



# PREP PEEK

The weekly newsletter of Shore Preparatory School, Sydney, NSW

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Monday 21 March	Tuesday 22 March	Wednesday 23 March	Thursday 24 March	Friday 25 March	Sat 26/ Sun 27 Mar
3-6 Assembly in the MAC - 3B Y2 Excursion - Vaucluse House		K-2 Easter Assembly Cross Country Carnival Campus Photos		Good Friday ELC Closed	Easter Weekend
Monday 28 March	Tuesday 29 March	Wednesday 30 March	Thursday 31 March	Friday 1 April	Sat 2/ Sun 3 April
Easter Monday ELC Closed		K - 2 Assembly - KC IPSHA Walk-A-Thon Fundraiser (3-6)		K-2 Fundraiser: Pyjama Day	IPSHA Cross Country at King's School

## NAPLAN 2016 – Information for Parents from BOSTES

In May 2016 the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. NAPLAN has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers and will assess the literacy and numeracy skills of students across Australian schools.

The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child's level of achievement. Each student's level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard.

Student background information (student name, gender, date of birth, language background and Aboriginality) will be collected as part of the National Assessment Program. This information is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that every student's right to privacy is maintained.

The NAPLAN tests will be conducted from 10-12 May 2016.

TUESDAY 10 MAY	WEDNESDAY 11 MAY	THURSDAY 12 MAY
<b>Language Conventions</b> (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) <b>Writing</b>	<b>Reading</b>	<b>Numeracy</b>

In the Numeracy tests students do not require any measuring tools such as rulers or protractors. In Years 7 and 9 there will be two Numeracy tests: one where a calculator is allowed and one where calculators are not to be used. For the calculator test, the student should use the calculator that they currently use at school.

**Friday 13 May** – A 'catch-up' day is scheduled for students who missed a test or were absent on a test day. Students may be considered for exemption from the tests if they:

- are newly arrived in Australia (less than one year before the test) and with a language background other than English, or
- have significant intellectual disability and/or significant co-existing conditions which severely limit their capacity to participate in the tests.

All other students are expected to participate in the tests. Disability adjustments which reflect the student's normal level of support in the classroom may be provided. Large print, Braille, coloured paper versions and electronic tests are available to meet the needs of individual students.

Access to disability adjustments or exemption from the tests must be discussed with the school principal and a parent or carer consent form must be signed.

Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer. This is a matter for consideration by parents in consultation with the school principal. If you wish to withdraw your child from the tests, a parent or carer consent form must be signed.

Please make an appointment with the principal of the school your child attends if you would like to discuss your child's participation in NAPLAN.

Additional information about NAPLAN can be found at [www.nap.edu.au/NAPLAN/Parent\\_Carer\\_support/index.html](http://www.nap.edu.au/NAPLAN/Parent_Carer_support/index.html).

## ELC Parking Spaces in the Northbridge Car Park

Parents are reminded that there are six dedicated ELC parking spaces in the Northbridge car park. These are the spaces closest to the turning circle and the Centre. These spaces are for the exclusive use of ELC parents between the hours of 8am and 6pm and other vehicles are not permitted to park there. Please note that these are short stay spaces and should not be used for periods of longer than 10 minutes.

*Nick Saunders*  
Head of Shore Preparatory School

# North Sydney News, Years 3 to 6

## Project Zero Conference

On Sunday and Monday a number of our Prep Staff were part of the Project Zero Conference: Global Connections in a Digital Age as both delegates and presenters. Project Zero was an initiative started in 1967 at the Harvard Graduate School of Education and almost 50 years on is one of the premier global think tanks in matters of education, learning and the future of schooling. It was an enormous privilege to be part of such a well curated event and I am confident that the professional learning, networking and reflection done by the staff will have an enormous impact on teaching and learning at the Prep.

## Cocktail Party

The Cocktail Party commences at 7pm in the courtyard outside the MAC. If it rains we will be in the MAC. We are looking forward to a great night with almost 200 members of the North Sydney Prep community gathering to enjoy food, drinks and one another's company. Parking will be at a premium with the Senior School Musical also on but should be available in Bishopsgate (under the tennis courts), on the oval (weather permitting) and in the surrounding streets. Please be advised that the Senior School Musical is also taking place on Friday night and with an additional 500 guests on site, parking will be more challenging than usual. We strongly encourage the use of public transport on the night. Our thanks go to and Kate Bain and Mary Campbell for organising this wonderful evening.

## Student Illnesses

Please keep your son at home if he is unwell. It is imperative that boys stay at home and only return once they are fully recovered. The school understands that it can be very difficult to make changes to work routines when your son is sick, but it is the responsibility of parents to limit the spread of infection. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

## Summer Sport Recap

Last Saturday saw the conclusion of our Summer Sport games for Term 1. During our six rounds this year there have been a number of outstanding individual and team achievements.

## Code Camp Update

Code Camp will happen at Shore Prep North Sydney campus during the school holidays from April 18-21. The cost of the four day camp will be \$390. You can register for the camp at [www.codecamp.com.au](http://www.codecamp.com.au). Shore will have Prep staff members at the camp working alongside the boys and the Code Camp team.

## Quality Class Award

Congratulations to 4M who topped last week's count for their great attitude in class each lesson. We will be BBQ-ing just after Easter...which class will finish the term strongly with the most ticks and secure a sausage sizzle?

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

## Music

My congratulations to William Ellis for his stellar performance on violin during Monday's assembly. William played the challenging 'On The Run' by Mary Cohen.

Well done to the boys who were selected to sing at last Friday's wedding in the School Chapel. Despite the heat they kept focus as they led the congregation in the singing of two hymns.

*David Jensen*  
*Prep Music Coordinator*

## Library

### Book Covering

Sincere thanks to the parents who have assisted so promptly and efficiently with covering of our new books at the beginning of the year.

### Premiers Reading Challenge

The Premiers Reading Challenge is now underway. All students in Years 3 and 4 will be expected to participate and should have received a folder this week with instructions and their passwords. Pleasingly, many boys in years 5 and 6 have also chosen to complete the Challenge and will also receive a folder and password. Most students have completed the Challenge in the past will find that they have the same password.

We have many of the Challenge books in our library, often marked with a coloured sticker. Mrs Mills also provides regular displays and promotions of suitable books to complete the Challenge. The finishing date is 19 August, plenty of time to enjoy twenty great books!

### KidLit

This week is our inaugural entry in the KidLit competition. KidLit is an international organisation in which students from various schools compete against each other in their knowledge of books and authors. The first heat will be held this Friday at St Ceryons, Merrylands. The eight Shore participants were selected on their knowledge of children's books and reading and have been training hard this term. The two teams competing are

Blue: Henry Oxenham, Baxter Howard, Tom Marshall and Henry Walker

White: Nicholas Griffiths, Robert Davie, Julian Berger and James de Kock We wish both teams all the very best of luck.

### Year 3 library borrowing

There has been some confusion regarding the Year 3 library borrowing sessions. The times are as follows:

3B periods 5 and 6, Wednesday Week B

3P periods 5 and 6 Wednesday Week A

Although boys can also borrow at lunchtime, these are our prime borrowing times. Could you please support your child in having his books ready for in class borrowing.

*Margo Pickworth*  
*Teacher Librarian*

# Shore Preparatory School K, 1, 2 – Northbridge

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## Northbridge News, K, 1, 2

### Early Arrival

Please remember that teacher supervision does not begin until 8.00am. If students arrive early, which should be on the rare occasion, they are asked to sit quietly in the foyer until the teacher on duty takes them into the playground.

### Easter Eggs

Next week, we remember the sacrifice Jesus made for us all by dying on the cross. We celebrate Him rising from the dead by sharing Easter Eggs. Some of the children bring Easter Eggs in for their teachers and classmates. While we love the children celebrating with each other, we ask that only the very small eggs are brought into school to be distributed and that only one per classmate is given. The eggs will not be eaten at school, but sent home for the children to enjoy with their families. Please also note our policies regarding nuts and other allergies.

### Child Restraints

Of late, staff have noted that some children are not being correctly seated in cars. Please be aware of the laws regarding child restraints. Two laws that affect most K,1,2 parents are:

- Children aged 4 years to under 7 years must be secured in a forward facing child restraint or booster seat.
- Children aged 4 to under 7 years cannot travel in the front seat of a vehicle unless all the backseats are occupied by children younger than 7 years in child restraints or booster seats.

More information can be found at [www.rms.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au)

### Library News

We have a small Parent Section in our Northbridge Library. A collection of helpful books and other resources for parents was initially set up in response to enquiries from parents for help in various aspects of parenting. As parents might expect there are several books on enjoying reading to and with your child. Steve Biddulph's "*The Secret of Happy Children*" and "*Raising Boys*", are included along with "*Questions Children Ask: And How to Answer them*" by Dr Miriam Stoppard. Practical aspects such as "*Healthy Food for Young Children*" are also addressed. Parents are warmly invited to come into the library and have a look at and borrow books from the Parent Section. If parents have any suggestions of books they have found particularly helpful, they are asked to please share them with Mrs Reynolds so others can benefit too.

### Assemblies

Thank you to **KH** who presented their assembly on Wednesday. You have certainly grown up in the last eight weeks. Next week, we have a General Easter Assembly where Rev. Paul Dudley, our school chaplain, will be speaking. Congratulations to **Year 1T** on receiving the **Quality Class of the Week Award** for this week. Our **Chapel Money Champion** class for this week is **Year 1M**. Thank you 1M for being so generous to our sponsor children.

### Other information to note:

**Monday, 21 March** – Year 2 to Vacluse House

**Wednesday, 23 March** – Easter Assembly

**Thursday, 24 March** – Girls Club at lunchtime

**Friday, 25 March – Monday, 28 March** – Easter Break

**Friday, 1 April** – Pyjama Day (details to come)

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

# Early Learning Centre – Northbridge

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## ELC News

### Fundraiser

Each term students from Shore Preparatory School participate in a fundraising activity. This term's charity is an IP-SHA (Independent Primary Schools Heads Association) walkathon initiative to raise funds and awareness in support of Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund (JDRF). Each section of the Prep School has different activities planned in Week 10. Years 3 – 6 are walking from North Sydney to Northbridge, K 1 2 are walking around the grounds in their pyjamas and the children from the Early Learning Centre are invited to wear mufti clothing and walk around the oval. Our mufti days will be Wednesday 30 March and Friday 1 April, so that children from the 3 day and 2 day programmes have the opportunity to join in. Miss Penny will distribute more detailed information about the fundraiser next week.

Friday 1 April - ELC mufti day and walkathon around the oval

Rebecca Schollum  
Director - ELC

### Dr Kristy Goodwin

This week Miss Mel and I had the privilege of hearing Dr Kristy Goodwin talk on the topic *7 Essential Building Blocks for Thriving and Balanced Kids in a Digital World*. Dr Goodwin has a wealth of knowledge on this topic, combining her skills as an educator, parent and researcher and she provided current information and handy hints on screen time with young children. If you are interested in exploring this topic further, Dr Goodwin has a fabulous blog where she discusses a wide range of areas such as choosing great apps, adult use of technology around children, safety and supervision considerations and how technology can hinder or enhance communication in relationships. Follow this link to access her webpage <http://www.everychancetolearn.com.au/blog/>

### Raincoats

After a very hot and sticky 6 weeks or so it has been a relief to enjoy the rain again!

So that we may continue to go outdoors and enjoy our beautiful garden through the change of seasons we ask that children also pack a raincoat in their bags on rainy days.

### Green Room Pet

From the recent pet research the children have established that there are some pets that we can't have at the ELC like a horse, a sheep or a cat. On Monday the Green Room boys and girls were delighted to welcome Sophie's mum Tracey and Oscar the dog to the Centre, to think about what it would be like to take care of a dog. Throughout the visit Oscar was very well behaved and showed great patience as the children patted him and asked questions. In the discussion, Tracey talked with the boys and girls about how to care for a pet, including the importance of exercise, healthy food, regular washing and games he likes to play. We also learnt a little about safety around dogs and how to approach them so that they don't get scared. It was also very impressive to see him shake hands when asked and great fun to have Tracey and Oscar join us for a visit.

### Important Dates

Friday 25 March – ELC closed Good Friday  
Monday 28 March – ELC closed Easter Monday  
Wednesday 30 March – ELC mufti day and walkathon around the oval



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## Sport

### CIS Swimming

We wish Fraser Pandit best of luck as he swims at the CIS Carnival next week in the U8's 50m freestyle event.

### Winter Sport

Winter Sport trials for Rugby and Football will take place on Wednesday 30 March and Wednesday 6 April. All sessions are in school sport time.

Round 1 starts in Term 2 on Saturday 30 April.

### Shore Prep Sport Dress Code.

Correct sports uniform and protective gear must be worn. If any of the correct protective gear is not worn, a boy will not be able to participate in the trials.

Football players – Football boots, shin pads (**compulsory**), School jersey and mouthguard (optional).

Rugby players – Rugby boots, head gear (**compulsory**) & mouthguard (**compulsory**), school jersey.

**All players – please bring school jersey and coloured jersey for trials (with your name clearly labelled inside them).**

### RUGBY BOOTS - Safety Standards (IPSHA Guidelines)

i. Many schools have a strong preference for **good quality** rubber studs.

These must conform to the 'British Standard BS 6366 1983'. Plastic and Nylon studs are **not** acceptable. Aluminium studs conform but require careful and-regular monitoring by coaches and parents if they are used.

ii. Studs should be constructed from Rubber or Aluminium. **NO PART** of any stud can be made of nylon or plastic.

### Rugby Referees

*Calling for Rugby Referees.*

Each year our Rugby games would not go ahead without the commitment of the referee. Any parents who have a Rugby Referee's badge and an updated Smart Rugby qualification, **WE NEED YOU!**

You can enrol for a Level One Course or a pathways course aimed at Kid's Refereeing (Under 8 – 12 year olds).

Please contact me if you can make yourself available on Saturday mornings via the School Office: 9956 1183.

### 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 2.55pm 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 6 , 12 March 2016

1st XI Cricket	Mr Bayliss	Waverley	W	106-62
2nd XI Cricket	Mr Harrington	Waverley	W	94-70
Yr 6 Super 8 Blue	Miss Dickson	Riverview	L	4-47 v 2-88
Yr 5 A Cricket	Mr Martin	Waverley	L	101-103
Yr 5 B Cricket	Mr Philips	Tudor House	L	71-144
Yr 5 Super 8 Blue	Miss Kleinig	Coogee Prep	L	25-50
Yr 4 A Cricket	Mr Mancey	Knox	W	7-91 v 89
Yr 4 Super 8 Blue	Miss Polis	Sydney Grammar	W	83-60
Yr 4 Super 8 White	Mr Grainger	Sydney Grammar	L	70-80
Tennis (A & B)	Miss Mitchell	Cranbrook	W	A: 29-5 B: 32-2
Basketball Snr A	Mrs Crerar	Sydney Grammar	L	15-53
Basketball Snr B	Mr Morrison	Sydney Grammar	L	30-35
Basketball Snr C	Mr Knight	Sydney Grammar	L	16-31
Basketball Snr D	Ms Brand Mr Knight	Sydney Grammar	L	18-26
Basketball Snr E	Miss Robertson	Sydney Grammar	L	19-29
Basketball Snr F	Miss Schlunke	Sydney Grammar	L	12-24
Basketball Snr G	Mr Tooker Mrs Woods	Sydney Grammar	L	2-19
Basketball Snr H	Ms Wood Mrs Covey	Sydney Grammar	L	6-42
Basketball Jnr A	Mr Larby	Mosman	D	28-28
Basketball Jnr B	Mrs Curnow	Mosman	L	2-44



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SHORE is pleased to inform you that Sydney FC will be running their Community holiday clinics at the school in the upcoming April school holiday period. The Sydney FC clinics are always very popular and it is a great opportunity for boys and girls in preparation for the new football season to further develop their love of football. There is also the added bonus of meeting Sydney FC A-League players during the 3 day clinics.

The Sydney FC Holiday Clinics are led by ex-Socceroo and Sydney FC player Paul Reid with assistance from the experienced coaching staff to improve the technical ability of all participants. Sydney FC's vision for the clinics is:

**“To provide an environment that builds confidence and encourages both boys and girls of all abilities to have fun playing football. We will promote the importance of respect and teamwork, whilst focusing on developing and improving their individual skills such as Striking the Ball, First Touch, 1 v 1 and Running/ Dribbling with the Ball.”**

Sydney FC will be running a number of clinics right across Sydney during the 2 weeks of the April school holidays. Details of the clinic at SHORE are below:

### **Sydney FC Holiday Clinic at SHORE**

Location: SHORE War Memorial Playing Fields, corner of Alpha Rd & Sailors Bay Rd, Northbridge

Date: Wednesday, 13th April to Friday, 15th April, 2016

Time: 9am-3pm

Age Group: 5-12 year old boys and girls

Price: \$295 (inc GST)

Inclusions: Sydney FC Puma training shirt, shorts and socks, Puma ball, the opportunity to meet Sydney FC players, plus a FREE 2016/17 Junior Blues Membership

To register your child and details of all of the Sydney FC clinics, [click here](#)

If you register two siblings, you will receive a 10% discount and anyone registering three or more children from the same family will receive a 15% discount. Sydney FC Members also receive 10% off their purchase\*

*\*Please note that only one type of discount can be claimed per booking*

Scott Mancey  
Sportmaster