

PREP PEEK



SHORE

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Monday 30 Jan	Tuesday 31 Jan	Wednesday 1 Feb	Thursday 2 Feb	Friday 3 Feb	Sat 4/ Sun 5 Feb
New Student Orientation Morning ELC - new 3 day children (A - M)	Y1 - Y6 Students Commence Kindergarten Shore Start ELC - new 3 day children (N - Z)	No Assembly for K,1,2 ACER Testing (Y3-6) >> Kindergarten Shore Start Sport Trials @ 11am for (Y4-6)	Kindergarten commences at 9am		Swimming Trials (Y3-6)
Monday 6 Feb	Tuesday 7 Feb	Wednesday 8 Feb	Thursday 9 Feb	Friday 9 Feb	Sat 10/ Sun 11 Feb
Camp Begins (Y3-6) K,1,2 Information Evening (6pm)	Camp (Y3-6)	Camp (Y3-6) K,1,2 Assembly ELC Parent Welcome Evening (6pm)	Y4-6 Sport Trials at NB	Prep Swimming Carnival (5pm)	Summer Sport Round 1

Beginning of Year Arrangements for 2017

The ELC starts back with 2nd Year children in the Centre's 2 and 5 day programmes commencing on *Thursday 19 January 2017* (they are also welcome on Friday 20 January). The other children start back on the days following at various times – please see the schedule of dates found in the ELC Foyer and on the ELC page of this Prep Peek.

For the students in Years 1 to 6, the academic year at Shore commences on *Tuesday 31 January 2017 at 8:25am*.

New boys in Years 3 to 6 are invited to attend a special introductory session on *Monday 30 January 2017* in the Preparatory School, North Sydney from 8:30am until 10:00am. I would like new boys to wear their uniform (summer) on this occasion.

Kindergarten children commencement arrangements for the 'Shore Start' programme have been communicated to families separately.

Preparatory School Year 3 to 6 Speech Night – Final reminder - Ken and Joan Smith Auditorium Tonight (1 December 2016) – 6:45pm

Please note that the Preparatory School Speech Night will be held in the Ken and Joan Smith Auditorium this evening. Parking will be available on School Field (weather permitting) and Union Street (Bishopsgate). Please note that these parking areas will be locked by **9pm**.

Would all parents and guests be seated **by 6:45pm** in the Ken and Joan Smith Auditorium for the commencement of this final and important part of our Preparatory School year. It is anticipated that this ceremony will conclude by 8:15pm.

At the conclusion of the Prize Giving, Mr Larby will ask each class to leave the Ken and Joan Smith Auditorium by the side door with your son's teacher. Once the class teacher has all of her/his class she/he will distribute the reports. Please assist staff by allowing your son to get his report. After your son has received his report he can meet you for supper in the foyer of the Ken and Joan Smith Auditorium. Another request. Would all parents please ensure small children do not run around during supper? As you may be aware there are some expensive decorations in this venue and it would be unfortunate if they were damaged by unintentional behaviour.

Thank you for your assistance in these matters.

Attendance is compulsory for all boys in Years 4 to 6, plus the Prize Winners in Year 3.

Some final reflections about 2016

2016 was another productive year in the life of a busy Preparatory School. In line with the African proverb, 'It takes a village to raise a child', all members of the community should be congratulated for the contribution they have made to the success of the on-going project that lies at the heart of the School, the education of children. The children themselves should also be congratulated for the enthusiasm and effort they bring each day to their learning.

At the end of 2016, the School recognises the achievements and contribution of the Chairman of Council, Mr Stephen Williams who retires this week from Shore School Council after 18 years of service, the last six as Chairman. As a long standing member of the School Council, Mr Williams took a lead role in many important improvements and projects that directly benefited the Preparatory School. The most significant of these were the building and establishment of the Early Learning Centre and Kindergarten to Year 2 at Northbridge and the redevelopment of the Preparatory School at North Sydney. Mr Williams always showed a keen interest in Preparatory School affairs, attending speech nights, special assemblies and concerts each and every year. The entire Preparatory School community is immensely grateful to Mr Williams for his dedicated service to the School.

With the assistance of the Rev Paul Dudley, the Chaplaincy team, Miss Mitchell, Mr Dunn and Mr Larby, the Christian foundation of this Anglican school has remained central to our school's programmes in 2016. As we approach the Christmas season, I hope that Preparatory School families have an opportunity to pause and reflect upon the amazing fact that God came to live amongst us in the person of Jesus and that He can live with us today through His Spirit.

I would like to thank the entire Preparatory School community for the support, generosity and encouragement displayed throughout the year. I wish everyone a happy and restful Christmas vacation.

I trust you have a joyous and Holy Christmas!

Nick Sanders
Head of Shore Preparatory School

North Sydney News - Years 3 to 6

Camps

Your son has probably returned from camp exhausted but with a large grin on his face. The boys all had a fantastic time on camp with their classmates and teachers. We were all blessed with excellent weather and safe travels. The boys conducted themselves in an outstanding manner and were terrific ambassadors for our school. Our Outdoor Education and Camps programs are always highlights for our boys and the end of year camp in particular is a great time of celebration and reflection on the year that was. I would like to say thank you to all the staff who have given up time with their own families to be away with the boys for three days.

Speech Night – Thursday 3 December

We look forward to your company at Speech Night tonight (all of Years 4-6 and Year 3 prize winners). Please be seated in the auditorium at 6:45pm for the entry of the staff and official party. Please ensure that you sit in the correct seats. It is anticipated that the ceremony will conclude by 8pm.

Parking will be available on School Field (weather permitting) and under the tennis courts off Union Street. All gates will be locked at 9pm so if you are heading out afterwards, you will need to move your vehicle.

At the conclusion of the prize giving, I will ask each class to leave the auditorium by the side door with their teacher. The class teacher will then distribute the end of semester reports. After your son has received his report, he can meet you for supper in the foyer of the auditorium. Parents are requested to ensure that children behave appropriately during supper, being mindful of the fact that this is an official school function and there are a number of expensive items in the Hawkins Foyer.

School Commencement 2017

Classes commence for students in Years 3-6 at North Sydney at 8.23am on Tuesday 31 January. (Orientation for new students will take place the day before).

Advance Notice – Swimming Trials

In 2017, swimming trials will be held on the morning of Saturday 4 February for all boys in Years 3-6. All students will be expected to attend, with specific times for each age group advised below:

- Year 6 8.00am – 9.00am
- Year 4 9.00am – 10.00am
- Year 5 10.00am – 11.00am
- Year 3 11.00am - 12.00pm

Advance Notice – Summer Sport Trials (Year 4-6)

In 2017, summer sport trials will be held at Northbridge on Wednesday 1 February
Thursday 9 February

On these two days, boys in Years 4-6 will be dismissed at the usual time from Northbridge.

Merry Christmas

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff for their incredible service to the Preparatory School in 2016 and wish all the boys and their families a safe, blessed and

relaxing holiday. May the Christmas period be a wonderful time of reflection for you all as you celebrate the birth of the Saviour.

Mr Adam Larby
Deputy Head Shore Preparatory School - North Sydney

Holiday writing workshops

Thank you for the expressions of interest in the proposed holiday writing workshops. However due to insufficient numbers the workshops will not go ahead. However, it is planned to offer them again at the end of term 1 holidays.

Summer Reading Clubs

Local public libraries are running Summer Reading Clubs for kids, including Stanton library at North Sydney. For further details see the link <http://www.summerreadingclub.org.au/>

Margo Pickworth
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Northbridge News - K,1,2

Thank You all

"Where has the year gone"? It has certainly been a fantastic year in so many ways. Thank you girls and boys for the fun and love of learning you bring to school each day. You have certainly made us all very proud of your efforts and achievements. Thank you to the very talented and dedicated staff at K,1,2. You have made the children's learning possible. Thank you for the care you show to the children and in making K,1,2 a happy and safe place. Thank you, parents, for your support of our school. When we all work together, we achieve great things. May I wish the girls and boys leaving the Northbridge campus all the best for the future. We have enjoyed having you as part of K,1,2. May I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe and restful holiday.

A busy last week

While the rest of the school has been on camp this week, the K,1,2 children were still very busy. On Tuesday, our choir went to St Paul's Aged Care Facility and performed some songs for the residents. It's always fantastic when the residents join and sing with the children. Yesterday, we had our final assembly for 2017 which was attended by members of council and senior staff. It certainly was a fitting way to end 2016. We all look forward to Saturday night when our choir will once again perform for the Northbridge Community Carols.

Next Year

Further to the article last week classes are mixed around. As some children take time to adjust to any change, I would ask you to remind your child before school resumes that each new year is full of exciting changes (including a change of teachers, rooms, classmates and the like) all of which make life more interesting for us.

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE STAFF AT K,1,2

Further information to note:

- School starts for Year 1 and Year 2 in 2017 – 8:25am on Tuesday 31 January
- School starts for Kindergarten in 2017 – 9:00am on Thursday 2 February
- 2017 K,1,2 Parent Information Evening – parents of children remaining at the Northbridge campus in 2016 are asked to note that the K,1,2 information evening will be held on the first Monday of the school year (*Monday 6 February*) in 2017 commencing at 6:00pm.

Natasha Mitchell
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ELC News

Merry Christmas

It is hard to believe that I am writing the last entry for Prep Peek this year, 2016 certainly seems to have flown past! When I think back on the year we have shared together I cannot help but smile. We have enjoyed such a dynamic educational programme as the children took us on journeys from pirates to scientists, inventors to builders (and everything in between!) inspiring us all the way as they explore, create, hypothesise and wonder. Miss Sophie asked a few of the children what they thought the best bit about this year was:

Lily M: I love going home with Flinders because we did ballet together

Henry: I like the block area so much. I make towers and airports. The colourful ones are the best.

Poppy: The bug area is fun. There are the bugs and beetles. You have to give them dinner and dessert.

William: I like baby Jesus and Christmas.

Sophia: Healthy Harold was good because he makes food. He's not scary.

Rupert: Doing craft is fun...sticking paper together, then you get a book. I like writing lots of things, pictures as well. I use colour books and white books.

As they say, all good things must come to an end, and what better way to finish up than with our Christmas Celebrations. We all had so much fun together on Wednesday and Thursday and it was a great way to come together as an ELC community one last time and cherish the time we have shared together. For those children and families who will be leaving us at the end of this year, we wish you all the best as you prepare for this exciting transition. On behalf of the Early Learning Centre team I wish everyone in the Shore community a very safe and peaceful Christmas.

Tuesday 20 December 2016 – ELC Last Day closed at 4:00 pm

Start Dates 2017

Thursday 19 January

-ELC welcomes returning 2 and 5 day children

Friday 20 January

-ELC welcomes returning 2 day and 5 day children

Monday 23 January

ELC welcomes returning 3 day and 5 day children

Tuesday 24 January

ELC welcomes returning 3 day and 5 day children

Wednesday 25 January

ELC **closed** for Shore Professional Development

Thursday 26 January

ELC **closed** for AUSTRALIA DAY

Friday 27 January

ELC welcomes new 2 and 5 day children

Monday 30 January

ELC welcomes new 3 day children surnames A – M

Tuesday 31 January

ELC welcomes new 3 day children surnames N - Z

Rebecca Schollum
Director ELC