



COMO PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

The start of the school year has been busy as usual but also very positive. All classes have hit the ground running and are very engaged. I must commend parents in regards to the behaviour and manners of the students who attend Como Primary School. I would like to welcome Miss Clement who is new to our school community. Miss Clement is a beginning teacher who is working in the Year 1 class in Room 2. I am sure you will all make her feel very welcome. We welcome back Mrs Willis who has returned from leave. Our classroom parent information sessions are in full swing and classroom policies will be available on our school website soon. I encourage all parents to visit the school website at: <http://comoprimaryschool.wa.edu.au/>

Andrew Malcolm
Principal

School Assembly

Tomorrow's assembly is an Admin/Prefect assembly that will allow for the Admin and Prefects to discuss with our Year 1 - 6 students some of our school rules that will keep everyone safe and the school day running in good order. Parents do not need to attend these assemblies which will normally occur every second week, however, tomorrow the parents of Year 5 and 6 students may wish to attend as positions for House Captains and Vice Captains, will be announced early in the assembly. Next week's assembly is also a Prefect/Admin assembly. Room 6's assembly on February 24th will include the presentation of other Year 5/6 leadership badges. Year 5/6 parents may also wish to attend that assembly. One correction to last week's newsletter:- Room 2 does not have their assembly this term. It will be held on 3rd November in Term 4

Safer Internet Day

On 7th February 2017, we celebrated **Safer Internet Day!**

Safer Internet Day aims to promote safer and more responsible use of online technology and mobile devices, especially amongst children and young people.

Celebrated in over 100 countries, this year's theme is: 'Be the change: Unite for a better internet'. Help spread the word and raise awareness of emerging online issues. In class, students discussed respecting others online, online privacy, sharing etiquette, balancing screen time and much more! **Rachel Martino** Year 5/6



Buddy Time and the Virtues Program

Buddy Time will begin next week immediately after the Virtues are read and the virtue song sung across the school. Each child from Year 1 - 6 has been allocated an older or younger buddy for Semester 1. The following week the buddies will participate in an activity where they will get to know more about each other. In the following weeks the buddies will rotate through a number of different activities such as craft, cooking, gardening, ball games and origami sessions. Buddy time each Wednesday from 2:35pm until 3:05pm, gives our students an opportunity to make new friends and practise the virtues we strive to build at Como Primary. With a designated buddy, students always have an extra special friend in the playground. The Buddy program well suits our first virtue: Friendliness!

BYOD iPad Monitoring

With the new school year kicking into gear the usual 'I NEED my iPad' excuses may be popping up at home. Parents are encouraged to look into using iPad monitoring apps to keep their children on track!

Curbi is a fabulous way to do this as it is free and easy to use. Como Primary School is registered with Curbi so that it can easily go between home and school without interfering with the WiFi!

*'curbi is the best way to manage and monitor your child's mobile web and app activity. With just a couple of clicks you can **lock apps**, **block inappropriate sites** and put a **time limit** on screen time.*

*curbi is all about **protection** for your child, and **peace of mind** for you. It's simple to use and gives you complete control over the content your child can access from smartphones or tablets.*

*curbi plays nice with both **Apple and Android** mobile devices. You use the curbi app on your own smartphone or tablet to control what your child can see and do on theirs. Setting rules and boundaries that protect your child online has never been simpler.' Check it out TODAY!*

The School Diary

Our school diary is an important part of our Communication process with parents and it also helps students develop self-management skills as they move through the grades. Please send \$6.00 with your child if they do not already have a school diary or buy one in the Uniform Shop on Friday morning or Monday afternoon.

Phys. Ed News

It was great to see all the children excited and ready to go for Phys. Ed last week! Their positive attitude was great! I would like to thank all parents and carers who have already provided their children with the school hat, drink bottles and sport shoes. I have asked the children to put sunscreen on before their lesson so if your child needs a particular type could you please ensure it is in their school bag and labelled with their name. Rooms 4 and 11 have Phys Ed lesson first thing on a Wednesday morning so it would be great for the children in those classes to put sunscreen on before school. Rooms 3 and 10 have their lesson first thing on a Thursday morning so it would be wonderful if they could do the same. If any child is unable to participate in Phys. Ed, they need a note to be excused. If your child is yet to have a drink bottle, can you please purchase one? It is a very active time and they get very hot and thirsty and having children leave the lesson to get a drink is very interruptive.

Dates to note:

- **The House Swimming Carnival** will be held at Beatty Park on **Friday March 10th**.
- **The Interschool Cricket Carnival** will be held at Manning Primary on **Friday March 17th**. *Mary Casey*

Mathletics & Reading Eggs

These are two on line learning programs that all Como students, P - 6, have access to at school and at home. These programs provide students with an opportunity to practise challenging aspects of the curriculum but to also extend their learning. The Como PS P & C voluntary contributions help meet the cost of this annual subscription. Log on details will be provided to individual students over the next week and should be recorded in Student Diaries for use at home.

Walking School Bus

ATTENTION all Como Parents and Guardians:

Continuing on from our wonderful success last year, we are once more starting up our Como Walking School Bus in the coming weeks- and **we desperately need some parent volunteers** to help!

Since 2015, we have been able to run two Walking School Buses on a Friday to Como...one Northbound and another Southbound. *Unfortunately*, due to a lack of volunteers we are unable to continue running the Northbound bus....meaning those students who are currently using it are unable to continue. Thankfully, our Southbound bus is still running beautifully.

We need active parents and helpers to guide our Walking School Bus every Friday morning from 8.10am. If you can commit to a weekly, fortnightly or even monthly walk we would LOVE to have you help out and be part of the team.

If you are interested, please email me at samantha.edwards@education.wa.edu.au or come and see me in Room 3 so we can roster you in. We greatly appreciate your support in getting Como families active and reducing our carbon footprint!

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.



Staff Car Park

Parents are requested to not park in the staff car park in the mornings and at home time. Apart from the fact that there are a limited number of parking spaces, children are banned from entering for safety reasons. Parents dropping off children in the car park create a dangerous environment for their child.

Croc Rock

The annual Como PS Croc Rock will be held on the school oval on **Friday 17th February 2017** from 5.30pm-late.

Tickets are available online by following the link <https://www.trybooking.com/OSCM> and <https://www.trybooking.com/258296>.

There will be a sausage sizzle, hamburgers, popsicles, glow sticks, lolly bags, drinks and lots of great raffle prizes to win! Croc Rock will be a CASH ONLY event.



Tickets can still be purchased on the night.

We look forward to seeing you all there!

Kellie and Emma

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.

Canteen News

Thank you for supporting our canteen. A special 'Thank You' to Steph



Sofield, for assisting with making our delicious, homemade fruit icypoles – and to Angela Paddick, Glenice King, Tess Harris and Heather Mitchell, for also being such wonderful volunteers. Next week, we will announce our first, fun competition for the year – watch this space! You can order online www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au & at the canteen window (8.15am - 8.45am, Wednesdays and Fridays). We welcome your queries, concerns or feedback.

Emma Rose (Canteen Co-ordinator) ph. 0400 441 655

Canteen Roster

Friday 10 th February	
8.15 - 9.00am	Ingrid Meyer, Renee Tapiata
10.30 - 12.30	Glenice King
11.30 - 1.00 pm	Ina Buman
Wednesday 15 th February	
8.15 - 9.00am	Tess Harris
10.30 - 12.30	Helper needed
Friday 17 th February	
8.15 - 9.00am	Renee Tapiata, Helper needed
10.30am - 12.30	Glenice King
11.30 - 1.00 pm	Helper needed

Uniform Shop News

Uniform Shop Roster

Friday 10 th February	Monday 13 th February
8.15 - 8.45	2.45 - 3.15
Heather, Vika & Rose	Heather, Rose and Hiroko

Community Notices

Curtin University Hockey Club are seeking players from **Year 5 – 12** for both boy's and girl's junior teams. All grades and level of experience welcome. Please visit cuhc.org.au for further information.

Queens Park Junior Football Club - 2017 Season Registration

Your local community club is going into its 54th competition year and is looking forward to welcoming back players from last year as well as inviting anyone interested in getting involved to join the mighty Bulldogs! There are teams across all year levels: Auskick (PP-year 2), Junior (year 3-7) and Youth (year 8-12) and specialised female competitions for year 3-6 and 7-9. Online registration and payment is done through FoxSport. The link to register your child: <http://tinyurl.com/2016QPJFCsportingpulse> Or come along to our first Registration Day at the QPJFC Clubrooms, Treasure Rd Queens Park, on Sunday 19th February from 9am-12pm. (EFTPOS will be available). Enquiries can be directed to the Club President, Craig O'Donoghue - president.qpjfc@gmail.com Visit the website - www.queensparkjfc.com Like us on Facebook - www.facebook.com/QueensParkBulldogs

PERTH GOJU KARATE 剛柔空手道
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. 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

Piano & Singing Lessons

Are you looking for an enthusiastic, fun, current and motivating singing/piano teacher for your child?

Call Aneka Buckenara on 0420 442 474

Qualified primary school and music teacher, with police clearance and current WWC Check. Based locally in Como. Contact for more details.



After-Hours Italian Classes for 2017

The ITALO-AUSTRALIAN WELFARE & CULTURAL CENTRE INC is sponsoring the Italian after school hours language and cultural programme at Como Primary again this year. These courses are of ninety minutes' duration after school and are conducted on a weekly basis during the scholastic year. In 2017 there will be a charge of \$25.00/student/semester (*non-refundable*) payable by cheque or cash to the **Italo-Australian Welfare & Cultural Centre Inc** on enrolment at the first lesson. The Italian after-hours lessons commence on **Tuesday, 14 February** from 3.15pm to 4.45pm and will run for the duration of the scholastic year. Your teacher of Italian is Signora Maria Famiano.

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Code Using Robots

2017 Term 1 Workshops

Suitable for ages 7 to 12

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

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)

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

Contact: Michael @ UPlay 0427 059 257

Email: uplay.connect@gmail.com

Subscribe: uplay2.wixsite.com/uplayoz

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CHESS CLUB 2017

New members welcome.

Chess for Life Como PS chess club is held in the library on Mondays 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.

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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 _____

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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.

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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
