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The Weekly newsletter of Shore Preparatory School



SHORE

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	NAPLAN (Y3 & Y5) - Literacy 1	NAPLAN (Y3 & Y5) - Literacy 2 ELC - Mothers' Day Celebration K12 General Assembly	NAPLAN (Y3 & Y5) - Numeracy ELC - Mothers' Day Celebration K12 - Mothers' Day Stall	NS Mothers' Day Stall	Winter Sport Rnd 3 Sunday - Mothers' Day
Monday 15 May	Tuesday 16 May	Wednesday 17 May	Thursday 18 May	Friday 19 May	Sat 20/ Sun 21
ELC - Green Room Interview Week	K - 2 Open Day (for ELC Parents - 9am) Year 5 - Reading Groups Commence	K,1,2 Assembly - 2M Buddies	Year 3 - Reading Groups Commence	Year 4 - Reading Groups Commence Walk to School Day	Winter Sport Rnd 4

Polished Pennies 2017

At the Years 3 – 6 Polished Pennies service last Friday, the School's community chaplain Rev. Nick Foord spoke about the remarkable courage and service of old boy Kerrod Voss. Below is an edited summary of Rev. Foord's address.

Kerrod Bromley Voss (1894 – 1973) boarded at the School in the period 1908 – 1912. Kerrod was an outstanding athlete and academic who tragically lost a leg in a freak accident catching a tram while returning from a school athletics carnival. The whole school was devastated for Kerrod who, it was believed, would no longer be able to fulfil his potential as a gifted sportsman.

But Kerrod did not share this sense of disappointment that so many felt for him. Instead, he continued to do what he could to compete at a high level and to encourage those around him. The School records relate:

"The courage and cheerfulness with which he has faced this affliction have been an example and an inspiration to all who have been privileged to see him after the accident. We are not to look upon his as a career spoilt, but to learn how thoroughly a great nature can rise above external accidents."

The Headmaster of the day added "few boys have wielded a greater influence or used it more consistently for good." Despite having only one leg, Kerrod continued rowing at the highest level, being Captain of Boats as well as Senior Prefect in 1912. He was also keenly involved in the School Cadet Corps. But greater acts of service and courage were to follow once he left school.

On the outbreak of World War 1 in 1914 and while studying engineering at the University of Sydney, Kerrod began his long tussle with authorities to accept him for active service. The armed forces in Australia refused to enlist him, so in 1916 after completing his studies, he travelled to England to try again, until he was finally accepted into the Royal Flying Corps, serving as an airman in France until the end of the war. On his return to Australia, he made the decision to become a doctor and returned to the University of Sydney. He eventually became a radiologist, but war soon enveloped the world yet

again in 1939. Most 45 year old men with a significant disability would have been happy to remain at home practising their chosen profession while younger, able-bodied men went away to fight. But not Kerrod. He had a strong desire to serve his country again.

In 1940, Kerrod again managed to persuade the authorities to accept him for active service and he served with the 2/6 A.G.H. (Australian General Hospital) in the Middle East and in the campaigns in Greece and Crete. During the naval evacuation of his unit from a small port in Greece, Kerrod faced various physical problems (as a one-legged man) and a friend of his described watching him jump down about six feet in the dark on to a ship's boat, and then climb up a swinging rope ladder on the side of a destroyer, as if these were everyday activities!

He served until 1943 when he returned to Australia and his family. But his service to his community continued. He served as a radiologist at several Sydney hospitals and contributed greatly to research into heart disease, even long after his retirement.

Kerrod Voss is a great example of the character and values that Shore School encourages all students to emulate. It was wonderful to be reminded of the achievements and service of Kerrod Voss this year. His legacy was perhaps best summarised by fellow physician, friend and Shore old boy, Sir Lorimer Dodd:

A brief cataloguing of some of Kerrod's many achievements obviously fails to provide an adequate picture of the man himself - giving so much, seeking no special reward, all his personal honours worn so lightly and combined with a happy sense of humour, which was a great joy to his many friends and admirers. Throughout his life he retained a natural humility, and remained a quiet uncomplicated person with a very special love of his family, his home..... A man of impeccable integrity, great moral and physical courage and an unceasing devotion to his duty as he saw it.

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NAPLAN Testing

Next week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the boys of Years 3 and 5 will be participating in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy, or NAPLAN Tests. These assessments are carried out nationwide each for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in order to assess the literacy and numeracy learning of students in all Australian schools.

Over the past few weeks, the boys in Years 3 and 5 at Shore Preparatory School have been appropriately prepared to perform to the best of their ability. Students who are sitting the tests do not require any particular materials in order to complete the tests, apart from having a pencil sharpener and eraser handy. It is important that parents ensure that students are at school on time each day and that other outside appointments or commitments are avoided on the testing days.

Shore's approach to preparing students for NAPLAN tests is very much in line with the approach outlined by ACARA, the federal government authority who produces the tests.

It is appropriate for students, particularly students participating in the NAPLAN tests for the first time, to be made familiar with the format, language, response types and time constraints of the Reading, Language Conventions and Numeracy tests before they sit the tests ... The provision of broad and comprehensive teaching and learning programs is the best preparation that schools can provide for their students. Excessive coaching and test preparation are not condoned ... Past NAPLAN test papers can be used to ensure that students are familiar with the format and response types. (NAPLAN 2011, Handbook for Principals, p.14).

Good luck to all the Shore boys sitting the tests next week.

Nick Saunders
Head of the Preparatory School

Sportsmanship

The old adage, 'It doesn't matter if you win or lose, it's how you play the game' is a helpful reminder for all the boys as they begin the winter sport season. This week at our Assembly I spoke about good sportsmanship and the importance of demonstrating this on Saturdays, at training, on the playground and in our club teams. Respect for yourself, the opposition, the coach, the spectators, the referee and the game itself is the foundation of good sportsmanship. Many of our boys idolise those who play professionally, but sometimes these athletes can stray as role models in the heat of the moment. Good sportsmanship is something that needs to be discussed repeatedly, but also modelled both from afar (on the TV) and at home. Our Saturday games programme provides the boys an opportunity to grow friendships, develop their fitness, have fun and build community for their families, but it would be tragic to miss the opportunity to develop their character as well.

St Lucy's Excursion

As part of our Buddies focus on the Week Without Words campaign run by St Lucy's School, Wahroonga, our Year 6

Buddies Leaders and four of our Year 2 students attended the Morning Song (Assembly) at St Lucy's on Tuesday, 2 May. The boys and girls were able to see how different the assembly was to ours and the challenges faced with communicating to the diverse student population at St Lucy's. Once the St Lucy's students headed back to class, our boys and girls, along with the representatives of the other invited schools, were addressed by St Lucy's Principal and staff and given information about how our fundraising can assist with providing important technology and resources for the school. Our Buddies leaders and our Year 2 students are looking forward to raising awareness about the great work done at St Lucy's for the students with communication difficulties. Our charity focus later in the year will be to make another substantial contribution to St Lucy's.

Year 6 Immigration Forum

Year 6 are currently studying 'Migration to Australia' and the impact it has had on Australia as a nation. To understand this issue further we are planning an Immigration Forum to be held on Friday 19 May from 9:00 - 10:30am in the Shore Preparatory School Library. We would like to invite members of our school community who have emigrated from another country and now made Australia their home, to contribute to our Forum. During the Forum we would love to hear personal experiences of immigration as well as providing an opportunity for students to ask questions. We already have a few volunteers, but are desperately in need of further members of the Shore Community to contribute to this event. Please contact the Prep Office if you can contribute.

Lost Property

I can not stress enough the importance of clearly labelling all boys' clothing, particularly in these colder months when coats and jumpers are often worn and then removed. Whilst we encourage the boys to develop responsibility in this area, it is inevitable that students will eventually leave something behind. Most items are returned within a few days provided that they are labelled. All lost property is located next to the 6T classroom and labelled items are regularly returned by our lost property monitors.

Walk Safely to School Day

National Walk Safely to School Day is on Friday 19 May. This annual event, now in its 17th year, encourages students to be active and healthy. If you drive your son to school, you may like to park near to the school and walk part of the journey, or use public transport instead of driving. Shore regularly encourages the boys to be physically active and healthy in many ways and this community event is another initiative that supports these values.

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Late Pick-Up

Students who are being picked up should be collected by 3.15pm when the teacher on duty leaves. Students who remain at this time will be seated on the bench outside the Office but also must be picked up by 3.30pm at the latest. Students should not be at school after this time unless they are attending After School Care or a supervised activity. The exception is Wednesdays at Northbridge, when students must also be picked-up at the latest by 3.30pm. Supervision should not be assumed before or after out-of-hours Music lessons – it is parents' responsibility to arrange this in advance or be present themselves before the lesson starts and when it finishes. Whilst students will never be left unsupervised, the School's staff should not be put in a position where they are supervising boys after hours when they should be able to complete other duties, or in many cases fulfil pick-up responsibilities for their own children. Should it ever be likely that you will require care after 3.30pm at Northbridge, please complete the forms so that, if necessary, we are able to utilise After School Care to look after your son. If you are running late please call the Office so the teacher on duty can be informed.

QCA Winners

Congratulations to the boys in 3B for winning our weekly Quality Class Award. What a fantastic way to start the term. We are proud of the great example you are setting for the other students.

Adam Larby

Deputy Head of the Preparatory School – North Sydney

Library

Book Covering

We have many new books in the library that are in need of covering – any volunteers? Please call the library on 99561187.

Reading Groups

Please note that our Reading Groups will commence for Years 3, 4 and 5 in Week 4 in the following time slots:

Tuesday 16 May : **Year 5** : 8.30am – 9.10 am

Thursday 18 May : **Year 3** : 8.30am – 9.00am

Friday 19 May : **Year 4** : 8.30am – 9.00am

Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered their time to assist. More Volunteers are needed for Year 5K reading groups please! We are looking forward to a rewarding time together.

Information session

An Information Session is being held in the Preparatory School Library next Thursday 11 May at 3pm to explain our Reading Group procedure. It is particularly recommended for parents who are new to our Reading Groups. Afternoon tea will be provided.

Margo Pickworth
Teacher Librarian

Music

Congratulations to Joshua Brown on his inspiring rendition of 'Pie Jesu' from Faure's Requiem which he sang in Latin. He gathered much applause from the audience at the end of his performance.

A reminder to the boys in the Concert Band that you are performing at assembly next week. Don't forget your music and instrument.

David Jensen
Music Co-ordinator

ISDA Debating Round 7

With Round 7 of the ISDA debating being held at Shore on 28 April, our boys were arguing in the Affirmative against Kambala. The topic was 'That it is harder to be the youngest child' which was difficult to prove or disprove without using a yardstick to measure the word 'harder'. The Shore B team were successful in their efforts and were awarded the debate while the A team was defeated by the negative side. Both the A and B Shore teams have won four debates each and will be informed next week if they have reached the next round, the Octos.

The boys and the coaches are to be congratulated on the progress made throughout the season. They have all worked hard and generously supported each other in a strong display of close teamwork.

Di Johnson
Debating Co-ordinator



Northbridge News - K,1,2

K,1,2 Phone: 8966 5300 Fax: 8966 5390 email: K12office@shore.nsw.edu

Northbridge Mothers' Day Stall

The Shore Association will hold our Mothers' Day Stall at Northbridge on Thursday, 11 May. The children love being very grown up by choosing a gift for their mums. This year, the gifts will cost \$15. To assist the children and the mothers helping, please put your child's money in a sealed envelope clearly marked with your child's name and class and 'Mothers' Day Stall'. The envelope should be sent in with your child on the day.

K,1,2 and ELC are different

From time to time, parents ask me why K,1,2 and ELC are not "doing the same extra activities" such as Mothers' Day Stalls and Breakfasts. Although we do some things together, we do most things separately. There are many social and educational reasons for this. The primary reason, however, is that children should be exposed to experiences according to their developmental level. As you can appreciate, the differences between a three-year-old child and an eight-year-old child are great. As we try to instil in the children, "It's ok to be different", please celebrate **all** differences with your child.

Hungry tummies

With the change in the weather, some children are coming to the office saying they are hungry and need some more food. They are either eating all of their food at morning tea time or they are simply feeling hungry after finishing their lunch. Mrs Lockyer is feeling quite bad having to turn children away. Please pack a little more food for your child to have during the day.

Playground Equipment After School

Our playground is a very busy place especially after school. With After School Care, after school activities and other activities taking place, the playground equipment can become quite crowded. Could I please ask parents to keep smaller and/or younger children off the playground equipment while there are K,1,2 and older children are using it. It was purposely built for larger children and smaller children may be hurt. I realise this will be difficult as the playground equipment is very enticing. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Assembly

Thank you to **Year 1J** for our assembly on Wednesday. Year 1J have certainly been busy preparing for the first assembly of the term. Next week, we will have a General Assembly. Congratulations to **1T** on being awarded the Quality Class of the Week Award. Well done, 1T. Our Chapel Money Champions for this week is **Year KC**.

After School Care

Mrs Posener and the After School Care educators are doing a great job planning activities and menus for the children. Our programme has changed slightly with the children spending time outdoors earlier in the afternoon as the

weather begins to cool. Please note that that the front door is closed from 3pm and that parents have to ring the doorbell to gain access.

Mothers' Day Dance

Our lovely mums are invited to the Mothers' Day Dance classes which will be held next week on Wednesday (Year 1), Thursday (Year 2) and Friday (Kindergarten). Mums will be participating in the class, so please wear comfortable clothes. For safety and so that we can enjoy your unbridled participation, please do not bring toddlers to these classes.

Save the Date

Our Mini Prep Proms will be held on Thursday, 7 September at 5pm. This is the day before the American Tea. We will all be very busy that week.

Other Information:

Thursday, 11 May – K,1,2 Mothers' Day Stall

Natasha Mitchell

Deputy Head of the Preparatory School – Northbridge



Teaching and Learning - Years K to 6

ICT @ K,1,2

CODING

Our Year 2 students have been learning to code with the free iPad app 'ScratchJr'. *"Coding is the new literacy! ScratchJr is an introductory programming language that enables young children (ages 5-7) to create their own interactive stories and games. Children snap together graphical programming blocks to make characters move, jump, dance, and sing. Children can modify characters in the paint editor, add their own voices and sounds, even insert photos of themselves -- then use the programming blocks to make their characters come to life."* <https://www.scratchjr.org/>

After learning the basics of the ScratchJr programme by following task cards that included learning how to change backgrounds, use speed blocks, make characters disappear, have multiple characters on the screen with their own scripts and add new pages, Year 2 were given a project to create a literacy or numeracy game for the Kindergarten children to play. They were able to copy a basic script and then improve upon the interactivity by adding exaggerations to characters and personalising sounds to give feedback when characters were selected. Pages were added to seamlessly move from one activity to the next. The Kindergarten children were required to select a number that matched a group of objects or choose upper or lower case letters when prompted by the game. They thoroughly enjoyed playing the Year 2 produced games and the Year 2 students were so proud of their coding skills.

This term, Year 2 will continue developing their coding abilities by moving on to the more advanced Scratch programme. Scratch helps our students learn to think creatively, reason systematically and work collaboratively. Coding is becoming an essential skill for life in the 21st century and it's amazing to see our students embracing and engaging so readily with this technology. <https://scratch.mit.edu/>

Mrs Jacki Anderson
ICT Teacher K, 1, 2



Early Learning Centre - Northbridge

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ELC News

Morning with Mum

Please join us for our Mothers' Day Celebration next week at the Early Learning Centre on Wednesday 10 and Thursday 11 May from 8:00 – 10:00am. We will host a special morning tea from 9:00am where freshly baked savoury Danishes, seasonal fruit and banana bread will be available. There will be a range of exciting activities for you to engage with your child. We look forward to celebrating this special occasion with you.

Parent Teacher Meetings for Second Year Children

Information regarding the Online Booking System has now been made available for families with children in their second year at the Early Learning Centre. Green Room Parent Teacher Meetings will occur from 15 May to 19 May. Blue Room Parent Teacher Meetings will occur from the 22 May to 26 May.

Literacy

Literacy continues to be an important element of our educational program for children at the Early Learning Centre. We believe that by creating a literacy rich environment, children will develop the knowledge and understanding required to support their future learning. *'Literacy is much more than an educational priority – it is the ultimate investment in the future.'* -

Irina Bokova, UNESCO.

In children's second year, we deliver *PreLit* which is a skills based early literacy preparation program. *PreLit* is designed to complement our play based learning environment and provide children with a strong foundation to learn to read. Phonological awareness and oral language development is addressed in each lesson, in a visual, hands on way. *PreLit* accompanies our school readiness program which equips children with essential foundational skills.

At the Early Learning Centre we continue to find new ways to incorporate technology and multimodal texts to support languages other than English. There are countless ways to embed literacy in your child's regular routine. One of the easiest things you can do is to read to your child regularly. This promotes their emerging literacy skills by engaging with a more experienced language user. Other opportunities may include writing or drawing a shopping list, creating a sign for something special, or even allowing children to present ideas in a performance or concert.

Important Dates

Wednesday 10 May – Mothers' Day Celebration

Thursday 11 May – Mothers' Day Celebration

Tuesday 16 May – K 1 2 Open Morning for ELC families

Thursday 25 May – Northbridge Campus Open Morning

Monday 12 June – ELC closed for Queens Birthday

Friday 16 June – Northbridge Disco

Melanie Upfold
Assistant 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

Results - 29 April 2017

1st XV Rugby	Mr Mancey	St Patrick's	L	0-45
2nd XV Rugby	Mr Knight & Miss Perry	St Patrick's	L	5-55
11A Rugby	Mr Bayliss	St Augustine's	L	5-40
11B Rugby	Mr Tait	St Augustine's	L	31-40
11C Rugby	Mr Morrison	St Augustine's	L	29-35
10A Rugby	Mr Harrington	Grammar Edgecliff	W	47-10
1st XI Football	Mr Philips	Grammar Edgecliff	W	4-1
2nd XI Football	Miss Dickson	Grammar Edgecliff	W	2-1
3rd XI Football	Mrs Pickworth	Grammar Edgecliff	D	1-1
11A Football	Mr Case	Redlands	W	8-0
11B Football	Miss Janssen	Redlands	W	5-0
11C Football	Miss L Johnson	Redlands	W	3-0
10 A&B	Miss Polis & Mr Grainger	Knox	D L	A : 2-2 B : 1-3
10s Blue & White	Mr Jensen & Miss Tootell	Knox	W	7-2

NSW Rugby Primary School 7s competition

Shore sent a squad of boys to participate in the NSW Rugby Primary School 7s competition last Monday. NSW Rugby hosted the event at the Shore Playing Fields, Northbridge with over 15 local schools participating. It was a fun day for all involved learning the intricacies of the game of Rugby 7s. The Shore Blue team came 2nd in their pool to the eventual winner of the day, Lindfield East Public School.

NSW CIS Rugby

Congratulations to Adam Watson, Jack Waugh, Harry Stiel, Lachlan Arrand and James O'Donnell who have been selected to trial for the NSW CIS Rugby teams after trialling well at the IPSHA rugby trials last Thursday.

Saturday Sport

The following reminder from IPSHA was sent out to all schools last week to pass onto Coaches and Parents of the different teams: *At halftime and any other time in a game, only the coach and a nominated manager are allowed to enter the field of play.*

This is not a problem at Shore but please keep this in mind when watching your son play on the weekend. Thank you.

Dress code

On these cold winter mornings, boys are expected to wear the full Shore track suit. No other jumpers, track-suits are to be worn.

Boys are expected to wear the correct Shore rugby or football uniform when playing. Club shorts and socks are NOT to be worn.

Scott Mancey
Sportsmaster

SPORT

Round 2 - 6 May 2017

Please Note: new times and locations for 1st, 2nd and 3rd Football teams.

1st XV Rugby	Mr Mancey	St Augustine's Northbridge G	8.45am
2nd XV Rugby	Mr Knight & Miss Perry	St Augustine's Northbridge G	8.00am
11A Rugby	Mr Bayliss	Scots School Field Nth Syd	9.30am
11B Rugby	Mr Tait	Scots School Field Nth Syd	8.45am
11C Rugby	Mr Morrison	Scots School Field Nth Syd	8.00am
10A Rugby	Mr Harrington	Barker Taylor Field	9.00am
1st XI Football	Mr Philips	Internal Northbridge E	10.15am
2nd XI Football	Miss Dickson	Internal Northbridge E	10.15am
3rd XI Football	Mrs Pickworth	Trinity Prep Northbridge E	9.30am
11A Football	Mr Case	Trinity Prep Bressington # 2	9.30am
11B Football	Miss Janssen	Trinity Prep Bressington # 2	8.45am
11C Football	Miss L Johnson	Trinity Prep Bressington # 2	8.00am
10 A&B	Miss Polis & Mr Grainger	Grammar St Ives Northbridge E	8.00am
10s Blue & White	Mr Jensen & Miss Tootell	Grammar St Ives Northbridge E	8.45am

Venues:

SHORE

School Field - Edward St., North Sydney.

Northbridge - (SCEGS War Memorial Playing Fields and Courts)
55 Sailor's Bay Rd, Northbridge

BARKER

Taylor field - College Crescent, Waitara

TRINITY PREP

Bressington Park, - Underwood Road, Homebush