



PREP PEEK

The weekly newsletter of Shore Preparatory School, Sydney, NSW

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Young Leaders Day - Darling Harbour	Foundational New Parent Information Sessions in the MAC (7-8.30pm)	K-2 Easter Assembly Y3/5 Instrument Demon- stration (9-10am) Y4 Excursion—Nth Syd Council Buddies Winter Sport (Trials)	Ice Cream Day	Good Friday ELC Closed	Easter Weekend
Monday 1	Tuesday 2	Wednesday 3	Thursday 4	Friday 5	Sat 6 / Sun 7
Easter Monday		K-2 Assembly Buddies Winter Sport (Trials)			IPSHA Cross Country

Technology and Social Media

During the week, I was at a seminar looking into the opportunities and pitfalls that technology can pose for both children and adults. While I have written fairly regularly about these matters in the Prep Peek, it seemed appropriate to touch upon certain issues once again.

One important issue to consider in relation to social media is the blurring of the boundary between private and public domains that many social media sites create, particularly in the minds of younger users. In the excitement to place information or photos on such sites, or to share via mobile devices, many people fail to realise that their images or words are being launched into the public domain and often cannot be retrieved. Sites which often have a very personal feel about them can often be accessed by anyone, unless users have specifically modified their privacy settings to prevent this from occurring. Images or text sent to someone else's device can be quickly forwarded to many others. Words or photos sent in a moment of rash excitement can remain out there in the internet forever.

It is for this reason that most social media sites (Facebook and Instagram in particular) are restricted to users aged 13 and above. It is recognised that young children do not necessarily have the judgment required to make sensible decisions in these environments. Therefore, if a child lies about his or her age and gains access to these sites, then they are potentially opening themselves up to communications or advertisements of an adult nature. Also, because these sites are seldom moderated or reviewed by adults, children can be tempted into inappropriate behaviours that they would never contemplate in the real world, such as bullying, verbal abuse, or sharing of inappropriate images. They may also inadvertently allow others access to their personal pages.

There are a number of resources on the internet that can help parents to navigate around these dangers with their children; the ThinkUKnow and Cybersmart websites are good places to start. See www.thinkuknow.org.au and www.cybersmart.gov.au for more information.

The ThinkUKnow resources highlight four tips for parents in dealing with these issues.

- Talk with your child about what they watch, listen to, or do on-line. If they are engaging with material or sites that are not age appropriate, discuss with them the reasons why age restrictions are in place. For younger children, parents may have more ability to 'ban' particular behaviours, but as children approach the teenage years, this approach may drive their behaviour underground. Having open communication is a better long-term approach.

- Look at what your child is watching and using. Don't simply take his or her word, or trust the classification system. Here, let me re-emphasise the importance of having computers and TVs in public spaces within the house, rather than in bedrooms.
- Do your own research. Find out more about the TV shows, movies, games, websites your child engages with then decide whether they are appropriate for *your* child. As you make these decisions, it is important to explain to your child why you do not want them to watch the media form.
- Get involved. Watch TV and movies, and play games with your child. Get a better idea of what interests them and why.

A common thread through these tips and other information about this topic, is the importance of parents knowing what their children are doing and discussing with them issues of appropriateness, within the context of a caring relationship. Parents should not "jump the gun" with these issues, rather as you become aware of the interests of your child in these areas, engage with these interest and begin a conversation.

Year 3 Father and Son Camp

Last weekend, the boys and dads of Year 3 enjoyed an enjoyable weekend of fun activities that included indoor rock climbing, raft building, bush surviving and archery. The weather and the setting were beautiful down at the Anglican Youthworks site in the Royal National Park south of Sydney. Congratulations to all boys and their dads for a positive and happy weekend. I would also like to thank Mr Bayliss, Mr Knight and Rev Dudley for their support and work over the weekend. We now look forward to the Year 5 Father and Son Camp in September.

The Northbridge Centenary Games this Weekend

A reminder that as part of the Northbridge Centenary Games, there will be a number of activities taking place on Shore's playing fields on Sunday 24 March, including a Fun Run, a celebrity cricket match and touch footy competition, plus lots of other fun activities to include the whole family. To coincide with this occasion, the ELC and K12 classrooms will also be open to the public from 10:30am – 12pm.

More details about the Centenary can be found on the Northbridge Progress Association website:

www.northbridgepa.com.au

Details about the Northbridge Centenary Games can also be found at:

www.northbridgegames.com

Nick Saunders
Head of Shore Preparatory School

North Sydney News, Years 3 to 6

Cocktail Party

The Cocktail Party commences at 7pm in the Prep. We are looking forward to a great night with over 160 members of the North Sydney Prep community gathering to enjoy food, drinks and one another's company. Parking will be available in Bishopsgate, on the oval and in the Senior School Quad. Our thanks go to Leanne Taylor and Ana Mulcahy for organising this wonderful evening.

Student Absence

If a student is absent from school, parents are required to notify the School by contacting the Office before 9am. This allows us to maintain accurate records and ensure that all of our students who have left home have arrived at school safely. Absences need to be followed-up with a note of explanation upon the student's return to school. Cooperation with these procedures is greatly appreciated.

Charities

The charity monitors, Miss Kleinig and Miss Schlunke have done a great job building enthusiasm and collecting funds for our icecream day, guessing competition and scooter races supporting Australian Mitochondrial Disease Foundation (AMDF). Next week, all classes will organise themselves into teams for our Prep Scooter Challenge which is being raced in the weeks after Easter.

Donations can be made at www.everydayhero.com.au/thomas_martin

Winter Sport

Time now to pump up the footies and soccer balls... winter sport trials commence next Wednesday. Please bring the right gear as outlined by Mr Mancey.

Quality Class Awards & Manners Points

One week to go before we tally the manners points for the sausage sizzle. Congratulations to 5H and 3B who were leading the way at the time of last Friday's update. Austin Bogatez, Robbie Moore, Jack Toussaint and James Janusic have been doing a fantastic job tallying the Quality Class Awards each week and keeping the boys focused on their goals - it is not surprising that many classes have been progressing steadily through their coloured awards. We will be BBQing soon...who will finish the term strongly and secure a sausage sizzle?

Mark Dunn
Deputy Head – North Sydney

ISDA Debating

Redlands School was the host for Round 4 of the ISDA debating. Catching the chartered bus from Shore proved a very efficient solution for transporting the Senior School teams as well as the Prep boys.

As we were the visitors, Shore was arguing against the Redlands teams for the negative side of the topic 'That police should not engage in high speed car chases'. The Primary A boys showed an ever increasing improvement with their rebuttals while also breaking down the affirmatives models and hence the team was awarded the debate. While Primary B presented some excellent arguments, they did not manage to fully discredit the affirmative's model and so the Redlands team won the debate.

This weekly challenge is providing valuable experience for all of the Prep debaters and both coaches and parents are justifiably proud of the way in which the boys are developing their skills.

Di Johnson
Prep Debating Co-ordinator

Music

The boys attending Monday's assembly were treated to some hot jazz played by Finlay McCredie on tenor saxophone. Finlay, who also plays saxophone in the Concert Band, performed the challenging 'It's A Raggy Waltz' by Dave Brubeck.

David Jensen
Prep Music Co-ordinator

Library News

The Library now has a set of iPads for working in the Library. They are a valuable tool for planning and organising information. Boys will soon be able to read ebooks using the ReadCloud application.

Last week information was circulated for downloading audiobooks using the BorrowBox application. Information is also available on the Library Lampada site in Library News. This a great innovation for encouraging boys' reading.

Margo Pickworth
Teacher Librarian

Shore Preparatory School K, 1, 2 – Northbridge

Northbridge News, K, 1, 2

Fundraising

I am very impressed with how eagerly the children bring in their chapel money for our World Vision sponsor children. We have had Pyjama Day today which is a great way to remind the children that some people have to stay in bed all day when they are ill. The 'fine' for wearing pyjamas goes to AMDF (Australian Mitochondrial Disease Foundation), a cause very close to our hearts. Next Thursday, is Ice-cream Day with the funds raised going towards AMDF. Please make sure your child brings in \$4 for their ice-cream before the day. Thank you parents for supporting these fundraising initiatives and for helping us in teaching the children that giving to others is important.

Shore Loaned Clothing

Please return all borrowed items of clothing to Mrs Lockyer in the office. This includes underwear and tops. Mrs Lockyer's cupboards are looking very bare.

Shore Association Parent Seminar

I'm sure that if you attended the parent seminar on Tuesday at lunchtime you would have found it extremely beneficial listening to our school counsellors speak on *Raising Children - A Positive Spin*. We are very fortunate to have such experienced and knowledgeable staff at Shore. The links to Mary Woods' talk can be found under the counselling tab of your Lampada page.

Requests For Leave

Shore School policy states that taking your child out of school during term time is not permitted. It is important that your child attends school every day unless he or she is ill. However, we do understand that some situations are unavoidable. If you require leave for any reason please put your request in writing addressed to Mr Nick Saunders (Head of Prep). This is also important for such things as medical appointments. You can drop your request in at the office with Mrs Lockyer. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Assemblies

Thank you Year 1 for your General Assembly on Wednesday. The parents certainly enjoyed the Chapel song. Next week, we have a General Easter Assembly where Rev. Paul Dudley, our school chaplain, will be speaking. This assembly will be followed by a morning tea for parents and visitors. Please consider joining us. Congratulations to **Year 1H** on receiving the **Quality Class of the Week Award** for this week.

Other information to note:

Wednesday, 27 March – Easter Assembly.

All parents are welcome to stay afterwards for tea, coffee and hot cross buns.

Thursday, 28 March - Ice-cream Day

Friday, 29 March – Monday 1 April – Easter

Wednesday, 3 April – KBlue Assembly

Wednesday, 10 April – KWhite Assembly

Friday, 12 April – Last day of term

Natasha Mitchell

Deputy Head of Shore Preparatory School - Northbridge

Early Learning Centre – Northbridge

ELC Phone: 8966 5350 ELC Fax: 8966 5391

ELC News

The Northbridge Games

As part of the Northbridge Centenary, the Northbridge games will take place from this Friday 22 March to Sunday 24 March. There will be a wide variety of activities over the three days, including those that will occur on the Shore school playing fields this Sunday. I am very excited to be opening the Early Learning Centre doors to the public to see our incredible learning environment from 10:30 am until 12 pm. For further information regarding the Northbridge games please log on to www.northbridgegames.com

Statewide Eyesight Preschooler Screening (StEPS)

The Statewide Eyesight Preschooler Screening (StEPS) program is an initiative of the NSW Ministry of Health and offers all 4 year old children a free vision screening assessment. The screening will take place at the Early Learning Centre on Wednesday 1 May and Thursday 2 May. Miss Leanne has been distributing letters to families over the course of the week with further information and a consent form. If you would like your child to participate in the screening please fill out and return your consent form prior to the screening dates. Four year old children without consent forms will not participate.

Spare Clothing

Over the last few weeks several items of ELC spare clothing has gone home as children have required changes of clothes for various reasons. Please return any borrowed items to the ELC. All children should have a set of clearly labelled spare clothing in their bags every day.

Jackets and Jumpers

With the weather slowly changing and becoming cooler in the mornings, children should now bring their jumper or polar fleece with them to the ELC. These must be clearly labelled as they often fall out of the children's lockers and end up going home with the wrong person. As jackets and jumpers are taken on and off several times during the day, it will assist your child if their jacket is easily identifiable to them. When labelling these items of clothing it may assist your child to identify their jacket or jumper by sewing a small ribbon, button or similar next to their name.

Car Park

The Northbridge car park is used by a wide variety of people and is not intended as a long stay day car park, rather a safe place for individuals accessing the ELC, K, 1, 2 and the sports grounds throughout the day. Please do not leave your car in the Northbridge car park if you are not on the campus for school business as this limits the number of spaces available for others. Leaving vehicles unattended in the turning circle is not permitted as this area should always be available for emergency vehicle access.

ELC Mufti Days

Thank you to all of the children and families who generously donated money to the fundraising tin for Mitochondrial disease on Wednesday and Thursday of this week. I was very impressed to learn that some of the coins children donated came from their own personal piggy banks. If you did not have a chance to donate on the day, the fundraising tin will remain available on the front desk until early next week.

Important Dates

Sunday 24 March – ELC open day 10:30am – 12:00 pm

Friday 29 March – ELC Closed Good Friday

Monday 1 March – ELC Closed Easter Monday

Wednesday 10 & Thursday 11 April – Heather Lee Sweet Dreams

Thursday 25 April – ELC Closed ANZAC day

Wednesday 1 & Thursday 2 May - Statewide Eyesight Preschooler Screening

*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 Cross Country was held on Wednesday. Well done to all boys who competed in the event and congratulations to the boys who made the Shore Cross Country team. Shore will be taking a team of 40 boys to the IPSHA Cross Country Carnival at The King's School on Saturday 6 April.

AGE Group	Champion	Runner Up	3 rd Place	4 th Place
Under 8	James Kase	Hamish Carson	Jaidyn Tam	Andrew Keegan
Under 9	Harry Davis-Rice	Will Harvey	George Leary	Saxon Glendinning
Under 10	Ben Hondros	Oliver Duthie	Tim Leadbitter	Josh Brownie
Under 11	James Wilson	Charlie East	Hamish Longworth	Matthew Madgwick
Under 12	Max Gregan	Sam Richards	Ed Browne	Sam Duckworth

Rugby Referees

Calling for Rugby Referees

Each year our Rugby games would not go ahead without the commitment of the referee. Any parents who have a Rugby Referee's badge and an updated Smart Rugby qualification, WE NEED YOU!

If you are interested and do not have your refereeing qualification please visit the link below. You can enrol for a Level One Course or a pathways course aimed at Kid's Refereeing Under 8 – 12 year olds.

http://myrugby.rugby.com.au/myrugby/courses_listState.asp?state=NSW

Please contact me if you can make yourself available on Saturday mornings. School Office: 9956 1183.

Winter Sport

Winter Sport trials for Rugby and Football will take place on Wednesday 27 March, Wednesday 3 April and Wednesday 10 April. All sessions are in school sport time. Round 1 starts in Term 2 on Saturday 4 May.

Shore Prep Sport Dress Code.

Correct sports uniform and protective gear must be worn. If any of the correct protective gear is not worn, a boy will not be able to participate in the trials.

Football players – Football boots, shin pads (**compulsory**), school jersey and mouthguard (optional).

Rugby players – Rugby boots, head gear (**compulsory**) & mouthguard (**compulsory**), school jersey.

All players – please bring school jersey and coloured jersey for trials (with your name clearly printed on them).

RUGBY BOOTS - Safety Standards (IPSHA Guidelines)

i. Many schools have a strong preference for **good quality** rubber studs.

These must conform to the 'British Standard BS 6366 1983'. Plastic and Nylon studs are **not** acceptable. Aluminium studs conform but require careful and regular monitoring by coaches and parents if they are used.

ii. Studs should be constructed from Rubber or Aluminium.

NO PART of any stud can be made of nylon or plastic.

NSWCIS Swimming Carnival.

Congratulations to the Shore Swimming Team who competed very well at the NSW CIS Swimming Carnival on Wednesday. The relay team consisting of Ben Hondros, Thomas Munns, Lachlan Smith and Jonathan Woodcock swam well to qualify for the finals. In the finals they came 6th which is an outstanding effort by the boys. Jonathan also competed in the 50m backstroke. He won his heat, qualifying for the finals where he swam extremely well, finishing 6th. Well done to the Shore boys!

Scott Mancey
Sports Master

Shore Snowsports Information Night:

Tuesday 7 May 2013 @ 6:30pm in Playfair Hall

Racing/Competition:

Redlands Cup @ **Thredbo**: 9 July

Sydney Regional Interschools Championships @ **Thredbo**:

10-13 July

NSW State Championships @ **Perisher**: 22-25 August

The full list of Interschools dates is attached for your reference.

The most up to date information can always be found on the Interschools website: www.interschools.org.au.

Natasha Terry-Armstrong
(MIC Snowsports)

Results 16 March

1 st Cricket	Mosman Prep	94 v 4/95
Yr 6 Blues	Sydney Grammar	1/59 v 5/37
Reds (Internal)	Whites (Internal)	103-80
Yr 5 Blues	Knox	49-45
4A Cricket	Scots	76-44
4B Cricket	Scots	1/42 v 41
Yr 4 Blues	Knox Blue	50-38
Snr A Basketball	Trinity	29-27
Snr B Basketball	Trinity	25-31
Snr C Basketball	Trinity	32-10
Snr D Basketball	Trinity	15-21
Snr E Basketball	Trinity	13-10
Snr F Basketball	Trinity	31-8
Snr G Basketball (Sydney Kings)	Snr H Basketball (Flames)	20-14
Jnr A Basketball	Newington	25-10
Jnr B Basketball	Newington	14-8
Tennis A	St. Ignatius	34-0
Tennis B	St. Ignatius	26-8

Shore Association

Years 3 to 12 MOTHER'S DAY HELPERS NEEDED !!



Each year our Garden, Gourmet & Sweets Stalls combine at North Sydney to stage the annual Mother's Day Stall held at the Undercroft for the boys. It is only with the generous support of volunteers that we will be able to make Friday 10th May a huge success for them.

If you have a spare hour or 2, we would love to see you at one of the wrapping or cooking days leading up to the big day. Why not come with a friend!

- **Garden Wrapping Day**
 - Monday 8th April from 10.30 am – light lunch included
 - 231 Tooronga Road, TERREY HILLS – Jo Amperlaw's home
 - contact Liz Johnstone (Ph: 0402 891 689 jakeliz@bigpond.net.au)
- **Gourmet Wrapping Day**
 - Wednesday 8th May from 9am-2.30pm
 - 6 Hallstrom Close, NORTHBRIDGE
 - Contact: Deborah Hannes (Ph: 0413444244 dlhannes@pobox.com)
- **Sweets Cooking & Wrapping Day**
 - Wednesday 8th May
 - 9 Ruby Street, MOSMAN
 - Contact Jenny Pridham (Ph: 0414 942 725 jennypridham@bigpond.com)

If you haven't had the opportunity to join a Shore Stall – now is the time!!

A special welcome to our new parents, we would love to see you on one of these days.

The Shore Association

Events coming up

Shore Prep Nth Sydney
Cocktail
Party

Friday 22nd March

Shore Prayer Group

Friday 22 March, 2013 9.30-10.30am

Venue: Northbridge Prep School

Parents and friends of Shore are welcome to come
and pray for the school.

For more information please call:

Catherine Scott 9411 4779

Bronwyn Boyer 9972 2083