



PREP PEEK

The weekly newsletter of Shore Preparatory School, Sydney, NSW

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Welcome Back

I would like to welcome back all those families who are returning from holidays. I trust that you all had a relaxing break and are ready for a busy Term 3.

90th Anniversary of the Preparatory School, North Sydney

2016 is the 90th Anniversary of the Preparatory School at North Sydney which opened in 1926. In assemblies at North Sydney this term, we will be marking this anniversary through the sharing of some archival photos and accounts from our history. Fifteen years ago, the previous Head of the Preparatory School, Mr Steven Bowers, compiled a great deal of information about the beginnings of the Prep. Below is an extract from this research.

The Prep School opened in 1926, across Edward Street from Holterman's Tower, in the building called Upton Grange. It was originally the home for the Graythwaite nurses and was altered to suit the needs of the school at that time. Upton Grange was acquired for 5000 pounds and 80 pounds was spent on renovations and 3900 pounds was spent on building classrooms and dormitories.

There were 104 pupils in 1926 and 23 of them were boarders. The Prep was under the charge of Reverend R E Freeth and four assistant masters.

The reasons for the establishment of the Prep were given by the then Headmaster, Mr L C Robson, and are quoted by Geoffrey Sherington in 'Shore'.

"The new Headmaster (Mr LC Robson) was also anxious to strengthen the overall academic standards of the school. In late 1924, he proposed to the Council the urgent need to establish a Preparatory School, so reviving some of the prewar discussion. By mid 1925, the Council had agreed to purchase 'Upton Grange'. On speech day 1925, the headmaster explained the reasons for opening a preparatory School.

'One of the greatest tasks which we have to face each year is the prompt assimilation of our new boys. The difficulty of the task is not due to the number of boys, but rather the variety of their early training. Our recruits are drawn from a number of different sources, which vary greatly in curriculum and in the standard attained. A considerable proportion are country boys, who have, in most cases, had little opportunity for suitable primary training ... Each year we are faced with the problem of shaking together boys who have reached a fair average standard, but who are by no means uniform in individual subjects. It has become most necessary to have a standard in the Lower Forms, and to provide a section of the school which will give primary education which our experience has found to be most suitable for secondary work.'"

The Preparatory School has, of course, changed and grown since its early days, extending from the original Year 4 entry year to now being a complete early learning through to Year 6 education programme. We also no longer have borders housed in the Preparatory School buildings. I am sure that the students at North Sydney will enjoy learning more about the history of the campus throughout the course of the term.

Congratulations Snow Sports Team

Well done to all the students who competed as part of the Shore Snow Sports Team at the Interschools Championships at Perisher in the last week of the holidays. As usual there were a number of outstanding results and students making it through to the State Championships later this term. In the Primary Division, Shore Preparatory School achieved one bronze medal, two silver medals and one gold medal in Alpine Division 6! Congratulations to Julian Berger and Sam Gillard, Snow Sports Captains, and the entire team. Thank you to Mrs Sandra Curnow and Ms Kaitlyn Rytwinski for accompanying the students at the event.

Elective Dance Group at the Sydney Eisteddfod

Congratulations to the Preparatory School Elective Dance Group who, during the recent school holidays, competed in and achieved a Highly Commended Award at the Sydney Eisteddfod. The Eisteddfod was held at the Opera House on Sunday 26 June, so particular congratulations to Mrs Allison Simons and the parents of the boys who arranged to rehearse and compete during the holidays.

Staffing

This term, the Preparatory School welcomes two new teachers to the team at Northbridge. Ms Vanessa Perry will be replacing Ms Natalie Valenti in Learning Support, while Natalie settles in with her new family member, Emilia Rose born during the holidays! Vanessa has a wealth of experience working in learning support roles. Miss Lauren Johnson will also be continuing as the class teacher of 1M until the end of the year, a role she began at the end of Term 2.

At North Sydney, we welcome Mrs Sarah Buckle-Dykes to the Library in the role of Library Technician. Sarah replaces Mrs Yvonne Mills in this role, supporting our teacher librarian, Mrs Margo Pickworth.

*Nick Saunders
Head of Shore Preparatory School*

North Sydney News, Years 3 to 6

Welcome back to all boys and families for what promises to be an exciting semester of learning and discovery. It has been lovely to hear the many tales of holiday adventures.

Canberra & Bathurst Excursions

In the last week of Term 2, the Year 6 boys travelled to Canberra and Year 5 to Bathurst. Congratulations to our boys for representing their School so well. Staff received many positive compliments about the behaviour and manners of the boys. We were all very proud of you!

Canberra Excursion – PACER program

At the end of Term 2 our Year 6 students embarked on a 3 day education tour of the national capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy. The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government contributes funding of \$20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. We are thankful for their support in this manner.

Parent Events – Term 3

I would like to bring to the attention of parents a number of evening events this term that we encourage you to set aside and attend:

- **School Athletics Carnival (Friday 5 August – Years 3-6)**
The annual Athletics Carnival will be taking place at the Northbridge playing fields. This is a great community event and an opportunity for the boys to demonstrate their running skills in a variety of events.
- **Sports Dinner (Friday 19 August – Years 4-6)**
Our annual Sports Dinner will be held on the evening of Friday 19 August in the School's Dining Hall. New parents may be unaware that the Sports Dinner is one of the major social functions in the Preparatory School calendar and the only chance to gather in such numbers for a sit-down meal. We hope to see you there.
- **Amazing Me (Monday 29 August – Year 6 at 7pm)**
As part of our PDHPE program, the school has organised an evening presentation of 'Amazing Me' which presents positive sex education in primary schools. This is an important evening for all Year 6 boys to attend with at least one parent. Permission notes and further details will follow, closer to the date.

Northbridge Pick-Up

Wednesday afternoons and special events such as Athletics trials pose a traffic challenge with K-2 pick-up, Years 4-6 pick-up, high school arrival, and regular traffic all competing on Sailor's Bay Road and in our grounds. Hence, it is important that Y3-6 parents ensure that pick-up occurs in the window between 3.10pm and 3.30pm. Dismissal time is 3.10pm (unless otherwise advertised) and parents in the car line before then, whose vehicles impede the flow of traffic picking up K-2 students, will be asked to move on and either park elsewhere or re-join the tail of the line. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Year 6 Immigration Forum

In Term 3, Year 6 will embark on an investigation about 'Migration to Australia' and the impact it has had on Australia as a nation. We will be holding an Immigration Forum on Friday 12 August at 9:30am in the Shore Preparatory School Library. We would like to invite members of our school community who have emigrated from another country and have now made Australia their home, to contribute to our forum. During the forum we would love to hear personal experiences of immigration as well as provide an opportunity for students

to ask questions. If you would like to be part of the forum or are able to recommend a participant please email Luke Tooker at secNSP@shore.nsw.edu.au by Friday 29 July.

Reading Groups

Thanks to the many parents who have again made a commitment to our Reading Groups programme. Reading Groups begin next week for all grades. We look forward to seeing you.

After School Clubs – Term 3

Most After School Clubs commence next week and students have been reminded at Parade which club/s they are enrolled in. Thursday clubs will not run in Week 2 because of a staff in-service.

Term 2 House Points Winner

Congratulations to the boys in Davies House who were the winner of the Term 2 House Points Competition. The narrowly beat out the boys from Baker to claim their second consecutive term victory!

Term 2 Quality Class Award

Congratulations to the boys in 4G for winning this award in Term 2. The Quality Class Award is a great way for us to recognise the consistent hard work of students throughout the term. The students will have their celebration BBQ in Week 3.

Community Calendar

Please note the important dates for the term which are listed on the Community Calendar distributed earlier this week. Year 6 parents should particularly note the **Year 7 2017 Placement Test** for all students on Saturday 10 September.

Adam Larby

Deputy Head of Shore Preparatory School - North Sydney

Library

Welcome back to another busy term in the Library.

A very warm welcome to our new library Technician, Mrs Sarah Buckle-Dykes. She has a wealth of knowledge of children's literature and we look forward to working with her at Shore.

Premier's Reading Challenge: Congratulations to the boys who have completed the Challenge! Please continue to join us in encouraging your boy to complete the Premiers Reading Challenge. Final date for completion of the challenge is 19 August. The library has a special display of PRC books and boys are encouraged to borrow them both during their library lessons and at lunchtime.

Reading Groups: Reading Groups will begin next week. Thank you to the parents who have agreed to assist for six weeks. A special thank you to the parents who attended our information meeting this week. All parents should have now received their books and booklets in preparation for next week. We look forward to your participation in this valuable part of our school life.

Book Week: Week 6 is Book Week and we have several events planned already. A highlight of the week will be a visit by well-known children's author Deb Abela. She has written a wide range of children's books on a variety of topics which I am sure will appeal to all the boys. She is also an Ambassador for Room to Read, an international charity that supports school libraries in third world countries. To support this charity we are planning a Book Swap on Friday 26 August. More details will follow, however save those 'already-read' books on your children's bookcase for our Book Swap.

*Margo Pickworth
Teacher Librarian*

Shore Preparatory School K, 1, 2 – Northbridge

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Northbridge News, K, 1, 2

Welcome back

Welcome back to Term 3. I hope that you all had a relaxing holiday as Term 3 will be very busy. This term sees such activities as Book Week, Open Days, Life Education, Mini Proms, American Tea and many other excursions and activities relevant to particular grades. There will be a great many permission and information notes coming home over the term, so please keep an eye on your child's plastic pocket.

Staff news

Ms Valenti and her husband welcomed a beautiful baby girl in the holidays. Emilia Rose was born on 2 July. Her big sister, Grace, is very excited to have a little sister. Ms Vanessa Perry is replacing Ms Valenti whilst she is on maternity leave. Ms Perry comes to us with a wealth of experience. Miss Lauren Johnson has been appointed as the 1M Classroom Teacher for the remainder of the year. Miss Johnson was our ICT teacher in Term 1 and has a great rapport with all the staff and students. Mrs Herron has taken long service leave for the first four weeks of this term. Mrs Sally Conyngham, who is also well known to our school, is teaching KH in Mrs Herron's absence. We warmly welcome all the new staff to K,1,2.

Report follow-up

Parent/teacher interviews are scheduled towards the end of this term. However, I would encourage any parents who require further detail or explanation of their child's Semester 1 report to contact the K,1,2 office to arrange an interview time with the appropriate teacher as soon as possible. It is important that, in working together to assist the children in their learning, a clear understanding of desired outcomes is developed between home and school.

Assemblies

This week, the Shore K,1,2 Ski Team presented a General Assembly for us. Thank you Ski Team for representing our school and to Mrs Curnow and Mrs Durrant for accompanying the team and their families. In Assembly, Mr Saunders spoke to us about looking after ourselves by eating healthy food. The children were reminded that vegetables are important to eat. Next week, **Year 2M** will present the first assembly for Term 3. Parents of **2M** children are invited back to the classroom at the end of next week's assembly.

Messages from the Office

- Mrs Lockyer is still missing some loaned clothing from the office, particularly spare undies. Please return any shorts, socks or undies that may have been borrowed.
- Please could you let Mrs Lockyer know any changes to your child's after school pick-up arrangements, including contact numbers.
- After School Care arrangements remain the same unless parents have advised us otherwise.
- After School Activities resume next week.

Other information to note:

Friday, 29 July – Dance Club to Ravenswood

Thursday, 4 August – Year 1 Excursion to Rouse Hill House & Farm

Friday, 5 August – The Olympic Games commence (and so does our Athletics Carnival!)

Natasha Mitchell
Deputy Head of Shore Preparatory School - Northbridge

Early Learning Centre – Northbridge

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ELC News

Welcome to Term 3.

A very warm welcome back to those members of the Shore community who enjoyed a break over the school holidays and also an extended welcome to our families who have joined us this term for the beginning of their Shore journey.

Music and movement

During Term 3 and Term 4 the second years will be partaking in a music and movement program with Miss Simone Waters in the K, 1, 2 Music Room. The music and movement lessons will take place on a Monday and Thursday morning (Green Room at 9:10am followed by Blue Room at 9:55am during term time). Lessons will run for 40 minutes and the children will be accompanied by ELC educators during this time.

The experience will provide creative and instructional movements with music. Please ensure your child is dressed in comfortable and non-restrictive clothing. Leggings or tights should be worn under the girls' skirts.

Changes to Chapel

Each week Miss Mitchell shares stories and songs supported by puppets, felt boards and various other props to present a fun, age appropriate introduction to God and the Bible. The children thoroughly enjoy this time of the day and appreciate Miss Mitchell's presence. Chapel will now be held on Wednesday and Friday at 10:30am during term time.

Congratulations Miss Hilary

Just before Term 2 break Miss Hilary was married to Gus in the beautiful Tweed Valley. This week we welcomed Miss Hilary back to the ELC and were most excited to hear about her wedding celebrations and her extended holiday with her new husband.

We wish Miss Hilary and Gus many blessings as they begin their new chapter as husband and wife.

Important dates

Tuesday 9 August- Northbridge Open Morning

Wednesday 10 August- Grandparent and Special friend Morning Tea

Thursday 11 August- Grandparent and Special friend Morning Tea

Wednesday 31 August - Father's Day Breakfast

Thursday 1 September - Father's Day Breakfast

*Helen Kakaris
Assistant 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

2016 Interschool Snowsports – Regional results

The weather during the Interschools Competition ranged from a rather powerful blizzard with wind chill peaking at -17° C to beautiful 'blue bird' days (clear blue skies) of up to 7° C. The team performed exceptionally well this year, with the Senior School Team being placed 2nd overall in the points tally and the Prep placed 3rd overall and from all reports the boys and girls participated and conducted themselves with true Shore Spirit.

Many thanks to Mrs Sandra Curnow, Ms Kaitlyn Rytwinski, Mr Ben Dawbin and Mr Warwick Payne who remained positive and supportive of the boys and girls in the blizzard conditions and lead the Shore team well during the week.

SHORE Preparatory School Athletics Carnival

Athletics trials began this week and went very well with all boys showing great enthusiasm for the trials. Thank you to all parents who offered their assistance at the time trials. Once all the results have been calculated, boys will be selected to run in the finals at the Shore Athletics Carnival on Friday 5 August. All boys will enjoy the chance to participate in races on the day, either in the finals or house and class races. The Shore Athletics team will be chosen from the results of the school carnival.

Dress Code:

All boys must wear their P.E Uniform with their House Polo shirt. The House Polo shirt is a plain RED, GREEN, YELLOW or BLUE shirt with NO logos. The coloured House Polos can be purchased from the clothing pool.

The first events are field events and will start at 8.30am. Boys who have qualified in the field events will see their name on the sport board at school and will be reminded with a programme sent home. Boys who are not competing will follow their age group around to the various field events to support and cheer the finalists on. Track events will begin around 10:00am where all boys will be given the opportunity to race in a number of events. At midday, K-2 boys and girls will join us for the K-6 House Marching Event. K-2 boys and girls will be involved in athletics activities starting at 12:30pm.

** Please note all students will be dismissed at the conclusion of the carnival (approximately 2.30pm).

Scott Mancey
Sportsmaster

Elective Dance News

Congratulations to the Elective Dance Group who were awarded a Highly Commended at this years City of Sydney Eisteddfod which took place during the holidays. There was some very stiff competition from 24 other schools who also performed polished and technical pieces. Well done boys!

Mrs Allison Simons
Elective Dance Teacher

Round 8 : 23 July 2016

1st XV Rugby	Mr Mancey	St Aloysius Northbridge G	10.15am
2nd XV Rugby	Mr Larby	St Aloysius Northbridge G	9.30am
11A Rugby	Mr Bayliss	St Aloysius Northbridge G	8.45am
11B Rugby	Mr Morrison	St Aloysius Northbridge G	8.00am
10A Rugby	Mr Harrington	King's Price # 2	9.30am
10B Rugby	Mr Jensen	King's Price # 2	8.45am
1st XI Football	Mr Philips	King's Northbridge F	9.30am
2nd XI Football	Mrs Pickworth	King's Northbridge F	8.45am
3rd XI Football	Miss Dickson	King's Northbridge F	8.00am
11A Football	Mr Case	King's Price # 3	8.00am
11B Football	Miss Janssen	King's Price # 3	8.45am
11C Football	Mr Knight	King's Price # 3	9.30am
10s Blue	Miss Polis	Newington Linfield Killara Park	8.45am
10s White	Mr Grainger	Newington Linfield Killara Park	8.45am

Venues - Round 8:

SHORE:

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

KING'S:

Price fields' - 87-129 Pennant Hills Road, Parramatta

NEWINGTON LINDFIELD:

Killara Park - Rosebery Road, Killara

Shore Association

NEW DATE for Shore Hoopla Tennis Day

Tuesday 23rd August 2016

Shore Northbridge Pavilion & Tennis Complex

Corner of Alpha & Sailors Bay Roads, Northbridge 2063

9 am – 2pm (for a 9.15 am start)

Please join us for a fun day of tennis, morning tea, lunch, prizes and a fabulous raffle of gourmet items.

Organise your own court of 10 or we can we can allocate you a court.

All tennis standards welcome.

Cost \$50 per person incl. morning tea and lunch
Option to include raffle tickets 3 for \$10

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Bookings close on 20th August 2016