

COMO PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

Welcome back one and all. I would like to extend a big welcome to all our new and existing families and wish everyone a very successful 2017 school year. We have had our normal turnover of students between 2016 and 2017 and our overall school population has grown to approximately 373 Kindergarten – Year 6 students currently enrolled (we started 2016 with an enrolment of 355). It has been pleasing to witness the positive way the children have returned to school, settled into their new classrooms and commenced work.

Como Primary School is an excellent Primary School that offers a wide range of educational activities. Our School motto is "Only our Best" and we encourage all students to be actively involved in participating in the opportunities offered at our school.

Over the course of the next two weeks a series of information sessions will be held for parents of Year 1 to 6 classes by classroom teachers. These information sessions not only allow the teaching staff to meet parents but also focus on classroom routines, homework, timetables, the use of school diaries, specialist subjects, curriculum and excursions. I am looking forward to working with parents and students of Como Primary School over the course of this year and working with school staff to achieve success for all concerned.

Andrew Malcolm
Principal

School Assemblies for 2017

There will be no assembly tomorrow. This year we will be introducing a different structure and format for our assemblies.

On odd weeks of the term we will hold **Admin/Prefect Assemblies** which will present an opportunity for admin and prefects to address students. Values and virtues, rules and behaviour will be discussed. School Notices and House Points will also be presented. Parents are not expected to attend Admin/Prefect Assemblies.

On even weeks of the term we will hold **Classroom Assemblies** which will consist of a classroom item, an opportunity for admin to address the community, announcement of house point totals and the presentation of Honour Certificates. Parents are always invited to attend Classroom Assemblies.

The Virtues Program

This will recommence in Week 3 of the term. Our first Virtue is Friendliness.

Class Policies

These are being finalised by teachers and will be sent home over the next two weeks. We trust parents will find these interesting and informative. Any queries regarding class policies can be directed to your child's class teacher. We ask all parents to complete the return sheet and forward these to class teachers as soon as possible.

School Personnel 2017

Principal	A. Malcolm
Deputy Principal	P. Herne
Kindergarten	T. Harrison/C. Oakley
Pre-Primary 2	L. McCague/D. Silva
Pre-Primary 1	C. Brook/D. Silva
Year 1 Room 1	L. Edgecombe
Year 1 Room 2	L. Clement
Year 2 Room 5	M. Willis/S. Stals
Year 2 Room 6	H. Falek/J. Hitchcock
Year 1/2 Room 12	L. Walker (nee Fairclough)
Year 3 Room 7	G. Schwagermann
Year 3 Room 8	F. Telfer/P. Bodycoat
Year 3/4 Room 9	D. Geers/R. Bellamy
Year 5 Room 10	B. McDonald
Year 5/6 Room 4	R. Martino/P. Bodycoat
Year 5/6 Room 3	S. Edwards
Year 4 Room 11	T. Youd/L. Callaway
Visual Art	M. McDonald
Snr Music	J. Pryor
Jnr Music	A. Lissienko
LOTE/French	D. Hughes
PMP/Phys Ed	N. Cartwright-Worrall
Health	M. Casey
EALD (ESL)	J. Hitchcock
Learning Support	D. Geers
SAER	F. Telfer
School Chaplain	V. Banks
Education Assistants	S. Buckingham, A. Mathieson, J. Bahr, S. Moghaddam, B. Forwood, H. Shahri, C. Wright, B. Rousset, C. Solin, T. Ruddell
Manager Corp. Svces	W. Quadrio
School Officer	J. Adams
Library Officer	J. Nowland
Head Cleaner	T. Street
Cleaners	A. Putera & Sudesh
Gardener	K. Mudie
IT Technician	C. Bell
Canteen Manager	J. Savage

On-entry Assessment

Students in Pre-Primary will participate in an assessment of Literacy and Numeracy over the next 3 weeks. Letters will be sent home to parents shortly and teachers can answer questions parents may have at Class Meetings.

School Voluntary Contributions

A reminder that the school voluntary contributions are now due, the amounts set for K – Year 6 are:

for one child	\$80
for two children	\$160
for three or more children	\$240

Thank you to those families who have already contributed. As all children benefit from these monies it is expected that all parents will contribute. If you have not already contributed via Vaucluse Newsagency, please forward your contribution to the class teachers in cash or cheque by the end of next week. Included in the above amounts is a contribution to the P & C to assist with their fund raising.

A reminder of the times for the School Day

Parents please note that generally children should not be at school before 8.15 am. Upon arrival at school all children should sit in the Library. Children are not permitted in the playground before school. From 8.15 to 8.30 Mrs Herne or Mr Malcolm will supervise children and from 8.30am two staff members are rostered to supervise ball games on the quadrangle. ECE children may sit on the benches outside the classrooms but may not play on the equipment or sandpits.

Before 8.30	When students arrive at school please sit in the Library.
8.30 am	Students can engage in ball games in the quadrangle
8.45 am	Siren: students move to class and lessons commence
10.55 am	Recess
11.15 am	Resume lessons
12.15 pm	Lunch
1.00 pm	Resume lessons
3.05 pm	School day concludes

Attendance and Punctuality are critical factors in maximising the learning opportunities of students and I remind all families that we have high expectations in these areas and look forward to your support throughout the year. The Education Act makes provision for students to attend appointments, such as dentist or doctors, but where possible appointments for non-medical purposes should be scheduled out of school hours.

School House (Faction) Competition

At Como Primary School we have a House Competition which is designed to encourage school spirit and a good positive attitude in all our children. In next week's newsletter we will provide parents with detailed information regarding the awarding of House Point Cards and Honour Certificates. We ask all parents to actively encourage their children in this important matter.

Parking around the School

Please remember that the **Kiss 'n' Drive Zone** in Coode Street is **not** a parking zone at the start and end of the school day and Council Rangers attend regularly to monitor the situation and could issue fines. Kindy and Pre Primary parents are encouraged to use Alston Avenue to park. Please remember that you cannot leave your car unattended in the Drop off Zone. Please also note that due to safety concerns, the staff car park is not available to anyone except staff members.

Student Homework Diary/Organiser

Most parents have already purchased the diary which is needed for all Year 1 – 6 children. The diary is available from the school uniform shop at a very reasonable cost of **\$6.00**. We request please that **all** children have one for the year. They are invaluable and form an integral part of our school and home communication. Parents, your role includes: -

- Purchase of the diary
- Regularly check it and sign weekly
- Provide feedback as appropriate
- Respond to teachers' messages as necessary
- Encourage children to be conscientious in the diary's use.

Canteen News



Our school canteen re-opens tomorrow Friday, 3rd February! Renee and Justine look forward to providing our children with healthy, fun lunches. The menu can

be viewed on the Skoolbag app, the school website or at the canteen. Orders can be placed online from today at www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au or otherwise placed at the canteen window from 8.15am - 8.45am on Wednesdays and Fridays. If ordering online, please check your children's details are correct as room numbers would have changed from last year. We have some exciting things in store for term 1, so watch this space! Thank you, *Emma Rose* (Canteen Co-ordinator) ph. 0400 441 655

Canteen Roster

Friday 3 rd February	
8.15 - 9.00am	Renee Tapiata + helper please
10.30 – 12.30	Glenice King
11.30 – 1.00 pm	Help needed
Wednesday 8 th February	
8.15 - 9.00am	Renee Tapiata
10.30 -12.30	Helper needed
Friday 10 th February	
8.15 - 9.00am	Ingrid Meyer, Renee Tapiata
10.30am – 12.30	Glenice King
11.30 – 1.00 pm	Ina Buman

Uniform Shop News

Uniform Shop Roster

Friday 3 rd February	Monday 6 th February
8.15 – 8.45	2.45 – 3.15
Rose, Hanna & Heather	Nat C, Mel E & Heather

After School Italian Lessons

These classes are held once a week after school starting at 3.15 on **Tuesday, 14th February**. The cost is \$50.00 for the year, payable in two equal amounts of \$25.00 in the first semester and \$25.00 in the second semester. *(These lessons are provided by the Italo-Australian Welfare and Cultural Centre.)*

Volunteers wanted!

Do you have a spare hour on Wednesdays or Fridays? Would you like to make some new friends, have a laugh and contribute to giving children a healthy lunch? Our canteen is seeking volunteers, no experience necessary! If you are keen to help out, please email us at como.cookout@gmail.com or pop by the canteen to register your interest. We look forward to meeting you!

Or would you like to have fun working in the uniform shop? We are looking for at least 8 or 9 volunteers to be on the uniform shop roster. If you are available before school on a Friday or after school on a Monday, please give your name to the staff in the front office. Thank you.

2017 Future Savers Rewards

School Banking News

Welcome to School Banking 2017!

- Cyber Handball and Colour Change Markers, released Term 1
- 3D Chalk Set and Tablet Case, released Term 2
- Smiley Emoji Keyring and Volt Handball, released Term 3
- Pencil + Tech Case and Epic Earphones, released Term 4

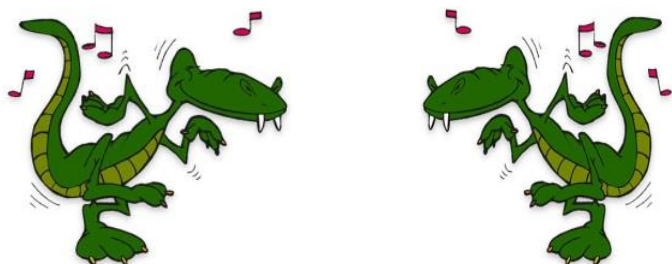


Please note there is no school banking this Friday. Lydia H

SAVE THE DATE

CROC ROCK 2017

FRIDAY 17TH FEBRUARY



Can Recycling

Como Primary School will continue to collect aluminium cans which are recycled and the money is donated to charitable organisations.



Community Notices

Please look in your child's class pamphlet boxes for brochures on the following:

Team Tennis WA Classes held here at Como Primary starts next Tuesday, 7th at 7.30am.

Helen O'Grady Drama Classes

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

パ **PERTH**
 | **GOJU**
 又 **KARATE**

剛柔空手道
 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. 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

CHESS CLUB 2017

New members welcome.

Welcome back to Chess for Life Como PS chess club held in the art room at Lunchtime.

If parents would like their child to learn to play the wonderful game of chess, new and current members will be welcomed in term 1, 2017. Forms and payments must be returned to the office before the chess club recommences on Mon 13th February term 1, 2017. *Jack South*. Chess for Life Coordinator.

WELCOME BACK; Como Primary School membership form 2017

Chess Tuition - Years 3 --7 (Year 2 if parent thinks child would be interested.)

Name: _____ Year _____ Contact _____

Name: _____ Year _____ Contact _____

I would like to re-enrol/enrol my son/daughter in the Monday lunch time chess classes in the Art Room and enclose the term payment of \$90 (\$80 each if more than one child.) If paying by cheque, please make it payable to Leo South.

All payments in named envelopes please and handed into the office. Thank you.

Signed _____

PMP News

PMP is up and running next week. This term, equipment sessions will be held on Mondays in the hall. Parent sessions will start in week 7 or 8. Please complete the slip below with your availability and contact details, as soon as possible, if you can help, so parent rosters can be created.

PMP Parent Helper Return Slip

I can help with PMP on a Monday and my preferred option is:

Fortnightly Every Three Weeks Twice per term Once per term

Name Phone No..... email address

Child's Name Room No.

I would also like to volunteer to be a parent roster coordinator

**George Burnett Leisure Centre
After School activities for students in Term 1**

Please see below information of the upcoming Term Programs running at the George Burnett Leisure Centre. Registrations are now open for all programs and close 12pm Friday 3rd February. Spaces are limited and bookings are essential. Completed Enrolments forms can be sent back via email leisurecentre@southperth.wa.gov.au or by dropping them in to the Centre, Cnr Manning & Elderfield Road, Karawara. Once enrolments are confirmed by GBLC staff reply via email in coming weeks, we will advise of payment arrangements which can be made prior to the 1st class. School Holiday Program information for April will follow in coming weeks once the program details have been finalised.

Multi Sports Program

'MultiSports' is an after-school sports program running throughout Term 1 on Tuesday afternoons. The programs cater for children aged between 5 and 8 years and gives participants of all levels a chance to try their hand at a range of different sports in a safe, fun and friendly environment.

Tuesdays

7 February to 28 March, 2017

3.45pm - 4.15pm (Ages 5-6years)

4.15pm - 5.00pm (Ages 7-8years)

Cost: \$16 for an 8 week term

Basketball

Interested in playing basketball or learning some great skills in a social, fun and safe environment? If so, enrol your child into the exciting Junior Basketball Program during Term 1. Taught by experienced coaches, the program is a great way to develop and master the fundamentals of the game.

Wednesdays

8 February to 29 March 2017

4.30pm - 5.00pm, ages 5 - 7 years

4.30pm - 5.15pm, ages 8 - 10 years

Cost: \$16 for an 8 week term

Indoor Soccer

During Term 1, GBLC will be offering a Junior Soccer Clinic for children aged between 5 and 10. Our Junior Soccer Clinics will learn ball skills, technique, footwork and field awareness during the term.

Mondays

6 February to 3 April 2017(excluding March 6th Public Holiday)

4.30pm - 5.00pm, ages 5 - 7 years

4.30pm - 5.15pm, ages 8 - 10 years

Cost: \$16 for an 8 week term

Kids Art 'n' Craft

A mixed media art class for children aged between 7 - 12 years. During this term our art students will get the opportunity to draw and paint a still life edible watermelon, along with learning to use different art mediums and further develop their drawing skills with landscape. All materials supplied.

Fridays

10 February to 31 March 2017

Time: 4.00pm - 5.30pm, ages 7 - 12 years

Cost: \$80 for an 8 week term

For more information or to register your child please contact the George Burnett Leisure Centre on 9474 0855 or email a completed Registration Form to

leisurecentre@southperth.wa.gov.au

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Self Protection
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Code Using Robots

2017 Term 1 Workshops

Suitable for ages 7 to 12

Code Using Robots – introductory workshop to coding using block codes to control a Sphero robotic ball. Participants will learn coding, apply navigation skills (for robots), build math skills and learn STEM concepts over the four (4) weeks. Participants will apply learnt concepts in the final week to race on a race track they design and build. Suitable for ages 7 to 12.

Held on Sunday's from 3:30PM to 5PM (over 4 weeks)

Commencing 12 Feb, then 19 Feb, 26 Feb and concluding 5 Mar

or

Commencing 12 Mar, then 19 Mar, 26 Mar and concluding 2 Apr

Cost: \$190 (includes all learning materials over 4 weeks)

Code Using Robots-Geometry – Also an introductory workshop, this eight (8) week program works through the geometry concepts in greater detail. It was designed to complement and expand on math and geometry skills and is suitable for 7 to 9 year old's. Participants will learn coding, apply navigation skills (for robots) and learn STEM concepts throughout the 8 weeks.

Held on Sunday's from 1PM to 2:45PM (over 8 weeks)

Commencing Week 2 concluding Week 9 in Term 1

Cost: \$390 (includes all learning materials over 8 weeks)

Venue: Como Primary School P & C Hall, Thelma Street, COMO

Register by emailing Michael on uplay.connect@gmail.com

or book on **EventBrite** website (www.eventbrite.com.au).

(Key word search **Code Using Robots** to see all available sessions on Eventbrite)

Places are limited

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- set family rules and routines that everyone follows
- get along well with your kids and argue less
- balance work and family without stress



FREE programs offered by the Department of Health

- Seminar Series
- Group Triple P

All parents, carers and grandparents are welcome to attend.

Next program:

Seminar Series starting Tuesday 7th March 2017

3 weekly groups on Tuesday 7th, 14th & 21st March 2017

Cannington Leisureplex

9:30am - 11:30am

Bookings essential - please visit <https://www.trybooking.com/OFGW> or call 0428 730 286

Crèche available

**Como Primary School
2017
Term 1 Planner**

Week	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	Jan 29	Jan 30	Jan 31	February 1	Feb 2	Feb 3 No Assembly	4
2	Feb 5	Feb 6	Feb 7	Feb 8	Feb 9	Feb 10 Prefect Assembly	11
3	Feb 12	Feb 13	Feb 14	Feb 15 P & C Meeting	Feb 16	Feb 17 Croc Rock P & C event	18
4	Feb 19	Feb 20	Feb 21	Feb 22	Feb 23	Feb 24 Room 6 Assembly	25
5	Feb 26	Feb 27	Feb 28	March 1	March 2	March 3 No Assembly	4
6	Feb 5	March 6 Labour Day	March 7	March 8	March 9	March 10 Room 5 Assembly House Swimming Carnival Beatty Park	11
7	Feb 12	March 13	March 14	March 15	March 16	March 17	18
8	Feb 19	March 20	March 21	March 22	March 23	March 24 Harmony Day Room 11 Assembly	25
9	Feb 26	March 27	March 28	March 29	March 30	March 31 Room 2 Assembly	April 1
10	April 2	April 3	April 4	April 5	April 6	April 7 Anzac Assembly Term 1 Ends	8
	9	10	11	12	13	14 Good Friday	15
	16	17 Easter Monday	18	19	20	21	22