Dear Parents,

After a long career in educating hundreds of children, Miss Stevens will be retiring from teaching tomorrow. Miss Stevens has had a successful career in both teaching and administration in many state primary schools. Her final fifteen years have been spent at Como PS where she has made a positive difference to the lives of countless students and their families. From classroom teaching to instigating the recycling of aluminium cans, coaching soccer teams and rescuing injured animals, Miss Stevens has contributed in many, many ways to make Como a better place. Our school will not be the same without her and we know she will be back to visit us from time to time. We wish her all the very best for a happy, healthy and relaxing retirement, sprinkled with some great adventures! Thank you Miss Stevens.

From Monday, Mrs Youd will take over as the full time teacher in Room 9.

People’s Choice
The Department of Education is encouraging all parents and students to vote now for your favourite teacher, principal or support staff member and give them a chance to win $1000. As part of the 2016 WA Education Awards, they’re asking students and parents to tell them who makes a difference in their public school. The staff member who receives the most votes will be awarded the People’s Choice Award at the WA Education Awards 2016 presentation event on Monday 28 November. All school staff who receive a vote will be acknowledged in The West Australian on World Teachers’ Day on Friday 28 October. Vote now at thewest.com.au/competitions. Voting closes 5.00pm Friday 23 September 2016.

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

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Assembly
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House Points

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Surveying the Community
If you know of anyone who hasn’t yet completed the 2016 Como Primary School Parent Survey that was emailed out on Monday, please remind them of the importance this survey has in helping us improve our operations at Como Primary School. Please ask them to complete it before Monday 22. Thank you to those of you who have already completed the 5 minute survey.

CENTENARY NEWS
Did You Know?
In December 1947 the head teacher wrote that “one of the classrooms has been troubled by fleas and although a bottle of DDT had been used by spraying and bottle of kerosene by mopping they still remain a problem.” Plans for two classrooms, a second cloakroom, larger teacher’s room, store rooms, additions to latrines and paved area, drainage and a flag pole were approved by the Education Department on 16 June 1948 and Treasury approval was given on 16 July 1948. Work on extensions commenced during March 1949 (7,750 pounds) but due to a shortage of timber, bricks, nails and joinery it was not completed until August 1950. Jack Eborall commenced his teaching career at Como in 1949. He recalls the days:-

“I joined the Education Department as a Monitor at Como in 1949. Monitors did one or two years of probationary service before entering Teacher Training at Claremont TTC. Como’s headmaster was Mr Charles Grice, an imposing personality, very much in charge. Deputy Headmaster was Mr Fred Chaney Snr. He was back teaching after wartime service with the RAAF where he earned a Distinguished Flying Cross. He later became a Minister in the Federal Government. First Mistress was Margaret Caldow. Fred and Margaret taught Standards 5 and 6. Mrs Guppy taught Standard 1 and Mrs Jennings had the Infants class – all 64 of them.”
**The Virtues**

**Patience**

*What is Patience?*

Patience is quiet hope and trust, expecting things to turn out all right. Patience is being calm and tolerant when difficult things happen. It means showing acceptance when you or others make mistakes. Patience is doing something now so that later it will bear fruit, like planting a seed and waiting for it to grow. Patience is a commitment to the future.

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**PMP Roster Monday 22nd August**

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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 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!!

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**Enrol now for VacSwim October school holiday swimming lessons**

It is important for every child to learn to swim properly and develop essential water safety skills. VacSwim October school holiday swimming lessons are run by instructors who teach children the skills to be confident swimmers and safe in the water. To enrol or find out more visit www.education.wa.edu.au/swimming. Enrolments close on Monday 29th August.

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**Como Cookout News**

Thank you to our recent volunteers: Tess Harris, Angela Paddick, Chantelle Ranuaro, Tracey Schimpf, Om Kenyon and Kelly Sullivan. An especially big thank you to Steph Sofield, for orchestrating our special taste testing event last Thursday (and to Chantelle Ranuaro for assisting). The event was a great success! Almost 40 children tried the delicious, homemade treats. The Blueberry muffins, Southern Baked Chicken and Watermelon Sorbet were especially big hits.

**Summer Menu Ideas Competition:**

This is the last week of our competition. If there is a favourite summer snack or lunch that you would like to see on our menu, please let us know. Entries 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 Friday). Entries close tomorrow. The Canteen Committee will select the best ideas and winners will receive a $5 Canteen voucher.

**Thursday Special:**

To celebrate Book Week we will be offering: The 7 Storey Burger and a Terri-fic (Homemade Sorbet) Treat for $6. Forms will be sent home this week. Orders can be submitted via email to the canteen or the front office, by **Tuesday 23rd August**.

The next Canteen Committee meeting will be Friday, 26th August at 1.30pm. All are welcome to attend. Any queries, concerns or feedback, please contact me, Emma Rose 0400 441 655

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School Banking Day is Friday
Friday is School Banking day and I look forward to seeing you all tomorrow at 8.15 outside the uniform shop. 

Lydia H

Community Notice
Watkins Southside Swimming runs Swimming Lessons and Squads at the Wesley Pool. Lessons are available from 4 years of age and we run up to squad training level that operates year around. Please e-mail nickandlee@iinet.net.au to register your interest for Term 4 2016. January Vacation Lesson enrolments are also now open – online enrolment forms are on the website. For more information visit the website www.watkinssouthsideswimming.com.au or phone 9368 1470.

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY IS COMING!

Thursday 8th September – Kindy Blue and Years 1 – 6
Friday 9th September – Pre Primary and Kindy Red

Dear Parents,

Our school photo day is coming! Approximately two weeks prior to the photo day every student will receive a Kapture Photography order envelope to bring home. The recommended method of ordering your photos is online through Kapture’s website as your payment is secure and can be easily verified at any time. Alternatively you can pay by cash and return the provided envelope to the school on the photography day. If you place your order online please DO NOT return your envelope to school.

Any parent who forgets or is unable to supply their envelope on the photo day will have five (5) days to complete an order online. Late payment envelopes cannot be accepted by the school office or by Kapture.

You also have the option to order a sibling photo package online, however please be aware there may be a limited number of sibling orders that can be placed due to time constraints on photo day. We suggest you place your online sibling order as early as possible to avoid disappointment.

Please note sibling orders close @ midday sharp Wednesday 7 September 2016

Kapture offer a money back guarantee for any parent who is not fully satisfied with their photo package. Should you have any queries before or after photo day, please direct them to the Kapture office on 9240 1714 or email enquiries@kapture.com.au.

All students will be photographed individually on photo day for school administration records AS WELL as included in their class group photo available for purchase to all families. Should there be any reason why your child should NOT be included in the photo shoot – please contact the school office.