



PREP PEEK

The weekly newsletter of Shore Preparatory School, Sydney, NSW

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Monday 9 May	Tuesday 10 May	Wednesday 11 May	Thursday 12 May	Friday 13 May	Sat 14 May/Sun 15 May
Y2 Botanic Gardens Excursion	NAPLAN (Y3 & Y5) - Literacy 1	K - 2 General Assembly - Charity NAPLAN (Y3 & Y5)	NAPLAN (Y3 & Y5) - Numeracy		Winter Sport Round 3
Monday 16 May	Tuesday 17 May	Wednesday 18 May	Thursday 19 May	Friday 20 May	Sat 21 May/Sun 22 May
Living eggs programme at Northbridge	K - 2 Open (for ELC parents - 9am)	K - 2 Assembly - 2C Buddies		Walk to School Day	Winter Sport Round 4

Polished Pennies Address 2016 - Be Brave

I have just one question for each of you, sitting in the Chapel today: Can you be brave?

For me, there are three important elements to bravery: selflessness, a worthy cause, and finally, surprisingly perhaps, love. Selflessness, a worthy cause and love. Let's dive in and see if you can be brave.

Leslie Trenerry came to Shore in 1907 with his twin brother Bill. As their father was a bank manager at Moree, Les and Bill were boarders. While at school, Les was an all-round scholar and student. He received Colours for 1st XV rugby, 1st XI cricket, was Lieutenant in the cadet rifle team and Captain of Shooting. He was also a Junior Prefect and was undertaking a classical education to become a doctor.

Both twins, Les and Bill, joined the Australia Defence Force very early on after the declaration of the Great War. Les Trenerry was one of the first young men to hear the trumpet call to duty when World War I began. Of the 330,000 to be sent overseas as part of the Australian Imperial Force, he reckoned he was the 323rd. He first saw action during the Gallipoli campaign then later on the Western Front. By all accounts, he was a selfless officer who put the needs of his men in front of his own. An good example of this was the action in April 1918 that saw Les awarded the Military Cross. The citation accompanying his award reads as follows:

At 3.15pm on the 24th April 1918, Lieut. TRENERRY was in charge of an ammunition convoy proceeding to the 53rd. Battery. Whilst passing along a sunken road nearing the Bonnay Crossroads, near ALBERT, the convoy came under very heavy shell fire, killing the mules of the two leading teams and destroying the leading wagon which was fiercely burning. This officer with great presence of mind immediately diverted the remainder of the convoy and returned to the sunken road to assist the wounded and although the shell fire was still most intense, and concentrated on this point, and although the ammunition wagon threatened at any moment to explode. He carried one of the wounded drivers to safety and with assistance went backwards and forwards to the scene of the accident until all the wounded men were placed under cover. He then succeeded in extinguishing the flames of the ammunition wagon and dressed the wounds of the wounded men. His prompt action undoubtedly saved the remainder of the convoy and his fearless action in helping the wounded set a very high example of courage and devotion to duty under most trying circumstances.

It was a miracle Les survived the ambush, yet he then went on risking his own life for his men. Selflessness. Putting others first. Yet what also strikes me about his bravery is not just that it was selfless, but that it was worthy. It was a great deed - he saved others. Les put his own life at immediate and grave risk

to save other men, relatively unknown to him. There is probably no more worthy a cause than to risk everything to give others the chance to live.

So from the actions of Les Trenerry we can see that bravery is a selfless and worthy act, but I would also like to illustrate how true bravery is also motivated by love.

When I speak of love here, I am not speaking about your fluffy thoughts inspired by the love of ice cream or ipads, but rather the fierce and raw impulse that can rule your heart and mind. The Greek words 'agape', the love of something beyond us, of God; and 'phelos', the love of a brother or father, capture this idea of love. Carefully examined, many acts of bravery have at their core love. A love of mates, of unit, of country.

It is certainly one of the great ironies of ANZAC Day that at this time when we remember war, violence and death; we end up with love. On ANZAC Day, I stood with thousands of others at the dawn service at the Australian War Memorial in Canberra, and I listened to the memorial's director, Dr Brendan Nelson quote the words of Sergeant Jack Sim of the 39th battalion. SGT Sim endured the desperate struggle on the Kokoda Track and reflected on the bravery of his mates. Put yourself in the dark green jungle of New Guinea amid the mud and rain and blood, and listen carefully to what he says:

Some prayed, some swore with fear – but you couldn't show it in front of your mates.

One of the boys got shot fair between the eyes right alongside me.

It was a perfect shot....terrible to be afraid.

Yet it's the brave ones that are afraid and still keep going.

That's what they did you know.

Scared bloody stiff and still kept going.

They were so young

They were so young

I loved them all.

Describing ANZAC Day, Dr Nelson went on to say:

This day is not about war, it is about love and friendship. Love of family, of country and honouring those who devoted their lives not to themselves but to us; and their last moments to one another.

Love in my mind is the highest and most pure motivation for bravery. But can you be brave?

Perhaps it seems hard to connect your own life with these dramatic, heroic deeds. Yet each of these men began their journey to the SAS, to Afghanistan, to Kokoda with small steps. Small steps in the right direction, building loyalty, building commitment, building courage, building love. Caring for others, showing selflessness, showing humility.

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North Sydney News, Years 3 to 6

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Think of the many Shore Old Boys, like Les, who went to war. They probably played in the same school yard and sat in the very same pews you sit in today and probably also wondered if they could be brave.

Can you be brave?

What lies beneath the surface of your life? You may be good at sport, you may be headed for success in the HSC. But what of your character? Are you a good friend? Are you kind? Are you selfless, do you put others above yourself? Do you do what is right, do you value what is true?

Bravery shows itself in self-sacrifice, in a worthy cause, and in love. Yet above all these examples in battle, all the brave men who we see recorded in the plaques around us, the story of Les who risked his life to save others, I know of one man who can truly save. Les may have saved perhaps several men, but in Jesus we have the man who can save us all, for all time.

Jesus' story you may know well if you have sat in these pews and listened to your Chaplain, but listen again to the story - the great act of rescue by one man, in a battle for all our hearts, a battle against sin and the great destroyer, death. Jesus was fearful, but not afraid; he was tested and not found wanting. Knowing what lay ahead, he was true to his father's will. He saved us, because he loved us. Hear what he is saying in John 15:12:

My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.

The apostle John puts it plainly (1 John 4:9-11):

This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

So as we reflect on ANZAC Day, and on what it is to be brave, my message is simple - you can be brave. Choose others over yourself, find a cause worth living for, and do everything in love.

Be brave in everyday things. Be brave when no-one is looking. Be brave to choose what is right. And be brave enough to consider Jesus, and to follow Him.

Reverend Paul Dudley

Sportsmanship

The old adage, 'It doesn't matter if you win or lose, it's how you play the game' is a helpful reminder for all the boys as they begin the winter sport season. This week at our Assembly I spoke about good sportsmanship and the importance of demonstrating this on Saturdays, at training, on the playground and in our club teams. Respect for yourself, the opposition, the coach, the spectators, the referee and the game itself is the foundation of good sportsmanship. Many of our boys idolise those who play professionally, but sometimes these athletes can stray as role models in the heat of the moment. Good sportsmanship is something that needs to be discussed repeatedly, but also modelled both from afar (on the TV) and at home. Our Saturday games program provides the boys an opportunity to grow friendships, develop their fitness and to have fun, but it would be tragic to miss the opportunity to develop their character as well.

Lost Property

I cannot stress enough the importance of clearly labelling all boys' clothing, particularly in these colder months when

coats and jumpers are often worn and then removed. Whilst we encourage the boys to develop responsibility in this area, it is inevitable that students will eventually leave something behind. Most items are returned within a few days provided that they are labeled. All lost property is located next to the 6H classroom and labelled items are regularly returned by our lost property monitors.

Danceathon

On June 4th the Cancer Council NSW is holding an event 'Stars of the North - Dance for Cancer' at The Concourse, Chatswood. This event sees regular 'Stars' pairing up with professional dancers to compete in a 'Dancing with the Stars' night to raise money for cancer research. Miss Dickson will be dancing as one of the 'Stars' on the night, and the Elective Dance Team will also be performing as the opening act. To support this great cause, Years 3-6 will be participating in a Danceathon. The Danceathon will take place in Week 5 and will challenge students' stamina, co-ordination and rhythm! More information about the Danceathon next week!

Walk Safely to School Day

National Walk Safely to School Day is on Friday 20 May. This annual event, now in its 17th year, encourages students to be active and healthy. If you drive your son to school, you may like to park near to the school and walk part of the journey, or use public transport instead of driving. Shore regularly encourages the boys to be physically active and healthy in many ways and this community event is another initiative that supports these values. All boys who participate can collect a Walk to School Day sticker for their diary from the office on the day.

Late Pick-Up

Students who are being picked up should be collected by 3.15pm when the teacher on duty leaves. Students who remain at this time will be seated on the bench outside the Office but also must be picked up by 3.30pm at the latest. Students should not be at school after this time unless they are attending a supervised activity. The exception is Wednesdays at North-bridge, when students must also be picked-up at the latest by 3.30pm. Supervision should not be assumed before or after out-of-hours Music lessons - it is parents' responsibility to arrange this in advance or be present themselves before the lesson starts and when it finishes. The School's staff should not be put in a position where they are supervising boys after hours when they should be able to complete other duties, or in many cases fulfil pick-up responsibilities for their own children.

Quality Class Award

Congratulations to the boys in Hall house, who were our weekly House Points winners, and also to the boys in 4M who were our Quality Class winners for Week 1. Keep up the hard work boys.

Mother's Day

To all the mothers in our Prep Community I hope Sunday is a wonderful day of celebration, family and pampering for you. I know the boys are incredibly grateful for all that you do (even if they don't articulate it in words or their actions as often as they should!). Enjoy your special day.

Adam Larby

Deputy Head of Shore Preparatory School - North Sydney

Music

Congratulations to Seb Hazel-Harrison who performed in Assembly on Monday. Seb played the Eric Clapton song 'Tears in Heaven' with great sensitivity on his tenor saxophone. Well done Seb!

*David Jensen
Music Coordinator*

Shore Preparatory School K, 1, 2 – Northbridge

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Northbridge News, K, 1, 2

K,1,2 and ELC are different

From time to time, parents ask me why K,1,2 and ELC are not “doing the same extra activities” such as Mother’s Day Stalls and Breakfasts. Although we do some things together, we do most things separately. There are many social and educational reasons for this. The primary reason, however, is that children should be exposed to experiences according to their developmental level. As you can appreciate, the differences between a three-year-old child and an eight-year-old child are great. As we try to instil in the children, “*It’s ok to be different*”, please celebrate **all** differences with your child.

Hungry tummies

With the change in the weather, some children are coming to the office saying they are hungry and need some more food. They are either eating all of their food at morning tea time or they are simply feeling hungry after finishing their lunch. Mrs Lockyer is feeling quite bad having to turn children away. Please pack a little more food for your child to have during the day.

Playground Equipment After School

Our playground is a very busy place especially after school. With After School Care, after school activities and other activities taking place, the equipment can become quite crowded. Could I please ask parents to keep smaller and/or younger children off the playground equipment while there are K,1,2 and older children using it. It was purposely built for larger children and recently we have had a couple of accidents (one quite serious) with younger children. I realise this will be difficult as the playground equipment is very enticing. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Assembly

Thank you to the K,1,2 helpers for our assembly on Wednesday. The children and Miss Kleinig (Year 5 teacher) introduced the school in Papua New Guinea that we assist each year. There will be further details about how we will help them later in the term. Next week **Year 1T** will present their assembly for us. Congratulations to **KH** on being awarded the Quality Class of the Week Award. Well done, **KH**. Our Chapel Money Champions for this week is **Year 2M**.

After School Care

Miss Karen and the After School Care educators are doing a great job planning activities and menus for the children. Our programme has changed slightly with the children spending time outdoors earlier in the afternoon as the weather begins to cool. Please note the front door is closed from 3pm and parents will have to ring the doorbell.

Calendar Amendment – Please note the International Day as advertised in the Community Calendar has been cancelled for this year. We are endeavouring to have something else just as exciting later in the term. Thank you.

Other Information:

Monday, 9 May – Year 2 Excursion – Royal Botanic Gardens

Natasha Mitchell
Deputy Head of Shore Preparatory School - Northbridge

After School Care activities

Early Learning Centre – Northbridge

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ELC News

Mornings with Mum

What an absolute pleasure it was to welcome all of the mums to the Centre this week on Wednesday and Thursday mornings. We were certainly blessed with amazing weather on both days which allowed us to flow freely between indoors and outdoors. The atmosphere was calm and relaxed as children, mums and teachers enjoyed a casual breakfast and time to chat. After breakfast, children excitedly whisked their guests away to make a beautiful flower crown, visit the photo booth or beauty salon or perhaps try their skills at the mini putt golf. The boys and girls all seemed so proud to show off this space that they all know so well. As the mums departed to get on with their days we were left with a warm sense of connection between members of this great community that we are a part of. I extend a huge thank you to the team who made these days so special for our mums and on behalf of the team we wish all of the mums in the Shore community a very happy Mother's Day this Sunday.

Parent Teacher Meetings

In Weeks 4 and 5 of this term the teachers will be conducting parent teacher meetings for children in their second year at the Early Learning Centre. These meetings provide a great opportunity to discuss your child's progress in our educational program, ask questions and set shared goals for your child's learning. Miss Penny will be distributing letters over the next few days with further information about how to book in a time.

Winter Program

Despite these unseasonably warm days, we have now transitioned to our winter program where the children enjoy indoor learning experiences until 10:30am before going outdoors to the garden. The sunscreen station has now been packed away and children will be invited to put sunscreen on in their rooms closer to the time they are going outside when the UV is 3 or above. When the UV is below 3, we will enjoy no hats and no sunscreen when outside as recommended by the Cancer Council. For further information follow this link to their website.

<http://www.cancerCouncil.com.au/cancer-prevention/sun-protection/>

Important Dates

Tuesday 17 May – K 1 2 Open Morning for ELC families

Thursday 26 May – Northbridge Campus Open Morning

Monday 13 June – ELC closed for Queens Birthday

Thursday 23 June – ELC closed for Professional Development

Friday 24 June – ELC closed for Professional Development

*Rebecca Schollum
Director 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
www.Shore.nsw.edu.au
(Quick Links/Prep Sporting
Fixtures/ Prep
Weekly Fixtures)

Sport

NSW CIS RUGBY

Congratulations to Cameron Johns, Henry Oxenham and Charlie L Wilson who have been selected to trial for the NSW CIS Rugby teams after trialling well at the IPSHA rugby trials last Tuesday.

Saturday Sport

A reminder to all schools from IPSHA was sent out last week to pass onto Coaches and Parents of the different teams. At halftime and any other time in a game, only the coach and a nominated manager are allowed to enter the field of play. Not that this is a problem at Shore but please keep this in mind when watching your son play on the weekend, thank you.

Dress code

On these cold winter mornings, boys are expected to wear the full Shore track suit. No other jumpers, tracksuits are to be worn.

Boys are expected to wear the correct Shore rugby or football uniform when playing. Club shorts and socks are not to be worn.

*Scott Mancey
Sportsmaster*

Results : Round 1

1st XV Rugby	Mr Mancey	St Aloysius	D	7-7
2nd XV Rugby	Mr Martin	St Aloysius	W	24-0
11A Rugby	Mr Bayliss	St Aloysius	W	29-7
11B Rugby	Mrs Herron	St Aloysius	W	30-10
10A Rugby	Mr Harrington	Newington Wyvern	L	0-22
10B Rugby	Mr Jensen	Newington Wyvern	L	12-15
1st XI Football	Mr Phillips	Scots	L	1-8
2nd XI Football	Mrs Pickworth	Scots	L	0-1
3rd XI Football	Miss Dickson	Scots	L	0-9
11A Football	Mr Case	Waverley	L	0-5
11B Football	Miss Janssen	Mosman	L	0-2
11C Football	Mrs Tong	Mosman	W	6-4
10s Blue	Miss Polis	Coogee	W	6-1
10s White	Miss Valenti	Coogee	W	6-0

Round 2 : 7 May 2016

1st XV Rugby	Mr Mancey	Newington Wyvern Tempe # 5	8.45am
2nd XV Rugby	Mr Martin	Newington Wyvern Tempe # 5	8.00am
11A Rugby	Mr Bayliss	Newington Wyvern Tempe # 5	10.15am
11B Rugby	Mrs Herron	Newington Wyvern Tempe # 5	9.30am
10A Rugby	Mr Harrington	Mosman Balmoral Park	10.15am
10B Rugby	Mr Jensen	Mosman Balmoral Park	9.30am
1st XI Football	Mr Phillips	Mosman Northbridge E	9.30am
2nd XI Football	Mrs Pickworth	Mosman Northbridge E	8.45am
3rd XI Football	Miss Dickson	Mosman Northbridge E	8.00am
11A Football	Mr Case	Redlands Macquarie Uni	9.30am
11B Football	Miss Janssen	Redlands Macquarie Uni	10.15am
11C Football	Mrs Tong	Redlands Macquarie Uni	11.00am
10s Blue	Miss Polis	Mosman Spit West	8.45am*
10s White	Miss Valenti	Mosman Spit West	8.45am*

Venues - Round 2:

SHORE:

Northbridge (SCEGS War Memorial Playing Fields)
55 Sailor's Bay Rd, Northbridge
School Field: Edward Street, North Sydney

NEWINGTON WYVERN

Tempe # 5 : Holbeach Avenue, Tempe

MOSMAN

Balmoral Park - The Esplanade, Mosman
Spit West - Military Road, Mosman. Next to car park just before Spit Bridge. **** Note new start time.**

REDLANDS

Macquarie Uni - Cnr Culloden & Talavera Rd, Macquarie Park