Start Program please speak to Kathryn Hinton or Jason Lee.

Jason Lee
Principal

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Parents’ Club Meeting
The next meeting of the Parents’ Club will be in the conference room after assembly on Friday October 7th. We need more members so new members are always welcome.

Lunch Orders
There will be no more lunch orders this term. The next lunch order day will be early next term and on the menu will be hot dogs.

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

Billy G’s Cookie Dough Fundraiser
The Billy G’s Cookie Dough fundraiser is coming soon!!
Order forms will be sent home on Monday September 12th and will need to be back after the school holidays on Friday October 7th along with correct money. You can gather orders over the two week school holiday period.
This is a great, very yummy product that could potentially make us some ‘dough’!

Thank you for your support.
Parents’ Club

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.


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TIP 46. **KIDS LIKE TO BE INVOLVED**

Involve your kids in the kitchen. They’ll be more interested in what they eat if they have a part in selecting foods and preparing them. It provides the perfect opportunity to teach them about different foods and how you can prepare them. You can get them to find out more about food from different cultures and to come up with a menu you can work on together.

**What you can do NOW**
- Give your child recipe books as gifts and encourage them to try out some recipes.
- Plant a vegetable or herb garden with your child and get them to tend to it. They can pick the vegetables and herbs for some super fresh meals.

**Good Idea!**
Once a month, have a ‘different culture’ night, and invite your kids to come up with the menu and the appropriate setting of the table.

**Top Tip**
Kids can help out by: scrubbing carrots; peeling potatoes; setting the table; making the salad; breaking eggs for scrambled eggs or omelettes; and cooking simple dishes like scrambled eggs.

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**EASY WEEKEND LUNCH IDEA**

**ENGLISH MUFFIN PIZZAS!**

**Ingredients (per muffin):**
- 1 English wholemeal muffin each, cut in half
- 1 tablespoon of tomato paste
- 1/4 cup low-fat cheese
- 1/4 cup sliced pineapple (canned or fresh)
- 2 slices of shaved lean ham
- Handful of each: mushrooms, spinach, tomato, olives, capsicum

**Method:**

Put pre-sliced English muffins face up on a baking tray. Place the cookie sheet and bowls containing the other ingredients on the table where the kids can easily reach them.

Show the kids how to spoon some tomato paste onto the muffin and how to add the other ingredients. Then let them have fun making several mini pizzas. They might like to make “funny faces” with the ingredients.

When they are done, put the baking tray in an oven preheated to 180°C degrees or under the grill under the cheese turns golden brown.
California Gully Primary School
Learning Club
Last Week for 2016

Over the past few weeks in Learning Club we have had fun with a mixture of lessons between literacy, numeracy and a few sports related ones as well, which have been linked back to our theme of the Olympics.
The students have been wonderful to teach with all students participating and giving 110%, while having big smiles on their faces when doing so.
In the coming final week, we will be having a closing ceremony to celebrate the Learning Club team values with some fun games and activities to finish the term off.
From all the La Trobe Pre Service Teachers a big thank you to all the students who participated in the Learning Club afterschool program.
We wish you well in your learning and have enjoyed being part of it!

The Learning Club is proudly supported by
The Smith Family & La Trobe University.

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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

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 5th: Skittles Experiment
- October 12th: Pancake Making
- October 19th: T.B.C.

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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FREE TENNIS!

Choose a sport they can play forever ... Tennis!

FREE Come and try coaching session
Spring Gully Tennis Club

Monday 19th September (First Monday of school holidays)

Contact Jim to book: m. 0431-299-930, e. jimwtennis@gmail.com

Holiday Tennis at Spring Gully Tennis Club

Tennis clinics focussing on shots, tactics and most of all FUN!!!

Dates: First week of school holidays
4 days from: Tuesday 20th September - Friday 23rd September

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School Breakfast Clubs

WHERE: Stephanie Alexander Kitchen at California Gully Primary School

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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 September 16th 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!

Jim Wid Tennis Coaching

Tennis, Fun, For Life.
Ages 3 and up

Unsure? FREE trial.

FREE racket for new enrolments
(Age 9 and under)

ENROL NOW!!!

Contact Jim:
0431 299 930
jimwidenis@gmail.com
www.jimwidenis.com

Find us on Facebook!

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COME AND PLAY THE FASTEST GAME ON TWO FEET

LACROSSE

The Bendigo Lacrosse Club was established in 2009 and is an active part of the community providing clinics and after school programs. Currently the Club has established a local junior competition.

2016/2017 Junior Competition begins on Thursday 6 October 2016 at 4:30pm (90 minutes - training and match) Spring Competition 8 weeks in Term 4 2016 and Summer Competition 8 weeks in Term 1 2017

Junior competition will be held at the North Bendigo Rec Res, Fenton and Anderson St North Bendigo, behind the North Bendigo Bowls Club, VicRoads Directory 607 93.

Please contact me, Gino Illiano (Jr Co-coordinator) if you would like more information regarding the Bendigo Lacrosse Club, mobile 0409 501 762
or email gilliano@roads.vic.gov.au
Also check out our website Bendigo Lacrosse - FOX SPORTS PULSE.

Children need to bring: drink bottle, mouth guards, sneakers, hats/caps, sun screen and sporting clothes (shorts/skirt and polo/T-shirt tops). The club will supply sticks, balls, goals, sun screen general 30+), accredited coaches, referees and end of season presentation dinner for all players.

Costs per Child per season are $75, or pay $130 for both Spring 2015 and Summer 2016 competition per Child.

If the children would like to play please present yourself at North Bendigo Rec Res on Thursday 6th October 2016 with payment.

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