Dear Parents,

I believe that reading is one of life’s great pleasures. Reading can be relaxing, informative, entertaining and inspiring. At Como PS we have a fabulous library that now houses hundreds of quality fiction and non-fiction books, for all ages and interests. Many of these books have been purchased through generous donations from our P & C. Our school library officer, Ms Nowland is a trained librarian who is always on the look - out for new and interesting books.

Each week students from PP – Year 6 go to our library to borrow books. These books may be borrowed for a week and if needed, can be re-borrowed for a further week. To allow our students to have more time in our library, we are going to trial having the library open from 8:15am until 8:45am on Tuesdays and Thursdays. As such, if students arrive at school between 8:15am and 8:30am they will be supervised in the library by either me or Mrs Brook. The children will use this time to read for pleasure, return and borrow books and have time to peruse new books that are on display, hopefully giving feedback to Ms Nowland. All children will be involved except those participating in choir practice. Parents are more than welcome to come into the library and help their child select a book to borrow.

So, with so many wonderful books waiting to be read in our library, please help us to encourage our children to become avid readers and reap the rewards!

Our School Hall is now completely renewed and fully operational. After major structural work and a new jarrah floor, the last holidays saw the removal of the old ceiling and all new ceiling panels installed. The internal window frames and walls have been painted and new blinds have been installed. There was some odour in the hall due to the paint and work done to install the new ceiling panels but that has now subsided. To complete the makeover, all surfaces and the PMP equipment have been cleaned with disinfectant. Our fabulous, clean and functional hall is now ready to fully serve our school and the wider community.

P. Herne

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

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Assembly
This week's assembly will be presented by Room 8. Next week's assembly will be presented by the Prefects and feature a musical piece from Year 5 & 6 Brass students.

House Points

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Interschool Cross Country
Last Friday our Como Interschool Cross Country Team headed over to McDougall Park in Manning to participate in our annual Inter school Cross Country Event. Thankfully the weather was close to perfect, if a little windy! We saw some very courageous runs and some wonderful sportsmanship! Congratulations to Jonah P who was named Year 3 Champion Boy and Matthew G who was named Year 4 Runner up Champion Boy. A very special congratulations goes to Blake U and Christopher C who stopped to help another runner from another school. This cost the boys 50 to 100m in the race and very probably a medallion for Blake. Well done, boys! Names of medal winners are often forgotten over time but that act of kindness will be remembered by that young boy and others forever.

Congratulations to our Cross Country Team for all the extra practice they put in from the moment they knew they were participating in the team. Thank you also for the wonderful support of the families who helped them train up to three times a week! Enormous thanks to the Pool and Adams families for their help transporting all the equipment to McDougall Park and assisting in the set up.

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Como Inter house Athletics Carnival
The throws and jumps events for the Inter-house Athletics Carnival will be held on Tuesday 30th August.

The Inter-house Athletics Carnival will be held on Thursday 1st September. All competitors will need to wear their House shirt, runners and hat.
Dear Como Community

We are in the process of implementing a Loose Parts Program at Como Primary. This will provide the opportunity for children to develop and build their creative thinking and problem solving skills while they engage in fun and enriching self-directed activities with their peers. We would appreciate the donation of items that you no longer require, to add to our Loose Parts collection. Loose Parts are items that are multipurpose and allow creativity.

Please see our “Wish List” at the end of this newsletter for ideas. Donations do need to be clean and we cannot use anything that has sharp edges. Ongoing donations will always be welcome, as the rotation of items will assist to maintain interest and pieces will need to be removed due to wear and tear.

If you require any further information, please ask Loralie Edgecombe, Loose Parts Co-ordinator, Room 1

Loose Parts Wish List
as requested by Mrs Edgecombe

- sheets, pillow cases, doona covers, cushions, netting
- Pieces of material with unusual texture or detail
- PVC pipes and joiners to suit
- cooking items such as old saucepans, wooden spoons, muffin tins etc
- whiteboard – any size from A4 to a large board on wheels
- plastic guttering pieces
- electrical cable reels
- dress ups – gloves, hats, hard hats etc
- old computer keyboards, walkie talkies, head phones
- tarpaulin – any size
- picnic or other rug
- large cardboard boxes
- outdoor broom, dustpan & broom
- dolls
- wheelbarrow, trolley
- witches hats, road sign items
- storage containers – with/without lids – in good condition

The Virtues

Kindness

What is Kindness?
Kindness is showing you care, doing some good to make life better for others. It is being thoughtful about people’s needs. Kindness is showing love and compassion to someone who is sad or needs your help. Kindness is treating yourself and others gently. It is about caring for the earth and all living things.

PMP News

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Did you Know?

SIMPLER TIMES 1946 - 1959
One classroom, office, store, porch, corridor and hat room, at an estimated cost of 2,500 pounds, were completed in February 1946 after enrolments had grown to 346 and overcrowding was still a problem. These plans also included new toilet blocks but these were deferred as sewerage was soon expected in the area. The new toilet blocks were completed in October 1946 and connected to a septic system.

In December 1946 the Sunday Times newspaper reported that Como State School hosted “well over 1000 babies, with their brothers, sisters and parents... for the first baby show Perth (had) seen since early in the war”. A panel of 17 doctors judged the entrants, who were separated into sections (based on age), up to 3 years-old, with about 20 sets of twins entered! Special trams were run to the school to cater for mothers with prams, with entertainment for children including a merry go round on the premises. Hosted by the Parents’ and Citizens’ Association, the event raised over 400 pounds to help equip the new school hall for “visual education”.

CENTENARY NEWS

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 Cafeli’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!!
**Milo tin request!**
Our Flag Relay buckets are looking a little the worse for wear so I’d like to go “Retro” and request empty 750g tins of Milo. I am going to paint them in the House colours for the relay. Could these tins please be brought to my office? Thank you! *Mrs Casey*

**Edu Dance Reminder**
Please ensure that you have paid for your children’s Edu Dance class. Lessons started the first week back at school, so all payments are now due. Thank you.

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**School Banking day is Friday**
A special thank you to Dollarmites and School Banking Specialist, Mariana visiting our school. Dollarmites was very excited to see you all last Friday. To encourage regular savings behaviour the program offers an exciting Rewards Program.

Students must simply make three or more School Banking deposits during Term 3 for a chance to win one of the Star Saver prizes, including camping kits, instant cameras and magazine packs. What’s more, students who complete the fun Stargazing online activity, along with making three or more school Banking deposits during Term 3, will also go in the separate draw to win one of the Supernova prizes – a PlayStation 4 pack. Students can complete the Stargazing activity online at any time during Term 3 by visiting: commbank.com.au/prizelights

Win a bag of sports equipment for your school:- we’re also giving schools participating in the School Banking program a chance to win one of 75 bags full of sports equipment, valued at $200, when students make three School Banking deposits during Term 3. To complete the Stargazing activity, or to find out more, visit commbank.com.au/prizelights

Remember, School Banking day is tomorrow at 8.15 outside the uniform shop. *Lydia H*

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**Como Cookout News**
**Thank you** to our recent volunteers: Tess Harris and Angela Paddick. An especially big thank you to the ladies who stepped up to support us at the last minute on Friday: Emma Phillips, Shelley Phillips and last but not least ‘Super Nan’ Heather Mitchell - who came straight from assisting in the uniform shop! What an incredible effort. Thank you, Heather.

**Celebrate Canteen Week - 8th-12th August**
Thank you for all of the wonderful entries in our Colouring Competition!

The winners of the competition are... ALL of the entrants! We wish to reward all of the children who entered, as they each made such an effort. We will be sending home invitations for them to participate in a special event next week. Their art will also feature in our Canteen next week.

Great work, kids!

**Summer Menu Ideas Competition**: 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 both local and international dish ideas.

Entries are open to children and parents, and can be submitted via email to como.cookout@gmail.com to the front office or placed in our Submissions Box (outside the canteen window on Wednesdays and Fridays). Entries close on Friday, 12th 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 to keep our service running... and wish to welcome anyone that is interested to morning tea!

Come and meet the lovely staff and helpers already involved, and to find out how you could be of help.

- Invited: Current volunteers, Grandparents, Mums, Dads and Carers
- Time: 10.30am - 11.00am
- Date: Next Thursday - 11th August
- Where: Como Cookout

Any queries, concerns or feedback, please contact me, Emma Rose 0400 441 655

**Canteen Roster**

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The canteen window is open 8.15am – 9.00am for orders, or go online to: www.ouronlinecanteen.com
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 August and if you 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.

Australian Bureau of Statistics
Census
census.abs.gov.au

OUR MOMENT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE
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 to come 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.

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 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