



Como Public School Newsletter

Quality education in a caring environment

Week 9 Tuesday 23rd June 2009 Term 2
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Dear Parents and Students,

Outstanding Public Speakers

It gives me great pleasure to announce the stage winners of our public speaking competition who will be participating in our school finals on Thursday 2 July.

Congratulations to:

Stage 1 – Ashleigh, Audrey, Jayde, Luke, Madeline and Missi Bella.

Stage 2 – Camille, Erica, Georgia.M., Georgia.W., Taryn and Vanya.

Stage 3 – Callum.F., Gabe, Kyle, Makayla, Patrick and Zoe.

The School Finals will be held in the School Library and parents are most welcome to attend. Stage 3 will be held at 9:45am, Stage 2 at 12:00pm and Stage 1 at 2:30pm.

Helping Others in Need

A big thank you to our community for their recent donation to the Leukaemia Foundation. We raised \$60 in total through our Crazy Hair Day event.

Creating a Better Future

Sutherland Shire Council will be running short lessons on worm farming, composting and recycling at our school. These workshops are free of charge and will be held from 2:15-3:15pm on the following dates:

Worm farming – 24 June

Composting – 1 July

Recycling – 29 July

Parents are invited to attend.

Showcasing our Talent

A reminder to the 2/3 students that they need to be at school this Friday 26 June by 8.45am for the SSSMF rehearsal at Sylvania Public School.

Promoting Social Responsibility

Well done to all the students who continuously come to school dressed in full school uniform. Wearing school uniform helps build a sense of school community and belonging in our students. We will be randomly pulling names out of a hat and rewarding those students who are dressed in full school uniform.

Photographs below outline the correct winter uniform for both boys and girls.



A Vibrant Learning Environment

We are all very excited about the new learning centre to be built at our school under the Building Education Revolution Program. In order for work to be completed in the timeframes set down by the Commonwealth Government some projects that would of normally be carried out during school holidays will be undertaken during the school term. We may have to slightly alter the way we use facilities but the short term inconvenience to achieve greater longer term benefits for students is worthwhile.

Athletics Carnival

The annual Athletics Carnival is to be held on Thursday 9 July. All students from Years 2,3,4,5 and 6 are expected to attend to participate in the various activities. The carnival is held at Sylvania Athletics Field and Miss.Kutcher and I will be travelling with the students to and from the venue by bus. Parents are most welcome to attend and to cheer on the children. There will be a canteen operating during the course of the event selling both hot and cold foods. Hope to see you there!

Canteen Coordinator

Di Mayo has been assisting the school as the Canteen Coordinator over the past 2 terms. Her last day with us will be on 9 July. I would like to take this opportunity in thanking her for the work that she has done for our school canteen and welcome Mrs.Sier as our new Canteen Coordinator.

Warm Regards,

**Mrs.V.Pantelis
Principal (rel.)**

Calendar of Events	
Date	Event
Wednesday 24 th June	Worm Farm Workshop K-6
Friday 26 th June	SSSMF Choir Rehearsal Years 2 & 3 - Sylvania PS
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
Sunday 12 th July	Como Craft & Antique Market
Monday 27 th July	Staff return for Term 3
Tuesday 28 th July	Students return for Term 3

AWARDS

Harmony Awards:

K/1 Sam
2/3 Annika
4/5/6 Annabelle

**Bronze**

K/1 Sam, Ava, Christiana, Dakota, Madeline, Billy, Nina, Audrey.
4/5/6 Kyle, Sharnah, Georgia M.

Silver

K/1 Nina, Audrey, Christiana, Dakota, Jayde.
4/5/6 Kyle

Gold, Gold, Gold!!!

Kyle.

Congratulations to all Award Recipients



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Small Schools Athletics Carnival – Years 2-6 Thursday 9th July 2009

Tuesday 23rd June 2009

Dear Parents,

The Small Schools Athletics Carnival will be held on Thursday 9th July 2009 at Sylvania Athletics Field, Belgrave Esplanade, Sylvania Waters.

All children in Years 2- 6 are expected attend.

Travel to Sylvania and back to school will be by bus. Children will need to arrive at school at **8:30am**.

The bus will return to school by 3pm.

Children should bring with them a hat, sunscreen, lunch, recess and drinks. The canteen will be available for extra purchases.

The cost for the day is \$8.00. This includes bus travel and running costs for the carnival. This money along with the permission note needs to be returned to school no later than Thursday 2nd July 2009.

Mrs.V.Pantelis

Principal (rel.)

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Small Schools Athletics Carnival Thursday 9th July 2009

I give permission for my child/ren _____ in
class/es _____ to attend the Small Schools Athletics Carnival on Thursday 9th July
2009 at Sylvania Waters Athletics Field. I understand that travel will be by bus.

I have enclosed \$ _____ (\$8.00 per child).

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian

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COMO PUBLIC SCHOOL ABSENT NOTE

Child's Name: _____ Class: _____

Date of Absence: _____ Reason: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian

P&C Meeting - 9 June 2009

Principal's Report

Como PS had a pleasing result in the NAPLAN assessments.

A new roller-blind banner will be purchased. This will be used at events such as sports carnivals. It is also proposed to purchase some blazers and other clothing items for representative events.

Consultations have started with the construction company Abi-Group, for the demolition of the old toilet block and the construction of the new library. Children should be advised to keep away from construction machinery and barricades. There will be some impact on the amenity of the grounds, and on the markets, for the construction period.

A brief report of the results of the focus groups, on community attitudes to the school, was circulated.

Treasurers Report

Regarding the school's finances, planning for the next calendar year has already commenced.

General Business

Di Mayo has looked after the canteen for two terms. She has decided to move on and will be replaced by Ms Natalie Sier. Thank you Di.

Most of the meeting involved a discussion with the proprietor of the Como PS Markets (Mr Eddie Gilbert) on strategies to encourage both visitors and stallholders to come to our market. There was also discussion on widening the food menu offered, and making the markets a more attractive place for families with children. The finances of the P&C depend on the future prosperity of the market, and a wide range of issues were discussed.

Education Tax Refund – Don't forget to claim

How do I claim the Education Tax Refund?

- In your tax return.
- If you don't lodge a tax return, claim on a separate form or over the phone.
- If you use a tax agent, make sure you ask them to claim for you.

The Education Tax Refund lets you claim up to 50% of eligible education expenses for school children. If you are eligible, you can get back up to \$375 for each primary student and up to \$750 for each secondary student.

You can claim things like text books, stationery and even internet costs.

If you receive Family Tax Benefit Part A for a child at primary or secondary school, you will be eligible. Some other people are eligible too, to find out more about this and other information such as what you can and can't claim go to australia.gov.au/educationtaxrefund or call the Tax Office on **13 28 61**.

Remember, you need to keep all receipts for expenses you claim.

PADSTOW TAFE will be offering new part-time and full-time courses in Business Administration, Computing, Medical and Bookkeeping from July 2009. Contact Janelle on 9722 5337 for further information or visit PADSTOW College, Raine Road, Padstow.





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GYMNASTICS PROGRAM

23 June 2009

Dear Parents,

During Term 3, the K-6 students will be commencing a nine week Gymnastics Program.

Every Friday for 9 weeks, the students will participate in the lessons at school, for approximately 40 minutes per session. The aim of the program is to develop the children's gross motor, co-ordination and movement skills.

The cost of this valuable program is \$40.50 per child for the nine week program. The P&C are kindly donating \$10.50 of this cost per child. Therefore, please enclose payment of \$30.00 per child. No refunds will be given should your child be absent. Would you please sign the permission slip below and return it to school, with payment, by Wednesday, 8 July 2009.

Regards,

Mrs. V.Pantelis
Relieving Principal

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Please return no later than 8 July, 2009

GYMNASTICS PROGRAM

Term 3 - 2009

I give permission for my child/ren _____ of
class _____ to participate in gymnastic lessons for ten weeks commencing
from Friday 31 July, 2009 .

I enclose payment of \$ _____ by cash / cheque to Como Public School.

Parents please note there is no personal injury insurance cover provided by the NSW Department of Education and Training for students in relation to school sporting activities, physical education lessons or any other school activity.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
(Parent/Guardian)

Homework help online

Parents and carers can access age-appropriate material to help with your child's homework assignments at the Teaching and Learning Exchange:

www.tale.edu.au/tale/live/index.jsp

Information ranges from ages 4-9 which includes pages to help you follow your child's early learning and to help you talk with teachers about your child's progress to Beyond School, which includes links to TAFE, university and other further learning opportunities such as apprenticeships and traineeships.

The content of each age group area is organised into these sections:

- What they learn
- Helping your child learn
- About stages of learning

From the navigation bar you can also access links to educational organisations and news.

The site also includes a Jargon Buster, a selection of translated documents and links to DET parent newsletters such as the Click! technology guide and School Parent's magazine.

Applications for selective high schools now open for 2010

Applications for students seeking placement in a selective high school in 2010 are open from 23 June 2009 and must be received by July 2009.

You can apply for up to four selective high schools using the standard application packages available from the selective high schools, school education group offices and the Department of Education and Training's Bridge Street and Blacktown State Offices.

Before submitting each application you should go to the school's website or contact the school to find out the assessment requirements and enrolment procedures for each selective high school for which you wish to apply.

Contact the specific selective high school to determine the academic years in which places may be offered in 2010 as the number of vacancies varies year to year and from school to school.

Application packages can also be downloaded from 23 June at:

www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/7-12assessments/selective8_12.php

<p style="text-align: center;">MUSIC LESSONS</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> Piano-keyboard  Clarinet-saxophone Theory-musicianship</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CATERINA 0418 245 658</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">Junior Golf Holiday Camp @ The Ridge Golf Course</p> <p>The Sutherland Shire Golf Academy is running a 3 day Junior Golf Camp from Wed 22nd to Fri 24th July, 2009 for ages 7-15 yrs. No golfing experience is required. For bookings or enquiries please call 9543 3511 or visit our website www.ssga.net.au</p>
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CANTEEN NEWS

The canteen has been operating successfully over the first two terms of 2009 with a dedicated, though small team of helpers. In order to continue this success and encourage more volunteers I am seeking expressions of interest from parents and grandparents who may be available on days other than Thursday. At this stage opening on Mondays is not an option.

If the canteen day was to change (except Mondays) would this mean you could volunteer? If this is the case please fill in the slip below and return it to the office. For those who already volunteer on Thursdays could you let me know if this is your best day.

I also want to have a list of volunteers for a standby list. If you are able to help out on a standby basis could you please let me know and nominate the days you would be available.

Thanks
Natalie Sier

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Canteen Assistance

I could volunteer on

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I could go on a standby list and am available on

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Name Contact No.

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**COMO PUBLIC SCHOOL
ABSENT NOTE**

Child's Name: _____ Class: _____

Date of Absence: _____ Reason: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian

‘Safe People, Safe Places’

Parents are being encouraged to reinforce ‘Safe People, Safe Places’ messages with their children after reports of several alleged incidents across metropolitan Sydney.

Children and young people should avoid walking on their own and should be encouraged to instead walk with other family members, friends or an adult they know when going to and from school.

‘Safe People, Safe Places’ messages parents are encouraged to teach their children include:

- Make sure your parents or another adult you know knows where you are at all times.
- Always walk straight home or to the place you are walking to.
- Know where safe places are – a shop, service station, police station, library or school. If you are ever frightened, you should go to one of these places and ask them to call the police.
- Learn about safe adults you can look for and talk to if you need help – police officers, teachers at school. Adults you know and trust.
- Don’t talk to people you don’t know and never get into a car with someone you don’t know. If a car stops on the side of the road and you don’t know the person inside, do not stop.
- If you are scared and can use a phone, call 000 and tell them you are scared.

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