



Como Public School Newsletter

Quality education in a caring environment

Week 8 Tuesday 16th June 2009 Term 2
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Dear Parents and Students,

Strong Community Support

A big thank you to all the parents who assisted at the Como Markets on the weekend, as well as to those who donated goods to be sold. Your assistance helps our school!

Four members of our school community are participating in a 2 day course called, "Communicating with the School Community". This intense course involves several large projects from research to marketing, as well as formulating a Como Public School Communication Plan.

Como Public School is a unique school that offers quality education in a caring environment. We need to promote this message to others in our community. This commitment needs to be made by the whole school community.

The key messages for Como Public School are:

- Our school's vibrant learning environments cater for your child's individual needs and talents.
- Small classes taught by highly qualified and enthusiastic teachers.
- Our school develops leadership, builds individual character and promotes social responsibility and respect for others within a safe and caring environment.
- A welcoming and friendly school with strong and valued community links.

Communicating with parents

It is anticipated that half yearly reports will be sent home on Friday 26 June. Parents are invited to follow up on these reports by requesting an interview with their child's class teacher. Parent/teacher interviews will be held on Tuesday 30 June. Included in this newsletter is a schedule of times that teachers will be available for the interview. Should these times not be suitable, please contact your child's teacher to request an alternative time that will suit both parties.

Please return slip by Monday 22 June.

A welcoming and friendly school

This Monday the 22nd of June, will be the conclusion of our Part 1 Preschool Transition Program. A second part will commence next term with a different group of students from the Como Preschool. We are therefore combining this final lesson with an "Open session" for interested parents to come along and have an opportunity to see the school and ask any questions regarding their child starting school. We are very fortunate to have close links with our local community Preschool and this has been a wonderful opportunity for our students in demonstrating such great leadership skills.

Developing thinking strategies in our students

Every Thursday the students are invited to attend "Chess Club" during 2nd half lunch. This is a wonderful opportunity to challenge competitors at our school. Coming up there will be knowledge based quizzes offered to these students as well as a match competition. A big thank you to Mr. Keuning for making this possible.



<p>A Safe School This Wednesday, the school will be practising a “Lockdown Emergency Evacuation”. A continuous bell is rung and this alerts everybody to stay in rooms and lock all doors and windows of buildings. If you are visiting the school during this time please follow the same directions. Teachers will be advised when it is safe for students and adults to come outside.</p>	<p>Supporting others in need To help raise funds for The Leukaemia Foundation of Australia Como PS will be donating funds raised by holding a “Crazy Hair Day” this Thursday 18 June. Students will be allowed to wear Mufti on this day. A gold coin donation would be greatly appreciated.</p> <p>Warm Regards, Mrs.V.Pantelis Principal (rel.)</p>
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Calendar of Events	
Date	Event
Thursday 18 th June	Celebrating School Canteens Day with hot dog lunch
Monday 22 nd June	Open Day for Kindergarten 2010 children 12.30pm
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	Madeline
2/3	Amber R.
4/5/6	Gabe
Bronze	
4/5/6	Zoe, Patrick.
Silver	
4/5/6	Zoe, Gabe.
Congratulations to all Award Recipients	





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

Tuesday 16th 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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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

SUTHERLAND SHIRE COUNCIL VACATION CARE

Venues Jannali, Menai, Caringbah and Miranda.
Cost \$38.50 per child (excursions additional cost)
Dates Monday 13th July to Friday 24th July 2009.
Hours 7.00am – 6.00pm
Enquiries 9710 0568 OR 9710 0466

Enrolment Forms available from the school office, Sutherland Shire Council Libraries, Before & After School Car Services, Schools or Children's Services (at Kirkby House-opposite Sutherland Library) or online at www.sutherland.nsw.gov.au.

Childcare Benefit Enquiries at Centrelink ☎ 136150.

TRACK WORK

Bondi Jn – Port Kembla: Weekend Shutdown
2:00am Saturday 20th – 2:00am Monday 22nd
June 2009

Buses will replace trains between Sydney /
Port Kembla, the Eastern Suburbs line and the
Cronulla line.

Visit www.cityrail.info or ring 131 500 for
further information.

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Interview Booking Form

Name of parent/s attending: _____

*Please indicate **three** preferences for interview times. Every effort will be made to accommodate your choices. **Return to your child's class teacher by Monday 22 June** and you will receive written confirmation of your interview time.*

	K/1 Mrs Roffey	2/3 Mrs Littlejohn	4/5/6 Mrs Pantelis
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During the interview I/we would like to discuss:

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)

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

Please complete entry form on page 3 of this newsletter and return with payment to your child's teacher by 19th June 2009.



There's great news for students who haven't yet registered - there's plenty of time to jump on board! Children can now read for **ANY 30-DAY PERIOD** in June, July or August. Registration is easiest and quickest online at www.msreadathon.org.au - and kids get to build their own set of webpages and update their booklists online too!

UNIFORM NEWS

I have been informed there is an issue regarding the girl's bootleg trousers. There has been an inconsistency in sizing due to a change in manufacturer, however changes have been made and this supplier continues to be our best option. If you do have a concern with this I would appreciate if you would contact me on 0438 255 766 or leave a note for me at the office and I will contact you to discuss. This of course goes for any other uniform issue please feel free to discuss the matter with me. Also a reminder that I do have second-hand winter tunics sizes 4-10 at a cost of \$15 and the white blouses for under the tunics. We also hold new stock of the long sleeve red polos for the boys at \$15.

Thanks, Natalie Sier

COMO CRAFT & ANTIQUE MARKET July 12th DRAFT ROSTER

Thank you to everyone who contributed time or goods for last Sunday's market. The cakes were great and sold well, especially with a hot coffee on such a cold day.

Following is a draft roster for the July 12th Market Day. As it's the first week of the July school holidays a number of the regular BBQ volunteers will be away. If you can help out on this Sunday please let John or Gabe know so we can share the load around on the day.

The 8.00am start-up shift is looking for help as is 11.00 am through to 3.00pm, so please put up your hand to assist the school and the P&C on this occasion. If the Canteen folk aren't available please let us know also.

Time	Canteen	BBQ
8.00 am to 9.00 am	Marcelle Crowley Ilona Just Gabe Fenner	Norbert Schaeper Grant Egan
9.00 am to 10.00am	Marcelle Crowley Ilona Just Gabe Fenner	Norbert Schaeper Grant Egan
10.00 am to 11.00 am	Vanessa Manos Mandy Jiang Gade Fenner	Paulo Guerrerio Robert Li Grant Egan
11.00 am to 12.00 noon	Vanessa Manos Mandy Jiang Gabe Fenner	Paulo Guerrerio Robert Li
12.00 noon to 1.00pm	Sue/Malcolm Cluett Jacqueline Knox Gabe Fenner	Paulo Guerrerio Robert Li
1.00 pm to 2.00 pm	Sue/Malcolm Cluett Jenny/Malcolm Robertson Jacqueline Knox	Matt Frogatt Norbert Schaeper
2.00 pm to 3.00 pm	Jenny/Malcolm Robertson Jacqueline Knox Gabe Fenner	Matt Frogatt Norbert Schaeper

The P&C looks forward to hearing from you. So please help out and call John or Gabe ASAP.

John Mason 0419 495 672 or masonjw@bigpond.com
Gabe Fenner 0415401665

School Holiday Travel Ideas

What can you buy for a dollar these days?

Believe it or not you can take your child on a trip to Coffs Harbour, Brisbane, Melbourne, Canberra and many more places in the school holidays for as little as a dollar. [CountryLink](#) lists all sorts of vacation ideas and great travel deals for families on its website. www.countrylink.info/promotions#dollar

If you are in Sydney or travelling to Sydney, make use of the Family Fare deal when seeing Sydney by public transport. When at least one fare paying adult travels with their children or grandchildren, the first child travels for a child fare and the other children travel free.

On Family Funday Sunday, \$2.50 per person will get you all day travel on CityRail, Sydney Buses, Sydney Ferries and participating private bus companies. It's available every Sunday, when a minimum of one adult and one child related by family travel together.

For more July school holiday ideas go to [School Parents](#) ezine. www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ezine

Be Your Best Budd:e!

To help your child stay safe online, the Federal Government has launched a new tool called Budd:e E-Security which is available free for all Australian schools.

The Budd:e E-Security Education Modules feature e-security tips, games and video content. They have been developed specifically to provide an enjoyable and informative experience for students from Year 3 to Year 9.

To download this free resource or order a CD-ROM go to: www.staysmartonline.gov.au/games-videos/budde

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COMO PUBLIC SCHOOL ABSENT NOTE

Child's Name: _____ Class: _____

Date of Absence: _____ Reason: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Parent/Guardian