Dear Parents,

Last week I wrote about the need for parents to volunteer some of their free time to help in our wonderful school. At our recent Parent/Class Representative meeting one topic causing hot debate was how to actually encourage parents to volunteer. One of the points from that discussion was that perhaps parents are unaware of what volunteering to help in the Canteen or the Uniform Shop, etc. entails. So over the next couple of weeks I will attempt to outline what some of these volunteer roles require in order to hopefully encourage wary parents to have a go. Our Canteen is open on Wednesdays and Fridays.

**Canteen Window**

Prior to Opening Window; Collect Canteen key from Front Office, unlock the canteen, unlock the storeroom inside the canteen, unlock the locker inside the storeroom, take out the plastic box with the purple outline – this is the float.

8.15am - Count the float and ensure it balances $25.00 in coins and notes. Open the counter window, place bags and pens and menus on the counter.

8.15am to 8.45am – Serve students, parents and staff, checking all lunch bags for accuracy.

9.00am - Close counter window.

**Canteen Duty**

Duties you MAY be asked to undertake; Serve students and staff during recess and lunch at the canteen window, cut fresh salad items and prepare sandwiches, wraps and rolls, cut up fresh fruit and prepare jelly cups/fruit salad etc, prepare jaffles ready for toasting, place drinks and recess/lunch items into class baskets, and delivery of items to the Early Learning Centre, general clean up, including washing and drying dishes.

If you would like to volunteer as a canteen helper please contact Emma Rose Dickson our canteen coordinator. Emma can be contacted on; como.cookout@gmail.com

**Easter Holiday**

I would like to wish one and all a happy and safe Easter Break. I will look forward to seeing everyone back here next Wednesday, 30th March.

**Honour Awards**

At last week’s assembly honour certificates were presented to the following children.

Jasper S  
Miku H  
Isabella L  
Oceana O  
Shalika S  
John B  
Francesca P  
Caris B  
Isabella M  
Sarah B  
Visa C  
Luke N  
Youhanna I

**Assembly**

There is no assembly tomorrow due to it being the Easter Break. Next week’s assembly will be conducted by the students from Room 10.

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**Artist in Residence**

Last Friday our Artist in Residence Paul Caporn, completed the Anzac memorial that is situated near the school hall. The original plaque recognizing past Como students has been restored by Paul and is now on display. This plaque has been in storage for many years. A garden bed of rosemary is already in place around the memorial.

With Paul’s guidance the students have completed their painted aluminium disks depicting Anzac themes. These will soon be installed onto the mural to complete the project. It has been a wonderful experience for all the students to be involved in. Mrs McDonald

**Interschool Cricket**

Congratulations to all students for their fabulous effort at the Interschool Cricket Carnival last Friday. The boy’s team were runners-up and the girls team came fourth. It was great to see both teams demonstrate good sportsmanship throughout the carnival.

**Interschool Swimming Carnival**

Students who have been selected to represent our school at the Interschool Swimming Carnival have all received their notes and almost all have returned their permission slips and money. The carnival begins at 11am on April, 1st at Beatty Park Aquatic Centre. Thank you to Mrs Cartwright Worrall who has organised two early morning training sessions for our team at Kent Street High School’s pool.
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ANZAC Day
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Walking School Bus
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.

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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 me, Sam Edwards samantha.edwards@education.wa.edu.au - ANY HELP IS GREATLY APPRECIATED!!"

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We hope everyone has enjoyed another great week of service from the canteen. Volunteers Needed!

To continue to successfully provide a 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 on Wednesday or Friday mornings we would love to hear from you.

The Canteen Committee meeting will be held tomorrow 24th March at 1.30pm. 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 be involved.

**Lunch Bag Decorating**

Thank you for all of the wonderful entries. The lucky winners will receive a token in their lunch bags and some are on display in the canteen.

We will resume the weekly competition next term. A reminder that canteen orders can be submitted either online, to the canteen or the front office. Any comments, concerns or queries, please don’t hesitate to contact us.

Emma Rose
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**EASTER COLOURING IN COMPETITION**

A huge thanks to Dean Sims and Lili Tan from Bellcourt Property Group for running a very successful Easter Colouring In Competition. All winners have been notified and are as follows:

**Bunny Competition**

First Prize: John M (Age 7)
Second Prize: Penny A (Age 5)
Third Prize: Arlie P (Age 7)

**Easter Egg Competition**

First Prize: Georgia S (Age 10)
Second Prize: Jacob T (Age 9)
Third Prize: Jayden B (Age 11)
CROC ROCK 2016

What a blast Croc Rock was! Thank you to all the families who came along and joined in the fun, over 400 people were there which made for a super special night!

Events like Croc Rock rely on the support of many volunteers. Thank you to all of those individuals and families, who helped plan, organise, set up, serve, sell, pack up and return lighting. It is the generous and supportive nature of these people that make Como Primary School such a fabulous community!

Thank you to the following sponsors who provided financial sponsorship, meat, bread, drinks and their own time with little or no cost to the P&C. Please support these locally owned and operated businesses and let them know you are from Como PS!

Thank you to the generous donations from businesses and families to support the raffle on the night. There were some great prizes up for grabs, which have been enjoyed by many families!

- $150 Dux Restaurant Voucher
- $100 Coco’s Voucher
- 2 x $100 Sage Yoga Vouchers
- 4 x $40 Flipside Burger Vouchers
- 3 x Magic Hand Carwash Vouchers
- 2 x $30 Smiggles Vouchers (Pakes Family)
- Bourkes Gourmet Food Hamper
- 2 x Totem Tennis Kits from Rebel Myaree
- $50 Holiday Art Program Preston Street Artspace
- Little Matcha Girl Cake Voucher
- 2 for 1 Chariots of Hire Vouchers

Easy Tigers entertained us all on the night playing a fabulous selection of music. Most of the kids (& some of the adults) enjoyed dancing on stage during their performance. Ben Johnstone, the lead singer, was a Como PS old boy. Please consider booking them for your next function.

Croc Rock 2015 raised over $4000!!!! But more importantly it got most of the school community together for the first time this year. Thank you for making it a fabulous & fun event.