



Como Public School Newsletter

Quality education in a caring environment

Week 7 Tuesday 9th June 2009 Term 2
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Dear Parents and Students,

Excellent academic results from Como

It brings me great pleasure to enclose a copy of the School Annual Report 2008 with this newsletter. Our students have progressed above state average for growth rate in literacy and numeracy. This is something that we can all be proud of and is indicative of the excellent teachers at this school. The report also highlights the many wonderful opportunities that have been provided to the students throughout 2008.

Congratulations to our outstanding runners

Well done to Chris, Evan, Alex, Amber.R, Camille, Georgia.M, Lyndon, Kyle and Matt for their extraordinary efforts at our recent Zone Cross Country. We are all so very proud of you!

A new learning resource at Como PS

Tomorrow I am meeting with a team of design consultants from "Abi Group" to discuss our proposed new learning centre. The proposed site is where the old toilet block is located. This building will comprise of a new research centre and connected classroom equipped with computers for the use of our students. It is envisaged that this construction will begin in August this year.

Close partnership with community

The 3rd edition of "School Parents" is now available for you to read, watch and listen on www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ezine.

This edition offers:

- A video about starting Kindergarten
- Tools to beat the budget blues
- Holiday ideas in NSW
- A video about the flu
- Lunch box recipes kids will actually eat.

Future Public Speakers

A reminder that this Thursday 11 June is the due date of speeches by the students. They will need to present a prepared speech (topic of their choice) in the form of an exposition to their class. Approximately 4 students from each stage will be selected to participate in the School Finals.



Keeping our students safe

Did you know that every year over 500 children are injured in road accidents in NSW? As adults we need to:

- Protect and supervise children in all traffic situations.
- Use our knowledge and experience to predict when a situation might become dangerous.
- Ensure children hold an adult's hand, wear their seatbelt, or wear their bike helmet, even though they may resist.
- Help children learn about road safety.

Warm Regards,

Mrs.V.Pantelis
Principal (rel.)

Calendar of Events	
Date	Event
Tuesday 9 th June	P&C Meeting 6.30pm
Sunday 14 th June	Como Craft & Antique Market
Monday 22 nd June	Open Day for Kindergarten 2010 children 12.30pm
Wednesday 24 th June	Worm Farm Workshop K-6
Tuesday 30 th June	Parent/Teacher interviews
Wednesday 1 st July	Composting Workshop K-6
Thursday 2 nd July	Public Speaking Finals
Tuesday 7 th July	P&C Meeting 6.30pm
Thursday 9 th July	Small Schools Athletics Carnival
Friday 10 th July	Last day of Term 2

AWARDS

Harmony Awards:

K/1 Bethany
 2/3 Breeze
 4/5/6 Makayla

Bronze

K/1 Nathalie.



Congratulations to all Award Recipients

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Dear Parent (Year 3 to Year 6 students)

Welcome to the 2009 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS). For over 20 years ICAS has taken place each year in schools throughout Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Malaysia, Brunei, the Pacific region and South Africa. Your child is invited to participate in 2008.

ICAS is an initiative of Educational Assessment Australia (EAA). EAA is a not for profit organisation owned by the University of New South Wales (UNSW).

ICAS provides an opportunity for all students to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external assessment situation. It provides teachers, parents and students with comprehensive reporting of results in Computer Skills, English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling and Writing.

All students receive a certificate and an individual student report indicating which questions they answered correctly, their total score as well as their average compared with the rest of the students in the state/region. The student report is also useful for highlighting student strengths and weaknesses in the skills and processes in the ICAS they participate in.

These documents are suitable for your child to include in a portfolio.

High quality UNSW certificates are awarded for each year level in each state/region as follows:

- High Distinction to the top 1% of entrants
- Distinction to the next 10% of entrants
- Credit to the next 20% of entrants
- Participation to all other participating students.

All students who achieve the highest score in each state/region receive a UNSW medal. These medals may be presented at UNSW Medal Ceremonies or by your child's principal at a school assembly. All medals and certificates are awarded at the discretion of EAA.

The entry fee per student is as follows:

- Mathematics – 19 August 2009 (\$6.00)
- English – 4 August 2009 (\$6.00)

Please return the permission slip and entry fee to your child's teacher **by 19th June 2009**

For more information please visit the EAA website at www.eaa.unsw.edu.au or email info@eaa.unsw.edu.au

Yours sincerely
Dr Rob Forage
Chief Executive Officer
UNSW Global

2009 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS (ICAS)

I give permission for my child _____ of _____
Child's Name *Class*

To participate in the following 2009 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS):

Please find enclosed _____ entry fee (\$6 per competition).
Amount

Name of Parent/Guardian Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian



**COMO PUBLIC SCHOOL PARENTS
MARKET ROSTER
SUNDAY 14TH JUNE 2009**



**Note to all parents: We are always looking for helpers on the Market Day, even once every couple of months would be great. If interested please contact Gabe or John.
If you would like to do a shift this Sunday, please let John know ASAP.**

TIME	CANTEEN	BBQ
8.00 am to 9.00 am	Marcelle Crowley Ilona Just Gabe Fenner	John Mannah Greg Priestly John Mason
9.00 am to 10.00am	Marcelle Crowley Ilona Just Gabe Fenner	John Mannah Greg Priestly John Mason
10.00 am to 11.00 am	Vanessa Manos Mandy Jiang Gabe Fenner	Grant Egan Paulo Guerrerio John Mason
11.00 am to 12.00 noon	Vanessa Manos Mandy Jiang Gabe Fenner	Grant Egan Paulo Guerrerio Robert Li
12.00 noon to 1.00pm	Malcolm Cluett Jacqueline Knox Gabe Fenner	Paulo Guerrerio Robert Li
1.00 pm to 2.00 pm	Malcolm Cluett Malcolm Robertson Jacqueline Knox	Matt Frogatt Norbert Schaeper
2.00 pm to 3.00 pm	Jenny Robertson Jacqueline Knox Gabe Fenner	Matt Frogatt Norbert Schaeper

Hi Everyone

The markets can be cancelled due to high winds/ and or rain. If unsure if the markets are on please ring or come down to see or ring a parent who lives close by.

If the above is not suitable or if you wish to change please inform John or Gabe ASAP.

See you Sunday, John Mason 0419 495 672 Gabe Fenner 0415401665

P&C NEWS

CANTEEN

Volunteers are required for each Thursday in Term 3 so if you could email your availability either to harham@bigpond.net.au or leave a note with Mrs Munro in the office we can finalise the roster prior to the end of Term 2. Thanks for your support of our canteen.

MARKETS

The next market day is on this Sunday and we would love to see you there! Our school stall will be selling second hand books and toys once again so if you can hunt around at home or ask family and friends if they have anything they no longer use we would be grateful of any donations. We also hope to be selling jams and baked goods so any help in this area is also appreciated