

PREP PEEK

The Weekly newsletter of Shore Preparatory School



SHORE

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Monday 12 June	Tuesday 13 June	Wednesday 14 June	Thursday 15 June	Friday 16 June	Sat 17/ Sun 18 June
Queen's Birthday Holiday ELC Closed	K,1,2 Girls' Club	K,1,2 Assembly - KH Buddies	Yr 6 Musical Matinee Yr 6 Musical Evening Performance - 7pm	Northbridge Disco	Winter Sport Rnd 7
Monday 19 June	Tuesday 20 June	Wednesday 21 June	Thursday 22 June	Friday 23 June	Sat 24/ Sun 25 June
Y6 Canberra Excursion Y3-Y5 Assembly in MAC	Y6 Canberra Excursion K,1,2 NAIDOC DAY K,1,2 Incursion - Wuruniri K,1,2 Piano Concert - 2.50pm (piano students)	Y6 Canberra Excursion K,1,2 Assembly - KC ELC Incursion - Peter Morgan	Y5 Excursion to Justice & Police Museum ELC Incursion - Peter Morgan K,1,2 Piano Concert - 2.50pm (piano students)	Last day of Term 2 Reports distributed	

More about Road Safety

Last week, I wrote about the attention being given to the *Dis-tracted?* campaign, highlighting the importance of pedestrians being aware of the vehicles around them and not being distracted by screens. In recent weeks there has also been some media attention on road safety with the Walk Safely to School Day occurring on Friday 19 May. As part of the awareness campaign, North Sydney Council and Willoughby Councils encourage parents to consider safety when driving near schools. You would have seen in the past, signage around schools containing information about how to correctly interpret parking signs and the rules surrounding school zones, pedestrian crossings and driving safely in busy urban settings. This signage will be appearing again around schools in the weeks ahead.

In addition, I would encourage all parents to reinforce safety messages for students when they are pedestrians around cars. Emphasise the importance of being alert when cars are about, which means not playing ball or running games and, as discussed last week, not using screens or phones. These are messages that are reinforced by teachers at the School. In particular, it is worth reminding children of the important 'Stay Safe When Crossing Rules' and reinforcing them at every opportunity:

- Stop!** Find the safest place to cross then stop. Try to always use a pedestrian crossing.
- Look!** Check the road is clear in all directions.
- Listen!** Listen carefully because you can sometimes hear traffic before you can see it.
- Think!** When it is safe to cross, walk straight across the road. Keep looking and listening for traffic while you cross.

The Problem with Multi-tasking

While on the topic of technology distractions for pedestrians, it is timely to revisit the ways multi-tasking with technology can cause other issues for learning and work in general.

In recent years there has been attention paid to the role technology plays in distracting us from tasks we are trying to perform; that is, using technology such as mobile devices and social media while we go about our everyday work activities. There have been a number of research studies in recent years that have explored this phenomenon and some have even looked at the impact of technology multi-tasking on school students.

An article in the on-line magazine *Slate* by Annie Murphy Paul a couple of years ago ("You'll never learn! Students can't resist multi-tasking and it's impairing their memory"), explored the research in this area. Quoting a study by Larry Rosen at California State University, Paul noted that many students complete homework while simultaneously watching television, texting, emailing, using social media, listening to music or surfing the web. Some older students were even engaged in this behaviour at school.

Concern about young people's use of technology is nothing new, of course. But Rosen's study, published in the May [2013] issue of Computers in Human Behavior, is part of a growing body of research focused on a very particular use of technology: media multitasking while learning. Attending to multiple streams of information and entertainment while studying, doing homework, or even sitting in class has become common behavior among young people - so common that many of them rarely write a paper or complete a problem set any other way.

But evidence from psychology, cognitive science, and neuroscience suggests that when students multitask while doing schoolwork, their learning is far spottier and shallower than if the work had their full attention.

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They understand and remember less, and they have greater difficulty transferring their learning to new contexts. So detrimental is this practice that some researchers are proposing that a new prerequisite for academic and even professional success—the new marshmallow test of self-discipline - is the ability to resist a blinking inbox or a buzzing phone.

Researchers point to five main detrimental effects of this kind of multi-tasking:

1. Tasks take longer to complete;
2. The information learnt during this task is not effectively retained and needs to be relearned;
3. Students suffer mental fatigue far quicker;
4. Information comprehended during distractions is stored in a different part of the brain which then is less adept at analysing and synthesising the information into usable knowledge or new contexts;
5. Some research has even pointed to reduced grade scores of students who study in this fashion.

The take-away message then is clear; if we are attempting to focus on a non-screen task, at home or at school, distracting technology needs to be switched off. This does not mean technology needs to be banned altogether, but rather it needs to be used in appropriate ways. Students need to have time when they are exercising total concentration on a task, without distraction, while at other times technology can be effectively used for leisure, or particular work tasks. As with many other matters of parenting and teaching, the key role of concerned adults is to help young people make wise choices that are going to give them the skills they need as they grow older.

The Lion King Kids

Time is running out for you to purchase tickets for the Year 6 Musical, *The Lion King Kids* next Thursday. The boys of Year 6, together with the Directors, Mr Jensen and Miss Janssen have been working very hard to pull this very enjoyable performance together and the snippets I have witnessed promise the final performance will be spectacular. The main performance will be on Thursday 15 June 2017 at 7pm, with a matinee earlier in the day. Ticketing information is contained later in this Prep Peek.

Nick Saunders
Head of Shore Preparatory School

Consistency

I spoke to the boys at our weekly Assembly about consistency of character. Being a person of good character requires a person to consistently demonstrate different virtues over time. The capacity to switch on virtues when they are required is not the mark of a person of true character. A great challenge for our boys is consistency of behaviour, attitude and character across all domains of school life, sport, the playground, in the classroom and particularly in subjects or topics they are not passionate about. Proverbs 22:6 reminds us to, 'Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.' One of our important responsibilities as educators is to regularly, coach, train, mentor and support the boys through childhood so they have a clear understanding of what it means to be a person of good character on a consistent basis.

Reminder about Valuables

A number of boys at the Prep own an Apple Watch, Fit-bit or Smart phone. These electronic devices, whilst not banned from school are strongly discouraged due to their fragility and significant monetary value. Boys bringing these items to school are reminded to be particularly diligent in looking after them and that the responsibility for their safety lies with them. The boys know about the appropriate ways to use these devices at school and are generally fairly responsible. Where possible we ask that watches and phones that are more durable and inexpensive be considered for boys of this age.

Year 6 Musical

Tickets for the Year 6 Musical on Thursday 15 June are currently available at www.trybooking.com/QIYH. Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$10 for children.

Parking will be available on the night on the Bishopsgate driveway and in the Bishopsgate Car Park (enter from Union St).

Wednesday Sport in Week 9

There will be no winter sport training sessions held at Northbridge in Week 9 (Wednesday 21 June). Year 4 and 5 will remain at North Sydney for normal lessons. All boys in Years 3 to 5 will be dismissed from North Sydney. Please make the necessary arrangements for picking up your son on this day.

After School Clubs

All After School Clubs are now finished. Information about Term 3 Clubs will be released shortly.

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Quality Class Award and House Points

Congratulations to 5D for being the QCA winners for Week 6. It is their first time winning the trophy this year and I know it is very well deserved. Keep up the hard work 5D!

The boys in Hall house extended their lead for Term 2 with another victory this week in our House Points competition. Congratulations for your hard work and fine effort boys!

Sports Dinner

The annual Prep Sports Dinner will be held on **Friday 18 August** in Term 3 from 6.15pm-10pm. **All parents and carers of boys in Years 4, 5 and 6 are warmly invited to attend.** The evening will commence with drinks on the Chapel Lawn (a stunning location) and continue with dinner in the Boarders Dining Hall. The evening is a wonderful chance to enjoy good food, excellent wine and one another's company. The reason for gathering is to celebrate sport at Shore Prep and to thank all involved whose efforts make sport possible at school, and each Saturday morning (especially our wonderful Shore Prep coaches and parent helpers). There will be some fun events as well as a presentation of the boys' sporting moments throughout the year. Keep in mind that this evening is **not** an awards night. It is a night to **celebrate the participation of each and every boy in games, to thank their coaches, and to socialise with other parents.** The Sports Dinner is the only event on our calendar where so many members of the Preparatory School community gather to enjoy a sit-down meal together. It is always a terrific evening and we hope to see you there. Tickets will go on sale early in Term 3, so consider saving the date in your diaries.

Long Weekend

Enjoy the long weekend...I hope the extra day is a blessing to your family – only 9 school days to go! See you on Tuesday morning.

Mr Adam Larby

Deputy Head of Shore Preparatory School – North Sydney



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K,1,2 Lunchtime Play Club

Lunchtimes are very busy at K,1,2. The sandpit is a hive of activity as is the library and the 'back paddock'. Play Club is also well attended. Play Club is designed to assist children with their social skills. In Play Club, children are supported in interacting with others through more structured activities. These activities include cars, board games, marble run and other group games. Both socially able children and children who need assistance visit Play Club. Please ask your child if he or she has been participating in the Play Club activities.

Northbridge Disco

There's only one week to go until our fantastic disco. Next Friday, 16 June from 4pm until 6pm, the K,1,2 Assembly Hall will be decked out ready to dance away the evening. The children are very excited about coming to school for a disco. I've heard murmurings that some already have their outfits chosen. Please note that all children must be accompanied by an adult. If you have not booked your child's ticket yet, please do so at www.trybooking.com/PZOR.

Absentee Notes

By law, all student absences must be notified in writing to the School. Ideally, this should occur the day the child returns to school if they have been unwell. Requests for leave for a day or longer should be made in writing, two weeks in advance, to Mr Nick Saunders, Head of the Preparatory School. This week, Mrs Lockyer has put stickers in diaries reminding parents that an absentee note is required for our files. Please assist us in keeping our files up to date. Thank you.

The Need for Privacy

It has been brought to my attention that over the last couple of weeks, some parents have been discussing children's behaviours with other parents. May I ask that this does **NOT** happen. All children develop different skills at different times and at different rates. Children, like adults, also have good days and bad days. Please be mindful that they are children and they are all in the process of learning not only academically but socially, emotionally, physically and spiritually. Confidentiality is of the utmost importance. If you have concerns regarding your child please speak with the class teacher or with me.

After School Activities

This week, Mrs Lockyer has sent home information regarding after school activities for Semester 2 (Terms 3 and 4). Places are offered on a first come, first served basis. Some of the activities are very popular and have filled up already. If this is the case, you will be notified that your child is on a waiting list. All enrolment forms should be returned to Mrs Lockyer by Friday, 16 June.

Assembly

Thank you to **Year 2C** for leading our assembly this week. You have certainly been very busy in your classroom.

Next week, we look forward to **KH's** assembly. I know the visitors will be very excited to look in your classroom afterwards. Congratulations to **Year KC** for receiving this week's **Quality Class of the Week Award** and for being our **Chapel Money Champions** for this week. Well done, **KC**.

Speech & Drama Open Classes

Miss Jessica Kelly and Mr Wayne Tunks invite parents to attend their child's Speech and Drama open classes as follows: **Kindergarten**: Monday, 19 June, **Year 1**: Thursday, 15 June, **Year 2**: Tuesday, 13 June. Please arrive at **2.55pm** on your child's usual class day. Please be advised that these are an opportunity to see the activities the children do during the classes rather than a performance. After school activities finish for the semester next week, with the exception of the Kindergarten make-up class on 19 June.

Other Important information:

Monday, 12 June – Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

Wednesday, 14 June – Cupcake Day

Thursday, 15 June – Musical Matinee at North Sydney

Friday, 16 June – Northbridge Disco

Tuesday, 20 June – NAIDOC Week Celebration

Friday, 23 June – Last Day of Term 2

Natasha Mitchell

Deputy Head of Shore Preparatory School—Northbridge

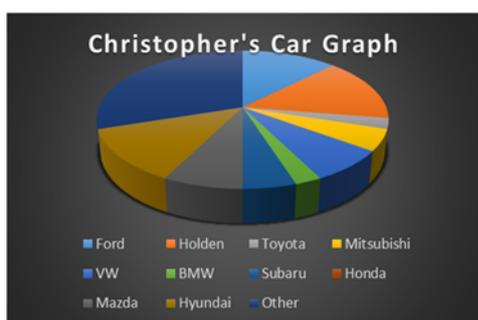


Teaching and Learning - Years K to 6 - 3B

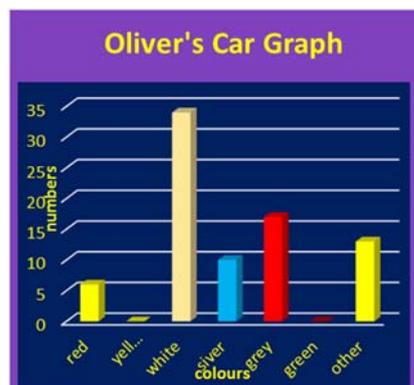
It's been a busy start to the term in 3B. The boys have worked diligently on a range of teaching and learning activities that have included; Volume and Capacity, Data, Reading Groups, Informative Writing, developing skills in using PowerPoint and participating in Sports Skills on a Friday afternoon.

3B have continued to focus on the importance of being organised with our belongings, developing our knowledge and understanding of the Code of Respect and listening carefully to instructions. In doing this, 3B have been rewarded with improved performances in the Quality Class Award and are excited about the prospect of continued success in the future weeks.

A highlight of our term was the opportunity to head to the school carpark located on Union Street and identify the different car manufacturers of the cars parked in the area. Boys followed this up with conducting a survey of the colours of cars passing our school. This activity was followed by the opportunity for boys to illustrate the collected data in a variety of different graphs (as pictured).



Christopher McIntyre's Car Graph



Oliver Colvin's Car Graph

Friday Sport Skills is always a highlight for Year 3. Particularly when we had the opportunity to play Indoor Soccer in the Senior School Gym! Needless to say there was a balance of skill, teamwork and competitiveness on show!

Keep up the great work 3B!

Angus Bayliss – 3B Classroom Teacher



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Bush School Excursion

On Tuesday and Friday of this week the second year boys and girls enjoyed an excursion to the Centennial Parklands Education Precinct to experience Bush School. It would be an understatement to say the children were excited as they arrived at the ELC in anticipation of the day ahead. The bus departed Northbridge at 9.00am and was filled with lively chatter as children pointed out with enthusiasm all of the interesting things they could see out the window.

On arrival to Centennial Park we were met by our Rangers who spent the next few hours as our Bush School Teachers. Throughout the visits they taught us about respecting nature, enjoying nature and how to be safe in nature. The children climbed logs and trees, built tepees, played on the clay hill and made music with sticks. We all enjoyed a nature walk where we collected items that nature had finished with such as fallen leaves, pine cones, bark and feathers. We saw different wildlife such as kookaburras, ducks, swans, a possum house as well as hundreds of fruit bats sleeping up high in the trees! As we boarded the bus at 1.30pm to return to Northbridge we had weary bodies and warm hearts after such a fantastic day. Following a much needed rest I checked in with a few of the children to find out what their favourite parts of the day were:

Coco – I liked having lunch

Joshua – I liked the bus trip both ways

Ilaria – I liked finding the fruit bats

Jack H – I liked the bus because it was so fun and big!

Tom M – I liked everything!

Henry P – I liked climbing on the big log

Taylor – I liked seeing the bats

We are holding a Move-a-thon around the oval where children will collect stamps on a participation card for visiting different activity stations and staying active throughout the event. On event days, Miss Penny will be collecting any fundraising donations in a money tin located at her desk. I am sure these will both be great, fun events and we thank you in anticipation for your support of this worthy cause.

Important Dates

- Monday 12 June – ELC closed Queens Birthday
- Wednesday 14 June – Silent Cupcake Stall for Buddies and Second Year Children
- Thursday 15 June – ELC Move-a-thon for St Lucy's School
- Friday 16 June – Northbridge Disco
- Tuesday 20 June – ELC Move-a-thon for St Lucy's School
- Wednesday 21 June – Incursion Peter Morgan presents Nanga Mai
- Thursday 22 June – Incursion Peter Morgan presents Nanga Mai
- Monday 17 July – ELC closed Shore Professional Development Day

Rebecca Schollum
Director Early Learning Centre

Fundraising for St. Lucy's School – Silent Cupcake Stall

Next week on Wednesday 14 June the second year children and their Year 4 Buddies are going to participate in the Northbridge Silent Cupcake Stall. On the day, the second year children are asked to bring a \$2.00 coin in a sealed envelope with their name on it so they may purchase a cupcake. The challenge for them will be to purchase the cupcake without using any words. Verbal communication does not always come easy for some of the students who attend St Lucy's School, and this is one way we can raise funds and awareness for this great School.

Fundraising for St. Lucy's School – Move-a-Thon

On Thursday 15 June and Tuesday 20 June we are looking forward to holding the Early Learning Centre's main fundraiser for St Lucy's School.



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: Round 6**

1st XV Rugby	Mr Mancey	St Pius	L	5-24
2nd XV Rugby	Mr Knight & Miss Perry	St Pius	L	5-28
11A Rugby	Mr Bayliss	St Augustine's	L	12-22
11B Rugby	Mr Tait	St Augustine's	W	38-19
11C Rugby	Mr Morrison	St Augustine's	L	34-17
10A Rugby	Mr Harrington	Cranbrook	L	7-35
1st XI Football	Mr Philips	Trinity	W	4-3
2nd XI Football	Miss Dickson	Trinity	W	2-0
3rd XI Football	Mrs Pickworth	Trinity	L	2-5
11A Football	Mr Case	Redlands	W	10-1
11B Football	Miss Janssen	Redlands	W	9-0
11C Football	Miss L Johnson	Redlands	W	8-1
10 A&B	Miss Polis & Mr Grainger	Scots	D W	A: 3-3 B: 5-0
10s Blue & White	Mr Jensen & Miss Tootell	Scots	W W	B: 5-0 W: 1.0

NSW CIS Cross Country Carnival

Henry Wheeler, Harrison Frape, Oliver Stokeld, Fraser Pandit, Charlie Mattison and Lachlan Brown will be representing Shore and IPSHA at the NSW CIS Cross Country Championships next week. We wish the mighty mighty Shore boys all the best.

Scott Mancey
Sportsmaster

Shore Association



Shore Parents Tennis Hoopla Day



Friday 25th August 2017

Shore Northbridge Pavilion & Tennis Complex

Corner of Alpha & Sailors Bay Roads, Northbridge 2063

9 am – 2pm (for a 9.30 am start)

Please join us for a fun day of hoopla tennis, scones, lunch, a glass of wine, prizes and a fabulous raffle of gourmet items.

Organise your own court of 10 players (or we can we can allocate you a court).

All tennis standards welcome to this social event.

Cost \$50 per person

Option to include raffle tickets 3 for \$10

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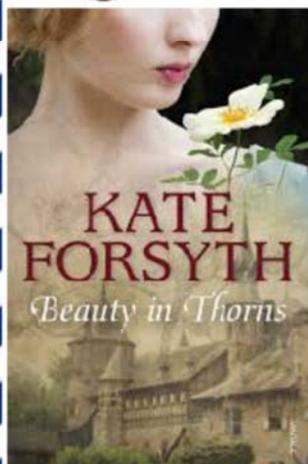
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Bookings close on 22nd August 2017

**BYO plate for lunch to share and a gourmet raffle donation. Thank you kindly for your continued support.



The Shore Association Kate Forsyth Literary Luncheon



Join us for our annual literary lunch with Dr Kate Forsyth, Shore parent and accredited master storyteller.

Date: Thursday 10 August 2017
Time: 12.00 – 2.30pm
Venue: Emery Room, Shore Northbridge
Cost: \$30 – includes sandwich lunch, tea/coffee (BYO wine if you wish)
Enquiries: Electra Wiggs – ewiggs@bigpond.net.au
Bookings: www.trybooking.com/QKQXN

Award-winning, Australian born author Dr Kate Forsyth is back with her highly anticipated new novel *Beauty in Thorns*, which tells the extraordinary love story behind Edward Burne-Jones's famous "Sleeping Beauty" painting.

Told in the voices of four women - Lizzie Siddal, Jane Morris, Georgie Burne-Jones and her daughter Margot - *Beauty in Thorns* brings to life the dramatic true story of love, desire, obsession and tragedy that lies behind the creation of the Victorian era's most famous painting.

Kate wrote her first novel at the age of seven, and has since sold more than a million copies around the world. Recently voted one of Australia's Favourite 15 Novelists, Kate Forsyth has been called 'one of the finest writers of this generation'.

Kate's best selling adult novels include *The Beast's Garden*, *Bitter Greens*, *The Wild Girl Dancing on Knives* and *The Puzzle Ring*, *The Gypsy Crown*, *The Starkin Crown*, and *Grumpy Grandpa* for children.

Oracle Books in Mosman are offering Shore Parents, 15% off Kate's new novel, *Beauty in Thorns*, which will be released 4th July 2017. Perhaps you would like to read the novel before our lunch - Mention "Shore Book Club" to receive the discount.