



PREP PEEK

The weekly newsletter of Shore Preparatory School, Sydney, NSW

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Monday 1 Feb	Tuesday 2 Feb	Wednesday 3 Feb	Thursday 4 Feb	Friday 5 Feb	Sat 6/ Sun 7
Kindergarten Starts (9am) Camp Begins (Y3-6) K - 2 Information Evening (6pm)	Camp (Y3-6)	Camp Ends (Y3-6) K - 2 General Assembly	ACER Testing (Y3-6) >> Sport Trials 2 (Y4-6)	Prep Swimming Carnival (5pm)	Summer Sport Round 1
Monday 8 Feb	Tuesday 9 Feb	Wednesday 10 Feb	Thursday 11 Feb	Friday 12 Feb	Sat 13/ Sun 14
	Y1 - Wannabees Excursion Y3/4 Instrumental Demonstration (P3 MAC) Y3-6 Information Evening (6pm)	K-2 Assembly - 2C ELC Parent Welcome Evening (6pm)		K-6 Class & Individual Photos (9am)	Summer Sport Round 2

Welcome to 2016

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all children and their families returning to the Preparatory School this week and a particularly warm welcome to those children and families who have joined the School community this year for the first time. I trust that all families had a wonderful break and have returned refreshed and full of hope for 2016. I know that all of the staff in the Preparatory School are equally excited about engaging all students in a great year of learning.

Staff

This year, we welcome back Mrs Alexandra Geersen who will be rejoining the Preparatory School staff at North Sydney as a Year 4 teacher. Mrs Geersen has been on maternity leave for the past two years, but has been helping out at the School in various capacities over the past year. We also welcome back Mrs Viv Covey to the School after a year of leave. Mrs Covey rejoins the learning support team and will be working, in particular, with Miss Dickson in the 5D classroom. The learning support team at North Sydney also welcomes Mrs Jane Poke who will be working with students in Year 5 as a learning support aide.

As is often the case, this year we have a University of Sydney student teacher working at the Preparatory School under the School's student teacher scholarship program; Miss Danielle Connon. Miss Connon will work alongside Preparatory School teachers and in particular with Mr Philips in 5P, to gain experience in working at a school as she completes the practical components of her study. Miss Connon is in fact about to become Mrs Elms, as she marries in a couple of weeks' time. We wish her all the best for the big day!

At Northbridge, Mrs Rachel Marchetto has been appointed permanently in the role of Visual Arts teacher at K, 1, 2, the role she temporarily filled during the second half of 2015. We also welcome Ms Ana Grassi and Ms Kaitlyn Rytwinski to the learning support team at Northbridge. Ms Grassi will work part-time as a learning support teacher, while Ms Rytwinski will work with teachers as a learning support aide. Mrs Jacki Anderson will be taking long service leave during Term 1; Miss Lauren Johnson will be fulfilling her teaching responsibilities during the term. We also warmly welcome back Miss Kirsten Tootell to the Northbridge campus after six months away from the School; it is great to have Miss Tootell back in 1T!

At the ELC, Ms Beth Richards will be leaving next week to commence her maternity leave. We wish her and her husband Baha all the best for the arrival of their second child. Miss Nilloufer Seervai will be joining the Blue Room until early October whilst Miss Beth is on leave.

Mrs Lisa Steiner, Dance and Drama teacher at North Sydney will be continuing her maternity leave this year and Miss Stephanie Janssen will take Dance and Drama classes at North Sydney. Mrs Mary Woods, the Preparatory School Counsellor will now be working five days at the Preparatory School from this year. This will be a great boost to the student wellbeing programmes at the School.

On behalf of the Preparatory School, I welcome all the new staff and their families to the School.

After School Care

A reminder to North Sydney parents that After School Care does not operate at the North Sydney site. North Sydney students who wish to access After School Care are bussed to Northbridge to join the service at this site. To access this service, North Sydney families need to complete the North Sydney enrolment form, available from the North Sydney office. Northbridge students fill in the normal Northbridge forms. Note that After School Care for North Sydney students is not available on Fridays.

Preparatory School Family Service – Sunday 21 February 9am

At the start of each year, the Preparatory School holds a family service in the School Chapel. This year the service is being held slightly earlier than in previous years. All Preparatory School families are welcome to attend, although the occasion is compulsory for boys in Years 5 and 6.

Scholarships for Shore Senior School Entry – closing Monday 8 February

Each year the School offers a number of academic, means related, boarding and music scholarships for entry into the Senior School. One of these scholarships is the RGH Walmsley Scholarship which is offered to a boy in Year 6 at the Preparatory School. There is detailed information about these scholarships and the application process on the Shore website:

<http://www.shore.nsw.edu.au/enrolment/scholarships/scholarships-general-info>

Applicants for all scholarships, except for music, are required to sit the ACER CSTP scholarship examination. **Applications for these scholarships have been open for some time now and will close on Monday 8 February.** I encourage all interested families of students in Year 6 to consider applying for a scholarship, but please bear in mind that Preparatory School students can only compete for these scholarships on the application of their parents via the ACER website. Late applications are not considered.

Nick Saunders
Head of Shore Preparatory School

North Sydney News, Years 3 to 6

A warm welcome is extended to parents and boys for the start of the 2016 school year. I especially welcome those students and families who are new to the Shore community this year. Whilst staff have been hard at work for the last week, the school awakens with the arrival of the students. It has been a delight to see and hear the enthusiasm and excitement of boys as they catch up with old friends and make new ones.

Routines

The first few weeks of any school year are an important opportunity to establish routines that will serve students well throughout the year. I encourage parents and boys to work together in these early weeks to ensure the establishment of good habits at school and home. It is important for boys to be on time to school each day and with the correct equipment for the day's lessons. The student diary will be of great assistance in this regard – students use it daily and parents should be ensuring that they sign and sign it each day as well. It is an important avenue of communication between home and school. The school diary will arrive shortly and be distributed to every boy. Prep Peek (emailed weekly and on-line) and the Parent Handbook (on-line) will also be constant sources of valuable information and I encourage parents to maintain familiarity with both. 'Lampada' is our on-line portal to facilitate communication and learning - students and parents can access information (including homework) via the school and class pages. No doubt, questions will still arise from time to time. Please, in the first instance, contact your son's class teacher who will be happy to help you with your enquiry or direct you to whomever can provide appropriate assistance.

Traffic Management and Safety

Most parents will be aware that no spaces are ever available for parents to park cars in the Prep. The campus includes a turning circle for the drop off and pick up of boys by car, which is always at its busiest over the first few weeks of the year. There are some procedures which help to make this difficult situation work as smoothly as possible and these were emailed to parents earlier this week. I am delighted with the patience and cooperation shown by drivers in the first few days. Thank you!

A reminder that at North Sydney, students in Years 4, 5 and 6 need to be picked up from the Union Street car line if they are travelling home by car. Students in Year 3, plus the brothers of students in Year 3, can be picked up from the Edward Street line each afternoon. Next Wednesday after camp, all boys in Years 3-6 can be picked up from Edward Street.

Family Circumstances

If your family circumstances have changed recently, particularly in regards to contact details or care of your son, please ensure that the School has current information. This allows us to contact you easily and where necessary, issue multiple copies of notes and reports to parents. If care of your son is affected by orders from the Family Court, please ensure that the School is provided with up-to-date copies of the applicable orders. Should there be any variation to these, please ensure that we are immediately notified.

Swimming Carnival

Tomorrow morning, all boys will participate in swimming trials in preparation for our Swimming Carnival which will be held on Friday 5 February at 5pm. Offers of parental assistance will be welcomed by the Sports Master tomorrow

morning. Further information can be found on the Sports Page of this Prep Peek.

Camps

Next week our outdoor education programme begins with camps being held for Years 3 to 6. Years 3 and 4 will be attending Galston Crusaders Camp; Year 5 and Year 6 will be under canvas at Camp Somerset on the Colo River. Camps are a great way to start the year and serve as an opportunity to develop and extend relationships as well as participate in a wide variety of adventurous activities and challenges. On Monday, all boys should arrive at school at the normal time (by 8:23am) in their camping attire for morning parade and roll call. Please do not be late as teachers need time to brief and organise students. Pick-up on Wednesday should be at the usual time and will be from Edward Street for ALL students. Any medication should be given to the class teacher with written instructions prior to departure.

Thursday Sport – Next Week

Due to camps, Sport at Northbridge will occur on Thursday next week. Boys in Years 4-6 will be bussed to Northbridge before lunch and then can be picked up at 3.10pm. Changes like this are rare but in this case necessary in order to be ready for the first round of sport the following Saturday. After School Care will be available at Northbridge – please contact the Office if you need to make use of this facility.

ACER Testing

Over the next few weeks, our new boys will undertake a series of in-class standardised tests in Literacy, Mathematics and General Capabilities. These tests are used by teachers to assist in tailoring teaching programmes to individual needs and grouping students for learning activities. They also allow staff to monitor student progress from year to year. These can be discussed with your son's teacher during the Parent Teacher interviews scheduled for Week 6.

After School Clubs

Information concerning After School Clubs will be distributed in coming days, with the intention of commencing these in Week 3. If your son intends to participate in a club, please return your form as soon as possible, as in some cases, places are limited.

Important Dates – Term 1

Please refer to the Community Calendar distributed this week for many important dates. Parent Information Evening (9 February) and the North Sydney Cocktail Party (18 March) would be dates to diarise now!

Adam Larby
Deputy Head of Shore Preparatory School - North Sydney

Shore Preparatory School K, 1, 2 – Northbridge

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Northbridge News, K, 1, 2

Welcome back to School

Welcome to all the Year 1 and 2 girls, boys and parents to 2016. I would particularly like to welcome new parents and students to our K,1,2 community. All the children were brimming with excitement (and a few nerves) on the first day. It is such a joy to see how they have settled in and their bright, happy faces are windows to their positive attitudes all within two days! We look forward to welcoming the Kindergarten boys and girls on Monday.

Parent Information Evening

All K,1,2 parents are invited to attend the Parent Information Evening on Monday, 1 February commencing at 6pm. This is an ideal opportunity for parents to meet their child's teacher, to look at our Northbridge grounds and to become more familiar with the systems that are in place in and outside the classroom. I will be addressing the parents in the hall and then the class teachers will talk about their plans for the year ahead. In the classrooms, the teachers will speak about particular issues relevant to their grade. Please arrive at the hall between 5:45pm and 6:00pm for a prompt start.

Car-Park and Driveway Safety

All parents are asked to adhere to the school's strict **left turn only** policy for both entering and exiting the school car-park. The policy is designed to assist with the traffic flow and vehicle/pedestrian safety in Sailor's Bay Road. It is a traffic offence to turn right when exiting the car-park. Please be advised that the NSW Police will have been notified of parents consistently doing the wrong thing and will be attending the driveway on regular occasions. Shore is keen to retain goodwill with our local community. If parents are dropping off or collecting their child from the turning circle area, they are asked to stay in their vehicle. Staff on duty will assist with doors and bags, as necessary, as this helps to minimise the risk of any accidents in this area. Only Early Learning Centre families dropping off or collecting and ELC child should use the designated ELC parking bays, with parking in those spaces being limited to 10 minutes. No vehicles should be parked and left unattended in the turning circle area at any stage of the school day as this is an entry point for emergency vehicles.

Assemblies

The first K,1,2 Assembly on Wednesday, 3 February will be a General Assembly. Parents are warmly invited to attend their own child's class assembly which generally runs for about 30 minutes. Please see dates in the Community Calendar. The children take an active role in leading and sharing in all of our assemblies. Following the class assemblies, parents are invited back to the classroom for a visit and an update on what's going on. From past experiences, I know that children feel very proud when they 'show off' their classroom to their parents.

Northbridge Cocktail Party

I do hope that you will be able to attend the Northbridge Cocktail Party on Friday, 19 February. Invitations will be sent home in the coming weeks but please keep the date free. It is a wonderful evening where parents from the ELC and K,1,2 get to be together in a social setting.

From the Office

Mrs Lockyer is very busy particularly at the beginning of the year. Please read the list below and return any relevant information to the office as soon as possible. Thank you for your help.

- After School Care enrolment forms – please complete and return for emergencies

- After School pick-up forms – were sent home this week, please return on Monday.
- After School activities start next week – parents should have received email confirmation from Mrs Lockyer outlining the activities enrolled.
- Medical – if your child has an action plan, eg for asthma, please hand it into the office. Equally, any other dietary/medical requirements please contact Mrs Lockyer. Notes are required for any medication to be held at office. Children should hand medication to Mrs Lockyer and should not keep these in their bags.
- Car plates – went home this week to new starters...if you need more, please let Mrs Lockyer know.

Other information to note:

Monday, 1 February – K,1,2 Parent Information Evening (6pm)

Friday, 19 February – K,1,2 Parents Cocktail Party

Friday, 4 March – Shore Icebreaker

Natasha Mitchell
Deputy Head of Shore Preparatory School - Northbridge

Early Learning Centre – Northbridge

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ELC News

Welcome

Welcome back to the children and families returning to Shore after the holidays and a very warm welcome to all of the new children and families that are beginning their journey at Shore this year. The ELC team have enjoyed a fabulous start to 2016 as we came together in mid-January to reflect on our programme and practices and plan for the year ahead. We had the opportunity to refresh our First Aid Qualifications together and we welcomed Miss Jessica Staines from Koori Curriculum to share her ideas on '*How to embed an Indigenous perspective into an early childhood education and care programme*'.

After our planning days we were well prepared to welcome the older children in their second year back to the Centre. This week, as the younger first year children have begun their transition into the ELC, I couldn't help but notice how kind and caring the older children have been as the boys and girls familiarised themselves with the new environment and began to develop their sense of belonging. Already we have observed friendships emerging between the children and there is a sense of calm throughout the Centre as children learn our daily routine. As with most new experiences there is a lot to learn and remember for children, families and educators! If you have questions, please ask, or if you have any information about your child that may help us please share it with us. We are all looking forward to the year ahead with you and your children.

Morning and Afternoon Tea

May I remind all families to please provide a piece of fruit or a vegetable for the shared morning and afternoon teas every day. If you are stuck for ideas the children are currently enjoying a wide variety of foods including watermelon, apple, orange, cherry tomatoes, carrots, peaches, grapes, mango, celery and banana. They even had some delicious beans, cucumber and strawberries that we harvested ourselves!

Parent Welcome Evening

On Wednesday 10 February, we will host our Parent Welcome Evening. All parents who have children currently enrolled in the Early Learning Centre are invited to attend. The evening provides a valuable opportunity to meet other parents, speak with educators about the programme or your child's start to the year and ask any questions you may have. The evening commences at 6:00pm and concludes at 7:30pm; we look forward to seeing you here!

Biolock

After a few glitches with the front door security system late last year it is now up and running and working better than ever. If you do have any difficulties with the front door system, please speak with myself or Miss Penny so that we may offer our assistance.

ELC Team

Next week we will have a change to our staffing arrangements as we farewell Miss Beth to begin her maternity leave. Miss Nilloufer Seervai will be joining the Blue Room until early October whilst Miss Beth is on leave. On behalf of the team I wish Miss Beth and her husband Baha well as they prepare for this new addition to their family.

Rebecca Schollum
Director - ELC



UNIFORM SHOP
Open
Mondays, Tuesdays
and Thursdays
9.30 to 4.30pm
(02) 9900 4704

Games

Wet weather information
Please refer to the
Shore website on
Saturday morning
www.Shore.nsw.edu.au
(Quick Links/Prep Sporting
Fixtures/ Prep
Weekly Fixtures)

Sport

I hope everybody had a very enjoyable and relaxing break. The start of term is very busy at Shore Prep, with summer sport trials, swimming trials, and then camp.

The School swimming trials will be held tomorrow, Saturday 30 January at the Shore School Pool, North Sydney. To save your son disappointment can I ask all boys to allow plenty of time to arrive at the pool. First races for each age group will begin on the hour and I would not like any boy to miss the opportunity to be selected for the School Swimming Carnival.

Boys are required to wear Shore school swimmers, wet shirt (not when racing) and sunscreen.

YEAR GROUP SWIMMING TIMES

Year 6 8.00am – 9.00am (7.45am – warm up)

Year 4 9.00am – 10.00am

Year 5 10.00am – 11.00am

Year 3 11.00am – 12.00am

The swimming times collected from the swimming trials will be sorted. The 8 fastest times for each event will qualify for the Swimming Carnival on Friday 5, February. The Swimming Carnival will start at 5.00pm and finish approx. 6.30pm. Boys competing on the night need to be at the pool at 4.45pm for a warm up. If boys do not qualify for the finals they are still invited to participate in class races and cheer on their House team that evening. The class race is a 25m freestyle event.

Sport Trials

The second trial for Summer Sport for Cricket, Tennis and Basketball will take place on **Thursday 4 February**.

Round 1 is on Saturday 6 February. This round will also be used as a trial for the boys.

Boys were asked, late last year, to give preference to the following sports; Cricket, Basketball or Tennis. Boys will get the opportunity to trial for their preferred sport. However, if they do not make that side they will be required to take up their 2nd option.

Due to number constraints for all sides, some boys may not make their chosen team and will be asked to trial for a different sport.

Shore Prep Sport Dress Code - *All of these items are available at the clothing shop.*

Trials – Boys must wear the Shore PE uniform if they don't already have the correct sports uniform.

Cricket: Shore cricket hat and whites must be worn (Long or short white pants are OK). All boys must wear a helmet, pads and box to bat.

Tennis: Boys are to wear Shore tennis polo shirt and Shore cap.

Basketball: Boys are to wear Shore basketball uniform (baggy basketball shorts and singlet).

Please note: On Wednesdays, boys will be asked to wear their PE uniform t-shirt to training instead of their basketball singlet.

****Please wait until team selections before you purchase the basketball uniform. This will allow coaches to organise the boy's number on their singlet****

Looking forward to a great year!

Scott Mancey
Sportsmaster