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Principal's Report

Gold Medal Assembly

Riley Qiao 2C

Riley is a confident, capable and conscientious student who strives to achieve his personal best. He approaches his learning with genuine curiosity and is always asking questions. Riley's favourite subjects are mathematics and science. He excels in Fast Maths, displaying an outstanding recall of times table and division facts. Riley enjoys being challenged by tricky word problems and has a keen interest in physics and astronomy. In his spare time, he learns the piano and does taekwondo and swimming. His friends describe him as being funny, intelligent and cheeky. They say he is good at handball and a fast runner. Congratulations Riley on achieving your Gold Medal.

Ivy Norris 3A

Ivy is an enthusiastic student and a keen contributor in all class activities. She consistently displays a positive attitude towards learning and demonstrates the values at Como West Public School. What is most noteworthy about Ivy is her kindness and how she offers a warm welcome to anyone who wants to be in her company. Ivy is a fine example for her peers to follow and a highly valued class member. Ivy's classmates say that she is always kind and funny. Congratulations on your Gold Medal, it is much deserved.

Harry Collins 3A

Harry is a role model for learning, showing curiosity and enthusiasm in all subject areas. He is as committed to excellence when reading and writing as he is when working in mathematics. He shows great interest in all living things in the environment and sustainability. Harry always aims high and strives to do his best. Harry's classmates say he is very funny, sporty and smart. Well done on this wonderful accomplishment, Harry.

Blake Sandilands 3A

Blake is a friendly student with a warm and engaging personality. He is a hard working student who always puts his best efforts into his learning. Blake is a current member of the hip hop dance group and has represented our school at PSSA soccer and touch football. Blake's classmates say he is funny, good at handball and is super sporty. He is also kind and sticks up for his friends. Well done, Blake. Your efforts are impressive.

Elliot Francois 3A

Elliot is a polite and well-liked class member who can be relied upon at all times. He treats others with respect and care and always comes to school positive and ready to learn. Elliot has represented Como West PS at zone athletics, zone cross country and PSSA t-ball, soccer, touch football and basketball. Elliott is also a current member of the hip hop dance group. Elliot's friends say that he has a great sense of humour and he is excellent at sports. Well done, Elliot on your Gold Medal!

Talaith Humphreys 3S

Talaith is a thoughtful and caring member of 3S. She displays good citizenship by being a willing helper to students and staff. A positive attitude and a winning smile ensures that she is well liked. Talaith is always ready to work because she is organised and listens well. She takes on board teacher advice and is determined to improve. She says her favourite subject is mathematics because it is fun. Her friends say that she is kind and friendly and very focused. Talaith has many varied interests and has represented the school in zone swimming and PSSA T-ball and soccer. She is also a member of the junior choir and the intermediate dance ensemble. Talaith has completed the Premier's Reading Challenge. She consistently demonstrates our school values. Talaith is an exemplary role model and a very deserving recipient of the Gold Banner award.

Jade Miller 3S

Jade is a self-motivated and conscientious student and takes pride in the presentation of her books. She has a vibrant imagination and an excellent vocabulary. Jade is an avid reader. She enjoys writing stories and does so with depth and insight. She says her favourite subject is writing because she is good at it. Her friends say she is encouraging, kind and helpful and always does her best. Jade has represented our school in PSSA t-ball and soccer. She represented our class in the Stage 2 Public Speaking Competition. Jade consistently shows respect for teachers and classmates by being polite and courteous. Jade is a most worthy recipient of the Gold Banner award.

Harper Gann 3S

Harper is an inquisitive and diligent student. She has a positive attitude and applies herself whole-heartedly to every task. When given a challenge, Harper thinks critically and pays attention to detail. She asks questions to clarify her understanding. Harper excels in Mathematics and English. Her bookwork is exceptionally neat and a pleasure to mark. Harper is a member of the school choir and the Hip Hop dance group. She says her favourite subject is Mathematics because she likes finding patterns and playing with numbers. Her friends say Harper is clever and takes her work seriously. In her spare time she competes in cheer leading competitions. Harper is a kind, loyal and caring friend and an excellent role of behavior. She has earned this Gold Banner in every respect. Congratulations, Harper!

Zac Holley 3/4T

Zac is a kind, hardworking and respectful student who embodies all of Como West's school values. In class he is always striving to achieve his personal best and is known for asking interesting and inquisitive questions. Zac's favourite subjects are maths and anything sport related. He has a strong passion for Australian cricket and wears his cricket uniform on mufiti

days with pride. Zac has represented Como West in PSSA soccer, cricket and touch football teams and is a member of the hip hop dance group. He is a natural leader having been a member of the Student Representative Council for the last 3 consecutive years. Zac's friends describe him as kind, funny and a great friend who is good at making paper aeroplanes. Congratulations Zac on achieving your Gold Medal.

Sophie Allen 3/4T

Sophie is a happy, friendly and respectful student who consistently demonstrates all of Como West's school values. In class she is an independent learner who loves to share her interesting and insightful ideas. Sophie's favourite subject is art because she gets to be creative. She has represented Como West in PSSA t-ball, netball and touch football ball and is a proud member of the hip-hop dance group and junior choir. Sophie has also proudly been a member of the Student Representative Council this year. Sophie's friends describe her as funny, smart and someone they can always have a good chat with. Congratulations Sophie on achieving your Gold Medal.

Elleah Gorman 3/4T

Elleah is a kind, considerate and respectful student who embodies all of Como West's school values. In class she is known to always be trying to achieve her personal best. Elleah's favourite subject is art because she says she gets to express her creativity. She loves reading comics and spending time with her friends. Outside of school she enjoys playing Oz Tag and attending art class. Elleah's friends describe her as kind, caring and quite funny. Congratulations Elleah on achieving your Gold Medal.

Gideon Young 4B

Gideon is a kind and caring friend who always does his best to look out for those around him. He keeps people smiling with his funny jokes and anecdotes and can find a positive in any situation. At school, Gideon enjoys playing sport, hanging out with his friends and engaging in creative learning experiences. He is an honest and fair team player and thrives in collaborative situations where he can use his creativity and work with others. Gideon enjoys many strong friendships and his friends describe him as nice, playful, funny and creative. His friends say Gideon is a good guy because he is always willing to give someone a go. When not at school, Gideon likes spending time with family and friends and playing the odd video game or two. Well done Gideon on achieving your Gold Medal.

Zac McIlveen 4B

Zac is a fun loving student who excels in the sporting arena and enjoys creative pursuits. He is well-liked by his peers and promotes fairness and honesty. Zac has a talent for drawing and visual arts and pursues these interests enthusiastically in the classroom. He also enjoys reading, has a love of animals and an interest in conversation and the protection of endangered animals. Zac participates in a range of sport outside of school including swimming, cricket, football and is also a fan of the backyard trampoline. During his time at Como West he has represented the school in PSSA cricket and soccer teams. Zac's friends describe him as dependable, funny, sporty, caring and intelligent. Congratulations Zac on receiving your Gold Medal, well done.

Ryder Pickett 5/6A

Ryder is a polite and helpful student who participates in all areas of school life with a smile. His favourite subjects in school are sport and mathematics. He says this is because he loves to challenge himself physically and academically. Ryder relishes any opportunity to be active. In his spare time, he enjoys swimming in his pool, playing Oz Tag, AFL and competing in Triathlons. Ryder proudly represented our school this year in PSSA soccer and basketball. He also participated in the Zone Athletics Carnival. Ryder is a very social student with many good friends. They describe him as funny, outgoing, athletic and a good person because he looks after his friends. Congratulations Ryder on receiving this Gold Medal.

Flynn Durante 5/6A

Flynn is a friendly, witty and active student who is a valued member of 5/6A. He is always eager to assist with jobs in the classroom and around the school. In Flynn's spare time, he enjoys watching movies, going in the pool and playing on his trampoline. He loves sport and spends his weekends playing junior rugby league. Flynn has represented the school in PSSA softball, cricket and touch football. He has competed in both the Zone Athletics Carnival and the Zone Swimming Carnival this year. Flynn's friends describe him as funny, cool, nice and athletic. They believe he is a great friend because he is loyal and easy to talk to. Congratulations Flynn on receiving your Gold Medal.

Maximus Linsell 5/6MI

Maximus is a sensible and well behaved student. He approaches his learning with curiosity and is always asking questions. Maximus consistently upholds our school's core values. He enjoys playing sport. Maximus' favourite subject at school is PE. He also enjoys visual arts. Maximus expresses himself creatively through his art work. During his time at Como West, Maximus has been a member of the hip hop dance troupe, competed at the zone athletics carnival and he has represented the school in the PSSA soccer competition. Maximus' friends describe him as sporty and competitive. They say he is always smiling and he loves playing (especially video games) with his friends. Congratulations Maximus on achieving your Gold Medal. Well done!

Lucia Durante 5/6S

Lucia is a bright, bubbly and caring student. She consistently upholds the school values and always strives to do her best in all areas of learning. During her time at Como West, Lucia has been a member of the Student Representative Council, the school dance troupe, choir and band. She has competed at the zone athletics carnival and she has represented the school in the PSSA. Lucia's favourite subject is art. She loves being able to express herself through her different art pieces. She is an active and energetic person who enjoys going horse riding, rock climbing, playing netball and baking with her friends. Lucia's friends describe her as having a great sense of humour, generous, hardworking, kind and caring. They love to have fun with her, drawing, colouring and spending time together. Congratulations Lucia on achieving your gold medal. Well done!

Ethan Aliwarga 5/6S

Ethan is a dedicated and hardworking student. He has a positive attitude and goes above and beyond for all tasks. During his time at Como West, Ethan has been a member of the Student Representative Council and the hip hop dance group. He represented the school in

PSSA t-ball and competed at the zone athletics carnival twice for long jump. Ethan's favourite subject is maths, he loves to be challenged and think critically. He enjoys solving problems, especially rubric cubes, playing a variety of sport including cricket and basketball, playing video games with his brother and creating science experiments using his microscope and telescope. Ethan's friends describe him as kind, friendly and clever. They enjoy hanging out with him and playing games together at school. Congratulations Ethan on achieving your Gold Medal. Well done!

Dance 2020

This year, we have organised dance so that all students who express interest have an opportunity to join a dance group. It is important to us that students have the opportunity to participate in activities which allow them to express themselves creatively. For this reason and due to the availability of space, some dance groups will be run at lunchtimes. Students will still have time to eat their lunch during eating time. Groups have been established across grades to allow for the participation of all students. If you expressed interest in dance, your child will receive a note today outlining the group they will be in and their commitment for the year. We would appreciate all parents talking to their child about the importance of making a commitment to the group for the year. We look forward to seeing many great dance items in 2020.

Fundraiser for Loftus Volunteer Bushfire Brigade

It always makes me so proud when our students initiate a project to help the community. One of our students, Ben from 5/6S, has developed a proposal to fundraise for the Loftus Volunteer Bushfire Brigade during our Presentation Night tonight. He would like to collect a gold coin donation at the door to give back to our local firefighters who are currently working hard across the state to keep our communities safe. Given that our Presentation Night is being held at the same time as the bushfire 'Santa Run' around the Como area, I believe this is a wonderful initiative. Please donate generously if you can.

After School Activities 2020

Next year, we will continue to engage external providers to deliver optional after-school activities for our students. The following activities will continue:

| Day | Activity | Time | Location | Contact |
|---------------------|--|---------------|----------|---|
| Monday | Art | 3.20-5.15pm | TBC | Class Artz Academy rebecca@classartzacademy.com.au |
| Tuesday | Drama | 3.30-4.30pm | Hall | Helen O'Grady Drama Academy sydneysouth@helenogradyschool.com.au |
| Wednesday | Spanish | 8.00 - 8.50am | Library | LCF Fun Languages leslie.jervis@lcfclubs.com.au |
| Thursday and Friday | French | 8.00 - 8.50am | Library | LCF Fun Languages leslie.jervis@lcfclubs.com.au |
| Tuesday | Mandarin – trial class starting Term 1 | 8.00 - 8.50am | Library | LCF Fun Languages leslie.jervis@lcfclubs.com.au |

Semester 2 Reports

Student reports will be distributed on Monday 16 December. Please take the time to discuss the report with your child and celebrate the successes they have achieved.

Thank you Year 6 students 2018

Our last year's Year 6 students raised money for a gift to the school. This new car track was installed a couple of weeks ago and is already proving to be popular with our students. Thank you Year 6 2018.



Online Safety

Kids today might be digital natives, and even more tech-savvy than adults, but they often lack the maturity, resilience or experience to cope with online risks. This includes things like cyberbullying, unwanted contact from strangers or coming across inappropriate content.

The new **eSafety Kids** website is a fun and engaging way to get your child thinking about the importance of being safe online.

'**Be an eSafe Kid**' immerses young children into a bright, visual and interactive world of online safety where kids, aged between 5 and 9 years, can explore a range of topics such as 'I saw something online I didn't like' and 'someone is contacting me and I don't want them to'. It can also help you get the online safety conversation started at home.

For those students who are little older, clicking on '**I need help with...**' allows them to enter a similar world, but with a little more information like 'sharing photos and my personal information online'. It also helps them with advice and support if they are being bullied online, including how to **make a report to us** with a trusted adult.

The website also has a **parent section** with lots of practical tips and advice to help parents keep their children safe online.

While students are using technology during the holidays, it would be a great time to have them explore this website. Encourage your students to be safe, kind, curious, and secure online.

Happy Holidays

I would like to thank our school community for their support this year. It is wonderful that we are able to work together in such a positive and collaborative way for the benefit of our students. I wish you all a wonderful holiday with your amazing children.

School News



Outstanding School Payments

We ask any families with outstanding payments to please finalise their accounts by **Friday 13 December** with the office.

Lost Property

Please check the lost property box before the end of term. Any unnamed clothing items left behind will be donated to the uniform shop and lunch boxes left behind will be disposed.

Medications Held at Office

Families leaving CWPS with medication held at the office, could you please collect before the end of term. Thank you.



Canteen News

Can you help at the canteen?

Come join us! No ongoing commitment required (although it's most welcome) if you can do one casual shift or more this term we would love to hear from you!

The following shifts are available and need to be filled.

If you are able to volunteer on any of these dates, or you would like more info, please email

cwpscanteen@gmail.com

Or call/text me on **0438 073 560**.

Thanks! Danielle

| | Nov | Dec |
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| Monday Sushi Pickup 11.00am - 12.00noon | | |
| Monday PM 12.00noon - 2.15pm | | |
| Wednesday AM 9.20am - 11.45am | | |
| Wednesday PM 11.40am - 2.15pm | | 18/12 |
| Friday AM 9.00am - 12.00noon | | |
| Friday PM 12.00noon - 2.00pm | | 13/12 |
| Ice Cream Friday 3.00pm - 3.30pm | | 13/12 |

Canteen Roster

| Date | Morning | Afternoon |
|-----------------------|--|-----------------------|
| Friday 13 December | A Shapiera N Harris N Kettlewell | TBC ICF: TBC |
| Monday 16 December | R Barnes | T Mason A Treharne |
| Wednesday 18 December | I Leigh S Surplice | I Leigh TBC |

CALENDAR 2019

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| | December | |
| Thursday 12 | Presentation Night | Dance/Band 5.30pm All students 5.40pm |
| Friday 13 | Kindergarten Graduation Gold Medal Assembly <i>Outstanding school payments due</i> | 9.30am 2.30pm |
| Monday 16 | Student Reports sent home Year 6 Farewell | |
| Wednesday 18 | Year 6 Graduation Assembly Last day Term 4 | 2.10pm |
| | January 2020 | |
| Wednesday 29 | Students return K-6 | 9.20am – 3.20pm |
| | February | |
| Monday 17 | Swimming Carnival | TBA |
| Monday 24 | School Photos | TBA |
| Tuesday 25 | Sausage Sizzle | TBA |

Notes Sent Home/Website

Presentation Evening 2019
2020 Class Supplies

All notes sent home can be accessed on the website. Go to Newsletter & Notes and click on the appropriate heading.

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students
K-6**

Mondays 3:20-5:15pm
At Como West Public School

Term 1 2020 - Monday 10/2/20- 30/3/20

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