Dear Parents,

Communication and cooperation is a vital part of an effective organisation. At Como Primary School we constantly aim to work collaboratively with our parents and community members to ensure information that provides the best possible outcomes for our students is known by all stakeholders. Our Communication Policy is able to be viewed on our school website and this highlights the main forms of communication we use to stay in touch with parents and caregivers. As well as the school diary that each child uses, parents can also contact the school or their child’s teacher via email. Each Thursday we publish the very important school newsletter. This is a key method of letting people know what is happening at our school. All parents who have supplied the school with their email addresses receive the newsletter via email on Thursday afternoon, either directly onto their phones or into the email inbox on their computer/device.

At assembly last Friday I told the children that only 60% of parents are opening their emailed newsletter and I wanted them to help me to achieve a goal of improving that statistic to 70% this week. So, if you have taken five minutes to read this newsletter- thank you! Please spread the word that the newsletter contains important information for parents and students.

Parents, you may also be interested in downloading the Skoolbag app onto your phone if you don’t already have it. This app is suitable for all mobile Apple and Android phones and devices. We use this app to send out alerts and reminders. The app may also be used to inform the school of student absences and contact detail changes. Instructions for downloading this free app are on the display board in the school walkway near the hall or available online at: http://www.skoolbag.com.au/forparents.php

Thank you to all the staff and parents who have been helping to train our cross country team both during school time and over the holidays. We wish our team the very best of good luck and know that you will represent Como very well at tomorrow’s interschool cross country event at McDougall Park. A special thank you must go to Mr McDonald and Mrs Casey who have been very busy organising the whole carnival, we know it will be a great afternoon.

Finally, we sincerely thank all the parents and students who worked tirelessly at the Election Day cake stall, sausage sizzle and money chain fundraiser. Your efforts are much appreciated and reinforce the fact that we have wonderful parent body who genuinely want the very best for their children and our school. What a great team effort!

Assembly

Tomorrow’s assembly will be conducted by the Prefects. Next week’s assembly will be run by Room 8.

House Points

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Honour Awards

Congratulations to the following students who were presented with Honour Certificates at our last assembly.

- Isabelle E
- Elina T
- Jessica B
- Lauren S
- Emily H
- Hayden W
- Varnika S
- Xavier C
- Georgia S
- Minxuan L
- Lorraine D

Student Achievements

Congratulations to Hannah S from Mr McDonald’s class on gaining a Highly Commended Award at last Thursday evening’s South Perth Young Writers Competition. Hannah’s story has been published and is available to read from our library. Well done, Hannah!

At the Massed Choir Festival auditions last Saturday, Mako C and Katie R were both chosen as soloist and compere, respectively, for our concert. Mako has the rap solo in the song “Extraordinary Things” and Katie is Speaker 1. Thanks to Miss Martino for coaching the girls; it’s a marvellous result.

Thank You

The school would like to sincerely thank Mr Scott Walker from Dirty Grout for cleaning the tiles in the school’s toilets. They look fantastic. We want to also thank Mr John Adams for installing heating in the School Hall and in a small learning area near Admin. The staff and students are very thankful for these two men volunteering their time and skills to the school.

Edu Dance Lessons

Edu Dance Lessons started last week. Permission notes and payment are now due. If there is any difficulty with payment please contact the school.
Gifted and Talented: Primary Extension and Challenge (PEAC)

Assessment of Year 4 Students for the PEAC Program

The PEAC Program provides part time extension and enrichment for exceptionally able students in Years 5 and 6. PEAC offers a range of courses that provide the most able students with work that is intellectually challenging. All students in Year 4 will have the opportunity to be assessed for suitability for the PEAC Program. Students who are performing well at school are possible candidates for the program.

There are some students in Year 4 whose potential is not so easily recognised. There may be students who are underachieving at school and there are some students who demonstrate certain skills and abilities more at home than at school.

Together, we can ensure that all students who have the potential for high academic performance are identified.

Testing at Como Primary will occur on Wednesday 3/8/2016 at 9.00am

The test will measure the student’s ability to recognise patterns and to predict with speed and accuracy and measure each child’s ability to apply their knowledge and learning.

The scores from the test will be used in the selection of students for PEAC courses and extension programs during 2017 to 2018.

If you do not wish your child to be included in the PEAC assessment please notify the school in writing by Monday 1/8/2016

Interschool Cross Country

The Interschool Cross Country Competition will be held tomorrow, Friday July 29th from 12.30pm until approximately 2.45pm at McDougall Park in Manning. The competing students will be leaving Como Primary by bus at 12.15pm.

Competing students may wear their own running shorts on the day and will wear an Interschool T-shirt. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the children participating tomorrow for all the time they have put into training and wish them the very best of luck! Thanks again also for our wonderful, supportive parents who have trained the children up so well!

Como High School Hockey Session

Yesterday afternoon, Room 5 and Room 8 were given the opportunity to be taught some hockey skills by the Year 12 Phys. Ed Studies students from Como High School. The children had a great time and are looking forward to their second and final session next Thursday. The Year 12 students are completing the Certificate II in Sport and Recreation and this opportunity goes towards their assessment.

Mary Casey

PMP News

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The Virtues

Cooperation

Signs of Success

Congratulations! You are practising cooperation when you

- Work well with others
- Freely offer your help and ideas
- Follow the rules
- Do your part to keep a safe, happy environment
- When you disagree, do it peacefully
- Ask for help when you need it.

Interschool Cross Country

Primary School Area

All students are encouraged to arrive at school between the times of 8.30-8.45am.

If students arrive before that time they are to sit in the undercover area.

A staff member will be on duty from 8.15am supervising the students in the undercover area.

Playing with balls will begin at 8.30am

On Tuesday and Thursday (when available) students who arrive at 8.15 will be able to read in the library till 8.30am

Early Learning Centre Area

Students are encouraged to arrive between the times of 8.35-8.45am

If a student arrives before that time they are to remain with a parent/guardian and sit on the bench – No playing on the equipment. Doors will open at 8.45am

If an older brother/sister is caring for a pre-primary child before school they may sit in the undercover area and when the siren goes bring the pre-primary student down to the student’s classroom.

After School

When the bell rings at 3.05pm students are to find their parents and leave the school.

Any child who is waiting for a parent to collect them can only wait at the gate near the school hall on Coode Street where they will be supervised by a member of staff.

Jellybeans will pick up Kindergarten, Pre-Primary and Year 1 students from classrooms.

Students who are still at school at 3.20 will be taken by administration to the school office where parents/guardians will be contacted.

Students from the early learning centre who are not picked up by 3.20pm will be taken to the school office where parents will be contacted.
Did you Know?
WWII caused a reduction in numbers and teaching staff because children were evacuated to the country. The new classroom was not proceeded with until December 1943 and by this time the situation was again critical (in terms of student numbers), with an enrolment of 205. With the storage of first aid and air raid equipment in classrooms, there was barely room to move. The new room was completed in December 1943 at a cost of 832 pounds, 13 shillings and sixpence, with the Principal at the time being Mr George Williamson, relieving Walter Crossing who was on War Service duty.

No sooner had the new room been completed when in 1944 a request was made for:
• an incinerator to be built,
• a chair to be supplied (as six teachers were using five chairs)
• a clock, which was not supplied to metropolitan schools and
• three taps.

By May the incinerator had not been built, (due to a shortage of bricks and labour), but a chair was on its way! In June 1944, the District Superintendent recommended the addition of another room, as enrolments were now 235, with attendance averaging 210 and the new development plan was recommended. (Labouchere Road was chosen for the main entrance instead of Thelma Street).

It is worth noting that for such a small and still relatively young school at that time, eleven former students of Como State School who enlisted to serve with the Australian armed forces lost their lives in the Second World War. They were:

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WALKING SCHOOL BUS!!
Please join us tomorrow, Friday 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 Street and Canning Highway near Cafell’s Café (there is a safe no through road with less traffic). The bus will then walk to the intersection of Robert Street 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.

Join us tomorrow 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 the 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!!

Uniform Shop Roster

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School Banking News
School Banking program Account Opening Day.
Hi Everyone! The School Banking Specialist will be holding an Account Opening Day at our school tomorrow Date: 29th July, this Friday.
If you are interested in opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account for your child please bring along your current driver’s licence or another form of photographic identification. I look forward to seeing you all tomorrow at 8.15 outside the uniform shop. Lydia H
**Como Cookout News**

**Celebrate Canteen Week: 8 - 12 August**

Thank you for the fantastic entries in our Colouring Competition! Forms are still available from the front desk or canteen, and are due this Friday. The winners will receive a special invitation - to participate in an exclusive event during Canteen Week! (Notes will be sent home for parent approval).

**Summer Menu Ideas Competition**
We are now running a competition for Summer Menu ideas. This is open to children and parents. If there is a favourite summer snack or lunch that you would like to share and see on our menu next term, now is the time! We would like our menu to appeal to our multicultural community and welcome ideas that include local and international dishes.

Entries can be emailed to como.cookout@gmail.com, submitted to the front office or placed in our Submissions Box (which will sit outside the canteen on Wednesdays and Fridays).

Entries close on Friday, 5th August. The Canteen Committee will select the best ideas and winners will receive a $5 Canteen voucher!

**Welcome Morning Tea**
Are you interested in helping us at the Canteen? We are eagerly seeking more volunteers and wish to welcome anyone that is interested to a morning tea. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet the lovely people already involved and to find out how you can be of help.

Invited: Mums, Dads, Grandparents and Carers

Time: 10.30am

Date: **Thursday 11th August**

Where: Como Cookout

RSVP to Emma Rose by phone, 0400 441 655 text or email como.cookout@gmail.com

Thank you to our recent volunteers: Chantelle Ranuaro, Angela Paddick, Ingrid Meyer, Steph Sofield and Tess Harris!

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**Canteen Roster**

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**Wednesday 27th July**

| Window 8.15 – 9.00 | Emma Rose |
| Canteen 10.00 – 1.00 | **Helper Needed** |

**Friday 29th July**

| Window 8.15 – 8.45 | Ingrid Meyer |
| Canteen 10.30am 1.00 | Emma Rose |

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**Community Notices**

**Perth Goju Karate teaches karate classes at Como Primary School, in the school hall.**

A special offer for Como students - 4 WEEKS FREE beginners’ karate lessons!

Classes are held after school and are a great way for children of all ages to learn self-defense in a fun and safe environment.

We also teach classes for teens and adults in the local area at night and they are fantastic for fitness, wellbeing and of course, self-defense.

Students who attend the schools on-site After Care are collected and taken to the class in the hall and returned to After Care when their class is finished.

Karate has many benefits which include confidence, respect, discipline and fitness. Call now to take advantage of this 4 week trial.

Sensei Johnny Moran - 0402 830 402

**The South Perth Baseball Club** is seeking registrations for the upcoming 2016/2017 Baseball Season.

Registrations are open to ALL players aged 7 and up. We offer junior teams in Tee-Ball, Machine Pitch, Little League, Junior League, Senior League and Big League.

Registration dates are –

- Sunday 14th August 2016 and Sunday 21st August 2016 from 9:30am until 11:30am.

In addition to the registration dates, whether you have played before or are new to the game of Baseball, we encourage you down to our home ground at the Corner of Thelma and Murray Streets in Como from 2-5pm on **Sunday 7th August 2016** for pre-season training. Here you will be able to “Come and Try” the great game of Baseball. Mums and Dads are also most welcome to play if they wish, as we also offer Teams in the 18 plus Divisions.

If you would like any additional information, please call our Junior Registrar on 0427 442 218 or the Junior Vice President on 0408 442 226.

**Behaviour Tonics**

**1-2-3 Magic and Emotion Coaching Parent Course.**

To help manage difficult behaviour in children 2 to 12yrs.

- All 7 to 9.30pm
- **$180pp or $340 per couple**
- Wed 3rd, 10th & 17th Aug
- Thurs 25th Aug & 1st Sept (focus on 2 to 5yr olds)

**Protective Behaviours**

- **$65pp or $120 per couple**
- Tue 6th Sept, 6.30 to 9.30pm.

**Engaging Adolescents (11 to 16yo)**

- **$150pp or $270 per couple**
- Wed 31st Aug & 7th Sept

**Parenting Information Session**

**Including 10 take home tips**

This 2 hour seminar is designed to improve your knowledge and confidence as a parent. In House only. All courses available In House.

Private Consultations Available.

To enquire/register call 9382 1182 or www.behaviourtonics.com.au

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Como Primary School P&C presents

Como PS DISCO

Friday 5\textsuperscript{th} August 2016
Como Primary students ONLY
P&C Hall, school grounds

Family Name __________________________ Child’s Name __________________________

Contact Number __________________________

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Total enclosed $ __________________ Cheques to be made out to Como PS P&C Association

No change can be supplied

Ticket entry includes (please tick one)

☐ Hawaiian Pizza (ham, cheese, pineapple) & water
☐ Margarita Pizza (tomato sauce and cheese) & water

Please complete the below to enter your child/ren into the Door Prize.

Door Prize Entry (One Entry per Child)

___________________________________ Room # ____________

Child’s Name

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Child’s Name
Kensington Secondary School is a government stand-alone education support school. We educate students with mild, moderate and severe physical and/or intellectual disabilities from a wide area including north to Beechboro, west to Mosman Park, south to Oakford and east to Carmel. We are inviting parents, families, carers and other stakeholders to tour the school and view our swimming, horticulture, woodwork and independent living programs in action. We are particularly interested in meeting families of students in Years 5 & 6, who will be moving to secondary school in 2016 or 2017, so we can organise early and successful transition. Of course ALL are welcome, no matter the student’s age. The tour will be followed by questions and morning tea. Please RSVP on 9367 3620 or to judy.gardner@education.wa.edu.au.

If you are unable to come to this Open Morning, the school is planning one for each term of the 2016 school year. Please let us know if you would like to be notified of the Open Morning in Term 4, 2016. Also, you may visit us in in August and wish to return in Term 3 or Term 4 with other family members of interested parties – no problem!!
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE 2016 CENSUS

AUGUST 9 IS CENSUS NIGHT. OUR MOMENT TO PAUSE AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

What is the Census?
The Census of Population and Housing (Census) is Australia's largest statistical collection undertaken by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS). For more than 100 years, the Census has provided a snapshot of Australia, helping to shape our nation's education, health, transport and infrastructure.

When is the next Census?
The next Census will be held on August 9.

What does the Census mean to Australia?
The Census provides important information about Australia's people and their housing. It helps estimate Australia's population, which is used to distribute government funds and plan services for your community.

In 2016, the Census will count close to 10 million dwellings and approximately 24 million people, the largest number counted to date.

What should people expect this Census?
From August 1, most households will receive a letter from the ABS, addressed 'To the Resident'.

The letter will include your household's unique Census Login and instructions on how to complete the Census online, as well as directions on how to order a paper form.

How many people are expected to complete the Census online?
In 2016, more than 15 million people are expected to complete the Census online.

Why go digital?
Completing the Census online is fast, easy, secure and environmentally friendly and helps reduce the cost of the Census to the community.

Can I still complete a paper form?
Yes. If a household is unable to access the internet or would prefer to fill out a paper form, simply call our automated paper form request service. You will need your 12-digit Census Login from the letter you received. Paper forms must be completed and returned in the Reply Paid envelope without delay - don't wait for a Census Field Officer to collect it.

I have received a paper form. Can I complete it online?
In some locations, households will receive a paper form upfront with the option to complete the Census online. If you’re able to access the internet, just follow the simple instructions on the front of the form to complete it online.

If you complete it online, do not mail back your paper form – please recycle.

Will personal information be shared with other government departments?
No. The personal information which you provide in the Census is not shared with any other government departments or agencies including the police, Australian Taxation Office or Centrelink.

The ABS is legally bound to protect the privacy of all Australians and will not release your information in a way that will identify any individual or household.

What happens to my personal information after the Census?
After data collection and processing, the ABS will remove names and addresses from other household information. Names and addresses will be stored separately and securely from other Census data. Names and addresses will be destroyed four years after collection or earlier, once there is no longer any community benefit from their retention.

Is the Census compulsory?
Yes. Everyone in Australia on Census night must complete the Census. It’s the law.

Where can I find out more information about the Census?
If you have any questions, like what to do if you’re not home on Census night, how to complete the Census in a share house, or what to do if you don’t receive your letter, please search Census.

#MyCensus

Australian Bureau of Statistics

Census

census.abs.gov.au

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