



# PREP PEEK

The weekly newsletter of Shore Preparatory School, Sydney, NSW

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Monday 18	Tuesday 19	Wednesday 20	Thursday 21	Friday 22	Sat 23 / Sun 24
		K,1,2 Assembly	Y6 Fleece Sizing	Shore Icebreaker Scots Invitational Swimming Carnival (12-2.30pm)	Summer Sport Round 3 Scholarship Exam
Monday 25	Tuesday 26	Wednesday 27	Thursday 28	Friday 1	Sat 2 / Sun 3
	K-2 Incursion—Snowrella (11am)	K,1,2 Assembly  Co-curricular & Summer Sport Photos			Summer Sport Round 4  Prep Family Ser- vice (9am)

## The Parent - School Partnership

At the recent Parent Information Evenings at Northbridge and North Sydney, Miss Natasha Mitchell and I mentioned the importance of having a strong link between the home and the School. When parents and the School work together towards the common purpose of educating the children, the children feel more secure and happy in their School life and their learning. At the School, the Shore Association plays an important role in fostering this important partnership. Below I have included information from the Association.

### Why should I take an active role in my child's school?

There are great benefits for you as a parent, the School, our teachers and most importantly your child in being involved in your child's school community. Research suggests that when a parent is actively and positively involved in their child's school, children:

- Achieve more at school regardless of background;
- Develop better self-esteem and self-discipline;
- Show higher aspirations and motivation toward school.

Benefits for you as a parent also include:

- An improved relationship with your child because you are more aware of what is going on at School;
- Being more confident in parenting and decision-making skills;
- Increasing your understanding of teachers, the School and its policies;
- Feeling valued and connected to the wider school community.

### How can I involve myself in a way that helps my child?

There are many events and activities to be involved in at the Preparatory School. Your Shore Association Year Rep is always a great place to start, if you are looking for ways to become involved. A full list of year Representative details can be found on the Shore website:

<http://www.shore.nsw.edu.au/community/the-shore-association/year-reps>

We encourage you to involve your family and have fun. Here are some specific ways you can get involved.

**Help in Classrooms.** Each year there are opportunities to help out in your child's class. Each class needs parent helpers and so please be on the look-out for information in the Prep Peek about how to be involved.

**American Tea.** This is the Shore community's big day. Along with helping on the day there are many activities leading up to it where helpers can participate and have fun. Contact the American Tea Co-ordinators, Emma Scambler and Lizzie Windsor, or contact the many stall conveners directly. Their details can be found on the Shore Association section of the Shore website and would love to hear from you. <http://www.shore.nsw.edu.au/community/the-shore-association/american-tea>

**Book Covering.** From time to time, our teacher librarians are on the look-out for parents to cover books in the library. If you are happy to be involved, keep your eyes on the library sections of the Prep Peek.

**Northbridge BBQ.** The canteen at Northbridge is run on Saturdays by parent helpers. The parents of boys in Prep teams are generally rostered on to the canteen for one week during the season.

**Crested Goods.** Are you a good shopper with some great ideas for things to add our Shore logo to? Then perhaps you could consider becoming involved in Crested Goods at Shore. Even if you aren't, they can always take helpers! The details for the Crested Goods Store can be found on the website at <http://www.shore.nsw.edu.au/community/crested-goods>

### Shore Boy in Tropfest 2013

Tropfest is the world's largest short film festival, held each year in Sydney. It is a highly competitive event that is renowned globally. This Sunday is Tropfest 2013 Festival Day, held in the Domain. This year we have a Year 6 boy, Tom Usher, starring in a short film that has made the top 16. The film is called "The Pledge for Mister Bunny" and there are high hopes that it will feature in the prizes on the night. We wish Tom all the best for the big occasion!

*Nick Saunders*  
Head of Shore Preparatory School

# North Sydney News, Years 3 to 6

## Parent Information Evening

It was wonderful to meet many parents at the Information Evening earlier this week. I know that teachers greatly valued the opportunity to provide information about their classrooms and programmes. Parents will have appreciated the preparation and planning that the teachers have undertaken to ensure that all boys have a successful year. Should you have any further questions, please contact your son's teacher via his diary or the Office.

## Pick-Up and Drop-Off

Thank you to all parents who have been thoughtfully and co-operatively negotiating the difficult circumstances of Edward Street particularly of an afternoon. Your care and patience has been greatly appreciated in ensuring our students arrive and leave the school safely. Now that the year is well underway and students have settled, it would be pleasing to see more students utilising the public transport facilities available. I encourage those yet to do so to give it a go!

## After School Clubs – Pick-Up

If picking up your son from a club, please do not block the turning circle. If you are early, please park in nearby streets and walk to school. Preferably, delay your arrival until soon after the advertised finish time of your son's club so that he is ready to enter the vehicle.

## Tae Kwon Do

Boys doing Tae Kwon Do can wear PE Uniform without shoes. Their instructors will speak to the boys about the availability of Tae Kwon Do robes at a cost of \$80.00. These will not be compulsory and should only be considered once you are sure that your son will continue with this activity. Included with their enrollment in this Club, boys are also entitled to one lesson which can be arranged through Wyllie Tae Kwon Do at Willoughby.

## School Office – Phone Messages

All of the boys have are now settling into the regular routines of travel, clubs, After School Care and other activities. It should be noted that phone messages for students concerning afternoon arrangements should be kept to a minimum. I am sure that parents will appreciate the impracticality of conveying phone messages on a regular basis or for a large number of boys. The best strategy is to ensure that your son understands clearly how he is getting home *before he leaves in the morning*. Of course, when unexpected changes occur, staff will do their best to get a message to the affected student/s.

## Occupational Therapy

Part of the process of getting to know our new students and tracking the development of those who have been at the School for a number of years is an OT screening. Next Tuesday, all students in Years 3 and 5 and new students in Years 4 and 6 will be screened by an Occupational Therapist who will discuss her observations with class teachers. Parents will receive an individual report of this assessment and be contacted if on-going assistance is recommended.

## Lost Property

Parents are reminded of the importance of clearly labeling all their son's clothing. Many of you would be amazed, as I am, at the amount of property that is picked up around the school that is unnamed! Whilst we encourage the boys to develop responsibility in this area, it is inevitable that enthusiastic boys who are regularly required to move around the school and change for PE, Dance, Drama and Sport activities will eventually leave something behind. Lost items have a greater chance of being returned to their owner if they are clearly labeled. It is worth periodically checking your son's belongings to ensure that they remain named and are actually his! If at any stage you become aware that your son has inadvertently brought home another student's belongings, please return these to the School promptly. All lost property is located in the 6K classroom and named property is regularly distributed.

## Year 6 Duties

Each week the Year 6 students provide an invaluable service by accepting responsibility for a number of daily tasks around the school. Boys might look after lunch orders or gate duty, raising and lowering of the school flag, delivering messages, or handing out lost property, just to name a few. On their own, these tasks may be quite small but the collective effort holds great significance for the smooth running of the Prep. These duties are a terrific way for Year 6 to exercise leadership and service. House groups are rostered to these tasks and earn a bonus house point if they are completed reliably. We are indebted to Year 6 for the way they complete these tasks with a minimum of fuss and very few reminders.

## Preparatory School Family Service – Years 5-6

Our annual Family Service will be held on Sunday 3 March, commencing at 9am (please note that the Choir will be assembling at 8am). All boys in Years 5 and 6 are expected to attend, wearing summer uniform (no caps or coats). Families and other students are warmly invited to join together when we gather as a community to hear a Christian message from Reverend Dudley.

Mark Dunn  
Deputy Head – North Sydney

The boys attending Monday's assembly were treated to some excellent piano playing by Liam Graham who gave a sensitive performance of 'Etude'. Liam is developing a lovely tone on the instrument and I look forward with interest to future performances.

David Jensen  
Prep Music Coordinator

# Shore Preparatory School K, 1, 2 – Northbridge

## Northbridge News, K, 1, 2

### Chapel

In Chapel this week K,1,2 looked at the second component in our school's "Code of Respect". This component is titled "Respecting Others". The children looked at being considerate, using manners, apologising, standing up for others in need and appreciating the differences in others. Our Bible verse states "Since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another" (1 John 4:11). This advice is a timely reminder for us all.

### Punctuality

Over the past week I have been very concerned with the number of children arriving late to school. It is important for the children to be on time in the mornings as it can be very unsettling if, when they arrive, everybody else has started the day without them. Children need time to adjust to school in the mornings. It is important to instil a sense of punctuality in our children. I would ask parents to assist with this vital life lesson.

### Birthdays at School

We love celebrating birthdays at K,1,2. If you are planning to send in some celebratory fare, I would ask that you only send in one small thing for each child. People have, in the past, sent in cupcakes, ice-blocks, packets of chips, lolly bags etc. Just one of these things is sufficient for each child. We certainly don't want to overload the children. Just a reminder that party invitations should be posted or emailed and not given out at school.

### Playground Responsibility

At school, we encourage the children to take responsibility for looking after their own belongings as well as those that belong to the school. The children are fortunate to have the use of a variety of equipment in the playground at recess and lunch each day. Whilst it is the responsibility of every child to put away whatever they were using each play period, each term one House will be on duty to monitor that everything is tidied up at the end of recess and lunch. For Term 1, the children in Baker House in Year 2 will have this task. Thank you to these children for helping to keep our school looking good.

### Emailing Staff

As per the School Policy, may I remind parents not to email staff directly. Teachers are more than happy to speak with you about your child. Please call the office to leave a message and the staff member will return your call. Alternatively, you may email the school at [k12office@shore.nsw.edu.au](mailto:k12office@shore.nsw.edu.au) and your email will be forwarded to the appropriate staff member.

### Pedestrian Safety

Some children have been seen crossing the pedestrian crossing outside the school by themselves. If you park your car on the other side of the road please walk your child across the crossing and the driveway to the school pedestrian gate. This is especially important as we do not have a 'lollipop person'. Thank you for helping to keep our children safe.

### Assemblies

Well done to 2T for your assembly on Wednesday. What an excellent way to start our Class Assemblies for the year. *The Premier's Reading Challenge Certificates* for 2012 were also handed out at this week's assembly. Congratulations to all the children who received these awards. Next week, Year 1H will present our Wednesday assembly. Parents of students in Year 1H are welcome to visit the classroom following the assembly. Congratulations also to **Year 1H** on receiving the **Quality Class of the Week Award** for this week. Great team work, girls and boys!

### Other information to note:

**Friday, 22 February** – Shore Icebreaker

**Monday, 4 March to Thursday, 8 March** – Parent Teacher Meetings

**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

### Birthday Celebrations at the ELC

Birthdays are such an important time in the lives of young children. Every year marks significant growth and development and often allows children increased independence as well as the opportunity to do more 'grown up' things. When it is your child's birthday, and they would like to share this exciting day with their friends and teachers, please inform one of the educators. Your child will be invited to choose a badge, sticker or wristband to wear to let everyone know it's their birthday.

At the end of lunch time, when we are all together as one group, we will sing happy birthday to your child and they can blow out a special candle. Bringing food to celebrate your child's birthday is not compulsory, however, if you do decide to bring something to share, we will give it to the children after they have eaten lunch. In consultation with parents, we have provided some suggestions of what is suitable to bring to the ELC; please read the *Birthday Celebrations at the Early Learning Centre* booklet for further information or speak with one of us. All food that comes to the Early Learning Centre must have **no nuts** and **no traces of nuts**.

### Staying Healthy 5<sup>th</sup> Edition

The Australian Government National Health and Medical Research Council have just released their latest edition of *Staying Healthy: Preventing infectious diseases in early education and care services*. The handbook provides guidance and procedures for best practice regarding children's health and safety in early education and care settings. A copy of this handbook is now available in the parent library in the ELC foyer.

### Immunisation

Thank you to all of the new families who have provided information regarding your child's current immunisation status and a copy to include in your child's file. If this information has not been included with your form, can you please ensure this is done **as soon as possible**.

The current National Immunisation Program Schedule (NIPS) outlines that children require additional vaccines at four years of age. It is your responsibility to provide information to the Early Learning Centre when your child has received their four year old immunisations, so that we are able to keep our records up to date.

### Siblings

Thank you to all of the siblings who have been so responsible coming into the ELC in the afternoons. It has been great to observe children waiting quietly with a book on the ottoman in the ELC foyer or sitting on the wooden bench seat outside the front door. We ask that older children who choose to accompany parents and carers through the Centre stay with you and respect their siblings learning space.

Activities in the Centre are intended for children who are enrolled in the Early Learning Centre only. Children younger than three should be closely supervised at all times as many of the resources present choking hazards to young children.

### Green Room Documentation

As part of our ongoing objective to involve parents and families in the ELC program, the Green Room team would like to invite you to contribute to their room plan. Please contribute your ideas of your child's current interests to the room plan displayed near the door to Green room. Miss Alice, Miss Kirsten and Mr Mark will follow these up with your child through conversations and play.

### ELC Car Park Permits

Please see Leanne at the front desk if you do not have an ELC 2013 car park permit to display in your window. These permits allow you to use the six Early Learning Centre only short stay car parks on the days your child attends the ELC.

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

Congratulations to all swimmers who competed in the Shore Swimming Carnival last Friday. Special mention to Mr and Mrs Elster and staff for their help and support in the running of the event. All the boys tried very hard which made for some very close and competitive races. Well done boys and well done Swimming Captain Jack Elster for a fine speech at the presentation ceremony.

## SWIMMING AGE CHAMPIONS 2013

	<u>Runner Up</u>	<u>Champion</u>
Under 8	Jaidyn Tam	James Kase
Under 9	Archie Jackson	William Harvey
Under 10	Ben Hondros	Jonathon Woodcock
Under 11	Nathan Davis	Charlie East
OPENS	Austin Bogatez	Dylan Smith

WINNING HOUSE - **LINTON**

*Scott Mancey  
Sportsmaster*

## Results 9 February

1 <sup>st</sup> Cricket	Sydney Grammar	124-125
Yr 6 Blues	BYE	-
Snr Whites	Sydney Grammar	34-81
5A Cricket	Trinity	62-61
5B Cricket	Trinity	110-37
Yr 5 Blues	St Ignatius	38-15
4A Cricket	Knox	83-82
4B Cricket	Knox	98-78
Yr 4 Blues	Knox	20-70
Snr A Basketball	King's	19-34
Snr B Basketball	King's	24-20
Snr C Basketball	King's	22-12
Snr D Basketball	King's	10-12
Snr E Basketball	King's	10-18
Snr F Basketball	King's	32-5
Snr G Basketball	Arden	16-28
Snr H Basketball	Arden	12-12
Jnr A Basketball	Kincoppal	22-4
Jnr B Basketball	Kincoppal	12-2
Tennis A	Barker	Won
Tennis B	Barker	Won



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	COACH	Rd 2 - 16/2	Time
1st Cricket	A Bayliss	Internal Northbridge Indoor Centre	8.00am
Yr 6 Super 8 Blues	S Grainger	Kings—Northbridge E	9.30am
Snr Super 8 Whites	H Bunting	Kings—Northbridge E	8.00am
Yr 5 As Cricket	S Rae	St Ignatius—Northbridge G	8.00am
Yr 5 Bs Cricket	S Martin	St. Ignatius Northbridge F	8.00am
Yr 5 Super 8 Blues	K Polis	Waverley—Queens's Park # 22	8.00am
Yr 4 As Cricket	A Phillips	Cranbrook - School Field Nth Sydney	8.00am
Yr 4 Bs Cricket	M Dunn	Cranbrook - Steyne Park	8.00am
Yr 4 Super 8 Blues	E Kleinig	Cranbrook—Little Hordern	7.30am
Tennis	L Reynolds / P Harrington	St. Patrick's—River Road	8.00am
Basketball Snr A	P Knight	Newington—Wyvern Courts	10.15am
Basketball Snr B	M Crerar	Newington—Wyvern Courts	9.30am
Basketball Snr C	K Tootell	Newington—Wyvern Courts	8.45am
Basketball Snr D	N Mitchell	Newington—Wyvern Courts	8.00am
Basketball Snr E	S Curnow	Newington—NSBH	10.15am
Basketball Snr F	C Gagliano	Newington—NSBH	9.30am
Basketball Snr G	L Tooker	Newington—NSBH	8.45am
Basketball Snr H	A Geersen / V Covey	Newington—NSBH	8.00am
Basketball Jnr A & B	J Anderson	Sydney Grammar St. Ives—Courts	B - 8.00am A - 8.45am

## Venue

### SHORE

School Field - Edward St., North Sydney.  
Northbridge - (SCEGS War Memorial Playing Fields) 55 Sailor's Bay Rd, Northbridge.  
Northbridge Indoor Centre – Under Grandstand, next to E ground, Northbridge.  
NSBH - North Sydney Boys' High, Falcon St North Sydney.  
River Rd Tennis Courts – River Rd, Lane Cove.

### WAVERLEY COLLEGE

Queens Park, Darley Rd., Waverley.

### CRANBROOK

Little Hordern Field, Cranbrook School - New South Head Rd, Rose Bay.  
Steyne Park - William St, Double Bay

### NEWINGTON (WYVERN HOUSE) COLLEGE

Prep School - Cambridge St. Stanmore.

### SYDNEY GRAMMAR ST. IVES

Cowper - Mona Vale Rd & Ayres Rd, St. Ives. (Basketball & Tennis), Parking in Mawson Street

# Shore Association

## Did you know ?

Nick Foord our Community Chaplain is there for you .. our Shore families

Nick Foord is a Shore Old Boy and is quite at home at Shore. He completed his HSC at Shore in 1980, then completed a Science / Engineering double degree at Sydney University. Following this he worked for several years in the telecommunications industry in Sydney and Melbourne. He left his engineering career to enter the pastoral ministry. As part of the training he completed a degree in Theology/Ministry.

Since completing these studies Nick has worked in various roles (Youth Work, Young Adults, Family Ministry, Senior Minister) at four churches around Sydney. He has also completed a Masters degree and a Doctorate. He is very happy to assist with a range of issues that might arise. In some cases he will be able to suggest other people or professionals who may be able to help in a range of areas.



Nick's contact details :

Nick Foord (Rev, Dr) - Community Chaplain

**p:** 9900 4753

**home:** 9958 6303 (in case of crisis)

**e:** [nfoord@shore.nsw.edu.au](mailto:nfoord@shore.nsw.edu.au)

Heather Foord - Chaplains' Assistant

**p:** 9900 4734

**e:** [chaplainsPA@shore.nsw.edu.au](mailto:chaplainsPA@shore.nsw.edu.au)

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.

## Skittles Stall Movie Night

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March at the Cremorne Orpheum Theatre

### Save the date

It will be a private screening of 'I Give it a Year' with a glass of bubbly and sandwiches beforehand as well as a mini ice-cream. The cost will be \$38 and Trybooking details will be available next

ROSE WYRNE ANNA PARIS RAPE SPALL SIMON BAKER

A NEW ROMANTIC COMEDY FROM THE PRODUCERS OF LOVE ACTUALLY, BRIDGET JONES'S DIARY AND NOTTING HILL.

# I GIVE IT A YEAR



"A SHARP, SMART COMEDY WITH HUGE LAUGHS."



## 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

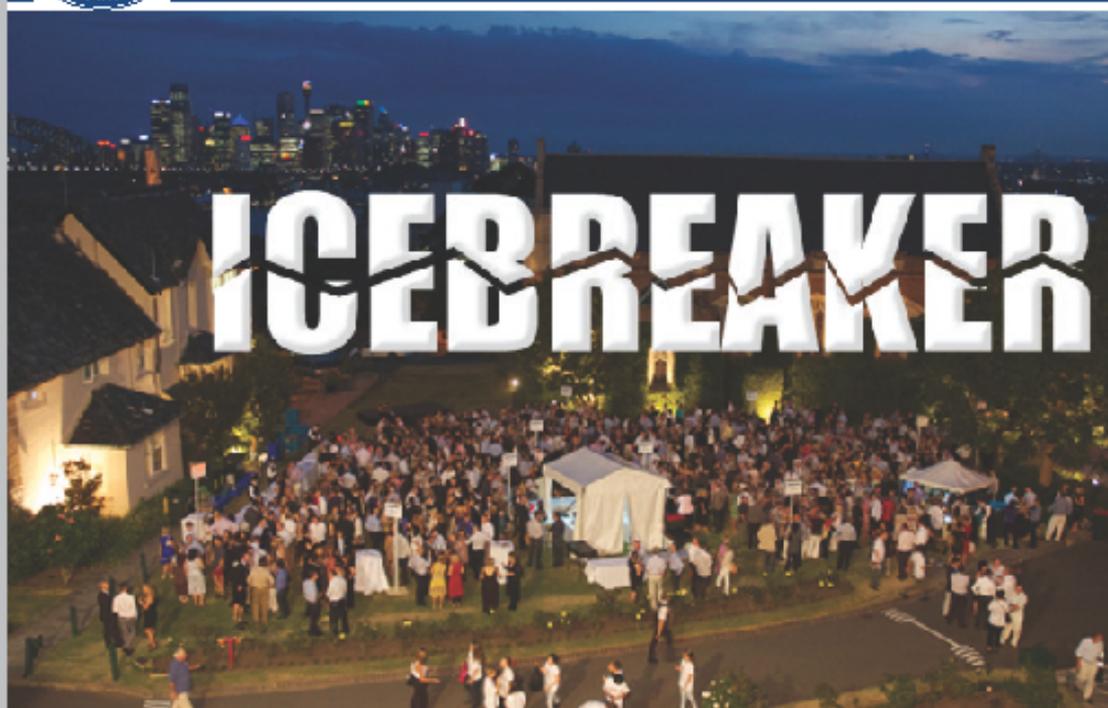
Bronwyn Boyer 9972 2083

# 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.

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

**BOOK NOW** visit [www.trybooking.com/KHI](http://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](mailto:foundation@shore.nsw.edu.au)

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