



# PREP PEEK

The weekly newsletter of Shore Preparatory School, Sydney, NSW

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## Mega Manners Month

At the start of the year, the teachers have been reinforcing with the children the importance of good manners. Behaviours such as saying please and thank you, waiting rather than interrupting, greeting with a 'good morning' and saying 'good afternoon', letting someone else go first, have all been emphasised. In the month of March, the Preparatory School will once again be celebrating a Mega Manners Month, where all staff will be giving a particular focus on manners.

As we approach Mega Manners Month, it is timely to look at why the School believes good manners are important. Unfortunately, in society at large, there are too few reminders of the importance of good manners and many people perhaps do not understand the reasons why we teach good manners to children and model them ourselves.

At their heart, good manners are about respecting one another: appreciating the ways in which others care for and serve us, acknowledging another person's unique worth and forgoing our own desire for immediate gratification (for example, being first to get a treat) in order to put someone else first. For this reason, using good manners is one of the focus behaviours in our Code of Respect, under the 'Respect Others' heading.

At Shore, our desire to nurture a culture of respect for one another is, in part, based upon our educational aim to create a harmonious atmosphere to foster learning. But it also moves beyond this to a deeper purpose; that is to create a community that actively demonstrates God's love. Our desire to encourage children to respect one another is to demonstrate to them that loving community is possible in the world and, in fact, it is the way God wants us to live. As children experience and contribute to a loving and respectful community here at Shore, our hope is that they will develop both the understanding and the desire to continue to love and respect others as they move into the wider world.

We would ask families to support the School's endeavours in this area, particularly in March, our Mega Manners Month. Encourage your children to display good manners around the home, even to their brothers and sisters!

Learning to use good manners will help them to gain an appreciation of the people they live most closely with and the ways in which those people care for them.

## Preparatory School Family Service

A reminder that this annual Service will be held this Sunday 3 March at 9am. This is a special service for the Preparatory School Years 5 and 6 community and serves to remind us all of the Christian focus of our school. All parents are invited to attend this service and all Years 5 and 6 boys are expected to be in attendance. Families from other year groups are also welcome to attend.

## The Surfhour Challenge

This March some Shore families are getting behind a special fundraising event known as the Surfhour Challenge. The Challenge is in its inaugural year in 2013 and it endeavours to both generate awareness of the benefits of surfing and a healthy lifestyle, and to raise money for two charities, the Gidget Foundation and Surfaid. Those who wish to take up the challenge, look for sponsors to support them as they surf for one hour, on one day in March. If you wish to join the challenge, you can find more information at

[www.surfhourchallenge.com.au](http://www.surfhourchallenge.com.au)

*Nick Saunders  
Head of Shore Preparatory School*

# North Sydney News, Years 3 to 6

## Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher Interviews take place next week. If you have not received confirmation of the time requested, please contact your son's teacher. It will be a chance to discuss your son's start to the year and learning programme. Please be punctual to meetings and understand that teachers may have to end interviews and organise another time for further discussion with you in order to remain on schedule. There will be no parking in the school grounds for parents attending interviews. Students who come with parents are asked to remain seated outside the classroom and should have homework, a book or something else to occupy them as unsupervised games can not be permitted.

## Respecting One Another At School

Shore Preparatory School works hard to provide a safe environment. We embrace the Christian command to love one another. This encouragement is embodied in our Code of Respect which provides guidelines for many of our interactions. Generally, students do a great job of looking out for each other, displaying admirable care and consideration. However, occasionally individual student behaviour reflects a lack of consideration for themselves, the School and other people. Sometimes, students are best placed to handle these situations themselves and are encouraged to appropriately stand up against poor treatment of themselves or others. At other times, especially when they have been unsuccessful in addressing the issue themselves, our boys require adult assistance and intervention. In these cases, it is essential that the School be made aware of any student who is either the victim or perpetrator of unkind behaviour. Class teachers or I should be contacted, sooner rather than later, if concerns in this area exist.

## Starting the School Day the Right Way

Whilst the occasional late arrival is sometimes unavoidable, these instances should be avoided. It is important that the boys are in attendance at Morning Parade to hear announcements. It is also important that boys are present for the start of the first lesson of the day as these first minutes often set the tone for a smooth day at school. In addition, the late arrival of students can be disruptive to a class already at work. It has been greatly appreciated that boys have been regularly arriving at school each day before 8.23am. Thank you parents and keep it up, boys!

## Preparatory School Service – Years 5-6

Our annual Family Service will be held this Sunday 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). Of course, students in other years are welcome as well. We look forward to gathering together with many families to hear a Christian message from Rev. Dudley and enjoy morning tea on the lawn afterwards (fingers crossed for the weather!).

## Excursions – Week 6

Our best wishes accompany our musicians to music camp next Tuesday and our swimmers attending the IPSHA Carnival on Wednesday. We know you will represent Shore Prep with great pride and distinction.

## Cocktail Party

The Years 3-6 Cocktail Party will be held on Friday 22 March in the Prep. Parents are encouraged to set the date aside and join with other parents and staff for an enjoyable social evening. Invitations have been emailed and your attendance can be confirmed at <http://www.trybooking.com/CMKZ>.

## Quality Class Award

Congratulations to the many classes who again regularly achieved their learning goals last week. It is indicative of the fine attitude being displayed by so many boys in the classrooms and playground. What a great start to the year!

Mark Dunn  
Deputy Head – North Sydney

## Debating

Last Friday was the first of the ISDA debates for 2013. Conveniently, many of the debates will be held at Shore this season and the first round ran very smoothly. The intrepid Prep team members are as follows: Jack Elster, Nicholas Leijer, Xavier Phillips, Riley Salter, Jehan Shroff, Dylan Smith, Darcy Stowe (Captain), Ryan Treleven, Tom Usher and Ethan Vadher.

All of the boys were excited and keen to debate our visitors, Grammar. The topic provided was 'That football team Captains should be chosen by the community'. While our two teams presented many compelling arguments in the affirmative, Grammar was awarded the win against both Prep teams.

This year, we have been given the privilege of training with two senior debaters from 2012 Year 12, Andrew Lee and Nick Waldron. These two 'old boys' will be working with the Prep teams each week and sharing their invaluable experience with the younger boys as well as providing inspiring role models for up and coming debaters. My sincere thanks go to Andrew and Nick for their generosity and leadership as well as Ms Emma Campbell for her foresight in making this wonderful opportunity possible.

Di Johnson  
Prep Debating Co-ordinator

## Music

The boys attending Monday's Assembly were treated to some fine violin playing by Yoshi Iijima. Yoshi's performance of 'Gavotte' displayed a real understanding of intonation. Yoshi also sings in the Chapel Choir and plays violin in the String Quartet.

The Chapel Choir will be performing on Sunday 3 March in the Shore School Chapel as part of the Family Service. Even though the service starts at 9.00am I will need the boys to meet me in the Chapel at 8.00am for a run through of their piece.

Next Tuesday 5 March, the boys in the String Ensemble and Concert Band will be traveling to Naamaroo in the Lane Cove National Park for the annual Band and String Camp. Boys taking part in this day will need to meet me in the MAC on Tuesday morning with their instrument and music stand. Dress is casual for the day and lunch and morning tea will be provided.

David Jensen  
Prep Music Co-ordinator

## Library News

Congratulations to all the boys who completed the NSW Premiers Reading Challenge in 2012. They have now received their certificates and registration for 2013 has opened. If boys have completed the Challenge last year they are able to use the same log in details. Any other boys wishing to complete the Challenge will need to register at the library so we can obtain their log in details. The Premiers Reading Challenge is a wonderful way to keep track of reading and find new and interesting titles to read. For further details the website is <https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html> or call Mrs Pickworth in the Library 99561187.

Margo Pickworth  
Teacher Librarian

# Shore Preparatory School K, 1, 2 – Northbridge

## *Northbridge News, K, 1, 2*

### **Portfolios**

Today your child has brought home his or her portfolio. These portfolios are samples of work that the children have completed in class. It is important to remember that these portfolios are not reports nor are they a comprehensive summary of where your child is at with his or her learning. This is particularly the case as it is so early in the year. All comments or concerns can be discussed with your child's teacher next week at parent/teacher interviews.

### **Coming to School**

Congratulations to all the children who are able to come into school by themselves, carrying their own bag. Every day, I see more and more children being bold and brave and walking into school unaccompanied. Thank you to the parents who are also working hard at encouraging their children to become more independent. Remember, saying 'goodbye' in the foyer is a great place to start.

### **Uniform**

Please note that the children's play/sun hats are for playground use during recess and lunch. The girls and boys are not permitted to use their formal caps or hats for playing. After School Care also requires the children to have their sunhat. Formal caps and hats are for formal occasions and for coming to and from school. Due to health regulations, the office does not have spare hats to lend to children. Children without sunhats must stay under the awnings and are therefore unable to play in the playground.

### **Mega Manners Month**

Today is the first day of March and it is also the beginning of our *Mega Manners Month*. In March the entire Prep school will have a 'manners blitz'. We will be encouraging the children to say "good morning" to an adult without being greeted first, to use "may I..." to ask for something and naturally always using, "please", "thank you" and "excuse me, please". Manners are important in our society. Thank you, parents, for teaching your son or daughter to use good manners. Remember the old saying, "*Good manners never go out of style*".

### **Learning to Give**

In Chapel on Mondays, the children are encouraged to bring in money to help support our sponsor children through World Vision. Our sponsor children live in South Africa, Thailand and Guatemala. Could you please remind your child to bring in a coin to help support people less fortunate than ourselves. Thank you.

### **Assemblies**

Well done **2P** on your fabulous assembly this week. What a talented group of children you are. I know Dr Wright was also very impressed. Next week we have a general assembly where we will look at the charity we are supporting this term. Congratulations to **Year K White** on receiving the **Quality Class of the Week Award** for this week. What a great week working together as a team.

### **Other information to note:**

**Monday, 4 March to Thursday 7 March** – Parent Teacher Meetings

**Tuesday, 5 March** – K,1,2 Incurion *The Magic Flute*

**Friday, 8 March** – Northbridge Parents' Cocktail Party

**Thursday, 14 March** – K,1,2 Girls Club (details to follow)

**Thursday, 14 March** – Year 2 Excursion to Sydney Olympic Park (details to come)

**Tuesday, 19 March** – Shore Foundation and Headmaster's Welcome Breakfast

**Thursday, 21 March** – Year 1 Excursion to IMAX (details to come)

*Natasha Mitchell*

*Deputy Head of Shore Preparatory School - Northbridge*

# Early Learning Centre – Northbridge

ELC Phone: 8966 5350 ELC Fax: 8966 5391

## ELC News

### Welcome

It is with great pleasure that I warmly welcome Miss Jessica Rogers to the Shore Early Learning Centre to join the Green Room team as Room Leader. Miss Jess has already had a very busy week getting to know everybody and has been given lots of assistance by the children to learn all there is to know about the ELC! I am sure you will join me in making Jess feel welcome to the Shore community.

### Front Door Security

Over the last weeks a few people have reported difficulty with the front door security system. Here are a few tips to help you have success every time

- Ensure your thumb is clean from substances such as sun screen, moisturisers or water before you touch the sensor pad
- Use a medium to firm pressure until the blue light turns off
- Wait 2-3seconds for the green light
- A 'push and pull' action with the handle should release the door every time
- **Do not** hold the door handle (or allow children to do so) while you are placing your thumb on the pad. This will stop the door from opening.
- **Do not** turn the handle in a downwards motion. This will stop the door from opening and you will have to start the process again.
- **Do not** try and open the door until you see the green light. This will re-lock the door.
- Please also help us keep the ELC secure by ensuring the gate and door close behind you every time.
- If you continue to have difficulties with the front door please come and see me.

### Car park

A reminder to all users of the Northbridge car park that only one way traffic is permitted and you must enter with a left hand turn and exit with a left hand turn. ELC only spaces are for use on the days you have children attending the ELC.

The Northbridge car park can be a dangerous space, particularly to young 3, 4 and 5 year old children. Please ensure you keep your children safe by talking to your children about road safety rules such as always walking on the footpaths and holding hands, especially near moving vehicles.

### Library

Library experiences for the year are well underway. I hope you are enjoying reading the books your children have selected each week. Reading books aloud with your children every day is an invaluable experience to provide 1:1 time with your child as well as the opportunity for the development of early literacy and language skills. Unfortunately, we are unable to attend Library next week as we have Peter Morgan visiting us during that time slot. Children may keep books borrowed this week until Library resumes the following week.

### Important dates

Wednesday 6 & Thursday 7 March – Peter Morgan presents Kapakapa Manawa

Friday 8 March – Northbridge Parents Cocktail Party

Friday 29 March & Monday 1 April – **ELC Closed** for Easter

*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

## Cross Country

The School Cross Country Carnival will be held at Northbridge Playing Fields on Wednesday 20 March. Boys in Year 3 – 6 will travel by bus to Northbridge at lunch time and be dismissed from Northbridge at 3.00pm. Year 3 will be dismissed at 2.55pm to ease the traffic.

Boys are asked to bring their PE uniform or the Shore athletics uniform to compete in.

The Under 8 & 9 race will start at approximately 1.40pm. This race will be followed by the Under 10, Under 11 and Under 12 races.

Boys in Years 3 – 6 will race to win a place in the Shore Preparatory School Cross Country team. The following is a breakdown of entrants per age for the IPSHA Carnival on the Saturday 6 April at The King's School, Parramatta. At this event the boys will run 2km if they are under 8, 9, or 10 and 3km if they are under 11 or 12.

Under 8 – 3 places

Under 9 – 7 places

Under 10 – 10 places

Under 11 – 10 places

Under 12 – 10 places

## Results 23 February

1 <sup>st</sup> Cricket	Newington	Cancelled
Yr 6 Blues	Coogee Prep	Cancelled
Snr Whites	Coogee Prep	Cancelled
5A Cricket	Cranbrook	Cancelled
5B Cricket	Cranbrook	Cancelled
Yr 5 Blues	Knox	Cancelled
4A Cricket	Scots	Cancelled
4B Cricket	Scots	Cancelled
Yr 4 Blues	Knox Blue	Cancelled
Snr A Basketball	Trinity	28-22
Snr B Basketball	Trinity	17-17
Snr C Basketball	Trinity	36-10
Snr D Basketball	Trinity	31-15
Snr E Basketball	Trinity	14-17
Snr F Basketball	Trinity	34-0
Snr G Basketball	Trinity	Cancelled
Snr H Basketball	Trinity	Cancelled
Jnr A Basketball	Barker	Cancelled
Jnr B Basketball	Barker	Cancelled
Tennis A	St Ives Grammar	Cancelled
Tennis B	St Ives Grammar	Cancelled

## Swimming

We wish the Shore Swimming team the best of luck for the IPSHA Swimming Carnival at SOPAC next Wednesday.

Scott Mancey  
Sportsmaster

**\*\*Please note** - Year 5B Cricket has moved to Lough Park #1, Manning Road, Woollahra.\*\*

	COACH	Rd 4 - 2/3	Time
1st Cricket	A Bayliss	Kings Northbridge G	8.00am
Yr 6 Super 8 Blues	S Grainger	St Aloysius Northbridge E	9.00am
Snr Super 8 Whites	H Bunting	St Aloysius Northbridge E	7.30am
Yr 5 As Cricket	S Rae	Scots Christison # 2	8.00am
Yr 5 Bs Cricket	S Martin	Scots Lough Park #1	8.00am
Yr 5 Super 8 Blues	K Polis	St Patrick's Rudd Park	8.00am
Yr 4 As Cricket	A Phillips	Knox Northbridge F	8.00am
Yr 4 Bs Cricket	M Dunn	Knox School Field - Nth Syd	8.00am
Yr 4 Super 8 Blues	E Kleinig	Knox Northbridge E	10.30am
Tennis	L Reynolds / P Harrington	St Aloysius Fullers Rd Chatswood	7.30am
Basketball Snr A	P Knight	Mosman Prep Mosman Indoor Sports	11.30am
Basketball Snr B	M Crerar	Mosman Prep Mosman Indoor Sports	10.45am
Basketball Snr C	K Tootell	Mosman Prep Mosman Indoor Sports	10.00am
Basketball Snr D	N Mitchell	Mosman Prep Mosman Indoor Sports	9.15am
Basketball Snr E	S Curnow	Mosman Prep NSBH	10.15am
Basketball Snr F	C Gagliano	Mosman Prep NSBH	9.30am
Basketball Snr G	L Tooker	Mosman Prep NSBH	8.45am
Basketball Snr H	A Geersen / V Covey	Mosman Prep NSBH	8.00am
Basketball Jnr A & B	J Anderson	Arden Beecroft Campus	B - 9.30am A - 10.15am



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## 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.

### **SCOTS COLLEGE**

Christison Park - Old South Head Rd, Watsons Bay.

Lough Park # 1 - Manning Road, Woollahra

### **ST. PATRICK'S COLLEGE**

Rudd Park - Cnr. Clarence & Varidel Sts, Belfield.

### **ST. ALOYSIUS' COLLEGE**

Tennis - 52 Fuller's Rd, Chatswood

### **ARDEN**

39-43 Wongala Crescent, Beecroft

### **MOSMAN PREP**

Mosman Indoor Sports Centre, Cross Street, Mosman. Left off Bradley's Head Road, next to Rawson Oval.

## **Snowsports**

The Interschools competition will be held this year at Perisher, beginning on the 3rd July for snowboarders, and 4th July for skiers.

Redlands Cup at Thredbo : 9 July 2013

Sydney Regional Interschools Championships at Thredbo : 10-13 July 2013

NSW State Championships at Perisher : 22-25 August 2013

**Information Night** : Tuesday 7 May 2013 at 6.30pm in Playfair Hall

More information is available at [www.interschools.org.au](http://www.interschools.org.au)

*Natasha Terry-Armstrong  
MIC Snowsports*



## **Custom Fitted Sports Mouthguards**

**Dr Tessa Green BDS** (Syd Uni) (Shore parent)

Dental impression taken at school,

Mouthguard delivered in 7 days in a sturdy case.

Name and phone number embedded into guard.

Various different colours

\$165 each, (\$175 with Shore emblem)

# Shore Association

## AMERICAN TEA

6<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2013

STALLING ?

DON'T BE SHY BE GAME !

PLEASE VOLUNTEER AS A  
STALLHOLDER FOR THE 2013  
SHORE AMERICAN TEA

WE NEED CONVENORS FOR -

FISHPOND

SECOND HAND BOOKS

SHOW BAGS

TRASH N TREASURE

IF YOU ARE GAME PLEASE  
CONTACT OUR AMERICAN  
TEA CO-ORDINATORS -

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## Icebreaker 2013

Rain and storms threatened and the wind forced a venue shift to the quad, but nothing deterred the many new and existing parents who attended this year's Icebreaker. It was a wonderful evening. Thanks to those who made it a great night.

