Dear Parents

It was pleasing to see the large number of parents, friends and children enjoying themselves on the oval last Friday night at the annual Croc Rock! Thank you to all our sponsors who provided support, either in the form of goods or monetary donations. Kelly McGrath, Emma Phillips and team are to be applauded for their hard work in organising this fun event.

School Bore
Drilling of the school’s new bore has been completed. This week will see the bore connected to the existing school irrigation system and hopefully watering of the school grounds will return to normal as from next week. Most likely in time for the arrival of autumn rain!

Centenary News
Planning is well underway for our Centenary Open Day, October 22. Being part of the organising team is a great way to work with a supportive group of parents. Many people are now putting up their hands to join us to ensure the day is a huge success. Thank you to those many people already on board- you are what makes Como a fantastic school!

At this moment though, we need one or two people who would be willing to take on the role of “Marketing” the Open Day. If you can help fill this position, or know anyone who would be willing to do so, please contact Jo Adams in our front office or myself, Penny Herne.

School Parent Volunteers
So much of what happens around the school is carried out by school volunteers. Our school volunteers are usually the same group of dedicated parents and friends. I would like to extend an invitation to all parents to try volunteering some of their time to support students at Como Primary School. You might like to consider volunteering for: Centenary Committee, Canteen helper, Uniform Shop, Reading Program helper or Walking to School Bus.

Your school needs your help – please volunteer now.

House Points

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Honour Awards
At last week’s assembly, honour certificates were presented to the following children:

| Sarah C | Mostafa E | Oliver S |
| Raniero R | Nisa A | Sasha V |
| Kayden A | Athira M | Elliott H |
| Adam W | Shirin M |  |

Assembly
Tomorrow’s assembly is our Harmony Day assembly and will be run by Room 9. All students are encouraged to wear clothing that reflects their country of origin or to wear the colour orange, the international colour of harmony. Students may wear these clothes throughout the day or choose to change into their sportswear after assembly if they are in Years 4-6.

There is no assembly next week due to the Easter break. School will also be closed on Easter Tuesday. Students return to school on Wednesday 30th March.

House Swimming Carnival
Congratulations to all the students who participated in last week’s House swimming carnival at Beatty Park. Well done to Challenger who was the overall winning House, just one point ahead of Canning! Stirling was the Best Organised House. The carnival ran smoothly due to the amazing efforts of our parent volunteers and dedicated staff. A special thank you to the twelve parents who timed and judged each event and Mrs Adams who organised all the scoring and recording system. It was also wonderful to see great sportsmanship being displayed and enthusiastic cheering from our fabulous swimmers. Congratulations everyone!

Congratulations to the following swimmers who received champion or runner up champion medals:

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**What Is Tolerance?**

To be tolerant is to accept differences. You don’t expect others to think, look, speak or act just like you. Tolerance is being free of prejudice, knowing that all people have feelings, needs, hopes and dreams. To be tolerant also means to accept things you wish were different with flexibility and patience.

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**Interschool Cricket**

The interschool cricket carnival will be held at Manning Primary School this **Friday, 18th March**. The students selected to represent our school will be leaving Como at 9:00am. Unfortunately these students will not be able to attend our Harmony Day assembly. We know they will represent our school extremely well. We wish them and their coaches all the best.

**Interschool Swimming Carnival**

The Interschool Swimming carnival will be held on the **Friday 1st April** at Beatty Park. Notes will be sent home with those who were selected to represent our school.

**Prefect Fund Raiser**

Next **Thursday, March 24th** the Prefects are holding their first fundraiser for 2016. To celebrate the Easter break we would like everyone to make and wear an Easter hat. This hat may be worn all day but especially at lunchtime when we will parade in our hats and the prefects will hand out certificates for hats that catch their eye. For example, most colourful, most creative, funniest etc. A gold coin is needed to participate. There will also be a raffle for a special Easter hamper. These tickets will go on sale from Monday 21st March before school in the Covered Area. The tickets will cost $1 for 2 and $2 for 5 tickets.

**Artist in Residence**

This week, Paul Caporn our Artist in Residence is working with students to create the painted aluminium disks for the Anzac mural. These are all looking fantastic with a great deal of creativity and skill being displayed by the students. Once completed Paul will mount the disks onto the mural.

Once again, congratulations to the following students who have been working so well to complete their best work.

- Room 9 – Sophie, Nathaniel, Matthew, Charlie, Sarah, Veronica, Freya, Maya, Pritika, Jordan, Phoea, Shannon.
- Room 10 - Hugo, Blake, Arfan, Alleyah, Trinity, Youhanna, Anna Maria, Mostafa, Hannah, Ludovica, Abigail, Elena.
- Room 3 – Tony, Sasha, Rubina, Stella, Cameron, Nicholas Y, Harriet, Sarah, Vesna, Maeve, Yazan.
- Room 4 – Georgia, Delanee, Katie, Gabby, Mako, Jazmin, Louis, Min, Shalika, Finley, Rachael, Ezekiel

Paul has also been working on the memorial this week which has created great interest amongst the students.

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**Walking School**

We officially have a group of amazing parent helpers to lead us in 2016 on the **WALKING SCHOOL BUS**! Starting on **Friday 1st April** (after Easter break), please join us at the following points and paths. *Parents are able to drop their children off* at the following times and intersections, and our Walking School Bus will be there to pick them up. Please make sure you can see the Walking School Bus before leaving your child at the stop**** Our parent volunteers will then walk with them to Como.

**South Bound**

We will start at 8.15am: Gardner Street + Coode Street Intersection
The bus will leave at 8.20am: Coode Street + Comer Street Intersection
The bus will leave at 8.25am: Coode Street + Preston Street Intersection

**North Bound**

8.10am: Parents can drop their children off at the corner of Henley and Canning near Cafel’i’s Café (there is a safe no through road with less traffic). The bus will then walk to the intersection of Robert St and Henley Street.
8.15am: Robert Street + Cale Street Intersection
8.20am: Robert Street + Saunders Street Intersection
8.22am: Saunders Street + Labouchere Road Intersection
8.25am: Labouchere Road + Greenock Avenue Intersection

- Please join us for a healthy and fun way to get to school and reduce the number of cars driving to and from Como! We will be looking for the **class with most walkers** this week for a special prize!
- If any parents would like to get involved and volunteer a Friday morning, please email Sam Edwards: samantha.edwards@education.wa.edu.au - ANY HELP IS GREATLY APPRECIATED!!"

**School Centenary**

**Did you know?**

By 1923 Como State School was provided with electric lights and a tennis court. Enrolments had increased by 90 students, which forced the teachers to use one of the play sheds as a temporary classroom. By November 1923, the Anglican Church Hall was again rented so that a new classroom could be established, for which building commenced in May 1924 and was completed in September the same year at a cost of £841. The school’s official opening was held on 5th September, with a new piano being presented by the Parents and Citizens, to the school.

**Voluntary School Contributions**

To date 68% of families have contributed. We sincerely thank those people who have paid and we are hopeful that outstanding amounts will be paid this week. A contribution to the P & C is included in these amounts. Please pay to your child’s class teacher.

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*Mrs McDonald*
P&C News
A reminder that our second meeting for the year will be held next Wednesday 30th March at 7pm sharp in the staff room. All parents are welcome to come along and get involved in our planning for 2016, and assist in the decision making around the P & C’s priorities for fundraising expenditure this year.

Como Cookout News
Hi Everyone,
I am very happy to take on the role of canteen coordinator and look forward to the year ahead! I wish to thank Leanne for all of her assistance with the transition, and for her amazing efforts with the canteen to date. A big thank you also to those who have supported us and continue to do so! The Como Cookout endeavours to provide the school community with a wholesome service, and we appreciate any feedback from both parents and students.
To continue to successfully provide this quality service, we rely on volunteers! Volunteering is a rewarding experience and the kids love to see their parents and grandparents involved. Assistance would be welcomed in a variety of ways, no experience required! If you are able to help for a small amount of time on Wednesday or Friday mornings, we would love to hear from you! The Canteen Committee meeting will be held next Thursday, 24th March at 1.30pm in the canteen. We will be deciding on the new menu for term 2 and look forward to getting a big tick of approval from the kids! All are welcome to attend and get involved.

Weekly Lunch Bag Decorating Competition!
To encourage orders being pre-written at home, we are introducing a lunch bag decorating competition. Bags have been sent home and for next week, winners will be selected on Wednesday and Thursday by the canteen staff. Kids with online orders are welcome to decorate a bag and drop it off at the canteen window. Please ensure names and room numbers are clearly written! Winners will receive a free “Frozen Yoghurt/Ice Cream” ($2) token.

Next week - The canteen will be open as normal on Wednesday. As next Friday is a public holiday, we will open on Thursday for recess as normal and specials for lunch. Order forms will be sent home today and extra forms are available at the office. Orders can be submitted either online, to the canteen or the front office - and must be submitted by Tuesday 9:00am. Any comments, concerns or queries, please don’t hesitate to contact us! Kind thanks, Emma Rose 0400 441 655 / como.cookout@gmail.com

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Uniform Shop News
Please come to the uniform store Monday 21st March 2016 to speak to me if you’re interested in taking over the uniform store. See you there! Katia.

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School Banking News
I look forward to seeing everyone tomorrow for banking outside the uniform shop at 8.15 to 8.45. Marwa

Community Notices

1-2-3 Magic and Emotion Coaching Parent Course.
To help manage difficult behaviour in children 2 to 12yrs. All 7 to 9.30pm.
**WEMBLEY $180pp or $340 per couple**
Wed 16th, 23rd & 30th March (2 to 12yrs)

The following are available as ‘In House’ courses.
Parenting Information Session (Including 10 take home tips) This 2 hour seminar is designed to improve your knowledge and confidence as a parent.

Bullying – Don’t Just Stand There
Engaging Adolescents (11 to 16yo)

Protective Behaviours
Private Consultations Available.
To enquire/register call 9382 1182 or go to www.behaviourtonics.com.au

Music Lessons
Piano, Violin and Theory lessons
Beginners to adults
(Specialising in children aged 3 - 16)
Location: Waterford or at your home
Duration: from 30 minutes - one hour
Price range from $30 to $70
Contact Brittany on 0406 675 488
Croc Rock
We would like to thank these businesses for donating to Croc Rock.
Please support them whenever possible!