

New Look!

As part of the "Communicating with the School Community" course that several representatives from Como Public School attended, it became apparent that we needed to update the "school look" in order to effectively promote the school image. Feedback so far has been very positive and I welcome your thoughts and opinions on our new design.

Best Start

Best Start is a new government initiative that will be commencing at the beginning of 2010 at Como Public School to increase support for the teaching and learning of literacy and numeracy for our youngest students. All students commencing Kindergarten will be involved in a state wide assessment during their first day at school. This will then provide teachers and parents with a report on what the child knows prior to them commencing school, as well as support material on how to best cater for each child's abilities. A representative from Best Start has been invited to come along and talk to our Kindergarten 2010 parents during one of the transition workshops on Monday 7 December. A reminder will be sent out later on in the year to invite any interested parent to attend.

A Safe School

A reminder that students are not allowed to be at school prior to 9:00am due to no supervision being available. Years 3-6 students are allowed to ride their bikes to school with a helmet if parents consent, but no scooters or skateboards are allowed. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter to help keep our school a safe place for all.

Looking after our school

Tomorrow and Thursday Spotless will be cleaning our gutters, downpipes and stormwater pits. Apart from some noise and dust, there will be no other impact on the school.

Preschool Buddies

This valuable program was recognised recently in the Education Brief of the local Leader. The second part of the transition program will be commencing this Thursday. I know that the senior students are looking forward to meeting their new buddy from Como Preschool.

School Parents

The fourth edition of School Parents is out now. It's packed with great information for parents including articles about how to make a low waste lunch and how to go green between home and school, helping children with public speaking, reading, making the most of children's different learning styles and much more. There are videos on high school orientation and whooping cough. Refer to: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ezone

Sutherland Shire School Music Festival

I'm looking forward to seeing our 2/3 class perform at this year's Music Festival at the Sutherland Entertainment Centre on Monday 17 August. For those who have ordered tickets to this event, tickets will be sent home today. A reminder that parents are responsible for taking their children to this event. For those attending, be sure to have a look at the wonderful artwork displayed by our school.

Would you like to receive this Newsletter via e-mail?

If you would like to have the weekly Newsletter e-mailed to you instead of being sent home via your child's school bag, then could you please e-mail Mrs Munro at: como-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au You may also indicate whether you consent to your e-mail address being forwarded to the P&C Committee for further correspondence. Please e-mail Mrs.Munro from the e-mail address that you would like the Newsletter to be sent to.

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

Calendar of Events	
Date	Event
Friday 14 th August	SSSMF Junior Choir Rehearsal & Matinee – Years 2/3
Saturday 15 th August	Foreshore bushcare and planting day – 8am-11am
Monday 17 th August	SSSMF Evening Concert 7pm – 9pm – Years 2/3
Monday 31 st August	Science Excursion - Kindergarten-Year 6
Thursday 10 th September	Kindergarten 2010 Orientation Day
Sunday 13 th September	Como Craft & Antique Market

AWARDS

Harmony Awards:

- K/1** Lucy, Sam.
2/3 Daniel, Evan.
4/5/6 Nicholas, Sharnah.

Bronze

- K/1** Ben, Sam, Laurence, Madeline, Billy, Audrey, Preston, Jayde.
2/3 Michael.
4/5/6 Makayla.

Silver

- K/1** Ben, Madeline, Sam
2/3 Michael.
4/5/6 Jackson R.

Gold, gold, gold!!!! Ben.



Congratulations to all Award Recipients

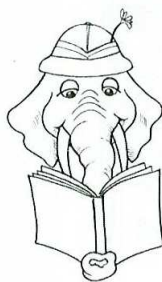
CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK

We will be celebrating Children's Book Week at Como Public School on Friday 28 August.

DRESS UP DAY

Students are asked to come to school dressed for a 'Book Safari'. They could wear items of clothing which are green, khaki, have jungle patterns etc. There will be some 'lucky prizes' awarded on the day.

**Book
Safari
2009**



BOOK DONATIONS

There was a wonderful response last year to our sale of books for the school library. A selection of books to donate will once again be for sale from 9am.

VISIT BY SUTHERLAND LIBRARY STAFF

Staff will be visiting our school between 10am – 11.30am to present sessions featuring some of the shortlisted books to each class.

We are looking forward to a wonderful celebration of Book Week 2009.

D Wendt
Teacher Librarian

11th August 2009

Dear Parents,

On Monday 31st of August students from Kindergarten to Year 6 will be participating in an excursion to Wollongong Science Centre to complement their science studies.

Travel will be by coach.

Children are required to wear full school uniform and should bring lunch, recess and drinks in a disposable bag. They may carry a **small** backpack if required.

Cost of the excursion is \$17.50 which includes bus fare and entry to the science centre. This amount should be included with the permission note below and returned to your child's teacher **by Friday 28th August**.

Students should arrive at school at **9.00am** on Monday and will return to school by 3.25pm.

Mrs. Roffey
Classroom Teacher

Mrs.Pantelis
Principal (rel.)



Wollongong Science Centre Excursion: Kindergarten – Year 6
31st August 2009

I give my child/ren _____ of

Class _____ permission to participate in the excursion to Wollongong Science Centre on Monday 31st of August 2009.

I understand that travel will be by bus and that the children will be accompanied by their teachers.

I have enclosed \$ _____ (\$17.50 per child) to cover the cost of the excursion.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
(Parent/Guardian)

Foreshore Bushcare and Planting Day

This Saturday morning from 8:00am we will be planting native plants kindly provided by Sutherland Shire Council. Kids are welcome to help out. Come down and help reclaim the foreshore and help our local environment. We also have a large pile of mulch also provided by the council, so we can use any little helpers with buckets, small gardening tools and gloves. Weather permitting, we'll see you there between 8:00am and 11:00am. For information please contact Malcolm Robertson on 0402 361 046.



STEWART HOUSE SCHOOL CLOTHING APPEAL

The Stewart House clothing appeal is on again this month. Collection bags have been sent home today and are to be returned by 20th August so now is a good time to go through your wardrobes to clear out items that you no longer wear that may be suitable for donation. Bags should be left on the verandah outside Mrs Littlejohn's classroom.

Junior OzTag

Mid October 2009 to Mid March 2010

Girls & boys 7yrs – 16yrs

Venues: Cronulla, Lucas Heights and Cronulla

Cost: \$65 per player

Go to www.oztag.com/shirejnrs or phone the Jnr Oztag Office on 9501 1989 for more information.

Cronulla Nippers – get on board

Coaching by surf life saving champions

Registration days for 2009/2010 season:

13th, 20th & 27th September 2009 at the clubhouse located on the beach below Cronulla RSL from 9am.

Open Day on 6th September at 10am. Come and meet the coaches and watch the kids train.

www.cronullasurfclub.com



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COMO PUBLIC SCHOOL ABSENT NOTE

Child's Name: _____ Class: _____

Date of Absence: _____ Reason: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian