



PREP PEEK

The weekly newsletter of Shore Preparatory School, Sydney, NSW

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Monday 11	Tuesday 12	Wednesday 13	Thursday 14	Friday 15	Sat 16 / Sun 17
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
Monday 18	Tuesday 19	Wednesday 20	Thursday 21	Friday 22	Sat 23 / Sun 24
		K,1,2 Assembly		Shore Icebreaker	Summer Sport Round 3 Scholarship Exam

Starting School

It was wonderful to see the new Kindergarten students on their first day last Thursday. Starting school at Shore, even if a child has spent the previous two years in the ELC, is always an important milestone for children and parents. After now completing a full week and a bit, it is hoped that everyone is feeling quite settled and 'in the groove' of school life. I know that our Kindergarten teachers, Mrs Curnow and Mrs Crerar, have been impressed by how well the children have adapted to their new environment. The school transition programme operated by the ELC each year has certainly played a large role in this smooth start.

The Department of Education has a great site that has tips for families. It is called "Helping Kindy Kids Succeed at School":

<http://www.schooltoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/helping-kindy-kids-succeed-at-school>

There are a couple of tips offered that are good for all parents to keep in mind, such as:

- Keep up the things you did with your child before they started school, like bedtime reading.
- Talk to your child's teacher if you have concerns about your child's learning.
- Get your child to school on time; it helps avoid anxiety.
- Get involved in your school; it shows your children you value education.

In addition, it is very important to always be positive in your communications to children about school, focusing on positive things that they can do to deal with some of the situations that they might face. Giving children positive strategies to deal with school situations themselves helps them to develop confidence and resilience.

Well done to our new Kindergarten children and their families for a great start to the year.

Preparatory School Camps

The Years 3 to 6 boys and teachers were at camp on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week and from my own observations during my visits and the stories when the boys returned, I think they were a great success. Boys were challenged by a range of exciting outdoor activities and experiences, and enjoyed exploring their skills of independence away from home and regular school. It is the School's hope that each boy was able to stretch himself by tackling a new experience and that each gained a sense of personal achievement. These camps are an important part of our programme at the Preparatory School, providing an opportunity for children to learn and be stretched in new areas and to build a sense of teamwork with each other and staff.

Thank you to the staff who organised the camps (particularly Mr Harrington) and who supervised the children during these important activities at the beginning of the year.

Preparatory School Information Night for Years 3 to 6 – Tuesday 12 February, 6pm Start

Please note that the evening commences at 6pm in the Multi-Activity Centre (MAC)

Next Tuesday 12 February, a Preparatory School Information Evening has been organised for the parents of boys in Years 3 to 6. The evening commences with a general introduction to the programmes and teachers of the Preparatory School in the Multi-Activity Centre. This session will be particularly relevant to parents who are new to the campus. All parents wishing to attend this session are to be seated in the Multi-Activity Centre (MAC) by **6pm**. After this introductory session, all parents are welcome to meet with their son's classroom teacher in the Preparatory School classrooms, commencing approximately at **6:40pm**.

Parking will be available in Bishopsgate (off Union Street) and in the Quadrangle outside the Deputy Headmaster's Office (off Edward Street).

Nick Saunders
Head of Shore Preparatory School

North Sydney News, Years 3 to 6

Swimming Carnival

Thank you to all the boys, parents and teachers who braved the elements last Saturday to complete our trials in weather conditions that were less than ideal! Congratulations to all the boys those who have been selected for finals at the Swimming Carnival. We hope to see lots of boys and parents poolside for our Carnival tonight at 5pm. Those who have not qualified are encouraged to come to support their house and swim in their class race.

Independent Young Men

I am sure you would agree that one of our aims as parents and educators is to encourage the boys to be responsible for their own behaviour. Part of this is to encourage the boys to be independent and responsible for their day to day organisation at Shore. In primary school a student should be bearing the bulk of responsibility for packing his bag and knowing what is required for each day (eg. Sport, PE, Music etc.). Boys do enjoy and grow from being given responsibility appropriate to their age and abilities. Of course, this is a process which they sometimes need assistance with in the way of reminders, charts and other techniques. But the end goal should be that they do it, rather than Mum, Dad or teacher doing it for them! By working together, we can teach and help our boys to be organised so that they grow into the increasing demands of the later school years and life. As a simple place to start I would encourage our younger boys to carry their own bag into and out of school and unpack it themselves. Our older students can be reading Prep Peek and using their diary to pack their own bag with the necessary materials for each day. It is worth remembering that when students do forget items, experiencing the natural consequences of this (which may include explaining to a teacher or missing out on an activity) can be an important part of the learning process. Parents dropping forgotten items to school or calling to excuse forgetfulness, whilst always well-meaning, can actually be unhelpful and deny boys a valuable learning experience. No boy should be phoning a parent during the day about forgotten equipment except in the rare instances that their teacher has given permission. If you are unsure how to handle such instances please discuss this with your son's teacher to ensure a consistent approach.

Uniform & Hair

I commend every student on their excellent start to the year in regards to uniform. It has been a pleasure to see the students correctly attired and demonstrating such visible pride in their school. Thank you to parents who have ensured that 'holiday hair' has been recently cut. Hair is to be neatly cut, above the ears and collar, and tapered at the back in what is traditionally known as a 'schoolboy or college cut'. Parents are requested to monitor this regularly throughout the year. Please note, for all weekend games, only Shore items are to be worn.

Melba Photos

Class and individual photos will be taken by Melba Studios next Friday 15 February throughout the morning. Boys are encouraged to ensure that their uniform, hair, shoes and smiles are perfect on the day. Melba will provide every student (K-6) with an individualised CD-Rom containing their class photo and their own portrait. Each student account will be debited \$20 and parents will then be free to use both digital images to make as many prints as they wish. Unfortunately, in order to provide this deal to families, there is not the option to opt out. Most families have found this to be a far cheaper and more convenient way of getting the photos that they want.

In addition to this, Melba is still happy to produce professional prints and an order form will be provided.

Camps

Well done to boys and staff on the way you handled yourselves at camps last week. Being away from home can often be a little daunting but it sounds like many friendships were forged and adventures enjoyed together. Thank you to our staff who spent time away from their own families ensuring that the boys were safe and happy.

After School Clubs

After School Clubs commence next week and many forms have been returned. A few places remain in most clubs but forms must be returned on Monday.

Parent Information Evening

We look forward to meeting with many parents next Tuesday evening. The evening commences at 6pm in the MAC for new parents and continues for all parents from 6.40pm in individual classrooms. Full details are in Mr Saunders' column on Page 1.

Wednesday Sport – Next Week

Thank you for your understanding and accommodation of our need to run Sports Trials at Northbridge on Friday last week and yesterday. From next week, sport training at Northbridge for Years 4-6 will return to Wednesday afternoons with pick-up from 3.10pm.

Leave

Parents are reminded that Saturday Sport is compulsory for boys in Years 4-6. Leave from any School obligation (including school days, sport, co-curricular activities and the beginning and conclusion of term) must be requested in advance. Please note that application for leave will not necessarily be approved. Holidays are advertised well in advance and parents are requested to make plans accordingly. Application for leave should be made to the Head of the Preparatory School, in writing, at least two weeks ahead of the requested leave.

Hot Weather

Invariably, the first few weeks back at school feature some of the warmest days of the summer. Staff do remind boys of the importance of regular drinks, making use of available shade, quieter play and appropriate clothing such as hats and sunscreen. A "no play hat – no play" guideline always applies. Boys must ensure that they have both hats each day. If a student does not have a play hat, they are expected to sit in the shade or visit the Library during play periods.

*Mark Dunn
Deputy Head – North Sydney*

Shore Preparatory School K, 1, 2 – Northbridge

K,1,2 Phone: 8966 5300 K1,2 Fax: 8966 5390

Northbridge News, K, 1, 2

Chapel

Kindergarten came to Chapel for the first time on Monday as “big school students”. In Chapel this week, we looked at the first part of our school’s Code of Respect. The first component of our Code of Respect looks at “Respecting Ourselves”. The focus is on being responsible for your own behaviour, co-operating with leaders and teachers and always doing your best. I know the boys and girls have certainly been doing their best as I have seen some beautiful work this week. Well done!

Uniform Reminders

A reminder that all boys must wear their caps to and from school. Boys’ hair needs to be cut in traditional school boy style with no undercuts or shaved areas. Girls must have their hair tied back if it touches their collar. Red or navy hair accessories are the only colours permitted. All children must also have a raincoat. Children without raincoats will not be taken to car lines. Parents will have to park and come down to pick their child up from the foyer. Please note that umbrellas are not permitted for use by the girls and boys.

Photos

Next Friday, 15 February, the children in K,1,2 will have their individual and class photographs taken. Parents are asked to ensure their child looks their best in terms of smart presentation of their school uniform and hair. Parents will be issued with a CD containing their child’s class and individual photos.

Welcome to Parents Morning Tea

It was a lovely morning on Wednesday, with new parents and familiar faces staying on after assembly for our Welcome to Parents Morning Tea for 2013. They chatted about the year ahead and enjoyed a cup of tea or coffee with Mr Saunders. Thank you to the parents who were able to attend.

Assemblies

We had our first assembly for the year on Wednesday. Year 2, you did a wonderful job running the assembly. Next week, we will begin our Class Assemblies with **2T** leading us off. I wonder what you have in store for us, so early in the year. Parents of children in 2T are invited to visit the classroom after the assembly. Congratulations to **Year 2P** on receiving our first **Quality Class of the Week Award** for 2013. What a fantastic way to start the year.

From the Office. . .

Mrs Lockyer requires all forms back as soon as possible. Please ensure the Authority to Collect Form, the Working with Children Check form, and after school pick-up information have been handed in as well as information regarding medication your child requires while at school.

The children who attend After School Care even on a casual basis **MUST** return their enrolment forms and Parent Contact Information form immediately. Thank you for your co-operation.

Kidstuff

Did you know that Kidstuff has a School Loyalty Programme? When you purchase items from their stores, simply mention that your child attends Shore Preparatory School and our school will accumulate points. We use the points to redeem educational materials, games and toys for our school.

Other information to note:

Friday 15 February – K-6 Individual and Class photos

Friday 22 February – Shore Icebreaker

Friday 8 March – Northbridge 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

Thank you

This week certainly started off as one to remember with a burst water main on Sailors Bay Rd early Monday morning. Unfortunately, we were required to close the Early Learning Centre temporarily due to the potential health and safety risks posed to your children. I know how frustrating and inconvenient the incident was for everyone involved and would like to thank you for your patience and understanding as we worked with Sydney Water to get fresh water back on site as fast as possible.

Sign In & Out

Under the *Education and Care Services National Regulations* all children must be **signed in and signed out with the time and signature on arrival and departure**. It is also a requirement that an **emergency contact number** is provided every day. Please also indicate who the authorised person will be collecting your child at the end of the day and communicate any changes to one of the educators from your child's room.

Front Door Security

Miss Leanne and I have been working hard to get all authorised persons entered into the front door security system. It can be a time consuming process, so thank you for your patience with this. If you have not yet been entered into the system, please speak with Leanne or me about when it would be convenient to do so.

Children are asked not to ring the doorbell, as this alerts ELC staff to open the door to unauthorised persons and have to leave the children to do so. Children are **not** permitted to open the door for adults. Please also help us keep the ELC secure by checking the front door and gate close properly behind you.

Sunscreen

At the Early Learning Centre we follow the UV index every day to provide guidance for when it more suitable to be outdoors and when sun protection such as hats and sunscreen are required. The UV index is usually around 12 to 13 in Sydney at the moment with sun protection being required from 9:00am until just after 5:00pm. To assist us in protecting your children from the harmful rays of the sun could you please visit the sunscreen station with your child every morning that you arrive at the ELC. We will assist your child reapply sunscreen before they go outside in the afternoon. If you would like more information on the UV index you could visit www.cancercouncil.com.au or visit the Sun Smart app.

Shore Association Representatives

This year the ELC Shore Association Representatives are Emma Scott (Ted, Blue Room) and Danielle Wheeler (Henry, Green Room). Throughout the year Emma and Danielle have an active and varied role in the parent community where they organise social events such as a morning tea or dinner, support the organisation of Northbridge events such as the Cocktail Party and recruit much needed volunteers for the American Tea. They may also organise support from the Shore community for ELC families who may be experiencing a difficult situation at home. Danielle and Emma will communicate with you primarily through email supplied on the class lists. Please note the class lists are distributed from the Bursars office and for confidentiality reasons we are unable to share personal details supplied to the ELC with you.

Important Dates

Wednesday 13 February – ELC Parent Welcome Evening 6.10pm to 7.30pm.

Friday 22 February – Icebreaker

Friday 8 March – Northbridge Cocktail Party

*Rebecca Schollum
Director - ELC*



UNIFORM SHOP

Open

Mondays, Tuesdays
and Thursdays
9.30 to 4.30pm
(02) 9900 4704

Games

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

Swimming Carnival

The School swimming trials were successfully completed last weekend in terrible conditions. Well done to all boys who swam in the most uninviting, challenging conditions. The 8 fastest times for each event have qualified for the Swimming Carnival tonight. 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

Round 1 is tomorrow on Saturday 9 February. Please note this round will also be used as a trial game. Given the limited time we have had to see the boys play their particular sport, this round will be used as a trial and there will more than likely be some movement between teams next week.

It is important to check the Prep Peek each week for any late changes to the weekend fixtures.

Wet Weather

Boys are asked to make a note of their captain's number. Every Saturday morning I will leave a message on the wet weather line (9956 1185). Captains are to ring this number after 6.45am and the boys are to ring the captain to find out if the game is on or off. If everyone tries to ring the wet weather line, the system becomes blocked and I cannot leave a message. This in-turn creates confusion and anxiety. Wet Weather line – 9956 1185. Please ring after 6.45am. I need time to contact all schools in the morning.

Saturday Sport – Round 1 **Please note change of venue for Yr 5 Super 8 Blues**

	COACH	Rd 1 - 9/2	Time
1st Cricket	A Bayliss	Sydney Grammar St Ives Cowper # 1	8.00am
Yr 6 Super 8 Blues	S Grainger	BYE	
Yr 6 Super 8 Whites	H Bunting	Sydney Grammar Edgecliffe Northbridge E	8.00am
Yr 5 As Cricket	S Rae	Trinity Bressington # 4	8.00am
Yr 5 Bs Cricket	S Martin	Trinity School Field - Nth Syd	8.00am
Yr 5 Super 8 Blues	K Polis	St Ignatius SIC # 2B	9.30am
Yr 4 As Cricket	A Phillips	Knox Ireland Field	8.00am
Yr 4 Bs Cricket	M Dunn	Knox Yeldham Field	8.00am
Yr 4 Super 8 Blues	E Kleinig	Knox Kent Rd	8.00am
Tennis	L Reynolds /P Harrington	Barker Rosewood Courts	8.00am
Basketball Snr A	P Knight	Kings NSBH	10.15am
Basketball Snr B	M Crerar	Kings NSBH	9.30am
Basketball Snr C	K Tootell	Kings NSBH	8.45am
Basketball Snr D	N Mitchell	Kings NSBH	8.00am
Basketball Snr E	S Curnow	Kings Price # 1	8.45am
Basketball Snr F	C Gagliano	Kings Price # 1	8.00am
Basketball Snr G	L Tooker	Arden Beecroft Campus	10.15am
Basketball Snr H	A Geersen / V Covey	Arden Beecroft Campus	9.30am
Basketball Jnr A & B	J Anderson	Kincoppal Kincoppal Indoor Courts	B - 8.00am A - 8.45am



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SPORT VENUES

SHORE

School Field - Edward St., North Sydney.

Northbridge - (SCEGS War Memorial Playing Fields)

55 Sailor's Bay Rd, Northbridge.

NSBH - North Sydney Boys' High, Falcon St North Sydney.

SYDNEY GRAMMAR, ST. IVES

Cowper, Top Field, Pool - Mona Vale Rd & Ayres Rd, St. Ives.

TRINITY

Bressington Park, Mason Pk - Underwood Rd, Homebush.

KNOX GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Ireland and Yeldham - Billyard Ave, Wahroonga.

Kent Rd, North Turrumurra - off Bobbin Head Rd, turn into Spurwood St and that leads to Kent Rd.

BARKER COLLEGE

Jnr School and Rosewood Courts - College Cres, Waitara.

THE KING'S SCHOOL

Price Courts (behind Prep School), Pennant Hills Rd, Parramatta.

KINCOPPAL

Kincoppal MTC Indoor Court. 2 Vacluse Rd, Vacluse.

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

****Parents, please wait until team selections before you purchase the basketball uniform. This will allow coaches to organise the boy's number on their singlet - If you have not been told what number to purchase from the clothing pool, please make sure your son wears the Shore PE uniform. This will be fine for this weekend's round.****

Sport 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 Wednesday, boys will be asked to wear their PE uniform t-shirt to training instead of their basketball singlet.

Scott Mancey
Sportsmaster

Shore Association



Friday 22 February 2013

THE SHORE
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BOOK NOW

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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 to meet and toast the Year Reps, 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	Semi-formal casual
TIME	6.00pm – 9.00pm	SAVE	Monday 18 February

NO BOOKINGS WILL BE TAKEN AFTER 18 FEB

For further information contact the Foundation Office on 9956 1177 or email the Foundation.

Shore Association is a not-for-profit organisation.
Registered in NSW and VIC.

THE SHORE
ASSOCIATION

Shore Prayer Group

The parent prayer group meets twice per term.

Everyone is welcome

Fridays @ 9.30 – 10.45am

Venue: Northbridge Prep School in the "Interview Room"

Parking available in the grounds

Tea/Coffee provided

TERM ONE

15 February

22 March

Co-ordinators and Enquiries

Catherine Scott 9411 4779

Bronwyn Boyer 9972 2083

Canteen at Northbridge will be open from 8am this Saturday .. serving nudie juices, coffee, cake, bacon and egg rolls etc .. Gluten free products are available.

Welcome

On behalf of the Shore Association I would like to welcome back all families for 2013 and also a special welcome to all the new families starting out at Shore this year.

The Shore Association has many events planned for the forthcoming year. There's the IceBreaker, the American Tea and various Parent Information Sessions just to name a few. Remember that all Shore families are automatically members of the Shore Association and we encourage you to attend as many of the events throughout the year as possible. The key objective of the Association is to promote friendship and warmth amongst the school community as well as to help raise funds for our school.

Our first event is the IceBreaker which we co host with the Shore Foundation. This is a wonderful cocktail function held on the Chapel lawn and a function which unites the whole school. The date is Friday 22nd February at 6.00pm. All families will have received an invitation directly from the Foundation and a reminder will be sent to you from your Year Representative. This is a very popular event so please remember to RSVP as soon as possible.

Details of all Shore Association events will always be found here, in the SHORE ASSOCIATION WEEKLY, more affectionately known as SAW. There is a link to SAW on the Shore homepage and we would encourage you to access it regularly. It is here, as well as via your Year Reps, that you will also find out where you can help to volunteer your time or services. There are many and varied roles that we are always looking to fill, such as American Tea stalls, Library Services, Scribing and Northbridge Saturday Canteen, just to name a few. Your children will love to see you involved in their school so please don't hesitate to volunteer where you can.

On behalf of the Shore Association, I wish you and your sons and daughters a productive, and perhaps more importantly, enjoyable 2013 at Shore.

Michelle Bennett

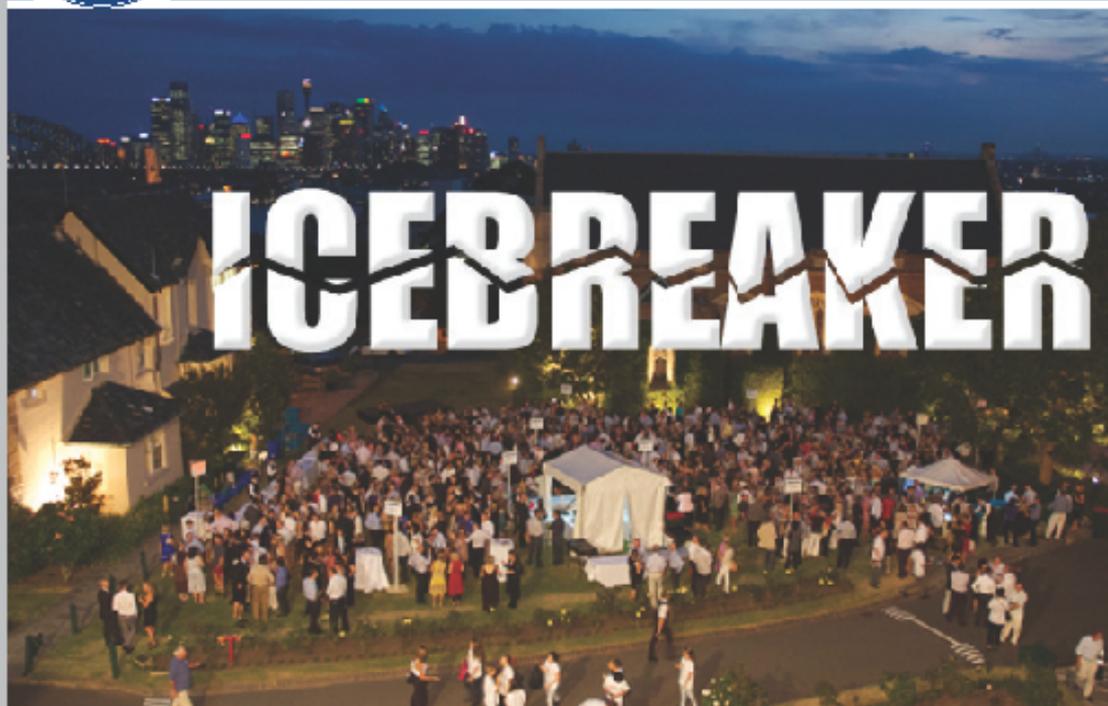
Shore Association Chairman

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BOOK NOW visit www.trybooking.com/KHI

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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.