



PREP PEEK

The weekly newsletter of Shore Preparatory School, Sydney, NSW

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Monday 7 March	Tuesday 8 March	Wednesday 9 March	Thursday 10 March	Friday 11 March	Sat 12/ Sun 13 Mar
		K-2 Assembly - 1T K-2 Peta Strachan - Indigenous Dancing Summer Sport Photos (1pm at NB)	Kindergarten Excursion to Calmsley Hill City Farm		Summer Sport Round 6 Year 3 Father & Son Camp
Monday 14 March	Tuesday 15 March	Wednesday 16 March	Thursday 17 March	Friday 18 March	Sat 19/ Sun 20 Mar
	Y1 Kimbriki Excursion	K-2 Assembly - KH Crusaders FIT @ Roseville College K-2 SSO Excursion Winter Sport Trials - Session 1		NS Cocktail Party Kids Lit Excursion	

Manners Matter

At the start of the year, the teachers have been reinforcing with the children the importance of good manners. Behaviours such as saying please and thank you, waiting rather than interrupting, greeting with a 'good morning' and saying 'good afternoon', letting someone else go first, have all been emphasised. Over the coming weeks, manners will be given a particular focus.

But why are manners important? For children, perhaps, using good manners can be seen to be a behaviour that is important to adults, but perhaps not relevant to their interactions. Unfortunately, in society at large, there are too few reminders of the importance of good manners and many people perhaps do not understand the reasons why we teach good manners to children and model them ourselves.

At their heart, good manners are about respecting one another: appreciating the ways in which others care for and serve us, acknowledging another person's unique worth and forgoing our own desire for immediate gratification (for example, being first to get a treat) in order to put someone else first. For this reason, using good manners is one of the focus behaviours in our Code of Respect, under the 'Respect Others' heading.

At Shore, our desire to nurture a culture of respect for one another is, in part, based upon our educational aim to create a harmonious atmosphere to foster learning. But it also moves beyond this to a deeper purpose; that is to create a community that actively demonstrates God's love. Our desire to encourage children to respect one another is to demonstrate to them that loving community is possible in the world and, in fact, it is the way God wants us to live. As children experience and contribute to a loving and respectful community here at Shore, our hope is that they will develop both the understanding and the desire to continue to love and respect others as they move into the wider world.

We would ask families to support the School's endeavours in this area. Encourage your children to display good manners around the home, even to their brothers and sisters! Learning to use good manners will help them to gain an appreciation of the people they live most closely with and the ways in which those people care for them.

Icebreaker

I am looking forward to seeing many Preparatory School

families, from ELC through to Year 6, at tonight's Icebreaker event. Each year, the Icebreaker provides an opportunity for relaxed interaction between different parts of the Shore community – parents, staff, friends of the School. It is also one of the few opportunities that parents and staff from both Northbridge and North Sydney campuses have to meet socially. Thank you to the Shore Association and the Shore Foundation for hosting this important event.

Parent-Teacher Interviews

This week across Kindergarten to Year 6, parents and staff have been involved in Parent-Teacher Interviews. These interviews at the start of the year are an opportunity to share information about students so that each one can be set-up to have a successful year of learning. I would like to thank those staff involved for the time they have allocated to this important task, and parents for investing time in the critical home-school partnership. In Term 3, further interviews will be held which will have a focus upon each student's progress and achievement during the year.

*Nick Saunders
Head of Shore Preparatory School*



On Monday, our 2016 Year 6 Library leaders visited Pages and Pages bookshop to select some new books for our library.

It was a very enjoyable excursion and now we have lots of new books!

Thank you to the parents who have generously offered to cover the books for us.

*Margo Pickworth
Teacher Librarian*

North Sydney News, Years 3 to 6

Manners Matter

On Monday at our Assembly we launched a monthly focus on good manners. Titled 'Manners Matter', the initiative is designed to give us a weekly focus and to reinforce good manners. This week our focus has been positive handshakes. The boys were encouraged to consider three things when shaking hands, these were to smile, look the person in the eye and give them a firm handshake. Most afternoons Mr Saunders and I shake the boys' hands as a courtesy to the boys and to wish them well in the afternoon, but also to model to them the example of a good handshake and the positive message it sends. We are hopeful that our boys can learn the importance of good manners from an early age and that they can build on these foundations as they enter teen and then adult life.

Safe Pick-Up & Drop-off by Car

For a number of reasons related to student safety, the School insists that primary-aged students who are being picked up from or dropped off at school are done so at the designated turning circles at North Sydney and Northbridge. Students are only permitted to leave the Prep School grounds if they are walking directly home, to a parents' workplace or are utilising public transport. Please do not ask your son to meet you at another location such as another school gate, a street corner or a nearby shop. The motive for doing so is usually traffic-related but be aware that asking your son to do something that he knows is against school rules can be confusing, unhelpful and places him in a very awkward situation.

Learning Support

Learning Support programmes seek to give our students with individual needs the focused attention and skills they need to experience success at school. For some students, support may only be required for a brief period of time but for many others, additional support can be a necessary and ongoing feature of the education they receive. Mrs Tong is in the process of communicating to all parents of boys targeted for Learning Support this year. In most cases, Mrs Tong will also advise how the skills taught at school and then reinforced at home as a consistent approach almost always improves student outcomes. Thank you for working with us to support your son and please contact Mrs Tong or your son's class teacher if you have any queries about how you can be assisting with his programme.

Prep Tuck Shop Menu

Over the past fortnight we have been dealing with some challenges that have arisen because of changes to the online ordering system. An amended Tuck Shop menu for the Prep boys has been added. Please do not use the Senior School menu when ordering for your son and we ask there be parental supervision should your son have access to order online himself.

Summer Sport Photos

Next Wednesday, March 9, our sports teams will be photographed in their summer sport uniform. Boys in Years 4-6 should bring **their Saturday morning sports uniform** for the photographs that will be taken before sport practice. Winter and other co-curricular groups will be photographed later in the year.

Cocktail Party

The Years 3-6 Cocktail Party will be held from 7pm 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.

Tickets can be booked at www.trybooking/KMDZ

Quality Class Award & House Points

This week at our Assembly we launched a new and improved Quality Class Award system. The minor modifications are designed to give a more holistic view of the performance of each class in all lessons throughout the week. The first QCA winners for the year will be announced next Monday. Congratulations to Davies and Hall who were tied as our House Points leaders this week.

Code Camp

Our Prime Minister, Malcolm Turnbull, has recently come out with his support for teaching coding to children and Shore has been in discussions with Ben Levi and the Code Camp team to host a camp at Shore in the April school holidays. We are looking for expressions of interest in attending the 4 day Code Camp before we finalise all the details. Please follow the link below.

www.codecamp.com.au/shore

Code Camp began in December 2013, when Ben and Pete, tech startup entrepreneurs, set out on a mission to create a solution which could provide every Australian student with the opportunity to learn to code and build their very own iPhone app. Today, in 2016, it is more important than ever to learn these skills. Learning to code is more than 'becoming a developer'. Learning to code allows students to be creative with technology, develop logical thinking and problem solving skills, and an understanding of computational thinking. In addition, through 'app building' we also focus on game design, the psychology of user experience, and the entrepreneurial mindset. These skills can be adapted to any role in any industry.

Adam Larby

Deputy Head of Shore Preparatory School - North Sydney

Music

Ben Anderson from 5D gave an outstanding rendition of 'Toccata Spirito' during Monday's assembly. It was one of the best performances I have witnessed from a Preparatory boy during my time at Shore. Congratulations Ben on your excellent progress on the piano.

David Jensen

Prep Music Co-Ordinator

ISDA Debating-Round 2

Last Friday was Round 2 of the ISDA debating programme and the boys were presented with the thought-provoking topic 'That teaching handwriting is a waste of time'. As it was a home debate, Shore was arguing in the affirmative. The B Team was awarded a win and the A Team was defeated by a very narrow margin. It was heartening to hear the adjudicators comment upon the high level of speaking skills as well as the sophisticated arguments that were presented. Congratulations to all of the boys who took part.

Round 3 is being held at Shore this evening and our boys will be debating in the affirmative.

Miss Di Johnson

Prep Debating Co-ordinator

Shore Preparatory School K, 1, 2 – Northbridge

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Northbridge News, K, 1, 2

Parent Teacher Interviews

By now, all the student's portfolios should have been returned to your child's class teacher. I have received many comments thanking the teachers for giving up their time to meet with parents. As school and families are in partnership in developing children, I would like to thank both the teachers and you the parents for making time to discuss ways in which we can help the children grow in all areas.

Car-park

As you are no doubt aware, our car-park is a very busy place. With both K,1,2 and ELC parents coming and going all day for a variety of reasons, spaces become quite limited. Please do not park your car in the car-park and leave it for the day. Please also do not park your car and then do your grocery shopping. The time of year when the senior school also uses the grounds is approaching and then spaces become extremely tight. May I take this opportunity to remind families not to park in the ELC spaces if you do not have a child at the ELC. If grandparents or other carers are collecting your child, please advise them of the entry, parking and exit rules for the Northbridge car-park.

Mega Manners Month

The Mega Manners blitz is well underway. The children are being rewarded with lots of house points and praise when they are caught using lovely manners. Well done, girls and boys on your fantastic manners (and great work mums and dads).

Assemblies

This week in Assembly, we heard all about the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation which is our charity for this term, Thank you to Mrs Herron and to the children for preparing and presenting the assembly. Next week, we will have **Year 1T** present their assembly. All parents are most welcome to join us. Well done to the girls and boys of **Year 1M** who were awarded the **Quality Class of the Week Award**. Great job, 1M! Congratulations also to **Year 2C** as our Chapel Money Champions for this week.

K,1,2 Library news - NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

The NSW Premier's Reading Challenge begins this week. Children may choose to participate in this. Mrs Reynolds will soon put your child's username and password in the front of each child's diary so they can log on and record their reading if they wish to do so. Mrs Reynolds will also talk to the students in their library lessons about doing this. Parents will need to help students keep their own reading record through the website. All booklists and further instructions are to be found on: www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au.

Other information to note:

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

Tuesday, 15 March – Year 1 Excursion to Kimbriki (details to follow)

Wednesday, 16 March – K,1,2 Excursion to Sydney Symphony Orchestra (details to follow)

Thursday, 24 March – K,1,2 Girls Club at lunchtime (details to follow)

Natasha Mitchell
Deputy Head of Shore Preparatory School - Northbridge

Kindergarten excursion to North Sydney Campus

Early Learning Centre – Northbridge

ELC Phone: 8966 5350 ELC Fax: 8966 5391

ELC News

Buddies

What an absolute pleasure it was to welcome the Year 4 Buddies into the Early Learning Centre last week. There were certainly lots of familiar faces amongst the class! The Preparatory School buddies programme takes place on several Wednesday's throughout the year and involves all of the students from the Early Learning Centre to Year 6. Each year group is 'buddied' up with another and will enjoy a wide range of experiences together. At the core of the programme is the idea that children will have the opportunity to build relationships with other students from the Prep and for the older children to be able to display leadership skills as they support the younger children.

As the Year 4 boys or 'big kids' arrived into the multipurpose room the ELC children were so excited and couldn't wait to get started. They spent the first two sessions getting to know one another, learning about the importance of introducing themselves and talking about or drawing different foods they like to eat and activities they enjoy doing whilst at school. I asked a few of the ELC children what their initial thoughts were on Buddies:

"I talked to my buddy about what's his name" *Sarah*

"My buddy was really funny" *Sadie*

"I liked my picture that I drew" *Emily*

"I liked doing the drawing...and I talked to my buddy about what he did today" *Harry*

This year the second year boys and girls will buddy up with Mrs Geersen and 4G in Terms 1 and 2 and then with Mr Morrison and 4M in Terms 3 and 4.

New sign in area

You may have noticed that the children's sign in area has had a revamp! The laminate sheets and whiteboard markers have now been replaced with exercise books and a range of writing tools for children to use. This move to a paper copy will allow children to be more successful with the writing tools as the laminate can feel slippery to write on. The paper copy will also provide us with a record of the children's progress throughout the year. We welcome your feedback on this change.

Blue Room Spider Hunt

Over the last few weeks bugs and insects have been a great interest for the children in the Blue Room. The conversations have recently moved from cicadas to spiders after Charlotte spotted a St Andrew's Cross spider at her sister's school. Educators have been supporting this interest through group times, conversations and research and even conducted a spider hunt around the ELC Garden matching spiders they found to a chart. Understandably an important part of learning about spiders and other insects is safety, as some are poisonous, so you can imagine our relief when the children could only identify 'low risk' spiders!

Congratulations Miss Beth

Over the weekend I was pleased to receive news that Miss Beth and her husband Baha are now the proud parents of a beautiful baby boy. Musa arrived into the world at 10:32am Sunday 28 February and all are well. We wish Miss Beth and her family congratulations at this exciting time and can't wait to meet Musa.

Important Dates

Friday 25 March – ELC closed Good Friday

Monday 28 March – ELC closed Easter Monday

Rebecca Schollum

Director - ELC

Year 4 Buddies visiting the 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
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(Quick Links/Prep Sporting
Fixtures/ Prep
Weekly Fixtures)

Sport

SHORE SWIMMING - IPSHA Swimming Carnival

The Shore team had a fun day at Sydney Olympic Aquatic Centre on Wednesday. The boys swam well and featured in places in a number of heats.

Special mention to Fraser Pandit who was selected in the IPSHA team to compete at the NSW CIS Swimming Carnival, on the 22 March in the Under 8s 50m freestyle.

Thank you to Mr Morrison & Mr Knight, the Shore team and their parents for a great season and enthusiastic support this year.

Armidale Rugby Carnival

All boys in Year 6 are invited to trial for the Rugby squad to play at the Armidale Rugby Carnival on the weekend of 8 - 10 April .

The trial will take place next Wednesday 9 March at Northbridge Playing Fields. Boys will need to be ready for pick up at 4.00pm from Northbridge. We will be selecting a squad of 20 boys for the tour.

Boys please make sure you have a School jersey and coloured jersey (non-Shore), mouthguard, head gear, boots & water bottle for the trial game.

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 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*

Results — Round 4

1st XI Cricket	Mr Bayliss	Riverview	L	107-109
2nd XI Cricket	Mr Harrington	CANCELLED		
Yr 6 Super 8 Blue	Miss Dickson	Redlands	W	100-57
Yr 5 A Cricket	Mr Martin	Scots	L	9-77 v 7-118
Yr 5 B Cricket	Mr Philips	Scots	L	54-55
Yr 5 Super 8 Blue	Miss Kleinig	St Patrick's	W	61-50
Yr 4 A Cricket	Mr Mancey	Barker	w	119-98
Yr 4 Super 8 Blue	Miss Polis	Knox	W	72-58
Yr 4 Super 8 White	Mr Grainger	Knox	W	75-55
Tennis (A & B)	Miss Mitchell	Redlands	W	A: 27-7 B: 27-7
Basketball Snr A	Mrs Crerar	Mosman	L	19-42
Basketball Snr B	Mr Morrison	Mosman	L	18-39
Basketball Snr C	Mr Knight	Mosman	L	22-42
Basketball Snr D	Ms Brand Mr Knight	Mosman	L	20-36
Basketball Snr E	Miss Robertson	Mosman	L	34-48
Basketball Snr F	Miss Schlunke	Mosman	D	16-16
Basketball Snr G	Mr Tooker Mrs Woods	Mosman	L	25-26
Basketball Snr H	Ms Wood Mrs Covey	Mosman	L	15-16
Basketball Jnr A	Mr Larby	Santa Sabina	W	42-6
Basketball Jnr B	Mrs Curnow	Santa Sabina	W	25-17



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Round 5 : 5 March 2016

1st XI Cricket	Mr Bayliss	Knox Kent Road	8.00am
2nd XI Cricket	Mr Harrington	Knox Toolang Park	8.00am
Yr 6 Super 8 Blue	Miss Dickson	Knox Northbridge E	8.00am
Yr 5 A Cricket	Mr Martin	Cranbrook Dangar # 1	8.00am
Yr 5 B Cricket	Mr Philips	Cranbrook Dangar # 2	8.00am
Yr 5 Super 8 Blue	Miss Kleinig	Waverley Queen's Park # 4	8.00am
Yr 4 A Cricket	Mr Mancey	Sydney Grammar St Ives School Field Nth Syd	8.00am
Yr 4 Super 8 Blue	Miss Polis	Tudor House Fairfax # 2	10.30am
Yr 4 Super 8 White	Mr Grainger	Tudor House Fairfax # 1	10.30am
Tennis (A & B)	Miss Mitchell	Scots River Rd Courts	8.00am
Basketball Snr A	Mrs Crerar	Trinity (Summer Hill) TGS Outside courts in Strathfield	10.15am
Basketball Snr B	Mr Morrison	Trinity (Summer Hill) TGS Outside courts in Strathfield	9.30am
Basketball Snr C	Mr Knight	Trinity (Summer Hill) TGS Outside courts in Strathfield	8.45am
Basketball Snr D	Ms Brand Mr Knight	Trinity (Summer Hill) TGS Outside courts in Strathfield	8.00am
Basketball Snr E	Miss Robertson	Trinity (Summer Hill) NSBH	10.15am
Basketball Snr F	Miss Schlunke	Trinity (Summer Hill) NSBH	9.30am
Basketball Snr G	Mr Tooker Mrs Woods	Trinity (Summer Hill) NSBH	8.45am
Basketball Snr H	Ms Wood Mrs Covey	Trinity (Summer Hill) NSBH	8.00am
Basketball Jnr A	Mr Larby	Newington Lindfield Campus courts	11.00am
Basketball Jnr B	Mrs Curnow	Newington Lindfield Campus courts	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

CRANBROOK

Dangar # 1 & 2 : Iluka Street. Rose Bay

KNOX

Kent Road : North Turrumurra—off Bobbin Head Rd, turn into Spurwood St and leads into Kent Rd.

Toolang Park: Cnr Toolang Rd and Warrimoo Ave, St Ives

NEWINGTON (Lindfield)

Jnr School Courts : 26 Northcote Rd, Lindfield

TRINITY (Summer Hill)

A B C D Basketball teams:

Preparatory School Outside Courts : **115 The Boulevard, Strathfield**

E F G H Basketball teams:

(**NSBH**) North Sydney Boys' High School : Falcon Street, Nth Sydney

TUDOR HOUSE

6480 Illawarra Highway, Moss Vale

WAVERLEY

Queen's Park, - Darley Rd, Waverley