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SHORE

The weekly newsletter of Shore Preparatory School

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Monday 6 Feb	Tuesday 7 Feb	Wednesday 8 Feb	Thursday 9 Feb	Friday 10 Feb	Sat 11/ Sun 12 Feb
Camp (Y3-6) K, 1, 2 Information Evening (6pm)	Camp (Y3-6)	Camp (Y3-6) ELC Parent Welcome Evening (6pm)	Y4-6 Sport Trials # 2 at Northbridge and North Sydney	Prep Swimming Carnival at 5pm	Summer Sport Rnd 1
Monday 13 Feb	Tuesday 14 Feb	Wednesday 15 Feb	Thursday 16 Feb	Friday 17 Feb	Sat 18/ Sun 19 Feb
Library Leaders Excursion - Bookshop	Y3-6 Information Evening (6pm)	K, 1, 2 Assembly - 2C	Kindy Excursion - The Farm	Class & Individual Photos (9am) Northbridge Cocktail Party	Summer Sport Rnd 2

Welcome to 2017

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all children and their families returning to the Preparatory School this week and a particularly warm welcome to those children and families who have joined the School community this year for the first time. As I have mentioned in my discussions with the students, the start of the year always brings with it new hopes and opportunities, as well as a little bit of nervousness. I know that all of the staff in the Preparatory School are excited about opening up wonderful new learning opportunities for the children this year and quickly helping them to overcome any beginning of year jitters.

Pick-up and Drop-off

The beginning of the year is always a very busy time around schools with a lot more students being dropped-off and picked-up than usual. I will write more fully about particular school procedures next week, but I would like to remind those who are driving in and around the School (at Northbridge and North Sydney) to be very cautious and safe. Be particularly careful when children are near your car and be wary of blocking traffic in local streets. Be aware that there are local residents who live near our school sites who also need to use the streets to access their homes. **We must be respectful of other users of the roads.** In particular, please note:

- Do not park illegally or queue in the street in a way that blocks entry or exit from side streets or driveways. Parents using Edward Street at North Sydney, should be particularly aware of not blocking entry or exit from Lord Street.
- When exiting school property, particularly the Northbridge car park, remember that in addition to only turning left on to Sailors Bay Road, drivers must also give way to all traffic exiting Pyalla Street opposite, even those vehicles turning right from Pyalla Street into Sailors Bay Road. Cars exiting private property must give way to all cars using public roads.

Thank you for your co-operation in this.

Staff

This year, we welcome Ms Suallyn Mitchelmore and Mrs Elizabeth Buhagiar to the K, 1, 2 Library. Ms Mitchelmore joins us as the Northbridge teacher librarian while Mrs Buhagiar takes the role as library technician. The library at Northbridge is already changing in appearance and I know that there will be many new and exciting experiences in store for the children of

Northbridge in the coming months. At Northbridge also, we welcome back Mrs Anika Tesseyman who rejoins the staff for this year as the Visual Arts teacher. Mrs Tesseyman was a Kindergarten teacher at Shore a few years ago and so is quite familiar with Shore. She replaces Mrs Rachel Marchetto who is taking maternity leave in 2017.

In the learning support team at North Sydney, we welcome Mrs Alex Vumbaca, someone who is familiar to many Shore families as she has been working as a speech therapist with many families over a number of years. Mrs Vumbaca will be joining the learning support team more formally in 2017, to work as a learning support therapist which will enable her contribute to many of the learning support programmes at North Sydney while Mrs Amanda Tong is on maternity leave. In the learning support team at Northbridge, at the end of 2017, we farewelled Ms Ana Grassi. Later this term, we will be welcoming Mrs Marianne Mylne to the team to take up Ms Grassi's role. Mrs Mylne comes to us from Wahroonga Preparatory School.

At North Sydney, we welcome Mr David Tait to the teaching team as the 6D class teacher. Mr Tait joins us from Carey Baptist Grammar School in Melbourne. In an exciting innovation at the North Sydney campus, Mr Paul Harrington and Mrs Alex Geersen will be co-teaching a Year 6 class together in 2017 (6G). As well as bringing their joint expertise to Year 6, this will also provide opportunities for both of these teacher leaders to work with other staff to improve their practices throughout the Preparatory School.

At the ELC, we welcome back Ms Beth Richards who returns to the ELC team after taking a year of maternity leave.

On behalf of the Preparatory School, I welcome all the new staff and their families to the School.

After School Care

A reminder to North Sydney parents that After School Care does not operate at the North Sydney site. North Sydney students who wish to access After School Care are bussed to Northbridge to join the service at this site. To access this service, North Sydney families need to complete the North Sydney enrolment form, available from the North Sydney office. Northbridge students fill in the normal Northbridge forms. Note that After School Care for North Sydney students is not available on Fridays.

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North Sydney News - Years 3 to 6

Preparatory School Family Service – Sunday 26 February 9am

At the start of each year, the Preparatory School holds a family service in the School Chapel. This year the service is being held slightly earlier than in previous years. All Preparatory School families are welcome to attend, although the occasion is compulsory for boys in Years 5 and 6.

Scholarships for Shore Senior School Entry – close Monday (6 February)

Each year the School offers a number of academic, means related, boarding and music scholarships for entry into the Senior School. One of these scholarships is the RGH Walmsley Scholarship which is offered to a boy in Year 6 at the Preparatory School. There is detailed information about these scholarships and the application process on the Shore website:

<http://www.shore.nsw.edu.au/enrolment/scholarships/scholarships-general-info>

Applicants for all scholarships, except for music, are required to sit the ACER CSTP scholarship examination. **Applications for these scholarships have been open for some time now and will close this coming Monday 6 February.** I encourage all interested families of students in Year 6 to consider applying for a scholarship, but please bear in mind that Preparatory School students can only compete for these scholarships on the application of their parents via the ACER website. Late applications are not considered.

Nick Saunders
Head of Shore Preparatory School

A very warm welcome is extended to parents and boys for the start of the 2017 school year. I especially welcome those students and families who are new to the Shore community this year. Whilst our staff have been hard at work for the last week, the school truly awakens with the arrival of the students. It has been a delight to see and hear the enthusiasm and excitement of boys as they catch up with old friends and make new ones.

Building Good Routines and Habits

The first few weeks of any school year are an important opportunity to establish routines and good daily habits that will serve students well throughout the year. I encourage parents and boys to work together in these early weeks to ensure the establishment of healthy habits at school and home. It is important for boys to be on time to school each day and with the correct equipment for the day's lessons. The student diary will be of great assistance in this regard – students use it daily and parents should be ensuring that they sight and sign it each day as well. It is an important avenue of communication between home and school. Prep Peek (emailed weekly and on-line) and the Parent Handbook (on-line) will also be constant sources of valuable information and I encourage parents to maintain familiarity with both (even those parents who have been here in previous years). 'Lampada' is our on-line portal to facilitate communication and learning - students and parents can access information (including homework) via the school and class pages. No doubt, questions will still arise from time to time. Please, in the first instance, contact your son's class teacher who will be happy to help you with your enquiry or direct you to whomever can provide appropriate assistance.

Staff

We welcome a number of teaching staff to the North Sydney

campus: Mrs Alex Vumbaca joins our Learning Support team, Mr David Tait joins us as a Year 6 teacher (6D) and Mr Michael Winkler will be here throughout the year as a student teacher, working particularly with 6T.

New Member of the Learning Support Team at North Sydney

Mrs Alex Vumbaca will be joining us in 2017 for three days per week. Alex is a Speech Pathologist who has worked as a sub-contractor at the School for a number of years. This year she will be working as part of the learning support team. Her role will be to work with the class teachers and learning support staff in supporting students with communication difficulties in the classroom. Alex will be conducting small groups across the grades focussing on developing a range of skills specific to the identified students. In regards to articulation therapy, students will be offered a range of options including attending the lunchtime club run on a Thursday or Friday in the enrichment room. We welcome Alex to North Sydney campus.

Traffic Management and Safety

Most parents will be aware that no spaces are ever available for parents to park cars in the Prep. The campus includes a turning circle for the drop off and pick up of boys by car, which is always at its busiest over the first few weeks of the year. There are some procedures which help to make this difficult situation work as smoothly as possible and these were emailed to parents earlier this week. I am delighted with the patience and cooperation shown by drivers in the first few days. Thank you!

Family Circumstances

If your family circumstances have changed recently, particularly in regards to contact details or care of your son, please ensure that the School has current information. This allows us to contact you easily and where necessary, issue multiple copies of notes and reports to parents. If care of your son is affected by orders from the Family Court, please ensure that the School is provided with up-to-date copies of the applicable orders. Should there be any variation to these, please ensure that we are immediately notified.

Swimming Carnival

Tomorrow morning, all boys will participate in swimming trials in preparation for our Swimming Carnival which will be held on Friday 10 February at 5pm at the Shore Swimming Pool. Offers of parental assistance will be welcomed by the Sports Master tomorrow morning.

Camps

Next week our outdoor education programme begins with camps being held for Years 3 to 6. Years 3 and 4 will be attending Galston Crusaders Camp; Years 5 and 6 will be at Camp Somerset on the Colo River. Camps are a great way to start the year and serve as an opportunity to develop and extend relationships as well as participate in a wide variety of adventurous activities and challenges. On Monday, all boys should arrive at school at the normal time (by 8:23am) for morning parade and roll call. Please do not be late as teachers need time to brief and organise students. Pick-up on Wednesday should be at the usual time and will be from Edward Street for ALL students. Any medication should be given to the class teacher with written instructions prior to departure.

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North Sydney News - Years 3 to 6

Thursday Sport – Next Week

Due to camps, Sport at Northbridge will occur on Thursday next week. Years 5 and 6 Cricket and Tennis players will be bussed up to Northbridge. All Basketballers and Year 4 Cricketers will remain at North Sydney for their trials. Pick up for Years 4 to 6 at North Sydney will be via the Union St Turning Circle. After School Care will be available at Northbridge – please contact the Office if you need to make use of this facility.

Elective Dance Trials

Today some Years 5 and 6 boys signed up for Elective Dance auditions with Mrs Simons (K12 Dance and Drama teacher). The trials will occur at lunch on Monday 13 and Tuesday 14 February. Boys selected will be notified by Mrs Simons and will be given with a formal letter about the programme at this time. This year the Elective Dance group will rehearse on Wednesday afternoon at Northbridge from 3:30-4:30pm.

ACER Testing

Over the next few weeks, our new boys will undertake a series of in-class standardised tests in Literacy, Mathematics and General Capabilities. These tests are used by teachers to assist in tailoring teaching programmes to individual needs and grouping students for learning activities. They also allow staff to monitor student progress from year to year. These can be discussed with your son's teacher during the Parent Teacher interviews scheduled for Week 6.

After School Clubs

Information concerning After School Clubs will be distributed in coming days, with the intention of commencing these in Week 3. If your son intends to participate in a club, please return your form as soon as possible, as in some cases, places are limited.

Peripatetic Music

Some private music lessons will commence at North Sydney on Thursday 9 February. Please contact Judy Hicks if you haven't heard from your son's music tutor by this date. Years 3 and 4 will have an instrumental demonstration in the MAC at 11:00 on Tuesday 14 February. Parents are invited to attend to learn about the instruments and hear about what is on offer at Shore this year.

Strawberry Fields Forever

The strawberry patch in the Prep vegetable garden has been teeming with juicy and sweet strawberries. During Science lessons this week, a number of classes hand-picked some of the strawberries, just to make sure they were good to eat! The pictures show some of the spoils!

Important Dates – Term 1

Please refer to the Community Calendar attached with this week's Prep Peek for many important dates. Parent Information Evening (Wednesday 14 February) and the North Sydney Cocktail Party (Friday 17 March) would be dates to diarise now!

I look forward to meeting you and wish all Shore students and their families a rewarding and enjoyable 2017.

Mr Adam Larby
Deputy Head Shore Preparatory School - North Sydney

Shore Preparatory School K,1,2 - Northbridge

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Northbridge News - K,1,2

Welcome back to School

Welcome to all the K,1,2 girls, boys and parents to 2017. I would particularly like to welcome new parents and students to our K,1,2 community. All the children were brimming with excitement (and a few nerves) on the first day. It is such a joy to see how they have settled in and their bright, happy faces are windows to their positive attitudes. They all deserve a restful weekend after a very hot week. Our wonderful teachers are very much looking forward to the year ahead with their classes. The children have been allocated their classes based on extensive consideration and we appreciate your support in helping your child to settle in.

Parent Information Evening

All K,1,2 parents are invited to attend the Parent Information Evening on Monday 6 February commencing at 6:00pm. This is an ideal opportunity for parents to meet their child's teacher, to look at our Northbridge grounds and to become more familiar with the systems that are in place in and outside the classroom. I will be addressing the parents in the hall and then the class teachers will talk about their plans for the year ahead. In the classrooms, the teachers will speak about particular issues relevant to their grade. Please arrive at the hall from 5:45pm for a prompt start.

Car Park and Driveway Safety

All parents are asked to adhere to the school's strict **left turn only** policy for both entering and exiting the school car park. The policy is designed to assist with the traffic flow and vehicle/pedestrian safety in Sailor's Bay Road. It is an offence to turn right when exiting the car park. If parents are dropping off or collecting their child from the keyhole area, they are asked to stay in their vehicle. Staff on duty will assist with doors and bags, as necessary, as this helps to minimise the risk of any accidents in this area. Only Early Learning Centre families dropping off or collecting and ELC child should use the designated ELC parking bays, with parking in those spaces being limited to 10 minutes. No vehicles should be parked and left unattended in the turning circle area at any stage of the school day as this is an entry point for emergency vehicles.

Assemblies

The first K,1,2 Assembly on Wednesday 8 February will be a General Assembly. Parents are warmly invited to attend their own child's class assembly which generally runs for about 30 minutes. (Please see dates in the Community Calendar). The children take an active role in leading and sharing in all of our assemblies. Following the class assemblies, parents are invited back to the classroom for a visit and an update on what is going on. From past experiences, I know that children feel very proud when they 'show off' their classroom to their parents.

Northbridge Cocktail Party

I do hope that you will be able to attend the Northbridge Cocktail Party on Friday 17 February. Tickets will be available via <http://www.trybooking.com/OQKK>. Invitations will be sent home in the coming weeks but please keep the date free. It is a wonderful evening where parents from the ELC and K,1,2 get to be together in a social setting.

From the Office

Mrs Lockyer is very busy particularly at the beginning of the year. Please read the list below and return any relevant information to the office as soon as possible. Thank you for your help.

- After School Care enrolment forms – please complete and return for emergencies
- After School pick-up forms – were sent home this week, please return on Monday
- After School activities start next week – parents should have received email confirmation from Mrs Lockyer outlining the activities enrolled. Ensemble also begins next Wednesday.
- Medical – if your child has an action plan, eg for asthma, please hand it into the office. Equally, any other dietary/medical requirements please contact Mrs Lockyer. Notes are required for any medication to be held at office.
- Car plates – went home this week ...if you need more, please let Mrs Lockyer know

Other information to note:

Monday 6 February – K,1,2 Parent Information Evening (6:00pm)

Friday 17 February – ELC and K,1,2 Parents Cocktail Party

Friday 3 March – Shore Icebreaker

Natasha Mitchell

Deputy Head of Shore Preparatory School – Northbridge

Early Learning Centre - Northbridge

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ELC News

Welcome to 2017

Welcome back to all of the children and their families who are in their second year this year. I extend a special welcome to all of the children and families who are commencing at Shore for the first time. It is certainly an exciting and busy time as everyone settles into the Centre and gets to know one another. I also welcome back Miss Beth who has joined us again following her maternity leave.

Parent Welcome Evening

Next week on Wednesday 8 February we will host our Parent Welcome Evening in the Early Learning Centre. All parents who have children currently enrolled in the ELC are invited to attend. The evening provides a valuable opportunity to meet other parents, speak with educators about the programme or your child's start to the year and ask any questions you may have. The evening commences at 6.00 pm and concludes at 7.30 pm. We look forward to seeing you here!

Save the Date

On Friday 17 February I am looking forward to attending the Northbridge Cocktail Party. This is a wonderful event where parents from ELC, Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 are invited to join together for what is always a fun evening. Invitations to the cocktail party will be distributed closer to the time, so for now save this date in your diary.

Northbridge Carpark Safety

The school carpark is undoubtedly a very busy space with many vehicles and pedestrians accessing it at different times of the day. May I remind all users that there is strictly a **left turn only** when exiting the carpark. Also, cars should not be left unattended in the turning circle as this is an access point for emergency services vehicles. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

So many ideas!

One of the most exciting moments for the ELC team is observing the children as they form new friendships, explore the learning environment and share their ideas and interests with us. These interests become the basis of our educational programme. Children have investigated sand, water, pipes and funnels. They have shown interest in ramps and cars, making costumes, catapults and knights. Jungles, birds and bugs have also been a hot topic, as well as sharing information about families. So many interesting ideas and all worth exploring! Don't forget to read the weekly reflection on Wednesday and Friday afternoons to find out in more detail about what is happening in your child's room.

Important Dates

Wednesday 8 February – ELC Parent Welcome Evening

Friday 17 February – Northbridge Cocktail Party

Friday 3 March – Shore Icebreaker at North Sydney

Rebecca Schollum
Director Early Learning Centre

UNIFORM SHOP

Open : Monday, Tuesday, Thursday

9:30am to 4:30pm

Ph: 9900-4704

SPORT

Wet weather information

Please refer to the Shore website on

Saturday morning

www.Shore.nsw.edu.au

I hope everybody had a very enjoyable and relaxing break. The start of term is very busy at Shore Prep, with summer sport trials, swimming trials, and then camp.

The School swimming trials will be held tomorrow, Saturday 4 February at the Shore School Pool, North Sydney. To save your son disappointment can I ask all boys to allow plenty of time to arrive at the pool. First races for each age group will begin on the hour and I would not like any boy to miss the opportunity to be selected for the School Swimming Carnival.

Boys are required to wear Shore school swimmers, wet shirt (not when racing) and sunscreen.

YEAR GROUP SWIMMING TIMES

Year 6 8.00am – 9.00am (7.45am – warm up)

Year 4 9.00am – 10.00am

Year 5 10.00am – 11.00am

Year 3 11.00am – 12.00am

The swimming times collected from the swimming trials will be sorted. The 8 fastest times for each event will qualify for the Swimming Carnival on Friday 10, February. The Swimming Carnival will start at 5.00pm and finish approx. 6.30pm. Boys competing on the night need to be at the pool at 4.45pm for a warm up. If boys do not qualify for the finals they are still invited to participate in class races and cheer on their House team that evening. The class race is a 25m freestyle event.

SPORT TRIALS

The second trial for Summer Sport for Cricket, Tennis and Basketball will take place on Thursday 9 February.

Round 1 is on Saturday 11 February. This round will also be used as a trial for the boys.

Boys were asked, late last year, to give preference to the following sports; Cricket, Basketball or Tennis. Boys will get the opportunity to trial for their preferred sport. However, if they do not make that side they will be required to take up their 2nd option.

Due to number constraints for all sides, some boys may not make their chosen team and will be asked to trial for a different sport.

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

Trials – Boys must wear the Shore PE uniform if they don't already have the correct sports uniform.

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.

****Please wait until team selections before you purchase the basketball uniform. This will allow coaches to organise the boy's number on their singlet****

Looking forward to a great year!

Scott Mancey
Sportsmaster