



PREP PEEK

The weekly newsletter of Shore Preparatory School, Sydney, NSW

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Monday 4	Tuesday 5	Wednesday 5	Thursday 7	Friday 8	Sat 9 / Sun 10
Camp Begins—Yrs 3 - 6 K,1,2 Information Evening (6.00pm)	Camp—Yrs 3 - 6	Camp Ends—Yrs 3 - 6 K,1,2 General Assembly	Sport Trials Yrs 4 - 6	Prep Swimming Carnival (School Pool - 5.00pm)	Summer Sport Round 1
Monday 11	Tuesday 12	Wednesday 13	Thursday 14	Friday 15	Sat 16 / Sun 17
ACER Testing Yrs 3 - 6 Commences IPSHA Tennis trials	Yrs 3 - 6 Information Evening (6.00pm)	K,1,2 Assembly ELC Parent Welcome Evening (6.00pm)		K - 6 Class / Individual Photos 9.00am Prayer Group @ North- bridge	Summer Sport Round 2

Welcome Back

I would like to extend a warm welcome to all children and their families returning to the Preparatory School this week and a particularly warm welcome to those children and families who have joined the School community this year for the first time. I trust that everyone had a restful break and is ready for a new academic year. With floods and fires touching so many communities in recent weeks, I am certainly mindful that not all school communities are having such a smooth start to 2013.

Staff

We welcome to the Preparatory School two new teachers and an early childhood educator at the start of 2013. At Northbridge, we welcome Miss Louisa Brand into the role of K, 1, 2 Music teacher. Mrs Judy Hicks remains at the School, in her role as co-ordinator of our individual music tuition programme. At the North Sydney campus we welcome Mr Luke Tooker as our new Year 5 teacher. In the ELC, Miss Kirsten Cook joins us in Green Room.

We also have two returning staff members in 2013. Mrs Alexandra Geersen is returning to the School as a Year 4 teacher, after a year on secondment to the Board of Studies. At the ELC, Miss Alice Gibson returns to the Centre after a year of maternity leave.

There have also been some grade changes amongst teachers this year. Mr Sean Martin has made the move from Year 5 to Year 1 at Northbridge, while Miss Emily Kleinig has moved to Year 3 at North Sydney where she is joined by Mr Angus Bayliss. Mrs Mary Crerar has moved to Kindergarten, Mr Paul Harington to Year 5 and Mr Simon Rae to Year 6. Mrs Viv Covey also joins the Learning Support team at Northbridge, making the shift from the Senior School.

In the office at North Sydney, we also welcome Mrs Andrea Doss, who is taking on the Preparatory School Secretary position while Mrs Sandra Asprea is on maternity leave.

On behalf of the Preparatory School, I welcome all these new staff and their families to the School.

Please note: a complete list of staff is included in this Prep Peek.

Holiday Happenings

There has been much progress on the Northbridge soccer and tennis centre over the holidays. This project has also encompassed drainage works and some landscaping across the wider Northbridge site. It is expected that this project will be completed in May. Also, with the Graythwaite plans being approved at the end of last year, some preliminary work has begun on the site to clear away unwanted vegetation. It is hoped that the first stage of the project, the restoration of the historic buildings, will be able to begin shortly.

Some Preparatory School students have also been busy over the break. Some of our Year 6 cricketers were able to take part in a cricket exhibition game on the SCG during the lunch break of the Sydney test match. The boys and their coaches were thrilled to be on the same stage as the Australian test team. Also, special mention of Thomas Usher (Year 6) who has been performing in the Sydney Theatre Company's acclaimed production *The Secret River* over January. The production has received rave reviews and we are so proud that Thomas has been able to play a leading role in the performance.

After School Care

As has been communicated separately, there are changes to After School Care arrangements for North Sydney students this year. The School is no longer providing After School Care at the North Sydney site, but is offering a bussing option for North Sydney students to access the Northbridge service. Further details and enrolment forms can be obtained from the North Sydney office.

*Nick Saunders
Head of Shore Preparatory School*

North Sydney News, Years 3 to 6

A warm welcome is extended to parents and boys for the start of the 2013 school year. I especially welcome those students and families who are new to the Shore community this year. Thank you to all staff for their industrious efforts over the last fortnight, ensuring that all has been in readiness for this week. However, the school really comes to life with the arrival of the students and it has been a delight to see the smiles and hear the banter of boys excited to be returning to, or commencing at the Prep.

Traffic Management and Safety

Most parents will be aware that no spaces are ever available for parents to park cars in the Preparatory School. The campus includes a turning circle for the drop off and pick up of boys by car, which is always at its busiest over the first few weeks of the year. There are some procedures which help to make this difficult situation work as smoothly as possible and these were emailed to parents earlier this week. I am delighted with the patience and cooperation shown by drivers in the first few days. Thank you!

Routines

The first few weeks of any school year are an important opportunity to establish routines that will serve students well throughout the year. The boys have made a great start in their first few days and handled events with ease. I encourage parents and boys to work together in these early weeks to ensure the establishment of good habits at school and home. It is important for boys to be on time to school each day and with the correct equipment for the day's lessons. The student diary will be of great assistance in this regard – students use it daily and parents should be ensuring they sight and sign it each day as well. It is an important avenue of communication between home and school. Prep Peek (emailed weekly and on-line) and the Parent Handbook (on-line) will also be constant sources of valuable information and I would encourage parents to maintain familiarity with both. 'Lampada' is our on-line portal to facilitate communication and learning - students and parents can access information (including homework) via the school and class pages. No doubt, questions will still arise from time to time. Please, in the first instance, contact your son's class teacher who will be happy to help you with your enquiry or direct you to whomever can provide appropriate assistance.

Staff

We welcome a number of teaching staff to the community this year: Mr Luke Tooker commences at Shore on Year 5; Miss Emily Kleinig has 'graduated' to this campus with the other boys of Year 3; and Mrs Alex Geersen returns to teaching on Year 4 after a year away. We also welcome Mrs Andrea Doss as our Preparatory School Secretary...no doubt many of you will have already spoken with her over the phone or in the Office.

Swimming Carnival

Tomorrow morning, all boys will participate in swimming trials in preparation for our Swimming Carnival which will be held on Friday 8 February at 5:00pm.

Offers of parental assistance will be welcomed by the Sportsmaster tomorrow morning.

Camps

Next week our outdoor education programme begins with camps being held for Years 3 to 6. Years 3 and 4 will be attending Galston Crusaders Camp; Year 5 will be at Port Hacking and Year 6 will be under canvas at Camp Somerset on the Colo River.

Camps are a great way to start the year and serve as an opportunity to develop and extend relationships as well as participate in a wide variety of adventurous activities and challenges. Boys should arrive at school at the normal time on Monday and will be returning to school for the normal dismissal time on Wednesday. Any medication should be given to the class teacher with written instructions prior to departure.

Thursday Sport – Next Week

Due to camps, Sport at Northbridge will occur on Thursday next week. Boys in Years 4-6 will be bussed to Northbridge before lunch and then can be picked up at 3.10pm. Changes like this are rare but in this case necessary in order to be ready for the first round of sport the following Saturday. After School Care will be available at Northbridge – please contact the Office if you need to make use of this facility.

Elective Dance Trials

Mr Spencer will distribute notes to many interested boys in Years 5 & 6 regarding Elective Dance trials in Week 3. The note contains information parents need to be aware of before their son's make a commitment to this process.

ACER Testing

Over the next few weeks, all students will undertake a series of in-class standardised tests in Literacy, Mathematics and General Capabilities. These tests are used by teachers to assist in tailoring teaching programmes to individual needs and grouping students for learning activities. They also allow staff to monitor student progress from year to year. These can be discussed with your son's teacher during the Parent Teacher interviews scheduled for Week 6.

Important Dates – Term 1

Please refer to the Community Calendar in this week's Prep Peek for many important dates. Parent Information Evening (Week 3) and the North Sydney Cocktail Party would be dates to diarise now!

I look forward to meeting you and wish all Shore students and their families a rewarding and enjoyable 2013.

Mark Dunn
Deputy Head – North Sydney

Art Room 2013

The Art Room in the Prep is collecting newspaper and plastic containers for the new school year. If you have any of these items to bring in we would be extremely grateful!

Miss Schlunke
Visual Arts

Shore Preparatory School K, 1, 2 – Northbridge

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Northbridge News, K, 1, 2

Welcome back to School

I would like to welcome all the K,1, 2 girls, boys and parents to 2013 at Northbridge. I would particularly like to welcome new parents and students to our K,1,2 community. All the children were brimming with excitement (and a few nerves) on the first day. It is such a joy to see how they have settled in and their bright, happy faces are windows to their positive attitudes. They all deserve a restful weekend.

Building Works

As you are no doubt aware, a great deal of building work has taken place in and around the K,1,2 campus. Due to Christmas and the extreme heat in the holidays combined with the 'big wet' at the beginning of this week, the work is running a little behind schedule. I can assure you that the safety and education of the children is unimpeded.

Parent Information Evening

All K,1,2 parents are invited to attend the Parent Information Evening on Monday 4 February commencing at 6pm. This is an ideal opportunity for parents to meet their child's teacher, to look at our Northbridge grounds and to become more familiar with the systems that are in place in and outside the classroom. I will be addressing the parents in the hall and then the class teachers will talk about their plans for the year ahead. In the classrooms, the teachers will speak about particular issues relevant to their grade. Please arrive between 5:45 and 6:00 for a prompt start.

Car Park and Driveway Safety

All parents are asked to adhere to the school's strict **left turn only** policy for both entering and exiting the school car park. The policy is designed to assist with the traffic flow and vehicle/pedestrian safety in Sailors Bay Road. It is an offence to turn right when exiting the carpark. If parents are dropping off or collecting their child from the key-hole area, they are asked to stay in their vehicle. Staff on duty will assist with doors and bags, as necessary, as this helps to minimise the risk of any accidents in this area. Only Early Learning Centre families dropping off or collecting and ELC child should use the designated ELC parking bays, with parking in those spaces being limited to 10 minutes. No vehicles should be parked and left unattended in the turning circle area at any stage of the school day as this is an entry point for emergency vehicles.

Assemblies

The first K,1,2 Assembly on Wednesday 6 February will be a General Assembly. Following the assembly we will have a "Welcome to Parents" morning tea. Parents are warmly invited to attend their own child's class assembly which generally runs for about 30 minutes. (Please see dates in the Community Calendar).

The children take an active role in leading and sharing in all of our assemblies. Following the class assemblies, parents are invited back to the classroom for a visit and an update on what's going on. From past experiences, I know that children feel very proud when they 'show off' their classroom to their parents.

Northbridge Cocktail Party

I do hope that you will be able to attend the Northbridge Cocktail Party on Friday 8 March. Invitations will be sent home in the coming weeks but please keep the date free. It is a wonderful evening where parents from the ELC and K,1,2 get to be together in a social setting.

Other information to note:

Monday 4 February – K,1,2 Parent Information Evening (6pm)

Wednesday 6 February – Welcome to New Parents Morning Tea

Friday 22 February – Shore Icebreaker

Friday 8 March – K,1,2 Parents Cocktail Party

Natasha Mitchell
Deputy Head of Shore Preparatory School - Northbridge

Early Learning Centre – Northbridge

ELC Phone: 8966 5350 ELC Fax: 8966 5391

ELC News

Welcome

On behalf of the team at the Early Learning Centre, I would like to warmly welcome all of the new families who are starting at Shore for the first time, and welcome back returning families as we begin this exciting journey together for 2013.

This year we are delighted to welcome back Miss Alice Gibson, who has been on maternity leave for the year, and also welcome Miss Kirsten Cook who has joined the Shore community. Miss Alice and Miss Kirsten will be working with Mr Mark in the Green Room. Miss Kelly, Miss Vicki and Miss Beth make up the Blue Room team and we look forward to Miss Helen returning to the Centre in May. We are currently recruiting for an Early Childhood Teacher for the Green Room and a Diploma Trained Educator for the Blue Room. These places will be filled with casual staff members as appropriate.

What should your child bring to the ELC each day?

Each day your child attends the Early Learning Centre they should bring with them a packed lunch and a piece of fruit or a vegetable to share for morning and afternoon tea. Due to persons at risk of anaphylaxis, all food that your child brings to the Centre must contain **no nuts** or **no traces of nuts**. It is also useful to have a change of clothes in your child's bag just in case of any accidents during the day. All items of clothing should be clearly labelled.

Dalcroze

Dalcroze is the 'musicianship through movement' program run by Dr. Sandra Nash in the K 1 2 music room for students in their second year at the ELC. Letters will be distributed to families next week with further details regarding the day your child will attend.

Dalcroze will commence in week 3 and will take place in term time only.

Library Visits

Library visits for 2013 to Mrs Reynolds in the K 1 2 library will commence in Week 4. The borrowing days this year will be:

3/5 day children on Wednesday - Blue Room 10:00am & Green Room 11:00am

2/5 day children on Thursday - Blue Room 10:00am & Green Room 11:00am

Children are required to bring a clearly named Shore School library bag to be able to borrow a book to take home. On library days please encourage your child to put their own bag into the library trolley that will be located outside their play room door. If your child does not have their bag when they visit the library they may borrow a book for their play room. Children should return the book they borrow before they borrow another. The visits to the library occur in term time only.

Social Evenings

At the start of each year there are a few functions that take place where parents and staff from around the Shore community have the opportunity to come together. Please make a note of the following dates:

Wednesday 13 February – ELC parent welcome evening

This evening gives Shore Early Learning Centre parents, particularly those who are new to the ELC, the opportunity to come together and meet with other ELC parents, meet the ELC Shore Association Class Representatives, speak with your child's teachers and ask any questions you may have. The evening commences at 6.10pm and finishes at 7.30pm.

Friday 22 February – Icebreaker

Icebreaker takes place on the chapel lawn at North Sydney. The evening provides an opportunity for all Shore parents - new and existing - to break the ice, mingle and make friends in a relaxed, social atmosphere. This event can be booked, no later than **18 February**, by visiting the Shore website.

Friday 8 March – Northbridge Cocktail Party

The Northbridge Cocktail Party is for parents from ELC, K, 1 & 2. It takes place in the assembly hall area of the K 1 2 Centre and is another great fun opportunity to connect with staff and parents from the Northbridge campus. Information regarding how to book for this event will follow in the coming weeks.

I look forward to seeing you at these great Shore functions.

Rebecca Schollum
Director - ELC



Games

Wet weather information
(recorded message)
9956 1185
Wednesdays from 2:00pm
& early Saturday morning

Sport – Prep Peek – Term 1 Week 1.

I hope everybody had a very enjoyable and relaxing break. The start of term is very busy at Shore Prep, with swimming trials, summer sport trials and then camp.

The School swimming trials will be held tomorrow, Saturday 2 February at the Shore School Pool, North Sydney. To save your son disappointment can I ask all boys to allow plenty of time to arrive at the pool. First races for each age group will begin on the hour and I would not like any boy to miss the opportunity to be selected for the School Swimming Carnival.

Boys are required to wear Shore school swimmers, wet shirt (not when racing) and sunscreen.

YEAR GROUP SWIMMING TIMES

Year 6 8.00am – 9.00am (7.45am – warm up)

Year 4 9.00am – 10.00am

Year 5 10.00am – 11.00am

Year 3 11.00am – 12.00am

The swimming times collected from the swimming trials will be sorted. The 8 fastest times for each event will qualify for the Swimming Carnival on Friday 8, February. The Swimming Carnival will start at 5.00pm and finish approx. 6.30pm. Boys competing on the night need to be at the pool at 4.45pm for a warm up. If boys do not qualify for the finals they are still invited to participate in class races and cheer on their House team that evening. The class race is a 25m freestyle event.

SPORT TRIALS

The second trial for Summer Sport for Cricket, Tennis and Basketball will take place on Thursday 7 February.

Round 1 is on Saturday 9 February. This round will also be used as a trial for the boys.

Boys were asked, late last year, to give preference to the following sports; Cricket, Basketball or Tennis. Boys will get the opportunity to trial for their preferred sport. However, if they do not make that side they will be required to take up their 2nd option.

Due to number constraints for all sides, some boys may not make their chosen team and will be asked to trial for a different sport.

Shore Prep Sport Dress Code - *All of these items are available at the clothing shop.*

Trials – Boys must wear the Shore PE uniform if they don't already have the correct sports uniform.

Cricket: Shore cricket hat and whites must be worn (Long or short white pants are OK). All boys must wear a helmet, pads and box to bat.

Tennis: Boys are to wear Shore tennis polo shirt and Shore cap.

Basketball: Boys are to wear Shore basketball uniform (baggy basketball shorts and singlet).

Please note: On Wednesdays, boys will be asked to wear their PE uniform t-shirt to training instead of their basketball singlet.

****Please wait until team selections before you purchase the basketball uniform. This will allow coaches to organise the boy's number on their singlet****

Looking forward to a great year!

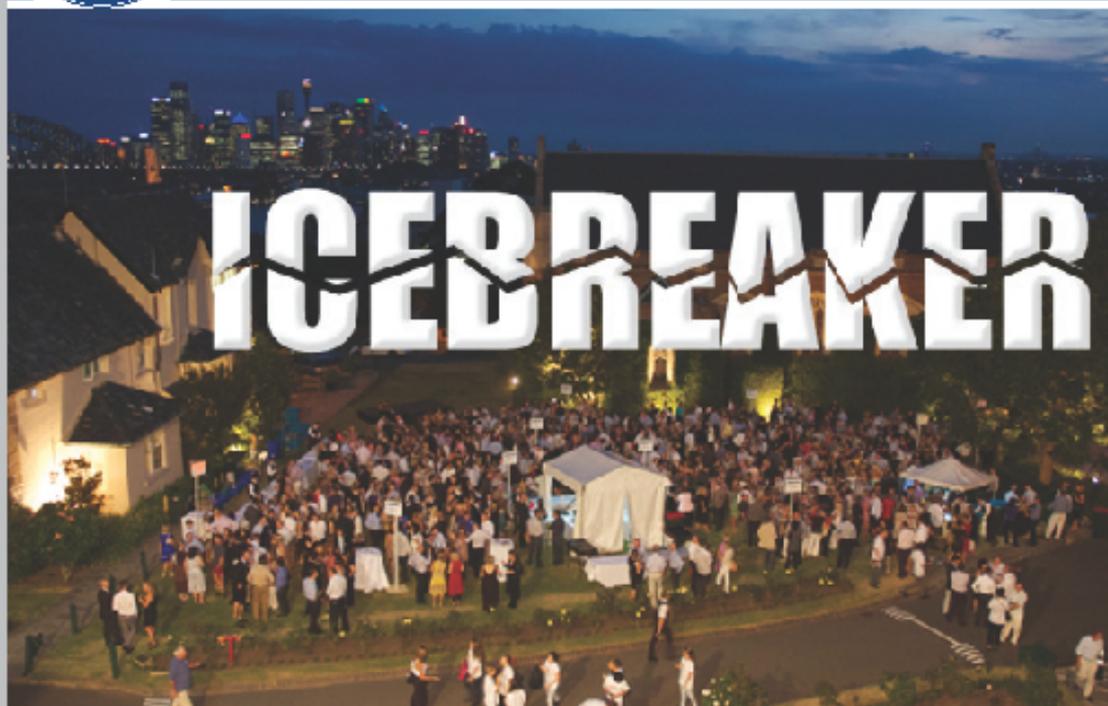
Scott Mancey
Sportsmaster

Shore Association



Friday 22 February 2013

SHORE
FOUNDATION



All parents are welcome to join us for this special get together at the start of the School year. The evening provides an opportunity for parents – new and existing – to break the ice, mingle and make friends in a relaxed, social atmosphere.

DATE	Friday 22 February 2013	COST	\$50.00 per person
VENUE	Chapel Lawn, North Sydney	DRESS	Smart casual
TIME	6.00pm – 9.00pm	RSVP	Monday 18 February

BOOK NOW visit www.trybooking.com/KHI

NO BOOKINGS WILL BE TAKEN AFTER 18 FEB

For further information contact the Foundation Office on 9956 1172 or email the Foundation at foundation@shore.nsw.edu.au

This is a Shore community event involving Northbridge, Preparatory School and Senior School.