



PREP PEEK

The weekly newsletter of Shore Preparatory School, Sydney, NSW

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Monday 25 April	Tuesday 26 April	Wednesday 27 April	Thursday 28 April	Friday 29 April	Sat 30 April/Sun 1 May
ANZAC Day	Term 2 Commences	K,1,2 Polished Pennies Assembly Winter Sport Trials		3-6 Prep Polished Pennies (9am)	Winter Sport Round 1

Holiday Reading

With the holidays now upon us, it is time to start thinking about holiday reading. It is important to plan for reading opportunities during the holiday break and, given the recent wet weather, having interesting books on hand may well help mum and dad stay sane with children in-doors.

Many parents find it a challenge to encourage their children to read books. We know from research that regular reading of engaging texts greatly assists boys in the development of reading fluency. During long holiday periods in particular, many children drop their reading habits which can make learning difficult again once term time starts, as their reading fluency takes time to rebuild after the break.

There are some useful strategies that parents can keep in mind to encourage reading around the home. Many of these strategies have been proven by research to be effective and are promoted by educational authorities around the world, particularly for boys.

- Ensure that children have a good supply of books close at hand; books that they find relevant and engaging and which provide a wide variety of reading choices at the child's reading level. Making sure that your children have visited the Shore or a local library prior to a holiday would be a great place to start.
- Provide times during the day or the week which are set aside for quiet reading. This is time when there are not a myriad of other 'options' available to compete with reading.
- Have conversations with your child about what he or she is reading. This will show the child that you are interested in their reading and will also help with their comprehension.
- Provide a positive reading role model. It is important for mums and dads to be seen by their child as a reader; not just a 'business' reader, but someone who reads for enjoyment and relaxation. This modelling normalises positive reading habits in a family.

End of Term 1 and Term 2 Dates

A reminder that for children in Kindergarten to Year 6, school recommences on Tuesday 26 April. The children will be returning in winter uniform. The ELC will remain open during the school holidays, being closed only for the ANZAC Day public holidays, Monday 25 April.

Families are reminded that for K – 6 children, Term 2 is only nine weeks long and that school finishes on **Wednesday 22 June**. This is earlier than the usual Thursday or Friday term ending and is due to the holding of a staff conference. Note that **the ELC will also be closed on Thursday and Friday 23 and 24 June** for

this conference. The ELC will re-open on Monday 27 June. Let me take this opportunity to wish all members of the community who are taking a break, a relaxing and safe vacation. It has been a very full Term 1 and I know that the K – 6 students are ready for a rest. I look forward to seeing everyone at the start of Term 2.

Nick Saunders
Head of Shore Preparatory School

North Sydney News, Years 3 to 6

Congratulations on a Great Term!

Congratulations to the boys on their application and effort during a long Term 1. Well done to the 73 boys who have started at North Sydney campus this year. Starting at a new school is never easy and our new boys have settled into North Sydney routines with ease. Thank you also to parents for your support of the programmes at the Preparatory School, both in and outside the classroom. Finally, thanks to the staff team who have worked tirelessly to ensure the boys learn in happy, engaging and productive environments, as well as assisting with the smooth running of many other events such as clubs, carnivals, camps, debating, interviews, lunch groups, Saturday sport and excursions.

Learning at Shore

In one of my classrooms visits this week I stumbled upon a buzzing Year 5 Science lesson where the boys were working in pairs to examine various samples under the microscope. The boys were so excited to share what they had discovered and thrilled at some of the gross things they'd found under the microscope. Other groups were dissecting plastic frogs that had been disembowelled and needed a serious surgical effort to restore life. I was also thrilled to find some of the produce from our Prep vegetable garden in the classroom. The boys had harvested a couple of large pumpkins and numerous bunches of celery. This is just another great example of the rich learning that happens each day at the Prep.

Charity – JDRF

Thank you again to all who have contributed to the fund-raising efforts this term. Our Walkathon raised \$3,289.10 and in addition to this our weekly Chapel donations also raised money for our sponsor children. I am thankful to all the families who have contributed so generously to support such a worthy cause.

Code Camp Update

We have almost 30 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 open until April 15. Please go to 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.

Quality Class Award and House Points

Congratulations to 3P for winning the QCA for Weeks 9 and 10. Final tallies for the term will be done today and the Term 1 winner will be announced at the beginning of next term. Congratulations to the boys in Linton house for being our Week 10 House Point winners. Our Term 1 champions will also be announced next term. Davies has had a small lead for most of the term, but will they be able to hang on?

Holidays

I hope each of the Prep families enjoys a safe, refreshing and relaxing holiday for the next two weeks. I look forward to seeing you all at the start of Term 2.

Adam Larby

Deputy Head of Shore Preparatory School - North Sydney

Music

Congratulations to Isaac McAuley who performed 'The Entertainer' during Monday's assembly. Keep up the good work on piano, Isaac!

*Mr David Jensen
Prep Music Coordinator*

ISDA Debating – Round 6

Following the Easter break, the Round 6 of the ISDA debating was held at Shore with the Prep debaters facing Abbotsleigh School. This week, the topic was 'That Australia should give more aid to its neighbours' which proved to be a challenging topic for both sides. With only one hour's preparation and no access to research materials, the Prep teams focused on the ethics and morals of Australia providing more aid rather than facts and figures. As a result, both Prep teams, in the affirmative, were defeated by the Abbotsleigh teams. Ever gracious, the Shore boys congratulated their opponents on their win. Each week, as the calibre of the topics increases, the Prep teams grow in experience and expertise and we look forward to the next challenge on Friday, 29 April.

*Miss Di Johnson
Prep Debating Coordinator*

Shore Preparatory School K, 1, 2 – Northbridge

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Northbridge News, K, 1, 2

What a term!

As we come to the conclusion of a very busy and long first term, may I congratulate the girls and boys on the fine effort they have displayed this term. Girls and boys, your enthusiasm is infectious! Well done, especially to the Kindergarten children as you have completed your first full term of formal schooling. What an achievement! All the children (and staff) are ready for a restful and relaxing holiday. I look forward to seeing the girls and boys return to school next term in their full winter uniforms.

Pyjama Day and Walk-a-thon

What an amazing day K,1,2 had last Friday! We were all wearing our pyjamas, but it certainly wasn't bed time. The children were buzzing with excitement wearing 'strange clothes to school' and talking about why we were doing so. Wearing pyjamas and completing a walk-a-thon was certainly a fun way of raising money for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. You can see by the photos that everyone had a fantastic day. Thank you everyone for supporting this cause.

K,1,2 Polished Pennies Assembly

The K,1,2 Polished Pennies Service will be held at 8:30am on Wednesday, 27 April in the K,1,2 hall. This service is a time when the K,1,2 girls and boys acknowledge ANZAC Day. The service will include singing, some children reading items, prayers and a brief reminder regarding the history of Polished Pennies. There will also be a traditional voluntary collection of a polished \$2 coin, or a 'Polished Penny', as is the custom at the North Sydney chapel service of the same name. Another tradition of the Polished Pennies Assembly is that the grandparents of the students are invited to attend. Some children may choose to wear a relative's service medals. Parents are asked to not take photos at this particular assembly.

After School Activities – All after school activities will recommence in the second week of Term 2, with the exception of French and Strings Ensemble, which resume in week 1. **After School Care** runs every day of the school term.

Sunhats

All the children should have brought home their sunhats today. After washing, please remember to send these back to school for the first day of term.

Assemblies

Thank you to our Year 2 helpers who led our final assembly for this term. Our final Quality Class of the Week award for Term 1 was won by **Year KC** and our Chapel Money Champion for this week is **Year 1T** What a great way to finish the term.

Other Information to Note

Monday, 26 April – First day of Term 2 – children return in their winter uniform

Wednesday, 27 April – Polished Pennies Assembly (our ANZAC Assembly)

Natasha Mitchell
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ELC News

Peter Morgan presents Kapakapa Manawa

Once again the girls and boys at the ELC found themselves excited to be immersed in Peter's talents and craftsmanship, as he educated and entertained us with his knowledge of Maori and Indigenous culture. As we waited patiently, we suddenly leapt with excitement as the long low sound of a conch shell rang out, beckoning us to come sit down and watch as the show was about to begin. What followed was Peter taking us on a journey where we were introduced to words and songs in many different languages, played with a variety of native Indigenous instruments. The girls and boys were able to experience speed and rhythm and discovered the strong link between the pace of the music and the effect it has on the body, particularly when we were imitating emus. During this adventure, we were able to re-enact how Peter's ancestors travelled on *Wakas*, big canoes that were beautifully decorated and strong for the long journey across the seas. Chase, Aston and Anna were lucky enough to sit inside the canoe and paddle, while Rupert, Archie, Ilaria and Olivia pulled them along. The performance ended with a crowd pleaser where the girls and boys had the opportunity to learn the *Haka*, a Maori war dance used to symbolise peace and unity when tribes come together. This held us all in high spirits as we farewelled Peter for another year.

*Amanda Smith
Green Room*

Winter Program

Over the next two weeks, we will commence the transition to our winter program in response to the change in weather. Children will now start their day in their room and then enjoy time outdoors in the garden from around 10:30am. As we will be going outdoors later, it will not be necessary for you to put sunscreen on the children as they arrive. Educators will help the boys and girls to do this later in the morning.

Holidays

It is hard to believe that we are at the end of Term 1 already! It has certainly been a busy term packed full of some great community events and of course lots of learning! For the next two weeks it will be the school holiday period at Shore. The Early Learning Centre will remain open during this time with the exception of ANZAC day. During the holiday period there are small changes to our program where timetabled experiences such as library, Chapel, Buddies and private music lessons will not occur. For those children, families and staff who are taking a break over the school holiday period I hope you enjoy the change of pace and we look forward to seeing you on your return.

Important Dates

Monday 25 April – ELC closed for 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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9.30 to 4.30pm
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Sport

IPSHA Cross Country

Well done to the Shore team who competed very well at the IPSHA Cross Country last weekend. With just under 200 runners in each race, the Shore boys did very well with the majority of the team finishing in the top 60 for their age group.

Congratulations to following boys who have been chosen to represent Shore and IPSHA at the NSW CIS Cross Country.

Oliver Harvey 11th (Under 9)
Lachlan Brown 8th (Under 10)
Ryan McHugh 12th (Under 11)

Armidale Rugby Carnival

The Shore Rugby squad departed for Armidale this morning 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.

NSW PSSA Swimming Carnival

Fraser Pandit swam well at the PSSA Swimming carnival. He was a member of the NSW CIS team which came 2nd in the All Age relay and he placed 7th in the final of the Under 8 50m freestyle. Well done, Fraser!

*Scott Mancey
Sportsmaster*



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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*



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.

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.