Dear Parents

The start of the school year has been busy as usual but also very positive. All classes have hit the ground running and are very engaged. I must commend parents in regards to the behaviour and manners of the students who attend Como Primary School. I would like to welcome Miss Fairclough who is new to our school community. Miss Fairclough is an experienced teacher who is working in the Year 1/2 class in Room 11. I am sure you will all make her feel very welcome. We welcome back Ms Stevens, Mrs Cartwright-Worrall and Mrs Hitchcock who have all returned from leave. Our classroom parent information sessions are in full swing and classroom policies will be available on our school website soon. I encourage all parents to visit the school website on: http://comoprimaryschool.wa.edu.au/

Surplus supplies of our previous school uniform shirts were sent to East Timor. The children who received them were thrilled with their new shirts.

Thank you, Como.

School Assemblies

Our first assembly will be held in the covered assembly area tomorrow Friday, 12th February at 8.50am. Due to this week's excessive heat tomorrow's assembly will be shorter than usual but will include the announcement of House Captains and Vice Captains for 2016 as well as the acknowledgement of House Point and Honour Certificate recipients. All students from Years 1 - 6 attend our assemblies each week. Pre Primary students join us later in the year. We look forward to seeing as many parents as possible attend this special weekly event. Many assemblies showcase a class item or other student item. This will also be our 2016 Prefects' first assembly. Next week's assembly is also a Prefect assembly.

Centenary Photo

As part of our centenary events this year a whole school photo will be taken on Friday 19th February at 9:15am on the school oval. All students need to be in their normal uniform. If students wish to wear their House shirts after the photograph they should bring that shirt in their bag. Students will be needed for one hour. All Kindergarten students are welcome to come for that hour to be included in this historic moment.

The Virtues Program

This will recommence in Week 3 of the term. Our first Virtue is Friendliness.

House Swimming Carnival / Parent Help

As mentioned last year, our House Swimming Carnival being held on March 11th, will be slightly different this year. Only 100m and 50m races are to be held and as such only students capable of confidently swimming that distance will be competing. Students who are unable to swim this distance will remain with teachers at school. This year we will also be timing students in each race and, as such, we would really appreciate 12 parent volunteers who would be willing to act as time keepers or place judges. Notes will go out early next week with all students and we ask that you fill in the details as soon as possible so we can select the competitors for each house and see how many students will be attending the carnival and how many will remain at school. Should you have any queries please see Mr Malcolm or Mrs Herne.
Walking School Bus

Calling out to all Como Parents and Guardians: Continuing on from our wonderful start last year, we are once more starting up our Como Walking School Bus in the coming weeks- and we need some volunteers to help! We need active parents and helpers to guide our Walking School Bus every Friday morning from 8.10am. If you can commit to a weekly, fortnightly or even monthly walk we would LOVE to have you help out and be part of the team. If you are interested, please email me at samantha.edwards@education.wa.edu.au or come and see me in Room 3 so we can roster you in. We greatly appreciate your support in getting Como families active and reducing our carbon footprint!

Artist in Residence - Anzac Mural and Memorial
This week our Artist in Residence program began. Artist, Mr Paul Caporn has been selected to design, create and install an Anzac mural and memorial for our school. It will also acknowledge past Como Primary students. Over a three to four week period he will be working with Year 4 - 6 students during art lessons. This week, students met Paul and discovered lots about his work and life as an artist. Along with Paul’s guidance students drew their own pictures about the Anzacs. Some of these will be selected to form part of the mural. Many of the students will also be involved in the making process. All students from Years 1-6 will be involved in the viewing and responding process. The mural and memorial will be installed near the entry to the school by the hall. It will be a wonderful experience for the students. Paul is a very respected artist in WA who has been involved in other projects at Como Primary in the past. We are very pleased to have him back in our school this year. In 2005 Paul worked with students to create the mural on our old Art Studio which is now used by Jellybeans. He was also commissioned to install our Urban Indigenous mural last year. We are all looking forward to the completion of our Anzac mural and memorial. Mrs McDonald

This Week in Technology!
To celebrate Safe Internet Day on Wednesday February 10th rooms 3, 4, 9 and 10 took part in Online Cyber Safety Programs. Budd:e is an educational program about the risks people take by going online, and the possible consequences of those risks. It also addresses technical and behavioural measures we can all use, to help reduce our risk, and bolster online security — security for people, for internet devices, and for personal data. After setting up all the iPads at school in the first week it is a good idea to check your own iPads at home and put in place restrictions to keep your children safe online. Scan this code for a step-by-step guide to setting up iPad restrictions at home.

On Entry Assessment
This starts next week for students in Pre Primary. Please speak with class teachers if you have any questions. Some students in Years One and Two may be tested at the end of the year; this will mainly be students who are new to the school or who need to be retested before the start of the following year.

Choir
Choir began for Year 4 - 6 students last Tuesday in the Art room from 8:15 - 9:00am. Students may still join in this coming Tuesday - all welcome! Our Junior Choir for Years 2 and 3 began this morning at 8:15 am. New members are also welcome to join us in the Music Room next Thursday morning. Lots of keen students are joining both choirs. We have a very exciting schedule of events that the choirs will be performing at this year.

The School Diary
Our school diary is an important part of our Communication process with parents and it also helps students develop self-management skills as they move through the grades. Please send $5.00 with your child if they do not already have a school diary or buy one in the Uniform Shop on Friday morning or Monday afternoon.

Staff Car Park
Parents are requested to not park in the staff car park in the mornings and at home time. Apart from the fact that there are a limited number of parking spaces, children are banned from entering for safety reasons. Parents dropping off children in the car park create a dangerous environment for their child.

Parents may use the Staff Car Park to collect children from the Jellybeans out of School Hours Care service in the evenings.

Voluntary Contributions K - 6
50% of families have already made their voluntary contribution. Thank you. This money is being put to valuable use to enhance your child’s education. As mentioned previously we need all families to contribute if we are to purchase all the necessary educational aids and equipment we had planned to place in our school this year. Please pay your voluntary contribution either in cash or cheque to the class teacher. The contribution for each child is $60.00.

We would like to thank Vaucluse Newsagency for providing this service while parents were paying for their class requirements.
Mathletics & Reading Eggs
These are two on line learning programs that all Como students, P-6, have access to at school and at home. These programs provide students with an opportunity to practise challenging aspects of the curriculum but to also extend their learning. Your voluntary contributions help meet the cost of this annual subscription. Log on details will be provided to individual students over the next week and should be recorded in Student Diaries for use at home.

P & C News
Due to unforeseen circumstances the P & C Annual General Meeting scheduled for next Wed (17th), has had to be postponed. Community members will be advised of a new date at the earliest opportunity.
Many thanks. Erica Schurmann

Como Cookout Canteen Roster
Friday 12th February
Window 8.15 - 9.00 Position Vacant
Canteen Duty Laiying Jin

Wednesday 17th February
Window 8.15 - 9.00 Position Vacant
Canteen Duty Chantelle Ranauro

Friday 19th February
Window 8.15 - 9.00 Ingrid Meyer, Jenny Ramshaw
Canteen Duty Positions vacant

Uniform Shop News
The school shirts are set to arrive this Monday, 15th. Please be patient and allow our volunteers time to unpack. We need more volunteers. The uniform store will always welcome new volunteers. Come in and sign up. We’re open on Mondays 2:45 - 3:15 & Fridays 8:15 - 8:45. Would you like to help coordinate the store? Due to work commitments I am seeking an offsider to help run the store. To join me in the simple, fun and rewarding experience please contact me with your expressions of interest on 0498000276. Katia

Uniform Shop Roster
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House Shirts
For Years 1 - 6
We are now putting in our Once a Year order for house shirts. There will be no more orders this year so please submit your order before Tuesday, 4th March in the box in the office. The shirts cost $25.00, payable either on collection from the uniform shop or please fill out the Credit card slip below. Get your order in so your child is ready for the sports carnival.
Students can also wear House Shirts each Friday all year.

House Shirt Order Form

Family Name _________________________________ House: _________________________________

I will pay the total owing on this order at the time of collection or by credit card

Signed _________________________________ Contact Phone _________________________________

Parent/guardian Name

Credit Card Details

Mastercard Visa Card No: _________________________________ Expiry Date: _________________________________

Signature _________________________________ Name on card _________________________________

Student’s Name Room No Size Number of shirts Cost

Total payable
School Banking News – Join us this year for an Outback Savings Adventure!
Hi Everyone! This year’s program is themed Outback Savers. There are 8 new reward items and an amazing competition from the Commonwealth Bank who are giving you the opportunity to win a trip to Australia Zoo. Please collect your new school banking pack during school banking for more details. In addition, we will be running our own competition this term. To be in the draw to win a $20 Smiggle voucher, simply make three or more deposits into your school banking account this term. Winner will be announced during assembly Term 2, Week 1. I look forward to seeing you all tomorrow outside the Uniform Shop from 8:15-8:45am. Marwa

SAVE THE DATE
CROC ROCK 2016
FRIDAY 11TH MARCH

After School Hours
Italian Classes for 2016
The ITALO-AUSTRALIAN WELFARE & CULTURAL CENTRE INC is sponsoring the Italian after-hour language and cultural programme at Como PS again this year. These courses are of ninety minutes duration after school and are conducted on a weekly basis during the scholastic year. In 2016 there will be a charge of $25.00/student/semester (nonrefundable) payable by cheque or cash to the Italo-Australian Welfare & Cultural Centre Inc on enrolment at the first lesson. The Italian after-hour lessons commence on Tuesday, 16 February from 3.15pm to 4.45pm and will run for the duration of the scholastic year. Your teacher of Italian is Signora Maria Famiano.

Triple P Parenting:
Due to renovations happening in the hall, the Triple P seminar series will be postponed until Term 2. More information to follow later this term. T-A Doe School Psychologist

Community Notices
Curtin Uni Junior Rugby Recruitment Day
The Junior Goats are having their Recruitment Day - Saturday 5th March, at Edinburgh Oval Club House from 1pm., and signs will be out. It will be a fun afternoon, full of games and treats for the kids, as well the all-important signup. Curtin University and Pre-season starts in March. Recruiting at schools via newsletters, posters and flyers is an essential part of our recruitment strategy.
A bit about the club.........
• The Curtin Rugby Club (The Goats) is located at the Curtin University in Bentley
• While the seniors club has been running since 1969, this is only the sixth year for juniors at the club.
• We are seeking junior Under 6s through Under 10s for the 2016 season.
• Games are held on Saturday mornings and are played at Britannia (Leederville), and round robins at the Club
• Training is one night a week at Curtin University on Thursday from 5 to 6 pm.
• Junior Rugby is for both for boys & girls.
For further information go to: www.curugby.com.au Email: juniors@curugby.com.au
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