

# PREP PEEK

The Weekly newsletter of Shore Preparatory School



## SHORE

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Monday 3 April	Tuesday 4 April	Wednesday 5 April	Thursday 6 April	Friday 7 April	Sat 8 /Sun 9 April
		K,1,2 Easter Assembly Winter Sport Trials # 2		Last day of Term 1	Rugby Carnival @ Armidale

### KidsLit

In reading news, Mrs Pickworth and Mrs Buckle-Dykes from the library at North Sydney, recently took two teams of Year 6 boys to compete in the regional heats of the annual Kids Lit reading competition. This competition is held each year in a number of countries around the world and it tests the contestants' knowledge of books. This is only the second year that Shore Preparatory School has entered teams and the boys were in training for the event from the end of last year.

On the evening of Thursday 16 March, fourteen teams from six schools gathered at the venue for the Sydney North heat which was in our very own Multi-Activity Centre. Participating schools included Abbotsleigh, Artarmon Public School, Kambala, Ravenswood, St Catherine's School Waverley, as well as Shore Prep.

Open to students aged 10 – 13, the Quiz was founded by New Zealander Wayne Mills in 2006 and attracts participants from schools across New Zealand, Hong Kong, Canada, Singapore, UK and USA.

Each team of four was asked a total of 100 questions from ten themed categories, such as fantasy, cats and babies. The competition ran hot, as teams raced to see who could win each round. Most schools were entering the quiz for the first time and the student's enthusiasm grew as the questions covered everything from Harry Potter to Hairy Maclary, the Famous Five to The Flintstones. Teams from St Catherine's, Artarmon and Shore all performed well.

The importance of getting kids to read and love books was celebrated by everyone on the night, including all of the schools; Dymocks Children's Charities who sponsored the prizes; The Children's Bookshop at Beecroft; Tim Harris and Bruce Pickworth (visiting authors).

The Shore Prep team of Angus Holliday, Harrison Balding, Toby Campbell and Max McAlpine ended up winning the heat which meant that they made it through to the national final which was held on Saturday 18 March in Sydney. The boys competed whole-heartedly, but the final was eventually won by Canberra Grammar. The national champion will win the opportunity to compete at the World Final in Toronto, Canada in July 2017.

Mrs Margo Pickworth and Mrs Sarah Buckle-Dykes

### CIS Swimmers

Congratulations to Jack Pollitt, Anderton Stock, Oliver Harvey and Fraser Pandit who competed at the CIS Swimming Carnival last week. The boys competed in the Junior Relay event, coming fourth in their heat and then improving even further to finish third in the final. Fraser also competed in the Under 9, 50m freestyle. He came third in his heat and then had an outstanding swim in the final, finishing second. All these boys will now progress to the next level of competition, the NSW PSSA Swimming Carnival. Well done, boys!

Nick Saunders  
Head of Shore Preparatory School



# North Sydney News - Yrs 3 - 6

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## The Code of Respect – Respecting Ourselves

On Monday at our Assembly I spoke to the boys about the line from the Code of Respect that talks about being responsible for my own behaviour and making appropriate choices. I strongly encouraged the boys to continue to work diligently to think about their behaviour and the way they respond to the behaviour and impact of others. The key message was you can't always control what others do to you, but you can control how you respond in return. The second section focused on making appropriate choices and I exhorted the boys to do the right thing, even when no one is watching. My hope is that through continued instruction and support from home and school the boys will develop their character and form excellent habits in their interactions with others.

## Charities - Walkathon

Our Walkathon on Wednesday was a resounding success. We were soaked in glorious sunshine as all of the boys and the staff walked over four kilometres from our North Sydney campus to the Northbridge campus. Thank you to all the families who have already made generous contributions. All money raised from the Walkathon will be donated to the Sydney Story Factory. For more information go to: <http://www.sydneystoryfactory.org.au/>. I would like to extend my thanks to Miss Schlunke for her tireless work as Charities Co-ordinator and her efforts in organising the event.

## Winter Sport Trials

There was great enthusiasm on display at our first session of Winter sports trials on Wednesday. The final trial will occur next Wednesday and boys will be notified of their teams at the beginning of next term. Our Saturday games commence on 29 April.

## Commencement of Term 2 – Winter Uniform

Term 2 begins for students on Wednesday 26 April. All boys should return to school on the first day of term with an appropriate haircut. Boys are expected to be dressed in their winter uniform for the duration of Terms 2 and 3 which includes wearing grey shirt and pants. There are certain winter uniform rules that need to be observed:

- All boys must wear their school coats when travelling to and from school.
- Boys are not permitted to wear a jumper or vest without a coat when travelling to and from school. If a boy is wearing a school jumper or vest this must be worn under the coat. While at school boys are permitted to wear their jumpers or vest without their coats.

## After School Clubs

Enrolment forms for Term 2 were distributed by e-mail today (attached). Please note that clubs do not run in the first week of term. Please pay careful attention to the start and finish dates of each club.

## Polished Pennies

The Polished Pennies Service for Years 3-6 will be held on Friday 28 April at 9am in the Chapel. It is a lovely tradition at the School that many grandparents join their grandsons in commemorating the service and sacrifice of men and women in the

military. Boys may like to take the opportunity over the next few weeks to invite their grandparents.

## Year 6 Canberra Excursion

Students in Year 6 will be attending an overnight excursion to Canberra in the final week of next term. Year 6 will travel to Canberra on Monday 19 June. The trip involves a late return (between 5pm and 6pm) on Wednesday 21 June. The boys will be back at school for normal lessons on Thursday and Friday to finish the term.

## IPSHA Cross Country

We wish all the students representing Shore at the IPSHA Cross Country carnival the best of luck and extra endurance for tomorrow morning's carnival at The King's School, Parramatta. Thank you to Mr Harrington and Mr Mancey for their efforts in training the team over the past few weeks.

## Music

Years 5 & 6 have an incursion on Tuesday 4 April before recess. This will be held in the Smith Auditorium. Students will be listening to the Senior School Concert Band and Orchestra perform and will be shown the different sections of each ensemble and the types of repertoire each plays.

**Adam Larby**

Deputy Head of the Preparatory School – North Sydney

## ISDA Debating

The third round of the ISDA debating, on Friday, 10 March, was hosted by Queenwood School hence Shore was arguing in the negative on the topic 'That there should be an extra tax on junk food'. This was a stimulating topic that prompted the debaters to examine their attitudes towards junk food. The Shore A team was awarded a win while the B team was narrowly defeated by the Queenwood girls.

Round 4 took place at Shore, with the visiting team being St Augustine's School, who took the negative side of the debate. The topic 'That debating should be compulsory for primary aged students' produced some well-considered arguments from each side with the final decision being awarded to the Shore A and B teams.

The 5<sup>th</sup> round of this season was held on 24 March at Abbotsleigh. The topic for this debate was 'That there should be no grading of sports teams for primary aged children' and Shore was taking the negative side. While Abbotsleigh put forward some excellent points, the Shore teams presented convincing arguments against the topic and both the A and B teams were awarded a win.

Each week, our debaters grow in experience and confidence and every boy deserves high praise for his hard work and courage. A large measure of the A and B teams' success is, in no short measure, due to the dedication of their coaches, Panayiotis Xenos and Jack Stinson (here correcting an error with Jack's last name in a previous report). These 'old boys' act as wonderful role models for the Year 6 students and deliver expert training for our promising Prep debaters.

**Di Johnson** - Debating Co-ordinator

# Northbridge News - K,1,2

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## **Easter Eggs**

Next week, we remember the sacrifice Jesus made for us all by dying on the cross. We celebrate Him rising from the dead and the new life we can have in Him by sharing Easter Eggs. Some of the children bring Easter Eggs in for their teachers and classmates. While we love the children celebrating with each other we ask that if they bring in eggs they are the very small ones and that only one per classmate is given. The eggs will not be eaten at school but sent home for the children to enjoy with their families. Please also note our policies regarding nuts and other allergies.

## **Head Lice**

The warm humid weather has brought out head lice. Thank you to the parents who have contacted us to let us know their child has had a case. Please check your child's hair this weekend. As per the school policy we do not allow children to share hats nor do we lend spare hats. Another must is for all girls' hair to be tied up and for boys' hair to be kept short.

## **Mega Manners Month of March**

What a pleasure it has been over the last month to see the children grow in confidence in using their manners so freely. I love how many cheery "*Good morning, Miss Mitchell*" I receive each day. Mega Manners Month has certainly been a great success. Thank you mums and dads for reinforcing this at home. Let's keep it up, boys and girls!

## **Assemblies**

KC presented a wonderful first assembly of us all on Wednesday. Thank you for all your hard work, KC. Next week, we hope to see many parents at our **General Easter Assembly**. Rev Dudley, our school chaplain, will be talking to the children about the real meaning of Easter. Congratulations to **Year KC** on receiving the **Quality Class of the Week Award** for this week. Great job KC. Our **Chapel Money Champions** Certificate for this week goes to **2M**. Thank you **2M** for being so generous.

## **Other information**

**Wednesday, 5 April** – Easter Assembly

**Friday, 7 April** – Last day of Term 1

**Wednesday, 26 April** – First day of Term 2

**Natasha Mitchell**

Deputy Head of the Preparatory School - Northbridge



# Teaching and Learning - Years K to 6 - 1T

On Tuesday, 21 March, Year 1 travelled to Kimbriki Resource Recovery Centre to learn about what happens to our rubbish and how we can take care of our Earth.

First, we learned all about wiggly worms and how they are very useful for our gardens. They eat our food scraps and poop it out as soil!



We got to hold the slimy worms and Peter the teacher told us that they breathe through their skin and they have five hearts. Worms are both a boy and girl! We learnt about how to make a worm farm and we think it would be a great idea to have one at school.

Then we wandered through to the Eco House. Peter taught us all about the four Rs. Re-think, Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. We think everyone should be trying to use less plastic and make less rubbish. We should try not to use plastic around our food in our lunch boxes. We think plastic bags should be banned. They are only hurting our earth.

When we had recess, we had to make sure we sorted our rubbish carefully. It was so much fun exploring the garden and smelling all the interesting plants.

Next we went for a tour of the Recycling Centre. It was amazing to see the massive trucks delivering huge amounts of rubbish. We are glad that all the plastic and metal can be made into something new. It is also very important that we sort our rubbish carefully at home so that it does not end up in the wrong place.



Finally, we saw some huge giraffes that had been made out of reused road signs and old ladders. We thought that was very clever. We have decided to make some games and toys by reusing old materials from home. You are welcome to come and see our creations on display in our classroom.

**By Miss Tootell and 1T**



# Early Learning Centre - Northbridge

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## ELC News

### **Peter Morgan presents *Kapakapa Manawa***

On Tuesday morning, we were suddenly interrupted by an interesting sound coming from the multipurpose room! We discovered it was a man blowing on a conch shell, beckoning us to come and sit down. Peter Morgan introduced himself to us and began his show 'Kapakapa Manawa'. Peter told us that Kapakapa Manawa translates from Maori language as 'heartbeat' and that we would soon be on a musical journey around the world.

The children were fascinated by all the instruments Peter had brought with him. Peter introduced a range of instruments, including a Djembe Drum from Africa, Ngar drum from India, a Tamborine from Greece, Aboriginal tap sticks and a Pukaea from New Zealand. The children enjoyed the experience of listening to each instrument and the different sounds, speeds and rhythms Peter played. During this time we were all able to move our bodies to the music and practice really fast as well as very slow fluid movement.

Included in our adventures around the world we made a stop in the Pacific Islands and were able to re-enact how Peter's ancestors travelled in 'Wakas', big canoes, that were beautifully crafted and decorated and extremely strong for their long journey across the sea.

The Taniwha story is always a favourite with the children, so it was very exciting when Peter pulled out the Taniwha puppet from a bag and greeted the children with it. Peter told the story of the Taniwha, a mythical and mystical water creature from Maori culture that lives in rivers and the sea and especially in places with dangerous currents. Sometimes Taniwha's would swim alongside the Wakas. The Taniwha's role was to protect his people and act as a guardian to the Maori people and warn them of great danger.

Peter spoke about how a long, long time ago Islander people didn't have the same sorts of clothes as we do today, and to keep warm they would dance and sing. Two of the dances the Islanders would practice were the Hula and the Haka. During these dances Peter demonstrated the correct moves and encouraged us all to have a go and participate. The Haka proved very popular with all and the children enjoyed poking out their tongues and widening their eyes. Our last song was the 'Hello Song', a song that encompasses many different ways of saying hello across the world.

**Hilary Ingram**  
Green Room

### **Library**

The ELC library borrowing visits for this term have now ended to allow Ms Mitchelmore and Mrs Buhagiar to do the end of term sort and stocktake. If your child has any library books at home could you please return these to us as soon as possible.

### **Mother's Day Celebration**

On Wednesday 10 May and Thursday 11 May we are looking forward to welcoming mums to the ELC for some special Mother's Day activities and morning tea in celebration of the upcoming Mother's Day. The morning is intended to be relaxed and informal running between 8:00am until 10:00am and you may stay for as little or as long as you choose. Morning tea will be offered at the ELC Café (Multipurpose room) from 9:00am – 10:00am. We understand it may not be possible for every mum to be available on these dates so please feel free to invite another special guest in your place. We look forward to seeing some of you here.

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](http://www.Shore.nsw.edu.au)

### **IPSHA Cross Country**

Good luck to the Shore Cross Country team who will be competing at the IPSHA Cross Country at the King's School tomorrow. Reminder to boys in the team, that you will need to find Mr Harrington, Mr Knight and Mr Mancey under the Shore School banner situated in the marshalling area. Mr Knight will give you a timing bracelet to wear before you race and take you to the start line to begin the race. Go the mighty, mighty Shore boys!

### **NSW PSSA Swimming Carnival**

Best of luck to Jack Pollitt, Oliver Harvey, Anderton Stock and Fraser Pandit who will be competing for Shore and the NSW CIS team at the NSW PSSA Swimming carnival next week.

### **Armidale Rugby Carnival**

The Shore Rugby squad depart for Armidale on Friday 7 April to compete at The Armidale School (TAS) Rugby carnival. The rugby weekend is a very competitive event with schools and clubs travelling from Sydney, Regional NSW and Brisbane to participate. We wish the boys all the best for what shall be a memorable weekend away representing Shore Preparatory School.

Scott Mancey  
Sportmaster



Students walking to Northbridge to raise money for this Term's charity "Sydney Story Factory"



# Shore Association

The Shore Association invites parents to attend an informative seminar on **Sleep** by Lisa Maltman from **The Sleep Connection**.

Lisa collaborates with key Australian adolescent sleep specialists and psychologists from the Sydney Woolcock Institute of Medical research, who are world leaders in sleep research. [www.thesleepconnection.com.au](http://www.thesleepconnection.com.au)

Sleep is an important study tool. **30% of primary school students** and **70% of teenagers** experience sleep deprivation.

*The Seminar* will focus on the consequences of sleep deprivation on our children's learning and academic performance, along with their emotional health and will also provide tips on how to develop smart sleep habits.

**DATE:** Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2017, Smith Auditorium

**TIME:** 7.00-8.00PM

**COST:** No charge, Refreshments will be served

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**RSVP:** <http://www.trybooking.com/PIYT>

