

PREP PEEK

The Weekly newsletter of Shore Preparatory School



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Monday 28 Aug	Tuesday 29 Aug	Wednesday 30 Aug	Thursday 31 Aug	Friday 1 Sept	Sat 2/Sun 3 Sept
Y6 Amazing Me - Parent Session (7pm)	IPSHA Athletics Carnival	K,1,2 Assembly - 2M ELC - Fathers' Day Celebration Buddies Y6 Reading Groups finish Y4-6 AFL @ NB	ELC - Fathers' Day Celebration Y3 Excursion - Places Similar & Different	Y6 Amazing Me - Class Sessions	Y7 2018 Placement Tests Sun - Fathers' Day
Monday 4 Sept	Tuesday 5 Sept	Wednesday 6 Sept	Thursday 7 Sept	Friday 8 Sept	Sat 9/Sun 10 Sept
	Prep Pulitzer	No K,1,2 Assembly Y3-4 Author Visit at 9.15am - Tim Harrsi AFL Skills @ NB Senior School Art Exhibition in MAC Mini Proms (5pm)	Senior School Art Exhibition in MAC	AMERICAN TEA @ NB Senior School Art Exhibition in MAC	Y5 Father/Son Camp

Book Week: Escape to Everywhere

The theme for Book Week this year is *Escape to Everywhere*, highlighting how much reading can generate joy, excitement, wonder and allow us to gain knowledge from books. With such a rich collection of books in the Children's Book Council of Australia shortlists, Term 3 at Shore Preparatory School is devoted to meeting each of the offerings in the Early Childhood, Picture Book, Young Readers and Eve Pownall Information Book categories.

To celebrate Book Week, every class in K,1,2 focussed on one of the shortlisted books, creating a project around an aspect of the story which was presented at the Book Week Assembly. Kindergarten worked with plasticine to create figures, in response to *Nannie Loves* by Kylie Dunston and *Go Home, Cheeky Animals* by Dion Beasley. The tasks for Year 1 focussed on a consideration of the main characters in *Chip* by Kylie Howarth and *Gary* by Leila Rudge. 1T created chip toppings for a birthday party for Chip and 1J thought of all the things that Gary would need to pack in his backpack for his next adventure. Year 2 have been working with the idea of letter art or typography which is presented in all its complexity in Maree Coote's amazing book, *Spellbound*. Playing with the shape and direction of letters, 2C and 2M transformed letters to create a Crazy Critter Alphabet.

In Years 3 – 6, there were a number of exciting activities in the library, including a visit from children's author Jack Heath. I was able to catch part of one of Jack's presentations which gave the boys an insight into the creative process of writing. For a more detailed account of the activities in the North Sydney Library, please see the report later in this week's Prep Peek.

At both Northbridge and North Sydney, the teachers were involved in sharing with the students some of the books that they love. In K,1,2, teachers nominated a favourite children's book and wrote a one word review to accompany the book. The children in K,1,2 were delighted to see the choices made

by teachers and have already been keen to borrow some of these books. At North Sydney, a guessing competition was set for students to guess the photo of the teacher as a child, together with their favourite book. The students always appreciate seeing the books that their teachers have loved.

From the Northbridge and North Sydney Libraries

Well done, Lachlan

Well done to Lachlan Arrand, Year 6, who played with the victorious NSW CIS Rugby Team at the NSW rugby championships this week. The NSW CIS team won the final 24-19 and after a strong tournament, Lachlan was selected in the NSW PSSA Sydney team which is the PSSA NSW 2nd XV. Well done Lachlan, on this outstanding achievement!

Dropping off children on Mount Street at North Sydney

It has been brought to my attention that Prep and Senior School students are being dropped off on Mount Street. Please be aware that this is not a designated school drop off or pick up zone and using it for these purposes places children in danger. The particular danger I am thinking about is the rare occurrence of parents who drop off children on the non-school side of Mount Street (for example, opposite Mary MacKillop), forcing children to cross a busy road where there is no pedestrian crossing. However, any dropping off of students in this area is strongly discouraged, unless a vehicle is legally parked and the student escorted to the Prep School.

For the safety of all children and road users, please only use the designated Preparatory School turning circle for dropping off children in the morning. If traffic congestion in this area is of concern, the parents may also use the Union Street car line in the morning from 7am to 9am.

North Sydney News - Yrs 3 - 6

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Supporting St Lucy's School

This week in Buddies activities, we began our activities in support of St Lucy's School, Wahroonga. Each year, Shore Preparatory School participates in the St Lucy's School Week Without Words, which is intended to raise awareness about children with communication disabilities. The children will be participating in activities during Buddies time over the coming weeks, but families can also support St Lucy's individually by getting behind some of their Week Without Words activities. Please find more details below.

<http://www.stlucys.nsw.edu.au/supporting-st-lucys/week-without-words/>

In addition, the Northbridge campus has been collecting Woolworths *Earn and Learn* stickers on behalf of St Lucy's. Families who would like to give their stickers to the cause, please place them in the *Earn and Learn* boxes at K, 1, 2, the ELC, and now North Sydney Campus, 3-6 Office.

Nick Saunders
Head of Shore Preparatory School

Sports Dinner

Yet again, the Sports Dinner was a great success. Parents and staff enjoyed food, wine, trivia, humour, one another's company and a review of the year in sport. Thank you to all who contributed to the night through donating their time, their skills or simply getting into the spirit on the night. Finally, thank you to Mr Mancey, the Prep Sportsmaster, for his ongoing work in promoting sport at the Prep and also our Sports Dinner Committee for their considerable efforts to ensure that everything was perfect on the night.

Danceathon

Our Danceathon fundraiser for Zambia's Child begins on Monday. Each year group will have an allocated day to raise money by dancing during lunchtime to up to eight songs. The boys are asked to bring a gold coin donation or complete the sponsorship form as their way of contributing to this wonderful charity. The boys will hear a presentation about Zambia's Child and their current projects in Week 9 at Assembly. For more information about the work of Zambia's Child please go to <http://zambiaschild.ngo/>

Afternoon Pick Up

A reminder to all parents and carers who do afternoon pick up at North Sydney that boys in Year 3 are to be picked up at the Edward St gate by 3:15pm and that all boys in Years 4-6 are to be picked up from the Union St gate. This arrangement is in place to support the heavy traffic flow that is experienced around the School at the end of each day. We strongly encourage you to pick up by car from these locations, rather than parking and arriving on foot. If you are running late please contact the school office so that the teacher who is supervising the boys can be notified. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

American Tea - Lunch Orders

Our annual American Tea celebration is two weeks away. A reminder that the canteen will be closed on Friday 8 September because of the American Tea and there will be no lunch orders that day.

Tournament of Minds

After months of preparation, often early in the morning or on weekends, our Tournament of Minds boys will present their work at the Met North Tournament of Minds Competition on Sunday at Roseville College. All the best boys! We look forward to Monday's Assembly performance.

Amazing Me

As part of our PDHPE programme, 'Amazing Me' will be presented for Year 6 students and their parents on Monday evening from 7pm until approximately 8.15pm in the MAC. If you are attending, please be punctual. Boys are expected to be in casual clothing. The boys will also participate in class sessions on Friday 1 September as a follow up to the evening presentation.

CRU FIT Leadership Training

On Wednesday, six of our Year 6 students travelled to Roseville College to take part in a leadership training program run by Crusaders. We were joined by students from PLC, Roseville and Abbotsleigh for a time of talks and elective workshops. "CRU leaders are prayerful people" was the theme for the day, with electives that focused on helping the young leaders run their own CRU groups. Our Year 6 CRU leaders will be running our sessions in the upcoming weeks.

IPSHA Travelling Art Show

Artwork will be on display from 8am—3.00pm in the corridor outside the Music Studios until Friday 1 September.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Please book an interview time using our online booking system for our Parent Teacher interviews in Week 9. Information about how to book an interview was sent earlier in the week. Please contact the school if you haven't already received this information. Bookings open Monday 28 August at 3pm. The staff are looking forward to talking with you and your son about his learning and progress.

Quality Class Award & House Points Champions

Well done to 6T who received the trophy as the top class for their efforts last week. Thank you to Mr Tooker and the boys in 6T for the excellent example they continue to set. Great work boys! Well done also to the boys in Davies and Hall who were tied as the weekly House Points champions.

Adam Larby
Deputy Head of Shore Preparatory School – North Sydney



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Book Week News from the Library

Book Week kicked off on Saturday with the announcement of this year's CBC Awards. Picture book of the Year – *Mechanica: A Beginner's Field Guide*; The Book of the Year (Younger Readers) – *Rock Hopping* by Tracy Balla. Collaborative colouring in and Lego largesse have also been winners this week. Fun and excitement has been at high levels in our busy Library!

Thursday's author visit by Jack Heath was a highlight of Book Week. The boys were entertained and thrilled to hear Jack Heath's great descriptions of his thrilling tales. He also gave the boys great tips on how to write in ways that grip the reader and keep people guessing. Jack Heath also signed the ordered copies of his books, had a pizza lunch with the library leaders, and judged the best bookmark from our "Design a Jack Heath Inspired Book Mark Competition". Louis Dickinson from 3B won the competition. Well done Louis!

The *Name that Title* competition has a few still scratching their heads. Can you guess the name of the book suggested by these images?



We have also had some teachers sharing their favourite childhood books. The boys have been guessing the early photograph who is who! I wonder who our mystery reader below might be?

When the Wind Changed by Ruth Park and Deborah Niland



This book was one of my all-time favourites in primary school. The vivid illustrations and the hilarious story about an accidental hero make this book a very special childhood memory.

The young boy in the story is told by his dad that making funny faces can be dangerous because when the wind changes your face can get stuck in that pose. The boy of course doesn't believe his dad and continues to pull the funny faces, but of course the dad is telling the truth and the story takes a really interesting turn. I won't spoil the ending for you, but it is definitely worth taking 10-15 minutes to read it and laugh at the story and the illustrations.



Northbridge News - K,1,2

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Book Week

This week at K,1,2 we have been celebrating Book Week in various ways. We have had special story time in the library at lunch time, a Book Week assembly and many other activities. We have been sharing our favourite books and the school has been buzzing with literature discussions. Thank you teachers and especially Ms Mitchelmore for inspiring us all to love books. Girls and boys, ask your mums and dads what their favourite book is now and when they were young.

American Tea

Donations are rolling in thick and fast. Please keep them coming. Thank you to all the parents (or grandparents, special friends) who have already signed up to help on the day. Please consider doing this. The class parents and the American Tea Committee are working extremely hard to make this American Tea the best one yet! Please follow the link to sign up to help on the day: <https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/10c044dada922a4fb6-shore/29541207>

Father's Day Stall

The Shore Association will hold our Father's Day Stall at Northbridge next Friday 1 September. The gifts will cost \$15. To assist the children and the parent helpers, please put your child's money in a sealed envelope clearly marked with your child's name and class, and 'Father's Day Stall'. The envelope should be sent in with your child on the day. Thank you to the parents who have organised this for the children. There is a very clever gift for this year's stall.

Jackets

All children should be wearing their jackets to and from school during the colder weather. We have a few jackets that are going home with different children at the moment. Could you please check that your child is wearing his or her correct jacket with their name on it? The teachers continually monitor this and it makes it difficult if jackets are not named.

Arriving on time

There have been quite a few children arriving after the bell recently. Being late is unsettling and disruptive for the individual child and for others. Please ensure your child is here in plenty of time to prepare for the day. The first bell rings at 8.25am.

Assemblies

This week, we had a General Book Week Assembly led by children from K,1,2. Thank you to all the mums, dads and special visitors who came. Next week, we will have **Year 2M's** Assembly. All parents and visitors are welcome back to **Year 2M** classroom after the assembly. Congratulations to **Year 1J** on winning the **Quality Class of the Week Award** for this week. Keep up the wonderful work, **1J**. Well done also to **Year 2C** on being our Chapel Money Champions for the week.

Other Information to Note:

Friday 1 September – Father's Day Stall

Monday 4 - Wednesday 6 September – Mini Proms rehearsals

Wednesday 6 September – Mini Proms (5pm)

Friday 8 September – AMERICAN TEA

Week 9 – Parent/Teacher Interviews

Natasha Mitchell

Deputy Head of Shore Preparatory School - Northbridge



Teaching and Learning - Years K to 6

Music Years 3-6

A Peculiar People

In 1893 a group of ordinary Australians sailed out through Sydney Heads to found a socialist Utopia in South America. Under the charismatic journalist William Lane, over 200 shearers and their families created a 'New Australia' in the Paraguayan jungle. In 2015 I composed a musical for the Senior School called 'A Peculiar People', which told the story of these remarkable Australians whose search for a better life led them to travel to the other side of the world.

This term I have written a scaled down version of the piece for the boys at the Prep. This 'Prep' version of 'A Peculiar People' will be performed as part of the 5/6 Prep Proms to be held on 25 October 2017. It will feature a combined choir made up of all the boys in Years 5 and 6 plus soloists. Mr Michael Usher, whose son Max is in Year 5, has very kindly agreed to narrate the piece on the night.



Assembly Performances

In Assembly, this term, the boys have been treated to some outstanding performances from soloists and instrumental groups. Hayden O'Young performed the piano composition 'Arabesque' by Burgmuller with great panache while Nathanael Robertson thrilled the audience with his playing, on cello, of the technically demanding 'Allegro' by Breval.

And last, but certainly not least, the new rock band called 'The Disease' made their debut last Monday. 'The Disease' is comprised of Piers Mendel, Josh Brown, Matthew Scougall, Cam Macdonald and Toby Campbell. Many thanks to Mr Larby and Mr Phillips who gave up their Thursday afternoons, over a number of weeks, to tutor the boys in the fine art of Rock.



Early Learning Centre - Northbridge

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Lost Property

Our lost property box is overflowing with items. If you are missing any containers or clothing, please check the basket at the ELC entrance. Any unclaimed items will be donated to charity.

Morning and Afternoon Tea

We are extremely happy to report that we have seen an increase in the amount of children eating morning and afternoon tea. Thank you to those families who have been bringing in 2 pieces of fruit or vegetables for the children to enjoy.

Science Week at the ELC

Save the Caterpillar

Unfortunately, The Very Hungry Caterpillar was stuck on a wire in Blue Room. Miss Mel challenged the children to build a tower using a variety of materials to rescue him. This challenge required the children to problem solve, theorise and apply their thinking to solve a problem. After a week of experimenting with a variety of materials, the caterpillar was finally rescued. It was great to see parents also getting involved and excited about the learning happening in the classroom.

The Three Little Pigs

In the Green Room the children worked collaboratively to build a house of straw, using pipe cleaners, a house of sticks, using natural materials and a house of bricks, using cubed wooden blocks. The children focused on creating a structure with a strong foundation. To test the strength of our houses, the children used a hairdryer to be the big bad wolf and try and blow the houses down. The ending of the story was a little different as children experimented with elements of force and design.

Launching Rockets

The Green Room children have been investigating aerodynamics and to extend this learning, the second year children explored the aerodynamic principle of thrust. Miss Alice explained to the children that she could create a chemical reaction using tonic water and mentos, to cause an explosion that would force a paper rocket into the air. The Green Room children watched in anticipation as the large bubbling explosion pushed the paper rocket into the air. There were many requests to try the experiment again. On the second attempt Miss Alice was able to drop in several more mentos creating, an even bigger explosion of bubbling water.

Upcoming Important Dates

Father's Day Celebration: Wednesday 30 August and Thursday 31 August

American Tea: Friday 8 September

ELC Class Photos: Wednesday 20 September and Thursday 21 September

Kimberley Colthup
Director ELC



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

NSW CIS Rugby

Well done to Lachlan Arrand and the NSW CIS Rugby team who competed strongly at the State rugby championship this week. The CIS team won the semi-final against Sydney North, winning through to the final against Sydney West. The NSW CIS team won the final 24-19 and after a strong tournament, Lachlan was selected in the NSW PSSA Sydney team which is the PSSA NSW 2nd XV. Well done Lachlan, an outstanding achievement!

Shore Athletics

Best of luck to the Shore athletics team when they compete in their final meets. The team has been training very well and the majority of the boys have placed in their events thus far.

26 August – The King’s School Invitational Athletics Carnival – The King’s School.

29 August – IPSHA Athletics Carnival – Homebush.

Scott Mancey
Sportsmaster



Shore Association



Cuff links
presented in plush black box
Various themes - **only \$20**
RRP \$28



Large Toiletries bags
VW van \$30
VW beetle \$25
RRP \$40

Father's Day Stall Friday September 1



Fish Corkscrew \$20



Cuff links box \$10
moustache or bow tie

Where? Outside the Smith Auditorium

We will be selling fun Father's Day gifts from before school until recess (unless sold out earlier).

Don't forget to send money with your son to school on **Friday September 1**. A selection of gifts at below retail prices ranging from \$2-\$30 will be available. This is also a chance to support the Garden, Sweet Stall & create good fundraising for American Tea.

FATHER'S DAY 2017 IS ON SUNDAY SEPT 3




Rocky road stars
only \$10

DAD LOVES COFFEE!
mugs only \$18
RRP \$19.95

Dad's favorite chocolate treat

