



# PREP PEEK

The weekly newsletter of Shore Preparatory School, Sydney, NSW

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Monday 1 August	Tuesday 2 August	Wednesday 3 August	Thursday 4 August	Friday 5 August	Sat 6/Sun 7 Aug
Milo T20 Blast - 1st Cricket - Artarmon	ICAS English Comp. '100 Days of Kindergarten' Celebration	K12 Assembly - Olympics 1500m Finals Buddies (House Marching)	Year 1 Excursion to Rouse Hill House and Farm	<b>RIO OLYMPICS BEGIN</b> Athletics Carnival	Winter Sport Round 10
Monday 8 August	Tuesday 9 August	Wednesday 10 Aug	Thursday 11 Aug	Friday 12 August	Sat 13/Sun 14 Aug
		K12 Assembly - 1T Co-curricular & Winter Sport photos (8.45am NS & 1.00pm NB) ELC Grandparents Morn- ing Tea Evensong @ St James' - 6.15pm	ELC Grandparent's Morning Tea K-2 - Bronwyn Vaughan Visit	Y6 Immigration Forum	Athletics Invitational - Shore

## Teachers Learn Too!

At the end of last term, the teaching staff of Shore participated in a Staff Conference to reflect upon how students learn and how teachers can help engage them in an authentic learning experience. Sylvia Tolisano, an internationally regarded education innovator, led the teaching staff to reflect upon their attitudes and practices, particularly in areas such as using global connections, helping students find their voice in learning and reconsidering the ways that students can document and demonstrate their learning. The conference gave teachers an opportunity both to reflect on their teaching, but also to work with each other to plan for ways they could integrate some of the new ideas in their classrooms.

The importance of teachers reflecting upon and improving their practices has been highlighted in many studies that investigate the factors that influence student achievement. These factors when grouped into broad categories show that

- 50% of the variation in student performance can be attributed to factors that the student brings to school, particularly their attitudes to learning as shaped by their previous successes or failures in learning;
- 30% of the variation in student performance can be attributed to the quality of the teaching the student receives in the classroom;
- 5-10% of the variation can be attributed to the influence of the whole school (its leadership, structures, culture, values, etc.)
- 5-10% peer effects;
- 5-10% effects related to home.

Reflecting upon these findings, two conclusions become apparent.

- The attitudes that the student brings to the classroom, particularly in relation to their own ability to think, solve problems and learn, are extremely important to their on-going success.
- That of all the factors that a school can control when attempting to improve student learning outcomes, it is the quality of teaching which has the greatest impact on achievement.

Forty years ago, it was a prevalent belief both in schools and in the wider community that it was those things that a child brought to school that determined what they could achieve in learning: their innate ability, their socio-economic circum-

stances, their cultural backgrounds. Schools and teachers played a part, but the process of schooling was more about ensuring that a child was kept on his or her pre-determined track, rather than attempting to radically change his or her learning trajectory. Research since the 1980s has come to challenge this view and has focused upon the enormous difference that quality teaching can make in lifting student achievement.

*"... the most important factor affecting student learning is the teacher ... The immediate and clear implication of this finding is that seemingly more can be done to improve education by improving the effectiveness of teachers than by any other single factor".* Wright, S., Horn, S. & Sanders, W. (1997) 'Teacher and Classroom Context Effects on Student Achievement: Implications for Teacher Evaluation', *Journal of Personnel Evaluation in Education*, 11, pp. 57-67.

For this reason, Shore places the highest priority on the continuing professional development of its teachers. Opportunities, like the Staff Conference, provide teachers with the time to familiarise themselves with the latest research and findings about how children learn and to reflect upon their own practice in response. As with all that we do at the School, our aim is to provide the best possible learning environment for the children under our care.

## House Spirit

It was wonderful to hear the children practising some new house chants in preparation for the Athletics Carnival next week. The march past and chanting have been a traditional part of the day over the past decade, involving all the children from Kindergarten through to Year 6 in their houses together. From hearing the practices, I know that I am going to have a hard time choosing a winner between the four houses. It was wonderful to see (and hear) all the children having so much fun getting behind their houses and generating some house pride.

A reminder that the Athletics Carnival will be on next Friday, 5 August. Years 3 – 6 boys will be involved in events all the day and K, 1, 2 children have their own athletic activities planned. More information about the day can be found later in this Prep Peek, but parents are most welcome to come and enjoy the day with us.

*Nick Saunders*  
Head of Shore Preparatory School

# North Sydney News, Years 3 to 6

## The Happiest Place on Earth – Shore Preparatory School

On Monday at our assembly I encouraged the boys to consider the ways that they could make Shore Preparatory School, the happiest place on earth. This phrase has been used as the advertising tagline for Disney Land Park in Los Angeles and captures something about the truly special nature of the experience. Whilst we may not be able to replicate the fairy floss, rollercoasters and life-sized Disney characters at the Prep we can certainly strive to emulate the positivity, care, sense of fun and support that is experienced in Disney Land. Each of the boys and teachers has a unique contribution to making the Prep a safe, happy and supportive place to learn and I hope Monday's assembly encouraged them to strive to that end.

## Athletics Carnival

We are all looking forward to a fantastic day for next Friday's Athletics Carnival at Northbridge. It was wonderful to see the House Captains, aided by some enthusiastic Year 6 leaders, teaching familiar and new war-cries to the younger students in their houses on Wednesday at Buddies. The enthusiasm and volume was contagious! The house spirit on display will no doubt be one of the most enjoyable features next Friday. Mr Mancey, staff, boys and parent helpers have worked very hard to complete trials and preliminary events before the day. The carnival commences with roll call at 8.15am and is anticipated to conclude at approximately 2.30pm following the presentation ceremony. Students will not be dismissed until the conclusion of proceedings. Further details are available on the Games page and in Mr Mancey's letter to parents. We look forward to many parents joining us on the day.

## Sports Dinner

Our annual Prep Sports Dinner will be held on the evening of Friday 19 August in the Boarder's Dining Hall. Invitations for parents of boys in Years 4-6 will arrive soon via email. The Sports Dinner is one of the major social functions in the Preparatory School calendar. It is a celebration of the boys' many wonderful sporting moments this year and the only chance to gather in such numbers for a sit-down meal. Please book your tickets before Friday 12 August via the Trybooking link on the invitation. I look forward to seeing you there.

## Uniform – Shiny Shoes

Caring for appearance is a visible and important way of displaying pride and belonging in one's self and school. By and large, the boys do a tremendous job of wearing the Shore uniform with pride. I can assure you that it is a very well-recognised uniform in our local community. At the end of last term, we focused on making sure that the boys polished their shoes over the weekend to ensure that they are in top condition for the new school week. Polishing shoes should be a part of each boy's weekly routine, although in some cases, more regular attention may be necessary.

## ICAS English Competition

Students in Years 3-6 will compete in the ICAS English Competition next Tuesday. Results and certificates will be distributed when they become available to schools later in the year.

## Year 6 Immigration Forum

Year 6 are currently studying 'Migration to Australia' and the impact it has had on Australia as a nation. To under-

stand this issue further we are planning an Immigration Forum to be held on Friday morning 12th August at 9:00 - 10:30am in the Shore Preparatory School Library. We would like to invite members of our school community who have emigrated from another country and 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 providing an opportunity for student to ask questions. We already have a few volunteers, but are desperately in need of further members of the Shore Community to contribute to this event. Please contact the Prep Office if you can contribute.

## Office Foyer Display

Congratulations to Mr Philips and the boys in 5P for their wonderful display in the office. The boys have written letters from life in the colonial times with authentic stains and age marks on the paper. Their creative work highlights some of their learning from their study of a fascinating time in Australia's history.

## Year 6 Thank You Dinner – Save the Date

The annual Thank You Dinner for Year 6 students and parents will be held at Roseville Golf Club on Wednesday 16 November. Please save the date for this special celebration. Invitations will be distributed next term.

*Adam Larby*

*Deputy Head of Shore Preparatory School - North Sydney*

## Library

Premier's Reading Challenge: A reminder that the Premier's Reading Challenge closes 19 August. Congratulations to the boys who have completed the Challenge. Please continue to encourage your child to keep reading to complete the Challenge.

Olympics Reading Challenge: Our Olympics Reading Challenge will begin 1 August and run for 4 weeks. All boys are encouraged to participate and should have received their entry form this week.

Book Week: Our Visiting Author for Book Week on Friday 26 August is Deborah Abela. All classes will have the opportunity to hear her speak about her books and the process of her writing. She is the author of the best-selling Max Remy series and novels such as *Teresa A New Australian*, *the Ghost Club series*, *New City* and *Grimsdon*. Her books are on display in the Library and boys will be introduced to them during library lessons this term. Further information is available of her website <http://www.deborahabela.com>

Book Orders: Boys will be able to pre-order Deborah Abela books, which will then be available on the day for the author to sign. An order form has been sent home this week. Please note that orders will need to be placed no later than **FRIDAY 12 AUGUST** to allow time for the books to be ordered with the supplier.

Book Swap: On 26 August we will be holding a Book Swap to raise money for Room to Read, a charity that supports the establishment of school libraries in developing countries. Boys will be encouraged to bring in a gold coin and a book that they have finished reading and enjoyed, then swap with a book that they have not read. More details will be available closer to the date. [www.roomtoread.org](http://www.roomtoread.org)

*Margo Pickworth*  
*Teacher Librarian*

# Shore Preparatory School K, 1, 2 – Northbridge

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## Northbridge News, K, 1, 2

### **K,1,2 Athletics Carnival – Coloured House T-shirts**

The K,1,2 Athletics Carnival will be held next Friday, 5 August. The K,1,2 girls and boys will participate in a march past with their Year 3-6 Buddies, show their speed in track races and take on the challenge of a range of tabloid activities. All the K,1,2 children will need a coloured house t-shirt to participate in the events at the Athletics Carnival. A letter has been sent home regarding the carnival.

### **Car signs**

Please ensure that your car sign is used every day at car lines. It is often very difficult for staff to see through tinted windows to see which child is needed for which particular car. Having the car sign also speeds up the pick-up process as the children can be ready for when the car pulls up. If you need a new car sign, please contact Mrs Lockyer.

### **Left turn into the car-park**

May I remind all parents that Willoughby Council requires all cars entering the school to turn left **INTO** the car-park. This means that no cars should turn right into the car-park from Sailor's Bay Road. Please remember that it is also left turn only exiting the car-park. Thank you to the parents who continually do the right thing.

### **Haircuts and hairstyles for boys and girls**

Presently, there are some boys who are in desperate need of a haircut. The school rules require boys' hair to be "neatly cut above the ears and collar and tapered at the back". Please ensure your son's haircut is neat and tidy at all times.

A reminder that all girls must have their hair tied back if it touches their collar. As you can appreciate, schools are rife with head lice and this is one way we aim to keep the head lice at bay. Girls' hair should be tied back with red or navy ribbon or a plain headband. Although flowers and sequins are beautiful, please keep hair accessories simple and plain at school.

### **Assemblies**

Thank you **Year 2M** for your assembly on Wednesday. Well done on the first assembly of the term. Next week we will have an Olympic themed general assembly. Congratulations to **KH** on winning the **Quality Class of the Week Award** for this week and also to **1T** who are our Chapel Money Champions for this week. What a great way to start the term.

### **Important Dates:**

**Tuesday, 2 August** – '100 Days of School Celebration' for Kindergarten

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

**Friday, 5 August** – Athletics Carnival

**Thursday, 11 August** – Bronwyn Vaughan Incursion

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

# Early Learning Centre – Northbridge

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## ELC News

### NAIDOC Week

This year NAIDOC week fell in the second week of the school holidays from 3 – 10 July. Over the week we looked for different opportunities to celebrate Indigenous Australians. We shared a range of books with the children and enjoyed exploring artefacts such as flags, tap sticks, boomerangs and didgeridoos amongst other things. Children also created their own activity of making ochre in the mud pit with mud, chalk and water. Certainly the highlight for the week was the painting experience with Evie who kindly offered to share her skills as an artist with the children in the 3 day group. Before the children began working with the paint, Evie showed them some of her paintings and described the different techniques that were used when creating them. Then it was time for action! The children were invited to contribute to some collaborative artworks using either handprints or dot painting. I extend a huge thank you to Evie, for taking the time to share her knowledge and passion with the children and educators. We look forward to having both paintings on display soon.

Wednesday 12 October – Individual and Group photographs

Thursday 13 October – Individual and Group photographs

*Rebecca Schollum  
Director ELC*

### Health and Wellbeing

Please be advised that over the last fortnight there have been several people diagnosed with influenza (flu) from Northbridge Campus. Although the flu can occur at any time in the year, it is particularly prevalent in the winter months. The symptoms of flu are usually more severe than that of a common cold with fever, chills, coughs, runny nose and sometimes nausea, dizziness and vomiting. To prevent the spread of infection, NSW Health recommends practising cough and sneeze etiquette (into the elbow, not the hand), washing hands regularly and importantly staying home to rest if unwell. As part of our educational program, we will continue to talk with the children about personal hygiene and taking care of themselves to help prevent the spread of infection. If you would like further information there are fact sheets available from the front desk.

### Northbridge Carpark

Next week on Friday 5 August Shore Preparatory School students from Kindergarten to Year 6 will enjoy a day on the Northbridge oval for their Athletics Carnival. The sporting events commence from 8:30am in the morning, and understandably the car park will be busier than usual throughout the day between 8:30am and 3:00pm. Please plan ahead and take extra care in the car park on this day.

### Creative Arts

The Rainbow Tree is back and better than ever! Throughout the school holidays, Miss Alice and several children from both Blue and Green Rooms worked on a new and very impressive Rainbow Tree. This one was created to add to the original tree that was made in 2015. The tree is once again proudly on display in the multipurpose room.

### Important Dates

Tuesday 9 August – Northbridge Open Morning

Wednesday 10 August – Grandparent and Special Guest Morning Tea

Thursday 11 August - Grandparent and Special Guest Morning Tea

Wednesday 31 August – Father's Day Breakfast

Thursday 1 September – Father's Day Breakfast

Friday 2 September – American Tea



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](http://www.Shore.nsw.edu.au)  
(Quick Links/Prep Sporting  
Fixtures/ Prep  
Weekly Fixtures)

## Sport

### SHORE Preparatory School Athletics Carnival

On Friday, 5 August, the Shore Preparatory School Athletics Carnival will be held at SCEGS Northbridge Playing Fields.

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 the 100m dash, starting at 12:30pm.

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

### Dress Code:

All boys must wear their P.E Uniform with their house shirt. The house T-shirt is a **plain** RED, GREEN, YELLOW or BLUE shirt with **NO logos**.

School tracksuits can be worn. Those boys racing can wear spikes but must put them on in the marshalling area for their event.

Scott Mancey  
Sportsmaster

### Results—Week 8

1st XV Rugby	Mr Mancey	St Aloysius	L	21-35
2nd XV Rugby	Mr Larby	St Aloysius	W	29-12
11A Rugby	Mr Bayliss	St Aloysius	W	50-12
11B Rugby	Mrs Morrison	St Aloysius	L	20-37
10A Rugby	Mr Harrington	King's	W	14-10
10B Rugby	Mr Jensen	King's	L	0-55
1st XI Football	Mr Philips	King's	D	1-1
2nd XI Football	Mrs Pickworth	King's	D	1-1
3rd XI Football	Miss Dickson	King's	L	0-6
11A Football	Mr Case	King's	W	5-3
11B Football	Miss Janssen	King's	W	9-0
11C Football	Mr Knight	King's	W	3-2
10s Blue	Miss Polis	Newington Lindfield	W	8-0
10s White	Mr Grainger	Newington Lindfield	L	2-4

### Round 9 : 30 July 2016

\*\* Note change of time for the following teams :  
2nd XV, 11A & 11B Rugby \*\*

1st XV Rugby	Mr Mancey	Newington Wyvern School Field, Nth Syd	8.45am
2nd XV Rugby	Mr Larby	Newington Wyvern School Field, Nth Syd	8.00am*
11A Rugby	Mr Bayliss	Newington Wyvern School Field, Nth Syd	10.15am*
11B Rugby	Mr Morrison	Newington Wyvern School Field, Nth Syd	9.30am*
10A Rugby	Mr Harrington	Cranbrook Woollahra # 2	8.45am
10B Rugby	Mr Jensen	Cranbrook Woollahra # 2	8.00am
1st XI Football	Mr Philips	Cranbrook Dangar Field	11.00am
2nd XI Football	Mrs Pickworth	Cranbrook Dangar Field	10.15am
3rd XI Football	Miss Dickson	Cranbrook Dangar Field	9.30am
11A Football	Mr Case	Cranbrook Northbridge E	8.45am
11B Football	Miss Janssen	Cranbrook Northbridge E	9.30am
11C Football	Mr Knight	Cranbrook Northbridge E	10.15am
10s Blue	Miss Polis	Arden Northbridge E	8.00am
10s White	Mr Grainger	Arden Northbridge E	8.00am

### Venues - Round 9:

#### SHORE:

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

#### CRANBROOK:

Dangar Field - Iluka Street, Rose Bay  
Woollahra # 2 - Manion Avenue, Rose Bay

# Shore Association



Please donate to the NEW online galabid American Tea Silent Auction for the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year.

**Big or small, everything is welcome!**

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