



# PREP PEEK

The weekly newsletter of Shore Preparatory School, Sydney, NSW

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Monday 4 April	Tuesday 5 April	Wednesday 6 April	Thursday 7 April	Friday 8 April	Sat 9/ Sun 10 April
3-6 Assembly — 5K		K-2 General Assembly Winter Sport Trials 3 ELC Incursion — Peter Morgan 10.30am	ELC Incursion — Peter Morgan 10.30am	<b>Last day of Term 1 — dismissal at usual time.</b>	Rugby Carnival @ Armidale

## Walkathon for Diabetes Research

This week the entire Preparatory School has been involved in a charity Walkathon to raise money for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF Australia). On Wednesday, students from Years 3 – 6 walked from North Sydney to Northbridge, around 4.5 km; ELC students marched around A Ground at Northbridge on Wednesday and Friday; K, 1, 2 students marched around the entire Northbridge playing fields on Friday. Children were asked to either seek sponsorship for their walks, or bring in a donation. K, 1, 2 children had the added excitement of walking in their pyjamas!

JDRF Australia is the IPSHA Biennium Charity for 2016/7 meaning that independent primary schools around Australia are taking part in Walkathons this year to raise money for this important cause. With the participation of schools like Shore Prep, IPSHA hope to make one substantial donation to JDRF Australia at the end of the biennium. More information about the IPSHA Walkathon can be found at:

<http://www.ipshafundraising.org.au/>

JDRF Australia is the world's leading organisation in the funding of Type 1 Diabetes (T1D) research in children. Since its inception, it has donated nearly \$2 billion dollars to research that both searches for a cure for T1D and seeks to improve the lives of young people and children who have this condition. They also provide support and community for the families of these children. Further information about JDRF Australia can be found at:

<http://www.jdrf.org.au/>

Thank you to all families who got behind this important charity initiative.

## Do high grades at school predict later career success?

As families in Years 3 and 5 contemplate NAPLAN testing next term, it is interesting to note emerging research that questions the link between high grades at school and later career success. In her recent article in Sydney's Child magazine, *Wrangling the Sacred Cow*, Dr Helen Street took aim at some widely held views about school education that don't stand up in the light of research. One of these is that scoring great exam scores at school will lead to a high-status career later in life. Dr Street writes:

*High grades may get you the job you want, but social and emotional factors get you past go. Adults who are socially and emotionally competent are more resilient, more popular, intrinsically motivated, connected with life and more likely to enjoy their work than their peers.*

In an increasingly competitive society, pushing children to achieve great results in tests such as NAPLAN or the HSC may gain school communities positive attention, but if these results come at the expense of the important learning that can come through a broad range of activities such as music, team sport, outdoor education, or just playing with friends, then it may not lead to the long-term benefits that are hoped. We see a similar theme emerging in early education research in relation to teaching children formalised reading, writing or numeracy skills too early. It may appear impressive to have a child who is learning formalised reading skills in pre-school, but this can also be at the expense of them having the time and space to develop their social skills, their curiosity or creativity.

*In reality there's growing concern from developmental psychologists about the harm done to kids who are given too much structured learning too soon. Advocates for child wellbeing such as Sir Ken Robinson and Dr David Whitebread from the University of Cambridge talk frequently about the loss of creativity seen in young people who are robbed of essential free time in their early years.*

A broad education providing a range of activities and experiences through which children can explore their emerging talents and abilities, plus opportunities for down-time and free play, can help to provide the right kind of balance to children that will see them develop their creativity, curiosity and social skills. While the School continues to aim to strike this balance, parents can also help their children by providing them with opportunities for unstructured free play with siblings and friends outside of school hours. The up-coming holidays should provide an ideal opportunity to practise some of these other important life skills.

## Reminder—End of Term 1

The Preparatory School Term ends on Friday, 8 April for students in K-6. Students will be dismissed at the usual time. ELC will remain open during the school holidays, being closed only for the ANZAC Day public holiday on Monday 25 April. K-6 students will return to school on Tuesday 26 April to being Term 2 in winter school uniform.

*Nick Saunders  
Head of Shore Preparatory School*

# North Sydney News, Years 3 to 6

## Charities - Walkathon

Our Walkathon on Wednesday was a resounding success. We were soaked in glorious sunshine as all of the boys and the staff walked over four kilometres from our North Sydney campus to the Northbridge campus. Thank you to all the families who have already made generous contributions. All money raised from the Walkathon will be donated to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF). I would like to extend my thanks to Miss Schlunke for her tireless work as Charities Co-ordinator and her efforts in organising the event.

## Winter Sport Trials

There was great enthusiasm on display at our second session of winter sports trials on Wednesday. The final trial will occur next Wednesday and boys will be notified of their teams at the beginning of next term. Our Saturday games commence on 30 April.

## Code Camp Update

We already have 20 boys registered for Code Camp. The camp will take place at Shore Prep North Sydney campus during the school holidays from April 18-21. The cost of the four day camp will be \$390. If you are still interested registration for the camp is still open. Please go to [www.codecamp.com.au](http://www.codecamp.com.au) and follow the prompts. Shore will have Prep staff members at the camp working alongside the boys and the Code Camp team.

## Commencement of Term 2 - Winter Uniform

Term 2 begins for students on Tuesday 26 April. All boys should return to school on the first day of term with an appropriate haircut. Boys are expected to be dressed in their winter uniform for the duration of Terms 2 and 3 which includes wearing grey shirt and pants. There are certain winter uniform rules that need to be observed:

- All boys must wear their school coats when travelling to and from school.
- Boys are not permitted to wear a jumper or vest without a coat when travelling to and from school. If a boy is wearing a school jumper or vest this must be worn under the coat. While at school boys are permitted to wear their jumper or vests without their coats.

## After School Clubs

After School Clubs for Term 1 finished this week with the exception of Taekwondo which will finish on Monday 4 April. Enrolment forms for Term 2 are attached with today's Prep Peek. Please note that clubs do not run in the first week of term. Please pay careful attention to the start and finish dates of each club.

## Polished Pennies

The Polished Pennies Service for Years 3-6 will be held on Friday 29 April at 9am in the Chapel. It is a lovely tradition at the School that many grandparents join their grandsons in commemorating the service and sacrifice of men and women in the military. Boys may like to take the opportunity over the next few weeks to invite their grandparents.

## Canberra and Bathurst Excursions

Students in Years 5 and 6 will be attending overnight excursions to Bathurst and Canberra in the final week of next term. Year 6 will travel to Canberra on Monday 20 June and Year 5 will travel to Bathurst on Tuesday 21 June. Both trips involve a late return (between 5pm and

6pm) on Wednesday 22 June. Parents are asked to be mindful of this if planning travel for that evening, so that all boys can complete the excursion.

## IPSHA Cross Country

We wish all the students representing the school at the IPSHA Cross Country the best of luck and extra endurance for tomorrow morning's carnival at the King's School, Parramatta. Thank you to Mr Harrington and Mr Mancey for their efforts in training the team over the past few weeks.

*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

### **We need to know**

From time to time, different experiences happen in our lives that, in turn, affect our children. Events such as parents going away, the death of a loved one, illness, moving house and the like have an impact on the children in different ways. It is important that we are able to care for the children at school to help them navigate their feelings and reactions to different experiences. May I ask that parents inform the school of any 'changes in circumstances', even if only temporary. Please write a note in the diary, call or email the office or, if you would like things to remain confidential, please speak with me in person. If we have background information, it is far easier to support the children. Thank you for your understanding with this.

### **New Signing In System**

Thank you for bearing with the teething troubles with our new signing in system's printer. Hopefully, it should soon be working perfectly.

### **After School Activities**

This week has been the final week of activities for after school activities for this term. The exceptions are the make-up classes which have been scheduled for next week for French (Wednesday) and Year 1 Speech and Drama (Thursday). Please remember your child has been enrolled for a semester, which incorporates both Terms 1 and 2. The after school activities recommence in the second week of Term 2, with the exception of the Strings Ensemble and French which will resume in Week 1. After School Care continues every day of the school term as normal.

### **Girls' Club**

Last Thursday, our K,1,2 girls enjoyed Girls' Club at lunch time. The boys were quite pleased to have the playground to themselves! After sharing their lunch and enjoying a special pink cupcake, the girls made Easter chicks just in time for the Easter Bunny to see. The girls had a fantastic time. Thank you to Miss Valenti for organising the day.

### **Assemblies**

**KC** presented a wonderful first assembly for us all on Wednesday. We loved their clear speaking into the microphone and their singing. Great job, boys! Next week, we will have a General Assembly. It will be our final assembly for this term. Congratulations to **KH** on receiving the **Quality Class of the Week Award** for this week. Well done, KH!

### **Other information**

**Friday, 8 April** – Last day of Term 1

**Tuesday, 26 April** – First day of Term 2

**Wednesday, 27 April** – Polished Pennies Assembly (Shore's ANZAC Assembly)

*Natasha Mitchell*

*Deputy Head of Shore Preparatory School - Northbridge*

# Early Learning Centre – Northbridge

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## ELC News

### Fundraiser

This week the students from Shore Preparatory School participated in the IPSHA Walkathon initiative to raise funds and awareness in support of Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund (JDRF). The ELC events on Wednesday and Friday were met with enormous excitement as children arrived in mufti clothing and anticipated the big walk that was ahead of them! We set our target at 1 kilometre so we needed to walk around the oval approximately 2 ½ times. We were all impressed at how much energy and enthusiasm the children had as they approached this task. In total 86 children completed the walk, so together we have walked a massive 86 kilometres! Thank you so much to all of the children who participated in this fundraiser and for the generous donations in support of this cause. If you log on to <http://www.ipshafundraising.org.au/> you will be able to see the grand total of kilometres walked.

### Jumpers and Jackets

It is that time of the year again where it is hard to leave the house without an umbrella, jacket, scarf and sunglasses! With such changeable weather upon us, can I ask that children bring their Shore jumper or jacket each day? As we approach the school holiday period we will begin to access the school oval more regularly which can be quite cool, especially on a breezy day.

### Welcome into the Rooms

As many of you will be aware we made an adjustment to the morning routine at the beginning of this year. We now begin the day in the Blue or Green rooms rather than the multipurpose room. This adjustment has been beneficial for the children in so many ways. We have noticed that children have a deeper sense of belonging to their room, can revisit learning experiences and have stronger relationships with peers and educators amongst other advantages. We also really value having more time with families in the rooms, especially in the mornings. We have found there are more opportunities for extended conversation and sharing information about individual children, time for children to show off their favourite play spaces or perhaps talk about learning that has occurred that week. We acknowledge that arrival and departure times can be very busy, however we would like you to always feel welcome to join in with us throughout the day.

### Mother's Day Breakfast Save the Date!

On Wednesday 4 May and Thursday 5 May between 8:00am and 10:00am, the Early Learning Centre staff and children will host our *Morning with Mum*. Please 'save the date' in your diaries so that you are able to attend. Further information will be provided closer to the time.

### Important Dates

Wednesday 6 April – Incursion Peter Morgan presents  
Kapakapa Manawa  
Thursday 7 April – Incursion Peter Morgan presents  
Kapakapa Manawa  
Monday 25 April – ELC closed ANZAC day  
Wednesday 27 April – StEPS screening  
Thursday 28 April – StEPS screening  
Wednesday 4 May – Mother's Day Breakfast  
Thursday 5 May – Mother's Day Breakfast

Rebecca Schollum  
Director ELC



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and Thursdays  
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# Games

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

## Sport

### IPSHA Cross Country

Good luck to the Shore Cross Country team who will be competing at the IPSHA Cross Country Carnival at the King's School tomorrow. Reminder to boys in the team, that you will need to find Mr Knight and Mr Mancey under the Shore School banner situated in the marshalling area. Mr Mancey will give you a timing bracelet to wear before your race and take you to the start line to begin the race. Go the mighty mighty Shore boys!

### NSW PSSA Swimming Carnival

Best of luck to Fraser Pandit who will be competing for Shore and the NSW CIS team at the NSW PSSA Swimming carnival next week.

### Armidale Rugby Carnival

The Shore Rugby squad depart for Armidale on Friday 8 April to compete at The Armidale School (TAS) Rugby carnival. The rugby weekend is a very competitive event with schools and clubs travelling from Sydney, Regional NSW and Brisbane to participate. We wish the boys all the best for what shall be a memorable weekend away representing Shore Preparatory School.

*Scott Mancey  
Sportmaster*



# Games

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

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



### **Snow Sports 2016**

The time is fast approaching for winter to blanket the Australian Alps with stunning snow. For those Shore families who enjoy skiing or snowboarding in Australia, Snow Sports offers our boys a fantastic opportunity to compete and hone their skills on the mountain in a fun, supportive and engaging way. Events include Alpine GS, Skier X and Moguls for the skiers and Snowboard GS and Boarder X for the snowboarders. The competition is run by Interschools New South Wales and the sport is offered as an additional winter sport to the normal sporting program of The School. Dates for the Sydney Regional Events are **13-16 July, 2016** and the event will be held at Perisher Valley. This is in the third week of the mid – year holidays. For Northbridge K – 2 families, daughters are welcome and encouraged to participate and compete for Shore.

Please come to the **Info Night on Wednesday, 6 April at 6:30pm in the Playfair Hall** if you would like to learn more about this exciting sport!

### **2016 Snow Sports Live In Camp**

For the first time, a group of Shore Boys will be participating in a live in camp, based at the beautiful Altitude Lodge in Smiggin Holes (<http://www.altitudelodge.com.au/accommodation/>). The camp dates are (departing School on) Friday, 8 July @ 9am, arriving at the lodge in the afternoon, staying until Monday 11 July when the boys are to return to their parents in preparation for the Interschools Sydney Regionals. The camp has been organised to foster team spirit, focus attention on the techniques of racing and to have a great time as a team on and off the mountain, and offers parents the flexibility to send their sons down to the snow in advance, which may save on overall accommodation costs while allowing for training to take place.

Altitude Lodge is a First Class lodge, located at Smiggin Holes in the New South Wales Alps, just over from Perisher Valley. With an exceptional dining menu and modern, well appointed accommodation, our boys will hit the mountain for three days refreshed and ready for training in groups of up to six with a race instructor.

Spaces are filling up quickly so please don't delay if you are interested! For more information, contact Mr Payne on [wpayne@shore.nsw.edu.au](mailto:wpayne@shore.nsw.edu.au) or come to the Info Night on 6 April at 6:30pm in the Playfair Hall.