

# COMO WEST CONNECTION POINT

**THIS WEEK – Term 1 Week 5**

**by Felicity Preston, Principal**

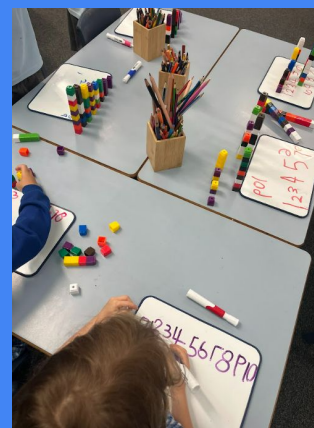
It's been a quiet but busy week of uninterrupted learning this week for the teachers and students. Behind the scenes, we have been working on some tasks to further support you to be partners in your child's learning. Here's three:

1. Throughout this semester we will be updating our **website**. A new addition this week is a document titled **Como West Public School Behavior Support Management Plan**.
2. Are you a K-2 parent? Do you know what phonological awareness is? Do you understand how synthetic phonics works and the role home readers play in that? Do you know our formative assessment processes in reading to determine when a child is ready to move on in the learning to read process? If you would like to know these answers, keep reading.

Having spent a year at the Department's Head Office as a State English Advisor working on the new English Syllabus development, this is one of my areas of expertise. Along with Heather Veraguth, an expert as our Assistant Principal Curriculum & Instruction, we will be delivering an optional **K-2 reading workshop** which will answer these questions and guide you through the learning to read process in a hands-on way. Please [click here](#) to complete the attendance form. If you cannot make this one, we will repeat the workshop after school in Term 2.

3. Do you have any questions about school procedures or processes or any other question you would like to ask me? Do you have constructive feedback? Or do you just like to have a tea or coffee and a bikkie and a chat? Join me for an informal **Coffee Chat** on the first Friday of Term 2 from 2:30pm til the bell goes. I will provide reminders as the date gets closer.

Last lot of Bios below!



## NEXT WEEK

Brilliant video(link below) relating to next week.

Our March Newsletter will be out on Monday. It will feature KJ with a newsletter article and 5/6OM with their Class News Video!

Good luck to our students who have been successful at our own Swimming Carnival and will now be representing our school at the Zone Swimming Carnival on Thursday. I hope you *make a splash!*

**K-2 READING WORKSHOP**

**Location:** CWPS Library  
**Date:** Monday 17th March  
**Time:** 2:30-3:15pm  
(arrive at 2:15pm)

Further details to follow in  
**Como West Connection Point**

Toddlers are welcome to attend. Please bring activities to keep little hands busy and maintain close supervision.

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Thank you to Kate O'Leary and our excellent student actors for helping to put together an excellent video for the P&C. A great initiative by our hard working parent, Jen Surplice.

Further to the message sent out about the P&C AGM next Wednesday, 5 March will at 7pm in the school library please watch the video attached for some inspiration to come along and join.

<https://youtu.be/cWube5jrL0s>

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**Tracy Condos**



**Business Manager**

**Qualifications:** Certificate in Secretarial Studies, PA and Executive Assistant courses

**Special interests:** Expanding my knowledge and keeping up to date with DoE changes, building relationships with the students.

**Personal interests/hobbies:** Spending family time with my sons and their partners and my dog, health and fitness, swimming, time at the beach, long walks, holidays

**What I love about my job:** I love getting to know the students and having a chat with them each day and I enjoy working with our lovely staff. It gives me pleasure to know that I've helped a student or family during the day.

**Cathy Morgan**



**School Learning Support Officer (SLSO) & part-time School Administration Officer**

**Qualifications:** Trained in Heggerty, MiniLit, MacqLit and Reading Tutor Programs. Over 10 years experience as an SLSO.

**Special interests:** I really enjoy running small group literacy interventions and am passionate about helping students who have learning difficulties and disabilities.

**Personal interests/hobbies:** I love spending quality time with my family, catching up with friends and going on holidays.

**What I love about my job:** Building positive relationships with the students and getting to enjoy their individual personalities. It fills my cup when I see a student master a new skill and you see their confidence shine. It's a great job!

**Belinda Spears**



**School Learning Support Officer (SLSO)**

**Qualifications:** Certificate 3 - Children's Services, Certificate 3 - Aged Care

**Special interests:** Working close to the Students in the IESU, capturing special moments and supporting students in all areas

**Personal interests/hobbies:** Reading, all outdoor activities and spending as much time with my Family, and I love travelling and exploring this beautiful Country we live in. This comes from being a proud Kamillaroi descendant.

**What I love about teaching:** Feeling appreciated by everyone, not just the students but the teachers that work at Como West as being a part of a big community is what Como West Public School is all about; the big smiles and support I witness each day from one student to another and the joy I feel at the end of the day when I leave knowing that I have supported a child in some way.

**Jo Gannon**



**School Learning Support Officer (SLSO)**

**Qualifications:** 4 year Personnel Administration Course

**Special interests:** To continue making connections with all students and understanding the needs and capabilities of the students in the 3 Inclusive education Support Unit classes.

**Personal interests/hobbies:** golf, being a grandparent and gym/walking

**What I love about teaching:** I love it when students are comfortable asking me for help and I'm excited after explaining something to them that they "now get".