

# PREP PEEK

The Weekly newsletter of Shore Preparatory School



# SHORE

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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 Y3-6 Author Visit at 9.15am - Tim Harris AFL Skills @ NB Senior School Art Exhibition in MAC Mini Proms (5pm)	Senior School Art Exhibition in MAC	<b>AMERICAN TEA</b> <b>AMERICAN TEA @ NB</b> Senior School Art Exhibition in MAC	Y5 Father/Son Camp
Monday 11 Sept	Tuesday 12 Sept	Wednesday 13 Sept	Thursday 14 Sept	Friday 15 Sept	Sat 16/Sun 17 Sept
Parent/Teacher Interviews >> 3-6 Assembly - Winter Sports Awards Senior School Art Exhibition in MAC Ceramics for K,1,2 >>	Parent/Teacher Interviews Public Speaking—Y3/4 Final	Parent/Teacher Interviews K,1,2 Assembly - 1J Public Speaking - Y5 Final	Parent/Teacher Interviews Public Speaking - Y6 Final		

## Primary Aged Children and Social Media

Did you know that one of the rules for signing-up to many social networking sites is that you need to declare you are 13 years or older? Facebook and Instagram certainly have such an age restriction. Those parents who are aware their Preparatory School children have a social networking account may not be aware that those children have represented themselves dishonestly on-line in order to gain access to the site. Perhaps they have done so inadvertently – how many of us have casually clicked upon an “I agree” checkbox on a website without actually reading the contents of the agreement we have signed-up for?

I raise this issue for a couple of reasons. Firstly, there are a number of good reasons why the administrators of sites such as Facebook and Instagram place an age restriction on membership. They are aware that naïve or unwise use of these sites can expose young people to consequences they do not have the capacity to handle – unwanted approaches from other users, exposure to inappropriate and even harmful content, on-line bullying, etc. We have all seen examples in the media of how such sites have been used inappropriately and the harm this causes. We would be wise then to follow the directions of the administrators regarding age restrictions.

But this example points to a more significant issue, that of integrity, or on-line integrity in particular. Very few of us, I hope, would lie about our identity in business, legal, or even social contexts. Why should this be any different in an on-line context? I would argue strongly that blurring the boundary between truthful conduct on-line and in real life, creates confusion in the minds of young people that can only undermine the development of their moral judgement. Furthermore, the ability for young people to live an anonymous second life in cyberspace can hinder their understanding of the consequences of their actions on-line. That is, of course, until they themselves become the victims of the malicious on-line behaviour of others, at which point the consequences can be

only too real and painful.

For those parents who are aware their child has an Instagram or Facebook (or similar) account, or who suspect they might, I would encourage you to discuss these issues seriously together with them.

## Sporting Achievements

The Shore Preparatory School Athletics Team competed in the IPSHA Athletics Carnival at Homebush on Monday of this week. Congratulations to the whole team who not only performed at a high level, but also showed great spirit, manners and sportsmanship throughout the competition. Special congratulations to those members of the team who have been selected to compete at the next level of competition, the CIS Athletics Carnival.

Congratulations also to those Preparatory School students who competed at the Interschools NSW Championships in snow sports. The Preparatory School competitors were part of a very successful Shore team, with some students making it through to the National Championships next week.

Congratulations also to Adam Watson (Year 6) who has been competing with the Combined Independent Schools (CIS) Hockey team this week at the State Championships. The CIS team went on to win the whole tournament. What an achievement!

## Tournament of Minds Success

Last Sunday, the Tournament of Minds team performed their own creative piece at the ToM Metro North competition at Roseville College. A team of Years 5 and 6 boys from the Preparatory School, under the guidance of Miss Di Johnson, took part in the event. After a number of weeks of refining the script and rehearsing, the boys performed their piece last Sunday, amusing the judges and the audience, and receiving high praise.

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# North Sydney News - Yrs 3 - 6

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At the end of their section the whole team was thrilled to learn they had won and will now move on to the next stage of the competition – a rare achievement. Congratulations to the team!

Nick Saunders  
Head of Shore Preparatory School

## Parent/Teacher Interviews

Last week you should have received information about making an online booking for Parent Teacher interviews. The online bookings are currently open. The email you received provides all the necessary information about when your son's class teacher is available and how you can make an appointment. If you didn't receive the email with this information, please contact the Prep Office. If you have chosen to take this opportunity to meet with your son and his teacher you are reminded that the interviews are limited to 15 minutes. Your assistance with regard to arriving on time would be greatly appreciated. Please do not park in the turning circle for any reason. This term's interviews are intended to include your son (who should attend in uniform) as an opportunity to participate together in a discussion of his progress.

## Danceathon

Congratulations to all the boys who participated in the Danceathon this week. The boys were very creative and energetic with their dancing and they all appeared to thoroughly enjoy themselves. Thank you to those of you who made contributions to the fundraiser. We are still collecting donations and will confirm total raised for Zambia's Child in next weeks Prep Peek. For more information about the work of Zambia's Child please go to <http://zambiaschild.ngo/>. A special thanks to Miss Dickson for her work in organising the event.

## Junior Proms

Years 3 & 4 are busily preparing an array of dance items for our entertainment on the evening of Wednesday 20 September. Commencing at 6pm, Junior Proms promises to be a wonderful night, with performances from the Concert Band, Jazz Ensemble, String Ensemble, Guitar Ensemble, String Quartet, Chapel Choir, Elective Dance and of course our Year 3 & 4 dance items. Whilst this is a free event, seating is allocated and available from 1:00am on Saturday 2 September. Please reserve your seats at <https://www.trybooking.com/RWRA>. We ask families to limit their allocation to a maximum of 6 seats and obviously only book with the intention of using each seat.

## Young Justice Day

On Thursday, eleven Year 6 students attended the annual Young Justice Day run by the NSW Young Lawyers. The programme educated our boys in social justice issues, encouraging them to become more actively engaged citizens. Boys considering a career in law also gained an insight into what the work of a lawyer involves on a daily basis. Boys participated in a range of interactive workshops focusing on the law, hu-

man rights, poverty, refugees, animal rights and climate change. It was a wonderful experience for the boys involved. Many thanks to Mrs Geersen and Mr Tait for their efforts in organising the excursion for the boys.

## 6G Office Display

Our current Office display is a series of Blackout poems constructed by 6G. The poems are inspired by the work of US author Austin Kleon and modify text to create new meaning. The boys have blacked out words to a text leaving some words visible to create their own poem. There is both an artistic and philosophical side to the poems. Well done boys.

## Quality Class Award and House Points

Congratulations to 4R for winning this week's Quality Class Award. Congratulations also to the boys in Hall House who continued their fine form in the Term 3 House Points competition. Keep up the hard work boys.

Mr Adam Larby  
Deputy Head of Shore Preparatory School – North Sydney

## Wonderful news with Tournament of Minds

What a great day! With much generosity, Roseville College hosted Tournament of Minds on Sunday, 27 August and our Shore Prep team was awarded first prize in the Language Literature section. All of the boys and their parents were jubilant at the result.

Tournament of Minds, affectionately known as ToM, is a creative problem solving challenge which requires a high level of co-operation, creativity and teamwork. The seven students in Shore's team this year, aka 'Brainwave Waffles' (based on the occasional waffles for the ToM breakfasts), consisted of Elliot Wilson (Captain), Will Cole, Clayton Cunningham, Tom Harbot, Cameron Macdonald, Jack O'Shea and Joel Wyborn. The challenge, provided by the Tournament of Minds organisers, was based upon hidden gems to be found in a list of literary works. These hidden gems were characters who gained little recognition for their part in the resolution of their story. The boys chose the poem, *Custard the Dragon*, by Ogden Nash, as the central theme for the play they wrote and performed.

The boys worked very hard on the ToM challenge and are to be congratulated on achieving first place in their discipline. They now move on to the NSW Final to be held at UNSW on Sunday, 10 September. Many thanks go to all of the parents whose unflinching support has made the whole process possible.

Miss Di Johnson  
Tournament of Minds Facilitator



# Northbridge News - K,1,2

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## American Tea

With only one week to go, the children are becoming very excited. Some mums and dads have been at school working hard on the preparations for our American Tea and I know there have been many more working hard at home. There is still time to donate your time and volunteer. Please sign up using the following link: <https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/10c044dada922a4fb6-shore/29541207>. Remember *many hands make light work*. Thank you to all the people who so willingly give up their time for the children in our school.

## Mini Proms

Well, it's finally here. The girls, boys and the teachers are so excited about Wednesday evening. The costumes are here, the songs and dances are learnt and everything is ready to go. Children are asked to arrive at the auditorium between 4.30pm and 4.45pm at the latest. The final information document was sent home with the children today with all the arrangements for next week's rehearsals and show. Wednesday should be a great evening. We hope you enjoy it as much as the children have enjoyed rehearsing for it.

Seats are limited to **three** per child to enable every family to be accommodated in the auditorium. If you have booked more than your allocation, or have had any issues making an online booking, please contact Mrs Lockyer in the K,1,2 office.

## Heart Art

Our annual Heart Artworks will be on display in the K,1,2 foyer from Monday. The wonderful self-portraits the children have created are available for purchase for \$5.00 (cash only please) from Mrs Lockyer in the K,1,2 office. Once the Heart Art is purchased, a heart sticker is placed on the artwork. At the conclusion of the American Tea, the artworks can be taken home. The children love having a heart sticker placed on their art. Thank you for supporting this activity.

## Assemblies

Thank you **Year 2M** for your wonderful Assembly on Wednesday. Your movie was great. Next week we will not have an assembly as we will be at North Sydney practising for the Mini Proms. Our Quality Class of the week this week in **Year KC** and our Chapel Money Champions for this week is **Year 1J**.

## Other Information to Note:

**Wednesday 6 September** – Mini Proms (5pm)

**Friday 8 September** - American Tea

**Week 9** – Parent/Teacher Interviews

## *Happy Fathers' Day*

*To all the dads at K,1,2, we hope you have a very happy day on Sunday and that your children spoil you.*

Natasha Mitchell  
Deputy Head of Shore Preparatory School - Northbridge



# Teaching and Learning - Years K to 6 - 5P

I have been reflecting recently about the implications of technology in our classrooms. The irony is that as I gain experience as a learner and as an educator I feel more than ever like a novice navigating my way through the myriad of new technologies that seem to appear and just as soon disappear on the cusp of each new wave.

Of course the rise of technology in our schools and more widely in our society brings with it many pros and cons. Without delving too far into the negatives, the reality is that technology offers a number of digital platforms that can be used in ways that do not engage our young students in a positive regard.

However, at its greatest, technology can be a powerful educational tool that enhances learning and prepares young people for a real world that is very different from the world you or I grew up in. Greg Whitby in his book Educating Gen Wi-Fi says this about today's students – "Born into the digital age, into a world of rapidly advancing technology, today's students are considered 'digital natives'." He goes on to describe himself as a 'digital immigrant'. These are labels I can identify with. I believe the challenges for students and teachers alike are to be able to sift through what is relevant and useful for growing into life-long learners.

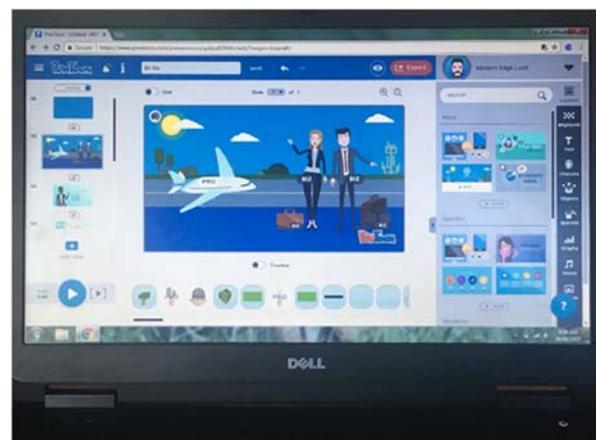
This term in 5P the students and I have been learning to use an interactive web based program called PowToon to present information researched in Geography. Through navigating the program's functionality, students have been learning and teaching each other about its available tools and features. In turn, they have applied their knowledge and understanding of PowToon's capabilities to develop and construct their own informative presentations relating to specific content areas from our Geography unit 'Factors that Shape Places'.

Here are what some of the students in 5P had to say about their learning experience:

"PowToon is really fantastic because you have lots of opportunities to be creative" – Zac Little

"I've really enjoyed using PowToon because it has taught me a new and different way of presenting information that engages others" – Chris Lovell

Mr Anthony Philips  
5P Teacher



# Early Learning Centre - Northbridge

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## **American Tea**

Only one week to go until American Tea!

The children are getting very excited. Please return your permission slips to Miss Penny as soon as possible. We also need more donations for the Lucky Chance stall, please drop off any last minute donations by next Monday.

If your child attends the ELC on a Friday and you are taking them to the American Tea, we encourage you to take your child home or to North Sydney afterwards.

## **Heart Art**

The ELC children have been working hard creating their heart art pieces for American Tea. These will be on display from Monday 4 September in the multipurpose room. Each artwork will be on sale for \$5.00. Payment can be made at the front desk. Please note that families can only purchase their own child's artwork.

## **Father's Day Celebration**

We had a wonderful Wednesday and Thursday morning welcoming families to the ELC. The ELC children had a great time playing different sports and enjoying a tasty breakfast with their special family members.

## **Mel Congratulations**

This week we celebrated a very big milestone for Miss Mel, she is off to get married! To celebrate the ELC children surprised Miss Mel with a special morning tea. We wish Miss Mel a very happy wedding day and can't wait to welcome you back as Mrs Mel after her honeymoon.

Kimberley Colthup  
Director Early Learning Centre



**UNIFORM SHOP**

Open : Monday, Tuesday, Thursday  
9:30am to 4:30pm  
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# SPORT

**Wet weather information**

Please refer to the Shore website on  
Saturday morning  
[www.Shore.nsw.edu.au](http://www.Shore.nsw.edu.au)

**NSW CIS Hockey**

Well done to Adam Watson and the NSW CIS hockey team who competed strongly at the State rugby championship this week. The CIS team had a tremendous tournament. They finished on top of their pool, won the semi-final 4-1 and played Hunter in the Grand Final, winning 1-0 off a short corner after full time.

**Shore Prep Athletics - IPSHA Athletics Carnival**

The Shore athletics team competed at the IPSHA Athletics carnival during the week. The team did very well and all boys must be commended for their behaviour and effort on the day.

Congratulations to all the boys who placed in their heats and received a ribbon. Special mention to the following boys who competed extremely well and achieved selection to the NSW CIS Athletics carnival.

Ted Coakley - Jnr relay (2<sup>nd</sup>) & U10 high jump (2<sup>nd</sup>)

Daniel Ivanhoe - U11 Long jump (1<sup>st</sup>)

Charlie Mott - Jnr relay (2<sup>nd</sup>)

Fraser Pandit - Jnr relay (2<sup>nd</sup>) U 9 100m (1<sup>st</sup>) U9 200m (5<sup>th</sup>)

Alexander Savage- U8 100m (1<sup>st</sup>)

Oliver Stokeld - Jnr relay (2<sup>nd</sup>) U9 100m (3<sup>rd</sup>)

We wish the boys all the best at the NSW CIS carnival on Wednesday 15 September.

Scott Mancey  
Sportsmaster



# Shore Association



## American Tea Silent Auction



Phuket luxury villa



V8 Supercars

### Our Online Silent Auction is now OPEN for bids!

REGISTER NOW

Go to [www.galabid.com/americantea](http://www.galabid.com/americantea) to view 80 items and click Register to bid.

Or from your phone – just text American tea and your name eg: 'American tea John Smith' to 0458 678 678, you will receive a text back with a link – click this and you are in!

There are many items generously donated by Shore families and friends, so please have a look and place your bid on a weekend away, art lessons, jewellery, wine, food or theatre!

Items will also be on display at the American Tea on Friday 8 September in the War Memorial Hall on the stage, behind the Boarder's Stall. Bidding closes on Friday 8 at 2pm.



Balmoral Boathouse, Kayak and Paddleboard



Year 5 boy cricket set



Tathra beach house



# Shore Association

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THE PARENTS OF STUDENTS IN YEARS 3-6

## Homemade Cake Stall

Since 1940 the tradition of the **American Tea** is to bring a cake and buy a cake. We would love you to continue this tradition.

Your son should have brought home a cake box to decorate. You can then fill the cake box with whatever homemade baking you enjoy. This can be a cake, cupcakes, biscuits, slice, meringues or any other homemade treats.

On the front lid panel is your son's name and year group. There is space for you to write the contents of the cake box, this helps us to find a particular child's box or a particular type of cake at the stall. The list of ingredients should also be included on the underside of the lid.

Please have your son deliver the filled cake box to the **Homemade Cake Stall** on the morning of the **American Tea**. He can then take part in the "Best decorated cake box competition".

Mrs Sue Wright will be judging decorated boxes during the morning. There will be prizes awarded to boys in each year group.

Feel free to bake anything you enjoy.

Many thanks for your help.

Sandie Hogarth-Scott & Rachel Fennessy  
Cake Stall Convenors

