



PREP PEEK

The weekly newsletter of Shore Preparatory School, Sydney, NSW

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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 Even- ing (6pm)	K-2 Assembly - 2C Y5-6 Elective Dance Audi- tions (7.15am—8.15am in the MAC) ELC Parent Welcome Evening (6pm)		K-6 Class & Individual Photos (9am)	Summer Sport Round 2
Monday 15 Feb	Tuesday 16 Feb	Wednesday 17 Feb	Thursday 18 Feb	Friday 19 Feb	Sat 20/ Sun 21
OT Screening at NS		K-2 Assembly - 1M		ELC & K-2 Cocktail Party	Summer Sport Round 3 Prep Family Service (9am Sunday)

Cars and School

At the start of the year it is always good to reflect upon safety in and around school grounds. With many parents using cars to pick-up and drop-off children, the safety of children must always be at the forefront of our thinking as we negotiate our cars around school zones. As you would be aware, the streets around Shore's Northbridge and North Sydney campuses can become quite clogged at pick-up and drop-off times, so please be careful to:

- Be aware of any children who are in the vicinity of your car before you move;
- Obey all traffic and school rules regarding pick-up and drop-off;
- Be a patient and courteous driver. Being stuck in a pick-up line that does not appear to be moving can be frustrating, but please be patient and thoughtful of the other users of the road;
- Be aware that it may take a little while for everyone to get into the swing of the year, so things will get better;
- Be mindful of neighbours to the School and not blocking their access to their properties;
- Be aware that council rangers and police are on patrol and will target infringements in and around schools in the first weeks of the year. Fines are considerable and will result in the loss of demerit points.

North Sydney Council has written to Schools asking them to remind their communities about being safe on the roads around schools.

The North Sydney local government area is very busy and the area around our schools becomes particularly congested at drop off and pick up times. North Sydney Council Rangers and Parking Officers, with the assistance of New South Wales Police, will be monitoring parking in all our school zones during these times in an attempt to ensure the areas remain as safe as possible for children.

Below are some useful tips for parents driving and parking in school zones:

- Drivers should always take extra care in 40km/h school zones, which operate on gazetted school days.
- Park legally, even if it means walking further to the school gate. Observe all parking signs. They are planned with children's safety in mind.
- Never double park as it puts children at risk.
- Model safe and considerate behaviour for your child – they will learn from you.

- You must not wait in "No Parking" zones for longer than 2 minutes.
- Always park and turn legally around the school. Avoid dangerous manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns.
- Avoid parking across the school driveway or the entrance to the school car park. Using your school's drop off and pick up facility will help keep all children as safe as possible during the busiest times of the school day.

Starting School

Congratulations to Kindergarten who have finished their first week of school! Starting school at Shore, even if a child has spent the previous two years in the ELC, is always an important milestone for children and parents. After now completing a full week, it is hoped that everyone is feeling quite settled and 'in the groove' of school life. I know that our Kindergarten teachers, Mrs Herron and Mrs Crerar, have been impressed by how well the children have adapted to their new environment. The school transition programme operated by the ELC each year has certainly played a large role in this smooth start.

The Department of Education has a great site that has tips for families. It is called "Helping Kindy Kids Succeed at School":

<http://www.schooltoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/helping-kindy-kids-succeed-at-school>

There are a couple of tips offered that are good for all parents to keep in mind, such as:

- Keep up the things you did with your child before they started school, like bedtime reading.
- Talk to your child's teacher if you have concerns about your child's learning.
- Get your child to school on time; it helps avoid anxiety.
- Get involved in your school; it shows your children you value education.

In addition, it is very important to always be positive in your communications to children about school, focusing on positive things that they can do to deal with some of the situations that they might face. Giving children positive strategies to deal with school situations themselves helps them to develop confidence and resilience.

Well done to our new Kindergarten children and their families for a great start to the year.

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North Sydney News, Years 3 to 6

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Preparatory School Camps

The Years 3 to 6 boys and teachers were at camp on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week and from my own observations during my visits and the stories when the boys returned, I think they were a great success. Boys were challenged by a range of exciting outdoor activities and experiences, and enjoyed exploring their skills of independence away from home and regular school. I was impressed by how many boys undertook a challenge that was new and perhaps a little daunting at first. As the boys experienced success, you could see their confidence grow before your eyes!

The camp programme in Years 3 - 6 is an important part of our education programme at the Preparatory School, providing an opportunity for children to learn and be stretched in new areas and to build a sense of teamwork with each other and staff.

Thank you to the staff who organised the camps (particularly Mr Harrington) and who supervised the children during these important activities at the beginning of the year.

*Nick Saunders
Head of Shore Preparatory School*

Camps

"Adventure should be 80 percent 'I think this is manageable,' but it's good to have that last 20 percent where you're right outside your comfort zone. Still safe, but outside your comfort zone." Bear Grylls.

There were many stories of adventure, camaraderie and discovery that emerged after our camp programmes this week. It is a wonderful privilege for our boys to be able to start the year off with time away in the outdoors. It is a perfect time to grow, learn and break free from our comfort zone. Well done to boys and staff on the way you handled yourselves at camps this week. Thank you to our staff who spent time away from their own families ensuring that the boys were safe and happy.

Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to all the boys who have been selected for finals at the Swimming Carnival. We hope to see lots of boys and parents poolside for our Prep Carnival tonight at 5pm. Those who have not qualified are encouraged to come to support their house and swim in their class race.

Parent Information Evening

We look forward to meeting with many parents next Tuesday evening. The evening commences at 6pm in the MAC for new parents and continues for all parents from 6.40pm in individual classrooms. Parental involvement in a child's education is vitally important and next Tuesday evening is a great chance for you to meet your son's teachers and familiarise yourself with the routines, expectations and programmes that will support your son to succeed. Due to maintenance on the oval, parking will only be available at the Bishopsgate Car Park and the Edward St basketball courts.

Uniform & Hair

I commend every student on their excellent start to the year in regards to uniform. It has been a pleasure to see the students correctly attired and demonstrating such visible pride in their school. Uniform, especially shoes and haircuts require ongoing attention. Hair is to be neatly cut, above the ears and collar, and tapered at the back in what is traditionally known as a 'schoolboy or college cut', and fringes should be neatly trimmed. Parents are requested to monitor this regularly throughout the year.

Hot Weather

Invariably, the first few weeks back at school feature some of the warmest days of the summer. Staff remind boys of the importance of regular drinks, making use of available shade, quieter play and appropriate clothing such as hats and sunscreen. A "no play hat – no play" guideline always applies. Boys must ensure that they have both hats each day. If a student does not have a play hat, they are expected to sit in the shade or visit the Library during play periods.

Melba Photos

Class and individual photos will be taken by Melba Studios next Friday 12 February throughout the morning. Boys are encouraged to ensure that their uniform, hair, shoes and smiles are perfect on the day. Melba will provide every student (K-6) with an individualised CD (or similar), containing their class photo and their own portrait. Each student account will be debited and parents will then be free to use both digital images to make as many prints as they wish. Cost to be advised. In addition to this, Melba is still happy to produce professional prints and an order form will be provided.

Wednesday Sport – Next Week

Thank you for your understanding and accommodation of our need to run Sports Trials at Northbridge on Friday last week. From next week, sport training at Northbridge for Years 4-6 will return to Wednesday afternoons with pick-up from 3.10pm. Due to the wet weather our Sports Trials were fairly limited and as a result there will be some changes to the teams over the coming weeks. Coaches will advise the boys about this at their next training session.

Leave

Parents are reminded that Saturday Sport is compulsory for boys in Years 4-6. Leave from any School obligation (including school days, sport, co-curricular activities and the beginning and conclusion of term) must be requested in advance. Please note that application for leave will not necessarily be approved. Holidays are advertised well in advance and parents are requested to make plans accordingly. Application for leave should be made to the Head of the Preparatory School, in writing, at least two weeks ahead of the requested leave.

Peripatetic Music Lessons

Peripatetic Music lessons will commence on Monday 8 February. Please contact the Office if you require additional information about these lessons.

After School Clubs

After School Clubs on offer have been advertised and commence next week. If your son intends to participate in a club, please return your form as soon as possible. Additional hard copies can be collected from the Office.

From the Office...

- After School Care

Please contact the office if you require an After School Care form. Students will not be able to attend After School Care without a completed 2016 Enrolment form and Immunisation Summary.

- Student Absences

According to the Board of Studies – all absences from school MUST be supported by written explanation from a parent via email or letter. A telephone call on the day of the absence is insufficient. Please ensure that you send a written explanation promptly after your son's absence.

- Lost Property

There is a large amount of lost property carried over from the end of last year plus items returned from camp. Please ask your son to check the lost property area for any of his belongings. Please remember to name everything!

*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

Kindergarten has arrived

On Monday, we welcomed 47 very excited Kindergarten girls and boys. They have all had an excellent first week. Well done, girls and boys on your first week of big school (and well done mums and dads)!

Chapel

Kindergarten also came to Chapel for the first time on Monday as "big school students". In Chapel this week, we looked at the first part of our school's Code of Respect. The first component of our Code of Respect looks at "Respecting Ourselves". The focus is on being responsible for your own behaviour, co-operating with leaders and teachers and always doing your best. I know the boys and girls have certainly been doing their best as I have seen some beautiful work this week. Well done!

Uniform Reminders

A reminder that all boys must wear their caps to and from school. Boys hair needs to be cut in traditional short school boy style with no undercuts or shaved areas. Girls must have their hair tied back if it touches their collar. Red or navy hair accessories are the only colours permitted. All children must also have a raincoat. Children without raincoats will not be taken to car lines and their parents will have to park and come down to pick their child up from the foyer. Please note that umbrellas are not permitted for use by the girls and boys.

Home Readers

Over the next couple of weeks, the children in Year 1 and 2 will bring home their home readers. Please do not be surprised if your child has 'dropped back' a couple of reading levels. This is very common especially over the summer holidays.

Photos

Next Friday, 12 February, the children in K,1,2 will have their individual and class photographs taken. Parents are asked to ensure their child looks their best in terms of smart presentation of their school uniform and hair. All school shoes should be polished. Parents will be issued with a CD (or similar), containing their child's class and individual photos, for which a charge (to be advised) and will be made to your term account.

Assemblies

We had our first assembly of the year on Wednesday. Year 2, you did a wonderful job of running the assembly. Next week, **Year 2C** will begin our Class Assemblies for the year. I wonder what you have in store for us so early in the term? Parents of children in 2C are invited to visit the classroom after the assembly. Congratulations to **Year 1M** on receiving our first **Quality Class of the Week Award** for 2016. What a fantastic way to start the year.

From the Office. . .

Mrs Lockyer requires all forms back as soon as possible. Please ensure the Authority to Collect Form, the After School Care form and the Code of Conduct (for new families) have been handed in as well as information regarding medication your child requires while at school. The children who attend After School Care even on a casual basis **MUST** return their Authority to Collect form immediately. Thank you for your co-operation.

Other information to note:

Tuesday, 9 February – Year 1 Excursion – Wannabees

Friday, 12 February – K-6 Individual and Class photos

Friday, 19 February – Northbridge 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

Northbridge Welcome Cocktail Party

On Friday 19 February all parents who have children in the Early Learning Centre, Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2, are invited to attend the Northbridge Cocktail Party. This is always an enjoyable evening in the Northbridge calendar as parents and teachers are able to mix and mingle in a social setting. If you would like to attend please purchase your ticket online before Saturday 13 February at www.trybooking.com/JTON

Thursday 7 April – Incursion Peter Morgan presents Kapa-kapa Manawa

*Rebecca Schollum
Director - ELC*

Sun Screen

Thank you to all of the boys and girls (and families) that have been doing such a great job remembering to apply sunscreen on arrival to the ELC. This greatly assists the ELC educators for the first transition from indoors to outdoors. There is now a stamp located on the sign in desk so your child can stamp their hand to indicate they have put their sunscreen on before arriving in either the blue or green room.

Go Together

The NSW Government Centre for Road Safety is currently launching a new campaign 'Go Together'. This campaign is an initiative to help drivers, bicycle riders and pedestrians to Go Together safely on the roads of NSW. There are new rules to promote safety and penalties for both drivers and cyclists who do not follow them. Check out the following link for further information.

<http://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/campaigns/go-together/index.html>

Northbridge Carpark

A reminder to all users of the Northbridge carpark to please take extra care, particularly around the busy times of day with school drop off and pick up times. Please remember that you must **always** make a left turn in to the entry and a left turn out of the exit.

K 1 2 Library

This year the library borrowing visits for the ELC will take place on Tuesday and Friday during school term time. On both days Blue room is timetabled for 9:30am and Green room 10:00am. The first borrowing day will be Tuesday 16 February. On library days please ask your child to place their library bag in the trolley located near their room door. If your child has forgotten their bag on library days they will still have the opportunity to borrow a book to leave in their class room.

ELC Parent Welcome Evening

Next week on Wednesday night between 6:00pm and 7:30pm we are very much looking forward to welcoming parents to the ELC. This informal evening is a great chance to meet other parents and chat with the ELC teachers. There is no need to RSVP, we'll just see you here.

Important Dates

Wednesday 10 February – ELC Parent Welcome Evening
6.00pm - 7.30pm

Friday 19 February – Northbridge Welcome Cocktail Party

Friday 4 March – Shore Icebreaker

Friday 25 March – ELC closed Good Friday

Monday 28 March – ELC closed Easter Monday

Wednesday 6 April – Incursion Peter Morgan presents Kapa-kapa Manawa



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)

Shore Preparatory Swimming Carnival

The School swimming trials were successfully completed last weekend. The 8 fastest times for each event qualified for the Swimming Carnival tonight. 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 did not qualify for the finals they are still invited to participate in class races (25m freestyle) and cheer on their House team this evening.

Boys will be notified early next week if they have qualified to represent Shore at the Invitational Swimming Carnivals.

Summer Sport – Round 1.

Best of luck to all the teams representing Shore tomorrow in our first round of summer sport. This round will also be used as a trial for the boys. Due to the inclement weather we had at trials, the boys are aware that there will be some movement amongst the teams over the next few weeks as the coaches look to grading the boys in the appropriate teams.

As we begin our season all schools in the IPSHA competition are asked to familiarise themselves with the IPSHA Spectators' Code of Behaviour.

IPSHA SPECTATORS' CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

Children play organised sports for fun. They are not playing for the entertainment of spectators only, nor are they miniature professionals. Applaud good performances and efforts from each team. Congratulate all participants upon their performance regardless of the games' outcome.

Respect the officials' decision

Never ridicule or scold a child for making a mistake during competition.

Positive comments are motivational.

Condemn the use of violence in any form, be it spectators, coaches, officials or players.

Show respect for your team's opponents. Without them there would be no game.

Encourage players to follow the rules and officials' decisions.

Demonstrate appropriate social behaviour by not using foul language, harassing players, coaches or officials.

Comments should not interfere with the running of the game.

COMPLAINTS

Complaints concerning the conduct of the game should not be made during or after the game, but should be referred to one's Head of Preparatory School, and any action should be his/her decision.

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

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