Dear Parents

Department of Education WA Strategic Plan for WA Public Schools 2016-2019

The Department of Education WA (DoE WA) has released a new Strategic Plan for WA Public Schools. The new plan promotes a school culture of **High Performance – High Care**. This culture resonates strongly at Como Primary School and gels nicely with our current School’s Business Plan. Both the DoE WA Strategic Plan and the Como Primary School Business Plan are available for parents’ interest on our school website.

National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) 2016

Parents of Year 3 and Year 5 students have received a pamphlet concerning NAPLAN 2016, which occurs from 10 May to 12 May in Term 2. The pamphlet contains information for parents of students undertaking NAPLAN testing for 2016. NAPLAN is a National test for students in language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation), writing, reading and numeracy for Year 3/5/7 and 9.

Honour Certificates

Honour Certificates were awarded to the following children at our last assembly.

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Assembly

Tomorrow’s assembly will be conducted by the Prefects and will include the presentation of badges for student leadership positions that remain at Como PS for 2016. There is no assembly next week.

House Points

- Forrest: 95
- Canning: 93
- Challenger: 90
- Stirling: 81

School Centenary

Did You Know?

When Como State School officially opened on May 3rd 1916, Mrs Emma Bannister was the only teacher for upwards of 40 children. She was provided with accommodation by a local resident, Mrs Broadbent, and ran the school until December of that year.

House Swimming Carnival

Thank you to all the parents who have returned their swimming forms. Only Year 3 – 6 students who can competently and strongly finish swimming the 50m races will be attending the carnival on March 11 at Beatty Park Aquatic Centre. The carnival will begin at 11:30am. Parents are most welcome to attend. This year, those parents not timing events or acting as judges will be asked to remain in a designated area for parents. Next Friday all competitors will be informed of which events they will be in at the carnival.

The Virtues

**Friendliness**

**Signs of Success**

- Like yourself and realise you have a lot to offer.
- Smile and greet someone you don’t know.
- Get to know someone and let them get to know you.
- Show an interest in others.
- Show caring when a friend needs you.
- Are friendly to people who look and act differently

CHAPLAIN’S CHAT

It’s great to be back at Como Primary for another year. I am available to be a listening ear for students, parents and staff. It is my role to work with everyone regardless of religious and cultural background and never attempt to sway people towards my beliefs. This is my ninth year in chaplaincy and I’m very pleased to be part of the school community.

Parents, please leave a message at the school if you wish to talk with me. If you would like your child to talk with me please contact Mrs Herne. Parents who do not wish their child to access the chaplaincy service are asked to notify the school office.

Vicki Banks Chaplain

The School Dental Service

The Mount Henry Dental Therapy Centre’s opening hours are Monday to Friday, 8.15-4.30 (except public holidays). If anyone has changed address, phone number or there is any other additional information which you think we may require, please notify us at MtHenryDTC@dental.health.wa.gov.au or alternatively phone us on 9313 0552.
From the Teacher of French
Chers Parents,
Bienvenue à la rentrée – Welcome back to the new school year. At the beginning we have looked at the celebration on February 2nd of Pancake Day – “La Chandeleur”. Students from Years 4 – 6 brought in pancakes and toppings to eat and all tried flipping pancakes in the air and catching them in a fry pan, a sign of good luck and good fortune for the year for the family. Years 2 – 3 started with a “Brain Game” card activity where they, with a partner had to sort out cards into pairs. Each card was of a monument, palace, or place in Paris. St Valentine’s Day – “La Saint Valentin” on the 14th February has been looked at from Years 2 – 6: a card was sent home to maman and papa, consolidation of Reg Valentine words, matching special occasions as an oral listening activity, playing of “Bingo” with some children being the caller instead of me, completing a word search with a matching word activity beforehand and the playing of an outside game “le Beret” based on Valentine words and special occasions. Students in Years 4 – 6 will look at ingredients that go into pancakes and their toppings from an original menu from “La Crêpe Suzette” at the Fremantle markets. Students in Rooms 3 & 4 will do translations of the ingredients on their iPads with Year 4s doing translations on the white board/Google translation site. Year 2s will look at the story of “Monsieur Poulet va au Paris” Mister Chicken goes to Paris and from the story, key words written down and spoken and a word search completed. Year 3s will look at the Eiffel Tower as a tourist attraction and take a tour of France looking at different attractions in Paris and France. Mid-term, students in Year 4 – 6 will also cover the Eiffel Tower, looking at original pamphlets taken from the Eiffel Tower – La Tour Eiffel. A great site, “Gustav goes to the Eiffel Tower” will be looked at on the interactive White Board and iPads.
Have a great term and a great year. Merci Beaucoup M. Hughes Instituteur de français.

Tech Tip Thursday!
iPads are a GREAT way to have fun with the whole family! You can play charades using Heads Up, fly through space as a team with Space Team and there’s even a Monopoly app! For times when kids are using their iPads individually it is recommended that they play in an open space such as the kitchen or family room instead of in their bedrooms behind closed doors. To help parents keep on top of their child’s iPad use there are some really useful apps that are worth looking into. These include: Curbi, OurPact and ParentKit. You can use these apps to restrict access, look at usage and even set a schedule for when the iPad can be used! If you’ve found a useful app for your home let us know. Rachel Martino

Artist in Residence
This week, Paul Caporn our Artist in Residence visited the school and continued to work on his Anzac mural. Year 4-6 students have been busy in his absence drawing and colouring their own Anzac visions on paper. On his arrival Paul chose forty of these works to form part of his mural. With his guidance, the excited and talented students are busy painting their designs onto circular aluminium disks. Classes from Years 1-6 have been walking down to the mural to watch Paul and his assistant Mr Anderson at work. There is a lot of student interest with many interesting questions being asked. Mrs McDonald

PMP News
In the coming weeks we will be creating the parent rosters for PMP sessions in the hall on Monday mornings. Please fill in the attached form ASAP and return to either the front office or your child’s teacher. Thank you very much to Shelley Holingsworth for volunteering to create the parent rosters and to those parents who have already offered to help.
N. Cartwright Worrall PMP coordinator

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! Sam Edwards

Voluntary Contributions
58% of families have already made their voluntary contribution. Thank you. Your 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 in cash or cheque to the class teacher. The contribution for each child is $60.00. Thank you.
Community Notices

South Perth Junior Football Club
2016 - REGISTRATION DAY
School years - Pre Primary to Year 12
Sunday 21st February 2016 – 9am to 12 noon
Ernest Johnson Oval, South Perth

We are excited to announce our Crafts & Art Program!!
There are lots of exciting sessions to learn, get involved with like-minded people and have fun. Registrations are open and we have already bookings for some of the workshops. Places are limited so send us your registrations soon. Program classes: Crochet, Green Cleaning, Weaving, Drawing, Acrylics, Embroidery, Jewellery, Macramé, Knitting, Felting, Silk Paper, Photography and Basketry. Calligraphy and Lino cut printmaking classes are to be confirmed. We have also four workshops for School Holidays, so contact us on 0403 421 190 info@prestonstreetartspace, for dates and prices or check our Facebook or Instagram pages for updates.

Information available from the school office
- Music Lessons for Piano or keyboard
- Scholarships for Wesley College in 2017 Applications close Friday 18th March
- Youth Jazz Band

P & C News
Como Primary School P & C Association AGM
The Como Primary School Parents and Citizens Annual General Meeting will be held next Wednesday 2nd March, starting 7:00pm sharp in the school staff room. All are invited and welcome to attend, as there is much to be done in this, the school’s Centenary Year. The more people on board, the easier everyone’s work will become. We look forward to seeing you there!

Safety Committee
The Parks Operations Team from City of South Perth have advised they will be carrying out a tree verge audit of the Como Ward within the next month, to gauge the number of ‘gaps’ available to plant trees on these spaces. Como has been specifically mentioned on several occasions as being an at risk ‘urban hotspot’ during periods of prolonged high temperatures (see UWA expert says more green needed to cool Perth’s suburban hotspots and The West - Built up suburbs more vulnerable on hot days ) The Walking Bus routes provided by Como Primary’s P&C will be considered as part of this audit, so that trees can be planted in winter as part of the Council’s infill planting programme. However not every verge will be able to have a tree planted on it as there may be underground services in the verges, which prevents tree being planted over them. Trees will also not be planted on the verge if it creates sightline issues for motorists, such as on corners, and homeowners have the right of refusal of a tree.
We request your support, if offered a verge tree planted by the Council, to take up this offer to help reduce urban heat in our suburb and thereby increase shade for our students walking to and from school.
Thank you. Erica Schurmann

Uniform Shop News
Due to work commitments I am no longer able to be the uniform store coordinator. We desperately need someone to step up or two people to share the position. I will continue in this role until the end of term 1 in a limited capacity. (Doing the bare essentials only). I have found it fun, easy and an awesome way to be a part of the school community. So please do your bit for our Como Primary School. You won’t regret it!
Please fill out and return your sports shirt order forms to the office by Tuesday 4th March. Thanks.
K. Charlebois

Uniform Shop Roster for tomorrow
| Friday 26th February | Katia, Jillian and Chantelle |
| Monday 29th February | Bev and Karen |

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
Como Cookout News
Expressions of interest are being sought for a Canteen Assistant for our School Canteen. The position is four hours per week on Fridays 9am to 1pm, with the occasional Wednesday. If you have experience in food preparation and handling, can work well in a small team and enjoy engaging with our fabulous kids, then please send your resume with relevant experience, references and covering letter to como.cookout@gmail.com. Applications close Friday 4th March 2016. Over the coming weeks we will be trialling a lunch/recess order drop box outside the canteen, with a view to not having the canteen window open before school in Term 2. We are encouraging parents to send correct money for lunch orders for the children to drop into the locked box. Change can be given if necessary, and will be placed securely inside the child’s recess/lunch bag. Please remember you can order online at www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au

We are still looking for volunteers to help out in the canteen on Wednesdays and Fridays. Canteen Window 8.15am to 9am and Canteen Duty 10.30am to 12.30pm. If you can lend a hand, please email leanneandbrenden@bigpond.com or phone 0409-114-876

Como Cookout Canteen Roster

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**PMP Parent Helper Return**

**Mondays 8.45 - 10.55**

I am able to help with PMP (please tick box)

- [ ] Fortnightly
- [ ] Every 3 Weeks
- [ ] Twice a Term
- [ ] Once a Term

Name: ................................................................. Phone No: ..........................

Child’s Name: ........................................................ Room No: ..........................

Email address: ____________________________________________
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 Friday, 27th February 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 ($1.00 surcharge). Get your order in so your child is ready for the sports carnival.

Students can also wear House Shirts each Friday all year.

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**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 _________________________________**

*There is a $1 credit card surcharge*

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**Total payable**
GirlPower is a friendship program that inspires "Tween" girls (6 to 12 years old) to feel empowered, develop a strong sense of self, and love themselves while learning to manage the most important things to them...their friendships.

In these workshops, students will learn the 4 Friendship Facts, qualities of a great friend, and how to use the Friend-o-meter to assess healthy versus unhealthy friendships. We will also discuss the importance of standing up for yourself, how to put out those common Friendship Fires™, and how to deal with mean-on-purpose behavior like ninja.

Wednesday 9 March 2016

9:30 am - 11:30 am
Heart of Friendship
For girls in Years 3 & 4 (bring a fuzzy friend)
Click here to register!

12:30 pm - 2:30 pm
Friendship Fires
For girls in Years 5 & 6
Click here to register!

where:
Judith Cottier Theatre
Perth College
31 Lawley Crescent, Mount Lawley

Register today!
Tickets are $35 per person. Tickets include expert instruction, handouts, a GirlPower pencil and sticker, and a chance to ask questions one-on-one following the workshop. To register, go to: https://urstrong.com/events/.

To learn more about GirlPower & GoodGuys please visit www.urstrong.com or email australia@urstrong.com.

www.urstrong.com  girlpower@urstrong.com
CROC ROCK 2016

When: Friday 11th March 2016
Where: School Oval
Time: 6pm till late

Bring your picnic chairs and rugs and meet other Como PS families whilst being part of a fun night full of dancing, sausage sizzles, nachos, tacos, ice-creams & GLOW STICKS!!!

Easy Tigers are a rocking band who will be singing our favourite hits to get all the kids and parents up for a dance!

There will be an ongoing raffle and heaps of prizes up for grabs throughout the night. Raffle tickets will be selling for $2 each or 3 for $5.

Please note Croc Rock is an exclusive event for Como PS families. All children MUST be accompanied by an adult.

We are looking for local businesses to donate prizes for families to win on the night. If you can donate or help out at the event, please contact Kellie McGrath on 0419907429 or Emma Phillips on 0408316116.

Ticketing information

- Complete your details below.

- Drop your completed form with the payment in an envelope into the box at the front office (not the class teacher).

- Your stamped paid ticket will be returned to you via your eldest child the week of Croc Rock 2016.

- Bring your returned ticket on the night for entry.

- All pre-paid tickets go into a draw for a chance to win a prize.

Exact money must be given for Crocodile Rock tickets. Any overpayment will be seen as an additional donation the P & C Committee. Thank you

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