

PREP PEEK



SHORE

The weekly newsletter of Shore Preparatory School

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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		Class & Individual Photos (9am) Northbridge Cocktail Party	Summer Sport Rnd 2
Monday 20 Feb	Tuesday 21 Feb	Wednesday 22 Feb	Thursday 23 Feb	Friday 24 Feb	Sat 25/ Sun 26 Feb
		K, 1, 2 Assembly - 1T		Scots Invitational Swimming Carnival	Summer Sport Rnd 3 Scholarship Exams Prep Family Service

Cars and School

At the start of the year it is always good to reflect upon safety in and around school grounds. With many parents using cars to pick-up and drop-off children, the safety of children must always be at the forefront of our thinking as we negotiate our cars around school zones. As you would be aware, the streets around Shore's Northbridge and North Sydney campuses can become quite clogged at pick-up and drop-off times, so please be careful to:

- Be aware of any children who are in the vicinity of your car before you move;
- Obey all traffic and school rules regarding pick-up and drop-off;
- Be a patient and courteous driver. Being stuck in a pick-up line that does not appear to be moving can be frustrating, but please be patient and thoughtful of the other users of the road;
- Be aware that it may take a little while for everyone to get into the swing of the year, so things will get better;
- Be mindful of neighbours to the School and not blocking their access to their properties;
- Be aware that council rangers and police are on patrol and will target infringements in and around schools in the first weeks of the year. Fines are considerable and will result in the loss of demerit points.

North Sydney Council has written to Schools asking them to remind their communities about being safe on the roads around schools.

The North Sydney local government area is very busy and the area around our schools becomes particularly congested at drop off and pick up times. North Sydney Council Rangers and Parking Officers, with the assistance of New South Wales Police, will be monitoring parking in all our school zones during these times in an attempt to ensure the areas remain as safe as possible for children.

Below are some useful tips for parents driving and parking in school zones:

- Drivers should always take extra care in 40km/h school zones, which operate on gazetted school days.
- Park legally, even if it means walking further to the school gate. Observe all parking signs. They are planned with children's safety in mind.
- Never double park as it puts children at risk.
- Model safe and considerate behaviour for your child – they will learn from you.

- You must not wait in "No Parking" zones for longer than 2 minutes.
- Always park and turn legally around the school. Avoid dangerous manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns.
- Avoid parking across the school driveway or the entrance to the school car park. Using your school's drop off and pick up facility will help keep all children as safe as possible during the busiest times of the school day.

Starting School

Congratulations to Kindergarten who have finished their first week of school! Starting school at Shore, even if a child has spent the previous two years in the ELC, is always an important milestone for children and parents. After now completing a full week, it is hoped that everyone is feeling quite settled and 'in the groove' of school life. I know that our Kindergarten teachers, Mrs Herron and Mrs Crerar, have been impressed by how well the children have adapted to their new environment. The school transition programme operated by the ELC each year has certainly played a large role in this smooth start. The Department of Education has a great site that has tips for families. It is called "Helping Kindy Kids Succeed at School":

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/helping-kindy-kids-succeed-at-school>

There are a couple of tips offered that are good for all parents to keep in mind, such as:

- Keep up the things you did with your child before they started school, like bedtime reading.
- Talk to your child's teacher if you have concerns about your child's learning.
- Get your child to school on time; it helps avoid anxiety.
- Get involved in your school; it shows your children you value education.

In addition, it is very important to always be positive in your communications to children about school, focusing on positive things that they can do to deal with some of the situations that they might face. Giving children positive strategies to deal with school situations themselves helps them to develop confidence and resilience.

Well done to our new Kindergarten children and their families for a great start to the year.

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North Sydney News - Years 3 to 6

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Preparatory School Camps

The Years 3 to 6 boys and teachers were at camp on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week and from my own observations during my visits and the stories when the boys returned, I think they were a great success. Boys were challenged by a range of exciting outdoor activities and experiences, and enjoyed exploring their skills of independence away from home and regular school. I was impressed by how many boys undertook a challenge that was new and perhaps a little daunting at first. As the boys experienced success, you could see their confidence grow before your eyes!

The camp programme in Years 3 - 6 is an important part of our education programme at the Preparatory School, providing an opportunity for children to learn and be stretched in new areas and to build a sense of teamwork with each other and staff.

Thank you to the staff who organised the camps (particularly Mr Harrington) and who supervised the children during these important activities at the beginning of the year.

Nick Saunders
Head of Shore Preparatory School

Parent Information Evening

We look forward to meeting with many parents next Tuesday evening. The evening commences at 6pm in the MAC for new parents and continues for all parents from 6.40pm in individual classrooms. Parental involvement in a child's education is vitally important and next Tuesday evening is a great chance for you to meet your son's teachers and familiarise yourself with the routines, expectations and programmes that will support your son to succeed. Parking will be available on School Field (weather permitting), the Bishopsgate Car Park and the Edward St basketball courts.

Uniform & Hair

I commend every student on their excellent start to the year in regards to uniform. It has been a pleasure to see the students correctly attired and demonstrating such visible pride in their school. Uniform, especially shoes and haircuts require ongoing attention. Hair is to be neatly cut, above the ears and collar, and tapered at the back in what is traditionally known as a 'schoolboy or college cut', and fringes should be neatly trimmed. Brushes are necessary for many of the boys who have styled cuts. 'Bed hair' and unkempt styles are not appropriate at school. Parents are requested to monitor this regularly throughout the year.

Hot Weather

Invariably, the first few weeks back at school feature some of the warmest days of the summer. Staff remind boys of the importance of regular drinks, making use of available shade, quieter play and appropriate clothing such as hats and sunscreen. A "no play hat - no play" guideline always applies. Boys must ensure that they have both hats each day. If a student does not have a play hat, they are expected to sit in the shade or visit the Library during play periods.

Melba Photos

Class and individual photos will be taken by Melba Studios next Friday 17 February throughout the morning. Boys are encouraged to ensure that their uniform, hair, shoes and smiles are perfect on the day. Each class will be provided a Login and Password to access their Individual and class photo's via the

Melba Studios website. Further instructions will follow once available. Each student account will be debited \$20 and parents will then be free to use both digital images to make as many prints as they wish. In addition to this, Melba is still happy to produce professional prints and an order form will be provided.

Leave

Parents are reminded that Saturday Sport is compulsory for boys in Years 4-6. Leave from any School obligation (including school days, sport, co-curricular activities and the beginning and conclusion of term) must be requested in advance. Please note that application for leave will not necessarily be approved. Holidays are advertised well in advance and parents are requested to make plans accordingly. Term dates for 2018 are available on the school website. Application for leave should be made to the Head of the Preparatory School, in writing, at least two weeks ahead of the requested leave.

Peripatetic Music

Some private music lessons commenced at North Sydney yesterday. Please contact Judy Hicks if you haven't heard from your son's music tutor. 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.

After School Clubs

After School Clubs on offer have been advertised and commence next week. If your son intends to participate in a club, please return your form as soon as possible. Additional hard copies can be collected from the Office.

There will be a list of After School Club groups on the Prep Noticeboard on Monday.

Elective Dance

Auditions for Elective Dance will take place next week (Week 3) on Monday and Tuesday lunchtime. Mrs Simons is aware there is a clash with Wednesday training for boys in the rugby team going to Armidale and the rehearsal time for Elective Dance at Northbridge. If you are a member of this team and also want to be in the Elective Dance Group please audition and logistics to navigate the clash can be arranged at a later date.

Reminder: All boys who were in Elective Dance last year still need to audition for the Elective Dance Group 2017.

From the Office

After School Care - Please contact the office if you require an After School Care form. Students will not be able to attend After School Care without a completed 2017 Enrolment form and Immunisation Summary.

Student Absences - By law all absences MUST be supported by written explanation from parent / via email or letter. A PHONE CALL IS NOT ENOUGH - we must have a supporting letter or email. Please ensure that you send a written explanation promptly after your son's absence.

Adam Larby
Deputy Headmaster North Sydney

Shore Preparatory School K,1,2 - Northbridge

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Northbridge News - K,1,2

Uniform Reminders

A reminder that all boys must wear their caps to and from school. Boys hair needs to be cut in traditional short school boy style with no undercuts or shaved areas. Girls must have their hair tied back if it touches their collar. Red or navy hair accessories are the only colours permitted. All children must also have a raincoat. Children without raincoats will not be taken to car lines. Parents will have to park and come down to pick their child up from the foyer. Please note that umbrellas are not permitted for use by the girls and boys.

Communication

Written communication is an important part of the daily and weekly functioning of each classroom and of the school. The children's school diary is partly designed for brief notes and communication from teachers and parents. It should not be used by families for requests for leave, requests regarding appointments or explanations of absences. The communication of these aspects should be in the form of a note or letter, which is also more appropriate for any detailed message. Sometimes the need for a teacher or a parent to write a detailed message can be an indication that a meeting may need to be arranged to clarify some aspect. Requests for meetings with a specialist teacher or a class teacher can be made via your child's diary. It is also useful to have some indication of the matter which needs to be discussed, so that the meeting time can be most effectively used.

Home Readers

Over the next couple of weeks the children in Year 1 and 2 will bring home their home readers. Please do not be surprised if your child has 'dropped back' a couple of reading levels. This is very common especially over the summer holidays.

Northbridge Cocktail Party

I look forward to seeing and meeting all the ELC and K,1,2 parents on Friday 17 February at the Northbridge Cocktail Party. This is a time where staff and parents can meet socially. It is a great way to build relationships and our community. Tickets may be purchased online before 14 February via <http://www.trybooking.com/OQKK>

Photos

Next Friday 17 February, the children in K,1,2 will have their individual and class photographs taken. Parents are asked to ensure their child looks their best in terms of smart presentation of their school uniform and hair. All school shoes should be polished. Parents will be issued with a code to access their child's class and individual photos. A charge of \$20 will be billed to each student's term account.

Northbridge Singers Choir

Calling all K, 1, 2 children who love to sing! The Northbridge Singers Choir is up and running for 2017 and there is

an open invitation to all children to join. An announcement was made to the children this week and there was a great turn-out. Children wishing to join, should meet Ms Brand and Mrs Durrant at the Kindergarten eating area, with their lunch, at the start of lunchtime (12.30pm) on Tuesdays. No audition is required, but students are expected to attend weekly to enable preparation for performances. Choir members will get early play after eating lunch and before rehearsal starts each Tuesday. So if your child loves to sing, find out if they attended Choir on Tuesday and brought home the song sheet, or encourage them to sign up!

Assemblies

We had our first assembly for the year on Wednesday. Year 2, you did a wonderful job running the assembly where we heard updates on our sponsor children. Next week, **Year 2C** will begin our Class Assemblies for the year. I wonder what you have in store for us, so early in the term. Parents of children in 2C are invited to visit the classroom after the assembly. Congratulations to **Year 1J** on receiving our first **Quality Class of the Week Award** for 2017. What a fantastic way to start the year.

From the Office...

Mrs Lockyer requires all forms back as soon as possible. Please ensure the Authority to Collect form and the Code of Conduct form have been handed in as well as information regarding medication your child requires while at school. If you have yet to return the enrolment forms for After School Care for your child, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you for your co-operation.

Other information to note:

Friday 17 February – K-6 Individual and Class photos

Friday 17 February – Northbridge Parents' Cocktail Party

Friday 3 March – Shore Icebreaker

The Kindergarten excursion date printed in last week's Prep Peek was an error.

Natasha Mitchell

Deputy Head of Shore Preparatory School – Northbridge

Teaching and Learning - Years K to 6

Camp

At Year 3 and Year 4 camp at Galston George, we got to do a range of activities. Year 3 took part in Nature Ninjas, Pool Rafting, Orienteering and Bush Survival. As for Year 4, they did BMX, Low Ropes, Rock Climbing and Bush Survival. We played a number of games for Night Games. The highlight for night games was Spotto, where you had to get to the end of the maze before the game without getting spotted by a flashlight. All of Year 3 and Year 4 really enjoyed themselves. (James Thompson, 4M).

3B quotes about camp.

"I loved doing Spotto" Harry

"The highlight for me was touching Snake Man's carpet python" Darcy

"I really like indoor spotto" Alex

"I really liked buidling a raft in the pool" Zac

"I liked playing Ga Ga ball in free time" Lachie

Early Learning Centre - Northbridge

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ELC News

Parent Welcome Evening

It was lovely to have so many in attendance on Wednesday night for our parent welcome evening. Understandably it can be a challenge during usual drop off and pick up times to have extended conversations, so I thoroughly enjoyed being able to get to know people a little better.

During the evening I also introduced Mrs Karla Brooks and Mrs Chenelle Hindmarsh who are the ELC Shore Association Representatives this year. As part of this role Karla and Chenelle will communicate with families via email to inform you of other social activities or Shore events that are happening throughout the year.

Northbridge Cocktail Party

On Friday 17 February I am looking forward to attending the ELC and K,1,2 Cocktail Party in the K,1,2 School Hall. Drinks and canapes will be served to guests from 7.00pm – 10.00pm. Tickets cost \$65.00 per person which is great value for what is always a lovely evening! If you would like to attend simply book your tickets online before Tuesday 14 February using the following link <http://www.trybooking.com/OQKK>

Library

This year we are delighted to welcome Miss Mitchelmore, our new Teacher Librarian to Northbridge. Next week on Tuesday and Friday the ELC children will enjoy their first library visits for the year. Please ensure that your child places their library bag in the trolley outside their play room on their library day so they may borrow a book to take home. If children have forgotten their bags they will still be able to attend the library with their group and will borrow a book for their room. Library visits will take place during Shore term time only.

Private Music Lessons

As part of our second year program in the Early Learning Centre we offer private music tuition where children can learn to play the cello, violin or piano. The piano lesson positions have now all been filled, however the violin and cello teachers still have some vacancies. If you would like to enroll your child in violin or cello lessons please speak with Miss Penny regarding the enrolment process.

Farewell Miss Helen

Next week on Friday 17 February we will farewell Miss Helen to commence her maternity leave. On behalf of the team I wish Miss Helen and her husband Tas all the best as they embark on this exciting time for their family.

Important Dates

Friday 17 February – Northbridge Cocktail Party

Friday 3 March – Shore Icebreaker

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

As we soon begin our season all schools in the IPSHA competition are asked to familiarise themselves with the IPSHA Spectators' Code of Behaviour.

IPSHA SPECTATORS' CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

Children play organised sports for fun. They are not playing for the entertainment of spectators only, nor are they miniature professionals. Applaud good performances and efforts from each team. Congratulate all participants upon their performance regardless of the games' outcome.

- Respect the officials' decision
- Never ridicule or scold a child for making a mistake during competition.
- Positive comments are motivational.
- Condemn the use of violence in any form, be it spectators, coaches, officials or players.
- Show respect for your team's opponents. Without them there would be no game.
- Encourage players to follow the rules and officials' decisions.
- Demonstrate appropriate social behaviour by not using foul language, harassing players, coaches or officials.
- Comments should not interfere with the running of the game.

COMPLAINTS

Complaints concerning the conduct of the game should not be made during or after the game, but should be referred to one's Head of Preparatory School, and any action should be his/her decision.

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

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****

Scott Mancey
Sportsmaster

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1st XI Cricket	Mr Bayliss	CANCELLED	
Year 6 Super 8	Miss Kleinig	CANCELLED	
Yr 5 A Cricket	Mr Harrington	CANCELLED	
Yr 5 Super 8 Blue	Miss Polis	CANCELLED	
Yr 5 Super 8 White	Mrs Bunting	CANCELLED	
Year 4A Cricket	Mr Philips	CANCELLED	
Yr 4 Super 8	Mr Grainger	CANCELLED	
Tennis (A & B)	Miss Mitchell	CANCELLED	
Basketball Snr A	Mrs Crerar	CANCELLED	
Basketball Snr B	Mr Larby	CANCELLED	
Basketball Snr C	Mrs Geersen Mr Knight	CANCELLED	
Basketball Snr D	Miss Schlunke Mr Knight	CANCELLED	
Basketball Snr E	Miss Robertson Mrs Herron	CANCELLED	
Basketball Snr F	Miss Johnson Mrs Woods	CANCELLED	
Basketball Snr G	Mr Tooker	CANCELLED	
Basketball Snr H	Ms Wood Mrs Covey	CANCELLED	
Basketball Jnr A	Mrs Anderson	CANCELLED	
Basketball Jnr B	Mrs Curnow	CANCELLED	
Basketball Jnr C	Mr Morrison	CANCELLED	