



# PREP PEEK

The weekly newsletter of Shore Preparatory School, Sydney, NSW

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Monday 29 Feb	Tuesday 1 March	Wednesday 2 March	Thursday 3 March	Friday 4 March	Sat 5/ Sun 6 March
Parent/Teacher Interviews	Parent/Teacher Interviews	Parent/Teacher Interviews K-2 General Assembly IPSHA Swimming Carnival at SOPAC	Parent/Teacher Interviews	Parent/Teacher Interviews <b>Shore Icebreaker</b>	Summer Sport Round 5
Monday 7 March	Tuesday 8 March	Wednesday 9 March	Thursday 10 March	Friday 11 March	Sat 12/ Sun 13 Mar
		K-2 Assembly - 1T Summer Sport Photos (1pm at NB)	Kindergarten Excursion to Calmsley Hill City Farm		Summer Sport Round 6 Year 3 Father & Son Camp

## Perseverance

This week at North Sydney assembly, I was speaking about the importance of a good attitude and bouncing back after hardship. In fact, failures and set-backs, even at an early age, if handled the right way, can build resilience in children that can equip them to approach life positively, regardless of what happens. As Jonathan Sacks, Jewish scholar and leader, notes:

*... almost all the great figures in any field – arts, the science, business and certainly the religious life – had more than their share of disasters. What marked them out was, first, their willingness to take risks, to experiment, and secondly, their ability to learn from failure, rather than be defeated by it. (The Times – 24 February 2007)*

As adults who care for children, teachers and parents play an important modelling role for children in the way we approach our own setbacks and those of our children. It is important to help children to understand that difficulty and disappointment are an unavoidable part of life and that by reacting positively to adversity and with a desire to learn from the experience, we can build important life skills. At times of difficulty, it is good to remind ourselves that persevering through difficult times, with the right attitude, can lead to a great reward in terms of character growth. Paul the apostle wrote about this over two thousand years ago, in a letter to the persecuted Church in the city of Rome:

*[W]e know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.*

*Romans 3 v. 3–5*

In my own journey, I have been inspired by one famous American leader who persevered through many setbacks in his life to achieve a most remarkable outcome for both himself and his country. When things do not come easily, I like to remind myself of the path of persistence that he travelled:

*Failed in business, 1831  
Defeated for legislature, 1832  
Again failed in business, 1833  
Elected to state legislature, 1834*

*Defeated for Speaker, 1838  
Defeated for Elector, 1840  
Defeated for Congress, 1843  
Elected to Congress, 1846  
Defeated for Congress, 1848  
Defeated for Senate, 1855  
Defeated for Vice-President, 1858  
Defeated for Senate, 1858  
Elected President of the United States, 1860  
**Abraham Lincoln***

## Preparatory School Prefects

Congratulations to Daniel Gillespie and Sandy Keddie who have been appointed the Preparatory School Prefects for 2016. Daniel and Sandy who are in their final school year (Year 12) were Preparatory School students and have made significant contributions to the Senior School. On behalf of the Preparatory School I wish these boys every success throughout this year.

## Sport Commitments

All boys in Years 4, 5 and 6 are now placed into summer sport teams. As part of a team it is essential that all boys fulfil their commitments to their team-mates and the School each weekend. A couple of teams have been disadvantaged in recent weeks through unexplained absence on Saturday. In some teams from time-to-time boys may be asked to have a bye in order to facilitate a fair rotation of players. These players are excused for that particular week, but many still come and support their team which is admirable. However, all other boys are expected to attend each game. If absence is necessary due to special circumstances, permission should be sought from me via a letter at least two weeks prior. This enables coaches to make necessary changes. If a boy is unwell then please endeavour to get a message to the team via a team-mate, if possible.

*Nick Saunders  
Head of Shore Preparatory School*

# North Sydney News, Years 3 to 6

## Jaw dropping moments

We've all had them and we all need an infusion of them in our lives to keep us going, to inspire us and to remind us that the extraordinary is truly possible. On Monday, I showed the boys a video of Danny Macaskill riding to the top of Cuillin Ridge on the Isle of Skye. Macaskill is one of the world's leading mountain trial cyclists. The film is beautifully shot and starts with him pondering whether it would be possible to get a bike to the top of this rocky outcrop. Danny Macaskill wasn't born with phenomenal bike riding skills or an extra dose of bravery, but through hard work he has been able to achieve many incredible feats. Hard work doesn't always equate to fame, fortune and world records, but a posture of determination, perseverance and wonder will go a long way to helping our boys become all that God has planned for them to be.

## Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher Interviews take place next week. If you have not received confirmation of the time requested, please contact your son's teacher. It will be a chance to discuss your son's start to the year and learning programme. Please be punctual to meetings and understand that teachers may have to end interviews and organise another time for further discussion with you in order to remain on schedule. There will be no parking in the school grounds for parents attending interviews. Students who come with parents are asked to remain seated outside the classroom and should have homework, a book or something else to occupy them as unsupervised games cannot be permitted.

## Preparatory School Family Service – Years 5-6

Our annual Family Service was held on Sunday morning in the Chapel. Boys in Years 5 and 6 and their families, along with many others gathered to meet under God's Word and seek his blessings for the year ahead. We heard from Mr Saunders about our true home, the place that Jesus has prepared for us as outlined in John 14. The Choir's rendition of 'Come, let us all this day' was angelic and it was beautiful to hear a number of very thoughtful prayers from some of our Year 6 leaders. Thank you for your attendance and continued support of our school community.

## Cocktail Party

The Years 3-6 Cocktail Party will be held on Friday 18 March in the Prep. Parents are encouraged to set the date aside and join with other parents and staff for an enjoyable social evening. Invitations have been emailed and your attendance can be confirmed at [www.trybooking.com/KMDZ](http://www.trybooking.com/KMDZ).

## Lost Property

Please ensure all of your son's belongings are clearly labelled when they come to school. Misplaced items are inevitable and clearly named items are much easier to return to the owner. If your son has misplaced any of his belongings please encourage him to check our lost property area or speak to his class teacher so that the classroom can be thoroughly checked. Items left at Northbridge on a Wednesday are also brought back to North Sydney. Thank you for your assistance with this.

*Adam Larby*  
Deputy Head of Shore Preparatory School - North Sydney

## Music

Congratulations to Joshua Abrahamian from 5P who performed 'Jurassic Park' for assembly. It was Joshua's first time before the School but he kept his nerve and performed the piece, on piano, from memory. Well done Joshua!

*David Jensen*  
Prep Music Co-Ordinator

## ISDA Debating

This year's ISDA debating season kicked off with the first debate being held at Ascham School. The two Prep teams were very excited to be travelling by train to Edgecliff accompanied by the Senior School debaters. The A team members are Nicholas Griffiths, George Leary, Isaac McAuley (Debating Captain) and Henry Oxenham, while the B team members are James de Kock, Sebastian Hazel-Harrison, James McCredie and Thomas Marshall, all of whom are ably supported by the reserves, John Kenny and Zachary Law.

The topic for last week's debate was 'That we should explore space' and Shore was on the negative side. Both Shore teams presented some worthy arguments but were defeated by Ascham's affirmative position.

Even though the Shore Prep teams were defeated in this first debate, the passion and commitment demonstrated by all of the boys bodes well for future debates.

*Miss Di Johnson*  
Prep Debating Co-ordinator

# Shore Preparatory School K, 1, 2 – Northbridge

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## Northbridge News, K, 1, 2

### Portfolios

Today your child has brought home his or her portfolio. These portfolios are samples of work that the children have completed in class. It is important to remember that these portfolios are not reports, nor are they a comprehensive summary of where your child is at with his or her learning. They are samples of some pieces of work for you to peruse and discuss with your child. This is particularly the case as it is so early in the year. All comments or concerns can be discussed with your child's teacher next week at parent/teacher interviews.

### Coming to School

Congratulations to all the children who are able to come into school by themselves, carrying their own bag. Every day, I see more and more children being bold and brave and walking into school unaccompanied. Thank you to the parents who are also working hard at encouraging their children to become more independent. Remember saying 'goodbye' at the foyer is a great place to start.

### Uniform

Please note that the children's play/sun hats are for playground use during recess and lunch. The girls and boys are not permitted to use their formal caps or hats for playing. After School Care also requires the children to have their sunhat. Formal caps and hats are for formal occasions and for coming to and from school. Due to health regulations, the office does not have spare hats to lend to children. Children without sunhats must stay under the awnings and are therefore unable to play in the playground.

### Mega Manners Month

Tuesday is our first school day in March and it is also the beginning of our *Mega Manners Month*. In March, K,1,2 has a 'manners blitz'. We will be encouraging the children to say "good morning" to an adult without being greeted first, to use "may I..." to ask for something and naturally always using, "please", "thank you" and "excuse me, please". Manners are important in our society. Thank you, parents, for teaching your son or daughter to use good manners. Remember... "*Good manners never go out of style*".

### Learning to Give

In Chapel on Mondays, the children are encouraged to bring in money to help support our sponsor children through World Vision. Our sponsor children live in South Africa, Thailand and Guatemala. Could you please remind your child to bring in a coin to help support people less fortunate than ourselves. Thank you.

### Assemblies and Awards

Well done **2M** on your fabulous assembly this week. What a talented group of children you are. Next week we have a General Assembly where we will look at the charity we are supporting this term. Congratulations to **KH** on receiving the **Quality Class of the Week Award** for this week. What a great week working together as a team. Well done to **KC** on being the **Chapel Money Champions** this week.

### Other information to note:

**Monday, 29 February – Thursday 3 March** – Parent/Teacher Interviews

**Friday, 4 March** – Shore Icebreaker, North Sydney

**Thursday, 10 March** – Kindy Excursion to Calmsley Hill City Farm

*Natasha Mitchell*  
Deputy Head of Shore Preparatory School - Northbridge

# Early Learning Centre – Northbridge

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## ELC News

### Children's Journals

Located on the top of the locker areas are the touchscreen computers that are the viewing point for each child's journal documentation. These are now updated to include all of the new children who have started this year. To access your child's journal simply touch on the programme they are enrolled in and then touch on their portrait picture. Throughout the year educators will update each journal with information specific your child's progress. In December, the journals will be copied onto a USB stick so that you may take them home.

great fact sheets, tips, suggestions and useful insights for parents and carers of children of all ages.

*Rebecca Schollum  
Director - ELC*

### ICT

Towards the end of last year we were very excited to update the ICT devices in the Centre which included a set of mini iPads, a viewing screen and laptop in each of the rooms as well as some larger iPads for the children to access. Miss Alice has a particular interest and strength in this area and has been looking at ways to explore this technology with the boys and girls. These days there are of course endless possibilities, however we are particularly interested in finding ways that children can use technology to document their ideas, extend on current learning and conduct research.

One example of how the children are engaging with technology is via a project where a small group of children are producing their own movie. So far they have written the script, drawn pictures of costumes and the set and are now looking forward to the step of using iMovie to film and edit their production before sharing it with others.

The iPads have also been utilised in other ways such as bringing photographs to life through the use of Chatterpix, researching a rocket launch after reading about it in a library book and following an instructional video on making paper planes. We look forward to discovering more great ways of using technology and sharing the children's learning with you.

### Green Room Project – What Pet to Get?

Earlier this year, several children in the Green Room had lots of questions surrounding the Blue Room fish and why the Green Room didn't have a class pet and importantly, how they could get one. These questions prompted Miss Helen to explore the idea of pets with the children. They have looked at different types of pets, where they live, what they eat and how to take care of them. Miss Helen asked for pet suggestions from children in the 3 day and 2 day programmes and this week children have taken home voting papers to rate the suggestions. Thank you to all of the families who have helped your children to vote, I know many of them loved 'doing homework' with their older siblings. Once the votes are all in, the valuable numeracy experience of counting and graphing the votes will take place before the decision is made. For more information on how this project is unfolding, I encourage you to read the documentation outside Green Room, chat with the team and ask the children; they are becoming pet experts!

### Website

If you are looking for a great website with current information regarding children and their development from newborns to teenagers I recommend accessing the *raising children network* website [www.raisingchildren.net.au](http://www.raisingchildren.net.au). This website is an Australian website which contains so many



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# Games

Wet weather information  
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(Quick Links/Prep Sporting  
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Weekly Fixtures)

## Sport

### IPSHA Swimming Carnival

We wish the Shore Swimming team the best of luck at the IPSHA Swimming Carnival to be held at SOPAC next Wednesday, 2 March.

### Cross Country

The School Cross Country Carnival will be held at Northbridge Playing Fields on Wednesday 23 March. Boys in Year 3 – 6 will travel by bus to Northbridge at lunch time and be dismissed from Northbridge at 3.10pm. Year 3 will be dismissed at 3.00pm to ease the traffic.

Boys are asked to bring their PE uniform or the Shore athletics uniform to compete in.

The Under 8 & 9 race will start at approximately 1.40pm. This race will be followed by the Under 10, Under 11 and Under 12 races.

Boys in Years 3 – 6 will race to win a place in the Shore Preparatory School Cross Country team. The following is a breakdown of entrants per age for the IPSHA Carnival on the Saturday 2 April at The King's School, Parramatta. At this event the boys will run 2km if they are under 8, 9, or 10 and 3km if they are under 11 or 12.

Under 8 & 9 – 10 places

Under 10 – 10 places

Under 11 – 10 places

Under 12 – 10 places.

*Scott Mancey  
Sportsmaster*

### Important note re : 2nd XI Cricket

**Round 4 match this weekend - 27 February has been CANCELLED.**

### Results — Round 3

1st XI Cricket	Mr Bayliss	Newington	W	124-88
2nd XI Cricket	Mr Harrington	Newington	W	147-54
Yr 6 Super 8 Blue	Miss Dickson	St Patrick's	L	41-58
Yr 5 A Cricket	Mr Martin	Knox	L	4-91 v 9-82
Yr 5 B Cricket	Mr Philips	Knox	W	103-52
Yr 5 Super 8 Blue	Miss Kleinig	Waverley	L	42-57
Yr 4 A Cricket	Mr Mancey	St Aloysius	W	96-64
Yr 4 Super 8 Blue	Miss Polis	Newington	W	68-52
Yr 4 Super 8 White	Mr Grainger	Newington	L	54-67
Tennis (A & B)	Miss Mitchell	Barker	L T	A: 18-16 B: 17-17
Basketball Snr A	Mrs Crerar	Newington	W	25-23
Basketball Snr B	Mr Morrison	Newington	W	14-10
Basketball Snr C	Mr Knight	Newington	L	5-21
Basketball Snr D	Ms Brand Mr Knight	Newington	W	26-13
Basketball Snr E	Miss Robertson	Newington	W	24-22
Basketball Snr F	Miss Schlunke	Newington	W	18-15
Basketball Snr G	Mr Tooker Mrs Woods	Newington	L	6-35
Basketball Snr H	Ms Wood Mrs Covey	Newington	L	6-12
Basketball Jnr A	Mr Larby	Coogee Prep	W	24-18
Basketball Jnr B	Mrs Curnow	Coogee Prep	W	4-3



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## Round 4 : 27 February 2016

1st XI Cricket	Mr Bayliss	Riverview SIC # 5	8.00am
2nd XI Cricket	Mr Harrington	<b>CANCELLED</b>	
Yr 6 Super 8 Blue	Miss Dickson	Redlands School Field, Nth Syd	9.30am
Yr 5 A Cricket	Mr Martin	Scots Northbridge G	8.00am
Yr 5 B Cricket	Mr Phillips	Scots Northbridge F	8.00am
Yr 5 Super 8 Blue	Miss Kleinig	St Patrick's Phillips Park	8.00am
Yr 4 A Cricket	Mr Mancey	Barker James Park, Hornsby	8.00am
Yr 4 Super 8 Blue	Miss Polis	Knox Northbridge E	9.30am
Yr 4 Super 8 White	Mr Grainger	Knox Northbridge E	8.00am
Tennis (A & B)	Miss Mitchell	Redlands Neutral Bay Tennis Club	9.00am
Basketball Snr A	Mrs Crerar	Mosman MISC	11.15am
Basketball Snr B	Mr Morrison	Mosman MISC	10.30am
Basketball Snr C	Mr Knight	Mosman MISC	9.45am
Basketball Snr D	Ms Brand Mr Knight	Mosman MISC	9.00am
Basketball Snr E	Miss Robertson	Mosman MISC	8.15am
Basketball Snr F	Miss Schlunke	Mosman MISC	7.30am
Basketball Snr G	Mr Tooker Mrs Woods	Mosman NSBH	10.15am
Basketball Snr H	Ms Wood Mrs Covey	Mosman NSBH	9.30am
Basketball Jnr A	Mr Larby	Santa Sabina NSBH	8.45am
Basketball Jnr B	Mrs Curnow	Santa Sabina NSBH	8.00am

## Venues:

### SHORE

School Field - Edward St., North Sydney.  
Northbridge - (SCEGS War Memorial Playing Fields and Courts) 55 Sailor's Bay Rd, Northbridge  
NSBH - North Sydney Boys' High, Falcon St, North Sydney  
River Road Tennis Courts - River Road, Lane Cove

### BARKER

James Park - Lowe Road, Hornsby

### MOSMAN

MISC - Mosman Indoor Centre, Marie Bashir Indoor Sports Centre. Cross Street off Bradley's Head Road

### REDLANDS

Neutral Bay Tennis Club - 1 Barry Street, Neutral Bay

### RIVERVIEW

# 5 field - in Junior School (opp. Senior School) . Riverview Street, off Tambourine Road

### ST PATRICK'S

Phillips Park - Nicholas Street, Auburn

## Northbridge Playing Fields Canteen

I would like to welcome everyone to the Northbridge Playing Fields Canteen.

We are open during the summer season terms 1 & 4 for cricket and tennis, also the winter season terms 2 & 3 for rugby and soccer.

The canteen is open from 7.30am - 1.45pm summer  
7.30am - 5.00pm winter

We always need & welcome parent volunteers. The canteen cannot run without the support of parents.

To register to volunteer to work in the canteen you go to the following link 'sign up genius' <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090e4ba8ae2ca02-northbridge7> where I have the number of positions available for that day.

**Please note:** Children under 14 years old are not allowed in the canteen.

We sell a variety of fresh, delicious food and drinks. Some examples are: Cappuccino, Flat white etc., **BBQ:** Bacon & egg roll, sausage sandwich, bacon sandwich. Tasty cheese & tomato toasties. Choc chip muffins, Brownies, Anzac biscuits, Honey bread biscuits, Florentines.

**General :** Nudie juices, Oak milk, Red Rock Deli chips, Variety of Paul's ice creams: Milo cups, Frosty fruits, Drumsticks, Weis bars etc.

If you have any questions regarding the canteen please speak to your year representative.

Thank you & I look forward to welcoming you at Northbridge.

Judy Mussett  
Northbridge Canteen Co-ordinator

# Shore Association

## Shore Icebreaker



All Shore Parents are invited to Icebreaker to celebrate the start of the School year.

Icebreaker provides a great opportunity to catch up with old friends and make new ones in a relaxed, social atmosphere.

- Date: Friday 4th March
- Venue: Chapel Lawn, North Sydney
- Time: 6pm - 9pm
- Cost: \$55 per person
- Dress: Smart Casual
- RSVP: Monday 29th February (no bookings will be taken after this day)

BOOK NOW at [www.trybooking.com/CXK](http://www.trybooking.com/CXK)

For further information contact the Foundation office on 9900 4755 or email the Foundation at [foundation@shore.nsw.edu.au](mailto:foundation@shore.nsw.edu.au)

This is a Shore community event involving Northbridge, Preparatory School and Senior School.

**ADULT ONLY EVENT**