

COMO PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

Our classroom teachers are currently looking for a parent of a student in their class to be their classroom Parent Representative. This role is really about helping to promote communication among the parents of a class, the teacher and the Parents and Citizens Association. Responsibilities could include helping the classroom teacher seek parent volunteers for classroom activities, to be a welcoming face for new families starting in their classroom and to help create a contact list for parents in their class which could help parents organise get-togethers outside of school hours. Occasionally, the Classroom Parent Representative could be called upon by the P & C to help organise volunteers for an upcoming event organised by the P & C. Being your Classroom Parent Representative is an excellent way of getting involved in School activities and helping to foster the inclusive School environment that exists at Como Primary School. If you feel you would like to take on the role of your child's Classroom Parent Representative please speak to the classroom teacher.

Assembly

Tomorrow's assembly will be presented by our Room 6 Year 2 students. There is no assembly next week.

House Points

Forrest	40
Canning	37
Stirling	36
Challenger	34

Parents and Citizens (P & C) Annual General Meeting

Our Parents and Citizens (P & C) Association's Annual General Meeting will be held on **Wednesday 22nd March, starting at 7.00pm** in the school staffroom. Parent and community support for our wonderful school is extremely important. I would encourage you to get involved. Putting up your hand and volunteering for a role in your school can be a very rewarding experience. If you would like to be an active participant in your school community but are unsure how to take the first step, please attend the meeting. Meetings are run efficiently and in a supportive and collegial atmosphere.

Our Community Garden

Our three bed community garden is located near the PP/K gate. All families are very welcome and indeed encouraged to take fruit, vegetables and herbs from these garden beds. Currently many plants have gone to seed so you are welcome to collect these and grow them at home with your children. The cherry tomatoes are plentiful and even bananas are showing on the trees. If any families would like to care for the garden over the weekend by weeding, pruning and tidying the garden please see Mrs Herne as your help would be greatly appreciated.



"Comovers" Welcome BBQ

Como Primary School has a Dads' group called the Comovers. We run events throughout the year for Dads and children to get together encouraging Dads to get involved with their children (and maybe in the process giving Mums a bit of a rest).

As a Welcome to all new Dads to Como Primary School, and a Welcome Back to all those with children continuing on at Como, the Comovers are having a BBQ at **Neil McDougal Park on Sunday 26th Feb from 11.00am until about 3.00pm**. This is a Bring Your Own everything for a Lunch time get together. The park has free BBQs so you can cook a hot lunch, or bring some sandwiches, it is totally up to you. Bring some drinks, and we will provide a few balls and bats for Cricket, Soccer and maybe a Frisbee. Feel free to bring other toys if you want.

We will have a Como Primary School marquee set up as a focal point, so look out for that. We hope to see as many Dads and children there for the BBQ as possible.

School Voluntary Contributions and P & C Voluntary Approved Requests

59% of families have already made their voluntary contributions to the school and the P & C. Thank you. Your money is being put to valuable use to enhance your child's education. We need all families to contribute if we are to purchase all the necessary educational aids and equipment we had planned to place in our school this year. Please pay your voluntary contribution to your child's class teacher. The contribution for each child is \$80.00 which includes a **\$50.00 Voluntary Contribution** to the school and a **\$30.00 approved request from the P & C.**

Phys. Ed News

New House Swimming Carnival Date and Venue

The **Como PS Inter-house Swimming Carnival** for Years 3 to 6 will be held at Kent Street High School on **Thursday 30th March**. Earlier this year part of the spectator area at Beatty Park showed signs of crumbling and it has been deemed unsafe for the public. Extensive works are to be carried out to bring the Venue back up to standard for next year. As you might imagine, many schools around Perth have been scrambling to find new venues. Kent Street High school has a 25m pool which we will utilize for our House Carnival. Parking is very limited so spectators are encouraged to car pool. Permission slips for those children in Year 3 to Year 6 have been sent home this week and it would be appreciated if they could be returned as soon as possible to enable us to begin planning the events for the day. Only those children who can **confidently** swim 50m should be given permission to take part.

Interschool Swimming Carnival

Como Primary will not be participating in an Interschool Carnival this year as Applecross Primary has left S.M.P.S.S.A. and we have not been able to find another school of similar size to join for this particular event. All other Inter-school competitions will go ahead as normal.

Inter-school Cricket Carnival Date Change

The **Interschool Cricket Carnival** will be taking place at **Manning Primary School** on **Friday 24th March**. This is great news as it gives us another week to hone our skills. Como will take a girls team and a boys team of 9 players each. If your child is unable to participate in his or her Phys. Ed class please write a note explaining the reason. If a child does not have a note they will be required to participate.

Please find an updated Term Planner at the end of this newsletter.

The Virtues

Friendliness

Signs of Success

Congratulations! You are practising Friendliness when you

- ◆ Like yourself and realise you have a lot to offer.
- ◆ Smile and greet someone you don't know.
- ◆ Get to know someone and let them get to know you.
- ◆ Show an interest in others.
- ◆ Show caring when a friend needs you.
- ◆ Are friendly to people who look and act differently

Walking School Bus

We have a group of amazing parent helpers leading us on the WALKING SCHOOL BUS! This Friday, please join us 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 (led by Hitomi Cant and Liz Lefebvre)

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: PLEASE any families who live South of the school and are willing to lead our bus, please contact Sam Edwards (Room 3) for more information. PLEASE COME AND JOIN US THIS FRIDAY for a healthy and fun way to get to school and reduce the number of cars driving to and from Como!

If any parents would like to get involved and volunteer a Friday morning for either the Southbound or Northbound Bus, please email Sam Edwards samantha.edwards@education.wa.edu.au or come and see me in Room 3. Any help is greatly appreciated and you will be contributing to the amazing Como Community. *Sam Edwards* Year 5/6 Teacher

The School Dental Service

The Mount Henry Dental Therapy Centre's opening hours are Monday to Friday, 8.15-4.30 (except public holidays). If anyone has changed address, phone number or there is any other additional information which you think we may require, please notify us at MtHenryDTC@dental.health.wa.gov.au or alternatively phone us on 9313 0552



Como Cookout News
'HEALTHY FOODS' ART
DESIGN COMPETITION



This term, the Canteen Committee will be planning and designing our new Winter Menu! We would love to feature some 'healthy foods' themed art. All children are welcome to submit drawings, cartoons, or logo designs. These can be hand drawn or created electronically, and do **not** need to include 'The Como Cookout' wording. Children can submit their creations to the drop box at the Canteen, or electronically (como.cookout@gmail.com) - by Friday, 10th March. Winners will be selected by the Canteen Committee and announced on the 24th March.

'Thank You' to our recent volunteers – Tess Harris, Natasha Chatto, Ingrid Meyer, Magda Pienaar, Angela Paddick, Glenice King and Ina Buman. We appreciate your time and efforts!

The next Canteen Committee meeting is this **Friday, 24th February at 1.30pm.**

The focus of this will be the new Winter Menu for Term 2. All are welcome to attend! We welcome your queries, concerns or feedback.

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

Como Cookout Canteen Roster

Friday 24th February	
Window 8.15 - 9.00am	Helper Needed Renee Tapiata
10.45am – 1.00pm	Glenice King
11.30am – 1.00 pm	Helper Needed
Wednesday 1st March	
Window 8.15 - 9.00am	Helpers Needed
10.45 – 1.00pm	Helpers Needed
Friday 3rd March	
Window 8.15 - 9.00am	Ingrid Meyer Renee Tapiata
10.45am – 1.00pm	Glenice King
11.30am – 1.00 pm	Helper Needed

School Banking News

If you are interested in opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account for your child you can visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking to open a Youthsaver account - all ID is verified through the website. Friday is School Banking day and I look forward to seeing you all tomorrow at 8.15am outside the uniform shop. Lydia H

Uniform Shop News

Uniform Shop Roster for tomorrow

Friday 24th Feb	Monday 27th Feb
Heather, Karen T & Rose	Heather, Candice & Hiroko

CROC ROCK 2017



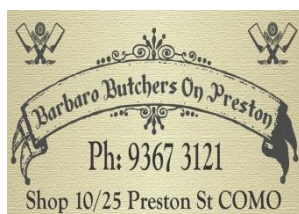
What a blast Croc Rock was! Thank you to all the families who came along and joined in the fun, over 400 people were there which made for a super special night!

Events like Croc Rock rely on the support of many volunteers. Thank you to all of those individuals and families, who helped plan, organise, set up, serve, sell, pack up and return lighting. It is the generous and supportive nature of these people that make Como Primary School such a fabulous community!

Thank you to those businesses which made generous donations to support the raffle on the night. There were some great prizes up for grabs, which have been enjoyed by many families!

Not only was Croc Rock a great night to catch up with friends and have a dance, it was also an evening that raised approximately \$3500 for our new Nature Playground.

Thank you to the following sponsors who provided financial sponsorship, meat, bread, drinks, ice and their own time with little or no cost to the P&C. Please support these locally owned and operated businesses and let them know you are from Como PS!



Next P & C Fund Raising Event

Gear up for our next fundraiser, Team Como! We will be running a **bacon and egg burger stall, sausage sizzle, cake stall and raffle at the State Election on Saturday 11th March**. Stay tuned for more information but we will need many hands on deck!

PMP Parent Helper Return

Mondays 8.45 - 10.55

I am able to help with PMP (please tick box)

Fortnightly Every 3 Weeks Twice a Term Once a Term

Name.....Phone No.....

Child's Name.....Room No.....

Email address _____

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Term 1 Planner Updated

Week	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4	Feb 19	Feb 20	Feb 21	Feb 22	Feb 23	Feb 24 Room 6 Assembly	25
5	Feb 26 Comovers' Welcome BBQ for Dads & Children	Feb 27	Feb 28	March 1	March 2	March 3 NO Assembly	4
6	Mar 5	March 6 Labour Day Holiday	March 7	March 8	March 9	March 10 Room 5 Assembly	11 State Election P & C Stalls
7	Mar 12	March 13	March 14	March 15 Fathering Project Gathering in P & C Hall 7.30 pm	March 16	March 17 Prefect Assembly	18
8	Mar 19	March 20	March 21 Performance from Musica Viva	March 22 P & C AGM	March 23	March 24 Cricket Carnival Harmony Day Room 11 Assembly	25
9	Mar 26	March 27	March 28	March 29	March 30 House Swimming Carnival	March 31	April 1
10	April 2	April 3	April 4	April 5	April 6	April 7 Anzac Assembly	8
	9	10	11	12	13	14 Good Friday	15
	16	17 Easter Monday	18	19	20	21	22