

COMO WEST CONNECTION POINT

by Felicity Preston, Principal

THIS WEEK – Term 1 Week 2

I hope all of our families had a lovely school holiday break and that your children are as excited about Thursday as some of you may be 😊. Our staff are excited and full of anticipation for a new year ahead – our 75th birthday year – and are looking forward to seeing our Como West kids back at school. This week is Week 2 as teachers started back last week (Week 1).

Each week, usually on a Friday, I will be sending this COMO WEST CONNECTION POINT document home as a snapshot to connect you with what happened during the week and what is coming up. This will not replace the monthly newsletter as that provides more comprehensive information across all facets of the school. For now, here are a few reminders to get everyone ready for the first day.

Bell times

The bell times are 9:15am – 3:15pm EVERY day. Teacher supervision starts at 8:45am.

This week, our new Kindergarten students are to arrive at school with a parent/carer at 9:30am and meet at the 'Kindy tree'. If you cannot remember where that is, it is near the top of the ramp which leads to the Kindy rooms. Kindergarten students will need to be picked up by a parent/carer at 3:00pm, again at the Kindy tree.

First day

Gates will open at 8:45am. Building works have been completed over the school holidays to match our original vision for student entry and exit points. I am very happy to inform you that our Support Unit students can now arrive and depart from the gate within the entrance to the teacher's carpark. For all other students, both the Warraba Street and the Taplan Street gates will both be open at the start and end of the day.

Students will place their bags at their 2024 classroom and will begin the day in that room. We are aiming to form and finalise the 2025 classes for Stages 1, 2 and 3 on the first day (Friday at the latest). A full staff list will be included in next week's Como West Connection Point.

In the interim, I am pleased to announce that we have a new teacher joining us this year, Mr Scott Taylor. I have worked with Scott previously and can confirm he is an experienced and accomplished teacher we are fortunate to have on our staff. I am also pleased to announce that Lara Faour, who some of you may have met in the office last year, is joining us as our permanent School Administration Officer.



NEXT WEEK

- Kindergarten continue to start at 9:30am and will be picked up at 3:00pm.
- Wednesday 12th February – Kindergarten parents Meet the Teacher meeting. These will be held in the Kindergarten classrooms from 3:15 – 4:15pm.
- Remember to check the School Bytes calendar for all other event dates. Also cross reference dates to see if there have been changes made due to changing circumstances.