

Welcome

We have three new students enrolled at Como Public School. Welcome to Jacob in 2/3, Jeremy and Jerome in 4/5/6. I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome Miss.Meacham who is a practicum teacher and will be based on the 4/5/6 class for the following 5 weeks.

Transition Program

Last Thursday the school had their final session of the buddy program with Como Preschool for this year. All Years 4 and 5 students are to be congratulated for being such wonderful role models to the younger children.



Excellent Excursion

Yesterday, the Years 2-6 students attended the *Theatre of the Deaf* performance conducted at the Sutherland Entertainment Centre. The students were entertained throughout the entire show. It was an enjoyable experience for all involved.

Pyjama Day

A reminder that tomorrow students at Como are coming to school dressed in their pyjamas. Students are asked to bring in a gold coin donation as funds raised will go towards improving the signage at our school.

NAPLAN

This year Como Public School received overall excellent results in the National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy. To facilitate access to NAPLAN information for parents of NSW school students, a new website www.naplanforparentsnsw.com.au has been developed. In addition to general information about NAPLAN, this website contains documents to assist parents in understanding the student report and the reporting scales. Parents are also invited to provide feedback on NAPLAN reporting by completing an online survey.

Super Sport

This Thursday the students will be receiving a free lesson by the NSW institute of squash. Students should wear their school uniform as normal. Last Friday concluded the football session that students have been participating in throughout this term. Thank you to Matt from the Cronulla Sharks for implementing these lessons for our students. This Friday will also be the conclusion of our Gymnastics lessons for this year. The students have developed important skills in this area and have enjoyed doing so. The company, "Sportspro" have been very professional and related to the students well. Thank you to all the families, as well as the P&C for supporting this valuable program. We look forward to our Dance to be Fit lessons to be held on each Friday of next term.

Mrs.Littlejohn will be on maternity leave next term. Miss.Kutcher will be teaching 2/3 and Miss.Dewhurst will be teaching 4/5/6 on Wednesdays and RFF on Tuesdays. This Friday is the last day of this term and I wish you all a safe and relaxing break. I look forward to what should be a very exciting last term of the year.

Warm Regards,
Mrs.V.Pantelis
Principal (rel.)

Calendar of Events	
Date	Event
Wednesday 30 th September	Pyjama Day
Thursday 1 st October	'Get Squashed' program – Kindergarten to Year 6
Friday 2 nd October	Last day of Term 3
Sunday 11 th October	Como Craft & Antique Market
Monday 19 th October	Term 4 commences
Thursday 29 th October	School Photographs
Friday 6 th November	Walkathon

AWARDS

Harmony Awards:

K/1 Nathalie.
2/3 Jacob.
4/5/6 Jay.



Bronze

K/1 Sam, Ava, Lucy, Simon, Audrey, Missi-Bella, Madeline, Dakota, Jayde, Bethany, Christiana.
4/5/6 Sharnah, Lyndon, Brandon, Amber B.

Silver

4/5/6 Lyndon.

Congratulations to all Award Recipients

NSW Bike Week is a state-wide NSW Government initiative that raises the profile of cycling as a healthy, easy, low cost and environmentally friendly alternative to driving for short trips in your local community. NSW Bike Week provides an opportunity for the local community to participate in organised bicycle events in a safe and supported environment. Participation is aimed at all members of the community, with a particular emphasis on encouraging new cyclists. The key objectives of NSW Bike Week are to:

- raise the profile of the use of bicycles for short local trips.
- encourage all local community members to participate in organised NSW Bike Week events.
- promote safe cycling and the use of shared bicycle/ pedestrian facilities.
- create community awareness of NSW Bike Week and associated RTA and NSW government cycling initiatives.

For more information on NSW Bike Week, please phone 131 782 or email bicycles@rta.nsw.gov.au.
NSW Bike Week events [Sydney events](#)



Imagine, draw, believe, create, explore, solve & write

- all in a week at the State Library of NSW! 12-16 October 2009

6-12 year olds:

- Bunyip Tales: A creative writing workshop
- Card-making for kids
- Extraordinary stories

Bookings essential! Ph: 9273 1770 bookings@sl.nsw.gov.au
www.sl.nsw.gov.au/kids



29 September 2009

Walking in the Right Direction

Dear Parents

When Como Public School was audited on functionality and presentation by representatives of the Department the feedback we received was very positive. The group commented favourably on the professionalism of the staff, the happiness of the children, the excellent demonstration of students' work in classrooms and of course, our lovely natural surroundings.

Two of the areas requiring improvement were:

- 1) The look of the administration building (this should soon be improved under the second part of the BER program).
- 2) Signage of the school.

The cost to improve our signage is \$500 and the school is holding a Walkathon to help raise funds for this project.

The Walkathon will be held on Friday 6 November 2009 during school time.

The students will be walking to Scylla Bay Oval, across Como Bridge and back to school. Parents are most welcome to join in.

Please ensure that children are provided with plenty of drinking water, a school hat and sunscreen on the day.

A sponsorship card is attached to record all donations received.

The permission note and sponsorship card must be returned to school with all donations by Friday 30 October 2009.

Mrs V. Pantelis
Principal (rel.)



Walking in the Right Direction

I consent / do not consent to my child/ren _____

in class/es _____ to participate in the School Walkathon to

Como Bridge on Friday 6 November 2009.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian

MARKET CANTEEN DONATIONS

Thank you to the families who have previously donated a cake, banana bread, etc for our monthly market. This can be home made or bought but please list the ingredients used.

October Market - 2/3 Parents
Novembert Market - 4/5/6 Parents

Kind regards
Mrs V. Pantelis
Principal (Rel.)

Como Swimming Club

2009/2010 swim season registrations will be held at the pool on Saturday October 17 from 8am – 12 noon (Learn to Swim come at 9am for grading).
First swim meet Saturday October 24
Fees: \$60 per child, \$150 per family, \$45 Learn to Swim (min age 4)
Enquiries please call Julie Egan on 9528 3856
The pool opens for the school holidays on Saturday October 3.

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COMO PUBLIC SCHOOL ABSENT NOTE

Child's Name: _____ Class: _____

Date of Absence: _____ Reason: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Parent/Guardian

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**COMO PUBLIC SCHOOL PARENTS
MARKET ROSTER
SUNDAY 11TH OCTOBER 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 on 11th please let Gabe know ASAP.

TIME	CANTEEN	BBQ
8.00 am to 9.00 am	Marcelle Crowley Ilona Just Gabe Fenner	John Mannah John Mason
9.00 am to 10.00am	Marcelle Crowley Ilona Just Gabe Fenner	John Mannah John Mason
10.00 am to 11.00 am	Vanessa Manos Michelle McDonald Gabe Fenner	Grant Egan Paulo Guerrero John Mason
11.00 am to 12.00 noon	Vanessa Manos Michelle McDonald Gabe Fenner	Grant Egan Paulo Guerrero
12.00 noon to 1.00pm	Malcolm Cluett Jacqueline Knox Gabe Fenner	Grant Egan Paulo Guerrero
1.00 pm to 2.00 pm	Malcolm Cluett Malcolm Robertson Gabe Fenner	Norbert Schaeper Jacqueline Knox
2.00 pm to 3.00 pm	Malcolm Cluett Malcolm Robertson Gabe Fenner	Norbert Schaeper Jacqueline Knox

Hi Everyone

If the above is not suitable or if you wish to change please inform John or Gabe ASAP. If you are not available and can arrange for someone else to cover your timeslot that would be very much appreciated.

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.

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

P&C MARKET STALL

We are planning a school stall at the October markets on 11th selling pre-loved books and toys. Please have a hunt around at home for any unwanted and in good condition books and toys. Suitable items may be left at school. Your donations of books, toys and/or your time working on the stall at the markets is very much appreciated.

P&C Market Committee