

COMO WEST CONNECTION POINT

by Carly Magee, Relieving Principal

Yesterday, Como West was proudly represented at the Zone Swimming Carnival held at Sutherland Leisure Centre. Our students achieved fantastic individual and team results. Once again, they demonstrated exemplary behaviour, great team spirit, and enthusiastic support for their peers. Some of our swimmers will advance to represent us at the Sydney East Carnival on Monday. We wish them the very best of luck!

It was great to see the Megawaves program kick off this week for our students in the Inclusive Support unit. This fantastic initiative introduces the basics of rugby league in a fun, safe, and supportive environment. Designed specifically for support units within mainstream schools, the program offers an engaging way for students to develop new skills, build confidence, and enjoy physical activity alongside their peers. Launched in 2024 as part of the "Sharks Have Heart" community programs, the initiative is driven by NRLW player and occupational therapist Emma Verran. The enthusiasm and participation from the students was amazing to watch. It's wonderful to see opportunities like this for the students at our school.

Over the next two weeks, NAPLAN testing will take place for both Year 3 and Year 5 students. Testing will begin on Wednesday, 11th March, with both grades undertaking the writing component. We wish all our students the very best as they demonstrate their learning and skills during this important assessment period.



Next Week

- ❖ Tuesday- Year 6 Olympic Events Fundraiser
- ❖ 11 March- 23 March- NAPLAN Assessment Window
- ❖ Wednesday- Kindergarten Teddy Bears Picnic- 1:45pm-3:15pm



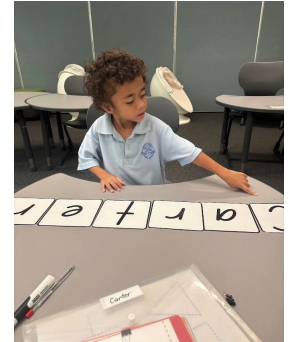
Como West Clean Up Day
Saturday 28 March



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Classroom Spotlight - K-6T

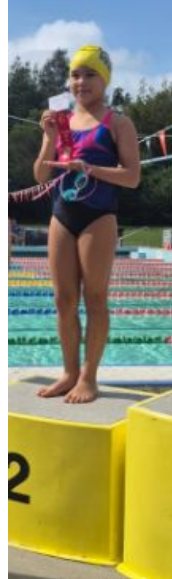
It has been a busy and exciting start to Term 1 in K-6T as we welcomed our new kindy students and settled back into our classroom routines. We have enjoyed learning, playing, and singing our favourite nursery rhymes together. One of our highlights has been making playdough every Monday with Miss Speers, a fun and hands-on activity that we all love!



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Zone Swimming Carnival



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Megawaves



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P&C - Available Volunteer Positions

Our P&C currently has several open positions and would love to hear from anyone interested in getting involved.

Treasurer: Approximately 3-4 hours per month. Responsibilities include preparing and emailing meeting agendas, taking meeting minutes, and approving payments.

Fundraising Team Members: Help organise and run fun fundraising events for the school community throughout the year.

BASC Convenor: Approximately 4 hours per month overseeing BASC educators and operations.

Canteen Manager: Approximately 3-4 hours per month. Oversee the running of the school canteen, including managing one staff member and coordinating volunteers.

Volunteering with the P&C is a great way to support the school, meet other parents, and contribute to activities that benefit our students.

If you are interested in any of these roles or would like more information, please email Kate Hery at president@comowestpandc.com.



Relationships and Parenting Courses

TUNING INTO KIDS

Interrelate, in collaboration with Engadine Community Services will be running the popular parenting program **Tuning Into Kids** over 4 consecutive weeks commencing on Thursday 23rd April.

This program helps support parents and carers understand and develop skills in emotion coaching. By learning to use emotion coaching skills, many parents and carers find their children talk to them more, want greater contact with them, and share more of their emotional experiences with them.

This program assists participants to:

- Recognise, understand and respond to children's emotions.
- Help children understand and manage their own emotions.
- Teaches parents and carers skills in being aware of how they express their own emotions when parenting.



BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Please call Interrelate on 8522 4400 for all enquiries and bookings
Intake call required

THURSDAYS

from 23 April to 14 May 2026

5.30 PM - 7.30 PM

VENUE

Engadine Community Services
1034-1036 Old Princes Hwy
Engadine

COST

\$60 for individuals
\$90 for couples

If cost is a barrier, please contact us to discuss



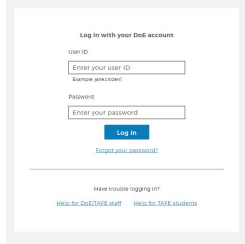
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Premier's Reading Challenge- Years 3-6

How do I enter the challenge?

Access the PRC website homepage: <https://online.education.nsw.gov.au/prc/studentExperience.html#/>

Then click on LOGIN in the top right hand corner. This will take you to the NSW Department of Education portal login page, students need to enter their username and password here:



Alternatively, a link to the Premier's Reading Challenge website can be found in the [Student Portal](#) under the **Learning** section.

The URL to use is <https://online.education.nsw.gov.au/prc/studentExperience.html#/>.

Log in details are the same details a student would use to access the [Student Portal](#) and the computer network at school.

If you are unaware of your username and/or password, please contact your **class teacher** and ask for your Student Portal username and/or password.

How many books do I read?

All students years 3 -6 need to read 20 books. MUST be PRC books.

These can be found on the website: <https://online.education.nsw.gov.au/prc/home.html>

When can I enter books?

The challenge opened 23rd February 2026. Last entries to be entered before 18th September 2026.

Will late entries be accepted?

No. Late entries cannot be accepted.

Who is the Premier's Reading Challenge Coordinator?

The Premier's Reading Challenge is an external activity set up by the NSW Premier. Our school coordinator is Mrs Galli.

Where can I find more information?

More information can be found on the Premier's Reading Challenge website:

<https://online.education.nsw.gov.au/prc/home.html>



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NSW Department of Education

**2026 NSW Premier's
Reading Challenge**
Start reading now!

www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au



**Key dates
for students
in K-10:**
Challenge opens
Monday 23 February
Challenge closes
for student entries
Friday 18 September



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Easter Parade and Grandparents Day



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Easter Parade & Grandparents' Day

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

On Thursday 2nd April (Week 10), Como West PS will be holding our annual Grandparents' Day and Easter Parade event! This will be a non-uniform day and students may like to wear brightly coloured or Easter themed clothing.

Time	Event	Location
9:30-10:00am	Open classrooms	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Grandparents are welcome to visit students in their classrooms to share in their learning
10:10-11:15am	Easter parade and P&C Easter raffle	<ul style="list-style-type: none">All families and caregivers are welcome to attend at the basketball court
11:15-12:00pm	Picnic lunch	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Grandparents and families can join students for a picnic lunch on the playgroundP&C morning tea fundraiser (Hot Cross buns/ Tea or coffee)Visitors farewell at the end of lunch

GRANDPARENTS' DAY

Grandparents are warmly invited to visit students in their classrooms to share in their learning from 9:30-10:00am. They can then enjoy the spectacle of the Easter Hat Parade.

During lunch, grandparents and families can bring a snack or purchase hot cross buns/coffee and tea and join students for a picnic on the playground from approximately 11:15-12:00pm.

Hot cross buns / coffee / tea can be pre-ordered via [Quickcliq](#) in the lead up to the day.

EASTER PARADE

All grades will parade around the basketball court and show off their hats and creations. There will be an opportunity for younger siblings to parade their creations, if they wish to make one at home. Parents are welcome to get creative too and join in the fun, by also wearing a creative hat.



EASTER HATS & CREATIONS

Hats and creations will be completed at school during Weeks 9 and 10. As usual, this is not a competition.

K-4 Easter hats: Students can bring in decorations, glue, tape, stickers and anything else they wish to use on their Easter hats, **in a plastic bag labelled with their name, by Monday 23/3/26 (Week 9)**. In addition to decorations, students may provide a piece of cardboard to be made into a hat or a plastic store-bought hat to decorate. Please write your child's name on the cardboard or hat supplied. In consideration of students with food allergies, please do not send chocolate eggs or decorations to school.

Year 5-6 Olympic dioramas: Students will work with a small group in their class to design and build an Olympic diorama scene. More information will be provided to students in class.

EASTER COMPETITIONS

Students will have the opportunity to participate in a colouring competition held by the Leadership Team, with prizes for K-2 and 3-6.

The Leadership Team will also be running an Easter egg guessing competition at lunch and recess in Weeks 9 and 10. The winners of each competition will be announced during the parade.

EASTER RAFFLE

After the parade, the P&C Easter raffle will be drawn and winners announced. Raffle tickets and information will be sent home soon.