



PREP PEEK

The weekly newsletter of Shore Preparatory School, Sydney, NSW

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Monday 12 Sept	Tuesday 13 Sept	Wednesday 14 Sept	Thursday 15 Sept	Friday 16 Sept	Sat 17/Sun 18 Sept
Parent/Teacher Interviews (Mon to Friday) Y3-6 Assembly - Winter Sport Awards Ceramics - K12	Public Speaking - Y3/4 Final 5D- Kids Teaching Kids Program at PLC	K-2 Assembly - 1M Public Speaking- Y5 Final NSWCIS Athletics Carnival	Public Speaking-Y6 Final	Y3 Excursion—MCA Ngami-Li Giambi-Li	Chapel Choir @ Evensong, St Martins, Killara (Sun)
Monday 19 Sept	Tuesday 20 Sept	Wednesday 21 Sept	Thursday 22 Sept	Friday 23 Sept	Sat 24/Sun 25 Sept
Life Education at NB 3-6 Assembly - Public Speaking Winners	Life Education at NB	K12 Assembly - 2C Life Education at NB Junior Proms Y3&4 (6pm)	Last Day of Term 3 Life Education at NB		

K,1,2 Mini-Proms

Last evening the children of K, 1, 2 performed their annual music and dance spectacular, the Mini-Proms. This year the theme was "The Olympics", of course, and the fusion of dance, music and sport inspired fun provided a highly entertaining spectacle. The enthusiastic audience roared its approval and certainly appreciated the many weeks of hard work expended by the children and staff at Northbridge. The dancing and musical performances were extra-ordinary, as were the superb costumes that each year group wore; there was also a special guest appearance by the Elective Dance Group from North Sydney. Well done to all the children of K, 1, 2 and thank you to all of the staff who worked so hard to prepare the children for their performances, particularly our directors Mrs Allison Simons and Ms Louisa Brand.

I know that all the parents, staff and guests last night were very proud of the performances of the K, 1, 2 children. From where I was sitting in the audience, I also got the feeling that the children were very proud and a bit excited as well. I know that the boys in Years 3 - 6 and their families are now looking forward to the Years 3 and 4 Prep Proms on 21 September and Years 5 and 6 on 9 November, both at 6pm.

American Tea 2016

It was a wild and wet day last Friday, but the American Tea, 2016 edition, carried on, due to the remarkable hard work and patience of the Shore Association and the myriad of helpers at Northbridge and North Sydney. Given the excitement on display amongst the children of the Preparatory School, it would seem that the weather did not deter anyone from having a huge amount of fun. Let me then take this opportunity to thank the Shore Association and in particular the Year Reps, Executive, stall organisers and helpers who have worked so hard to ensure that the day ran as smoothly as possible at both campuses.

It is important to remember that the purpose of the American Tea is to raise money to provide resources for the children of the School. Each year, the Preparatory School benefits from the hard work of the Shore Association which donates items such as books, classroom resources, computers and Smartboards. And while the American Tea is the most visible event in the Shore Association calendar, it is only one of the many activities held throughout the year by the Association to bring parents and friends together in support of the School. I know that many parents and friends of the School have benefited from the functions and events that the Association sponsors each year, such as cocktail parties, parent information evenings and other 'friend-raising' opportunities.

Each year I get asked about the origins of the American Tea and in particular, why is it called 'The American Tea'. This year the American Tea was celebrating its 80th Anniversary, which takes us back to the late 1930s when the first early events took place. However, prior to this, other annual fete days had been held for different fundraising purposes as far back as 1918. The term 'American Tea' probably refers to the 'bring something and buy something' nature of the event, rather than to any connection to American servicemen, and in these early years the fete was used to raise money for the war effort and to contribute funds towards the building of the War Memorial Hall in the Senior School. By the time the war had finished and the Hall was completed (in 1954), the American Tea tradition had been firmly established within the School community and in the hearts and minds of the boys.

Since these early years, the American Tea has continued in its important dual role of bringing all members of the community together in a day of fun and celebration of the School, and also raising funds to contribute towards projects to enhance the education of all children at the School. Thank you once again to all of those parents who have contributed today to the successful running of the American Tea at Northbridge and North Sydney.

Nut Awareness

I remind all parents that Shore Preparatory School is a "nut aware" school. We have a number of students throughout the School (Northbridge and North Sydney) who have allergies to nut products. Ingesting or sometimes even contact with nuts for these students can present serious health risks. Therefore we ask all families to follow some simple guidelines to make the School safe for everyone.

- Please do not send nuts or use spreads such as nutella or peanut butter in lunches.
- Be aware of products, such as many muesli or snack bars that contain whole nuts or nut pieces and do not pack these into lunches.
- Please reinforce with your children the importance of not sharing food. This is particularly important for younger children.

When sending in food for birthday celebrations, please do not send cakes or other treats that contain nuts.

Thank you for your co-operation in this important matter.

Nick Saunders
Head of Shore Preparatory School

North Sydney News, Years 3 to 6

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Our three way parent, student and teacher interviews begin next week. If you haven't booked a time please do so before Monday so that the class teachers can finalise their schedule for the week. Please arrive promptly and remember that your interview is for 15 minutes. I know the class teachers are looking forward to meeting with you and your son to discuss his learning and progress. Please do not park in the turning circle at any stage.

Prep Public Speaking Competition

There have been many wonderful and engaging talks in classes over the last fortnight. Next week our Public Speaking Competition reaches the Grade Finals stage. Two boys from each class have been selected to present their talks before their year group and a panel of judges. Year 5 and 6 students will also present a 1 minute impromptu talk. A winner from each grade will be selected to give their presentation in the final Assembly of term on Monday 19 September. All finalists will receive a certificate at the same Assembly. Parents are warmly invited to attend next week's finals in the MAC:

Year 3 & 4 – Tuesday at 9:30am

Year 5 – Wednesday at 9:00am

Year 6 – Thursday at 9:00am

After School Clubs - Term 4 Clubs

Application forms for Term 4 clubs were made available today and will be accepted for the rest of the term and as late as the first week of next term. Please note that clubs do not run in the first week of term.

Foyer Display

Thanks to 5D for their outstanding Antarctic poems that are currently on display in the front office. Your creativity and expressive vocabulary are very impressive.

Summer Sport

Summer Sports trials will begin next Wednesday at Northbridge. The boys will be regraded in preparation for their Saturday games in Term 4. Boys will need to be back in their summer sports training gear for the rest of the year.

Junior Proms

Years 3 & 4 are busily preparing an array of dance items for our entertainment on the evening of Wednesday 21 September. Commencing at 6pm, Junior Proms promises to be a wonderful night, with performances from the Concert Band, Jazz Ensemble, String Ensemble, Guitar Ensemble, String Quartet, Chapel Choir, and of course our Year 3 & 4 dance items. Whilst this is a free event, seating is allocated and is currently available for bookings. Please reserve your seats at <https://www.trybooking.com/MWCT>. We ask families to limit their allocation to a maximum of 6 seats and obviously only book with the intention of using each seat.

Quality Class Award and House Points

Congratulations to 5K for winning with week's Quality Class Award. Congratulations also to the boys in Linton House who extended their lead in the Term 3 House Points competition. Keep up the hard work boys.

Adam Larby

Deputy Head of Shore Preparatory School – North Sydney



Library

Reading Groups

A very big thank you to all the parents that helped with Reading Groups this term.

We asked Year 3 boys about their favourite part of reading Groups – here are some of our replies:

"I've enjoyed being with my friends and lovely parents"

"I really enjoyed the people I was with because of their personality and they helped me when I needed it"

"Reading with the mums and I liked the help that the mums put into working with us"

Any suggestions for future reading groups?

"To have more activities to do with the mums!"

To all the parents that helped – you have been appreciated

Roald Dahl Library Activities

On 13 September Roald Dahl would have celebrated his 100th birthday. The Library is running some guessing competitions to celebrate this special literary event.

How well do you know your Roald Dahl books?

*Margo Pickworth
Teacher Librarian*

Music

Well done to the Guitar Ensemble who performed the theme from 'Mission Impossible' during Monday's assembly. The group is made up of four boys; Jack Foster, Archie Parker, Tom Stokeld and James O'Donnell. The Guitar Ensemble is tutored by Miss Biljana Mitrovic.

*Mr David Jensen
Co-ordinator of Music*

Shore Preparatory School K, 1, 2 – Northbridge

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Northbridge News, K, 1, 2

Mini Prep Proms

Thank you to everyone who made last night's Mini Proms such a success. Mrs Simons and Ms Brand, all the K,1,2 teaching and support staff and especially the children did so well in producing a wonderful show. I am sure all the parents are as proud as I am of our little stars. Well done, everyone!

Portfolios and Parent/Teacher Interview Afternoons

All K,1,2 children will have brought home their portfolios today, enabling parents to look at their child's work samples prior to next week's Parent/Teacher interviews. I remind parents that the portfolio work samples are only a snapshot of a child's achievements/skills in a single piece of work and are therefore graded differently and should be viewed in a different way by parents in relation to information contained in a child's Semester Reports. I encourage parents who may have any specific question(s) regarding their child's portfolio or aspects of their educational or pastoral development to note these to the relevant teacher prior to the interview. This will help to ensure that the limited interview time can be used most effectively.

School Uniform

May I remind all parents and students that the Shore school uniform must be worn correctly at all times. As can be noted in the Parent Handbook, this includes polished shoes, long socks and hair neat and tidy (tied back for girls). Presently, some of the children are not looking as polished as we would expect. Please encourage your child to take pride in his or her presentation. Please also check your child's sunhat. From the beginning of next term we will be very strict with "no hat, no play".

Absence notes

Leave from school during term-time must be requested in advance. Parents are requested to make holiday plans according to the school holiday schedule. Applications for leave should be made to Mr Saunders, Head of the Preparatory School, in writing at least two weeks ahead of the requested leave. Letters should be addressed to Miss Mitchell if your child is to be absent for part of a day. If your child is unable to attend school through illness, please ring or email the school before 9.00am via 8966 5300 or k12office@shore.nsw.edu.au. A letter of absence addressed to Mr Saunders is required by law upon your child's return to school.

Change of Details

Please ensure that the school is kept informed of any changes to your contact details, or those of your carers. Any updates should be sent directly to the Bursar's office. If you use a nanny, please ensure the K,1,2 office has their contact details.

Assemblies

Due to our Mini Proms rehearsals, we did not have our usual Wednesday assembly this week. Next week, we look forward to **Year 1M's** class assembly. All **1M** parents and visitors are invited back to 1M's classroom following the assembly.

Other Information to Note:

Week 9 – Parent/Teacher interviews

Week 10 – Life Education

Thursday 22 September – Last day of Term 3

Natasha Mitchell
Deputy Head of Shore Preparatory School - Northbridge

Early Learning Centre – Northbridge

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ELC News

American Tea

It was great to see the Northbridge campus community spirit strong on Friday as everybody donned wet weather gear and braved the rain to participate in our American Tea. Without a doubt there is an enormous amount of work and time that goes into organising these events, so I extend a big thank you to all of those people who helped in some way. I also extend a special thank you to Edwina Gilbert and Karla Brooks who did such a fabulous job at coordinating the Lucky Chance Draw and the Balloon Man. Although the weather was a little disappointing, the day was still a huge success where we raised a significant amount of money and managed to have lots of fun!

School Transition Program

In Term 4, Week 1 we will commence the Shore Kindergarten transition program. This experience is for children who will attend Shore Kindergarten in 2017. The transition program will take place on Mondays and Thursdays and will involve visits to the K, 1, 2 campus for lessons and lunch. Children who are attending other Schools in 2017 will remain at the Early Learning Centre during this time and participate in our program as usual.

No Refrigerator for Second Years!

From the beginning of Term 4 **all** children who are in their second year will no longer use the refrigerator to keep food cool and fresh. Instead, children will place their lunch boxes in baskets near the front door. This practice is to support families in becoming familiar with packing a school lunch where there is no access to a fridge or microwave.

As second year children will no longer be restricted by the storage size of our refrigerator you may now provide a larger lunch box and a drink bottle for your child. There are many 'eski' style lunch boxes available that will assist in keeping food fresh during the day.

Some tips for school lunches

- Snip the corner of food packets that are tricky to open and practice opening packets with your child at home.
- Twist open then close tops of squeeze style yogurts or fruit. This way your child can open them independently. Remember to pack a spoon for tub style yogurts and fruit.
- Include an ice brick or frozen drink to keep lunch boxes cool.
- Give careful consideration to the nutritional content of your child's lunch remembering that the food you provide is their fuel for the day.
- Enjoy picnics on your non-ELC days using the lunch box your child will take to school.

Please note that all children will still enjoy morning and afternoon tea together in Term 4, so please continue to provide a piece of fruit or a vegetable every day.

If you have any questions about the transition to school program please do not hesitate to ask either myself, Miss Mel or Miss Helen. This is an exciting time for children and families as you prepare to move to a more formal school environment and it is our wish to support this process in being as smooth and successful as possible.

Important Dates

Week 10 – Healthy Harold Life Education Van at Northbridge

Monday 3 October – ELC closed Labour Day

Wednesday 12 October – Individual and Group photographs

Thursday 13 October – Individual and Group photographs

Wednesday 26 October – Living Safely with Dogs

Thursday 27 October – Living Safely with Dogs

*Rebecca Schollum
Director ELC*

UNIFORM SHOP

Open

Mondays, Tuesdays
and Thursdays

9.30am 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)

NSW CIS Athletics Carnival

We wish Fraser Pandit, Daniel Ivanhoe, Lachlan Brown, James Kase and Charlie L Wilson all the best at the NSW CIS athletics carnival next Wednesday.

Taekwondo All Schools' Tournament

Congratulations to Will Curran who won a bronze medal at the Taekwondo All Schools' tournament last weekend.

NSW AFL

The boys in Years 4 -6 have spent the last 5 weeks involved in a fantastic AFL programme. The coaches from NSW AFL have been running the boys through their paces, teaching the skills of hand passing, punt kicking, evading, blocking, shepherding and team work. The programme ended in a round robin with two weeks of modified games that the boys could show off their skills. Lousie McKenry, the Development Coordinator for NSW/ACT AFL has encouraged all the boys and their families to head out to ANZ stadium with all the excitement surrounding the Derby tomorrow, between Sydney Swans and GWS Giants. With 42,000 tickets already sold the games is in a great position to create one of the biggest AFL crowds Sydney has ever seen. Get out there a be a part of the historic first ever Derby Final!

Wednesday Sports training (final two weeks of Term 3)

Shore Prep Sport Dress Code - *All of these items are available at the clothing shop.*

Boys are required to wear their PE uniform. the correct gear for their sport is:

Cricket: Shore cricket hat and whites must be worn (Long or short white pants are OK). All boys must wear a helmet, pads and box to bat.

Tennis: Boys are to wear Shore tennis polo shirt and Shore cap.

Basketball: Boys are to wear Shore basketball uniform (baggy basketball shorts and singlet).

(Please note: On Wednesdays, boys will be asked to wear their PE uniform t-shirt to training instead of their basketball singlet.

PE Classes – Term 4

In Term 4, all boys 3-6 will be doing a swimming unit as part of the PD/H/PE Program.

During PE lessons the boys will walk to the Senior School swimming pool. There they will get changed into the following;
Dress Code – School swimmers, Shore wet shirts, towel and sunscreen are compulsory. Goggles and cap recommended.
Shore wet shirts available from the Uniform Shop.