

# COMO WEST CONNECTION POINT

by Felicity Preston, Principal

Thank you to our whole school community for a wonderful year at Como West. What a great school we have!

All the best to our Year 6 students and other students who are moving to other schools as you continue in your educational journey.

Wishing you all a wonderful Christmas and a happy and healthy school holidays.

## Looking Ahead

- First day 2026 for staff - Week 1 Tuesday 27 January
- First day for **all students** - Week 2 Monday 2 February



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## PSSA Basketball

Congratulations to our Term 3 PSSA basketball teams! Both the junior and senior squads have achieved impressive wins in a competitive season. We are incredibly proud of every student for showing great sportsmanship both on and off the court.

The players' skills have steadily improved each week as their confidence grew—not only as individuals but also by inspiring and motivating one another as a team. Their commitment, dedication and positive attitude were evident at every game. The players consistently attended training and took on board feedback from their coaches to enhance their performance week by week.

Special congratulations to the junior and senior girls' teams for being undefeated and securing the premiership titles. Both the junior and senior boys' teams also performed strongly, finishing third overall.

Mrs Casacelli & Mrs Maddern



Jnr Basketball



Senior Basketball



Jnr Basketball- Charles and Atticus Absent



Senior Basketball- Leo Absent

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## The Magic of Uluru by 1/2L

Miss Luckman is so proud to share some exciting news from 1/2L! Last term, our class entered the Patrick White Writing Competition for Indigenous Australian students. The awards honour Patrick White, Australia's first Nobel Prize author and a strong supporter of Indigenous youth.

The competition encourages students to work together to create a shared story, poem or play (something our class absolutely loved doing!) Through days of planning, preparing, getting inspiration, drafting, editing and publishing, 1/2L worked collaboratively to create a wonderful shared story called "The Magic of Uluru".

Out of the two major awards presented, we were incredibly lucky to be awarded the Encouragement Award 2025. What an achievement!

I am beyond proud of my hard-working students and the way they supported one another to bring our collaborative piece to life. We hope you enjoy reading it as much as we enjoyed creating it.



### The Magic of Uluru

Story by 1/2L Como West Public School

One shiny morning, Spikey the spiky echidna, Jumpy the bouncy kangaroo and Gumnuts the fluffy koala were going on a trip to Uluru. They sang silly songs as they went, "*Hop, waddle, climb, hooray!*"

When they finally got there, Uluru glowed bright red, like it had been painted by the sun! They sat down for a picnic with donuts that had pink, glittery icing and green cupcakes that sparkled like emeralds. "These taste like magic!" said Jumpy, licking the glitter off his paws.

Spikey whispered, "I never knew Uluru was THIS ginormous!"

Gumnuts replied, "It looks like a sleeping giant's pillow!"

That night, they camped under the twinkly stars. But the stars weren't just twinkly... they were dancing. They swirled into shapes of a giant kangaroo, a spiky echidna, and a cuddly koala! Gumnuts couldn't sleep because he wanted to watch the star-show forever.

In the morning, Gumnuts climbed his favourite tree. But this time, the tree began to shimmer! Its branches stretched higher and higher until they touched the stars. "Quick! Climb with me!" Gumnuts called. Jumpy and Spikey scrambled up, and together they reached a secret cloud-land at the very top.

On the clouds were more donuts, rainbow milkshakes, and friendly star-creatures (a kookaburra, an emu and a quokka) who waved hello. The three friends laughed, played and promised to visit their magical Uluru tree again.