



# PREP PEEK

The weekly newsletter of Shore Preparatory School, Sydney, NSW

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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
Monday 8	Tuesday 9	Wednesday 10	Thursday 11	Friday 12	Sat 13 / Sun 14
		K-2 Assembly Buddies Winter Sport (Trials) ELC Incursion: Heather Lee (Sweet Dreams)	ELC Incursion: Heather Lee (Sweet Dreams)	<b>Last Day of Term 1</b> Rugby Carnival @ Armidale	Rugby Carnival @ Armidale

## The Easter Message

As we approach Easter, we have begun focusing upon the events that led up to Jesus' death and resurrection in Christian Studies and Chapel. From a Christian perspective, the life, death and resurrection of Jesus represent both a pivotal moment in history and a foundation for hope and faith. As an historical moment, these events divide our understanding of history in two – Before Christ (BC) and After Christ (AD – Anno Domini). Within our culture as well, the Christian story plays a central role in so much art, music and literature and has underpinned most of our political and social institutions.

But beyond the historical, cultural and social significance of the life and death of Jesus, the Easter story is primarily a salvation story: a story of the fulfilment of God's rescue plan for humanity. It is a very human story. As we examine the events leading to Jesus death, we are reminded of the tragic state of our fallen world and the suffering that follows as a consequence of selfish and cruel behaviour. But, more importantly, the Easter story is also a very 'God' story. As we see Jesus' determination to obediently fulfil God's plan through submitting to death on a cross, we then see God raising him to new life. For Christians around the world, the resurrection secures the promise of new life for all who place their hope in Jesus' accomplishment on the cross.

Easter is a wonderful time to rest and reflect. I hope that all families in our Shore Preparatory School community can take the time to reflect once more on the Easter story this year.

## Fundraising for the Australian Mitochondrial Disease Foundation (AMDF)

The children and staff of the Preparatory School have been busy getting involved in the fundraising efforts for AMDF – last week we had Mufti Day at the ELC, plus Pyjama Day at K12. The Easter Egg guessing competitions at K12 and 3 – 6 are now in full swing and today we also had Ice Cream Day. The final event in this packed calendar is the North Sydney Scooter Race which starts up next week with the class races (Year 3 need to be ready on Tuesday) and culminates with the finals in the last week of school. And remember that the overall student winning team gets to scooter-off against the Staff Dream Team on Thursday 11 April.

In past years, through such events, Preparatory School children have raised a large amount of money, but have also begun to learn more about this debilitating disease that affects one of our own students, Tom Martin. Families can get behind these efforts, not only by sending in donations with their children but also through sending in cheques (made out to Australian Mitochondrial Disease Foundation), or through making a credit card donation at [www.everydayhero.com.au/thomas\\_martin](http://www.everydayhero.com.au/thomas_martin).

## Buddies

Over the past few weeks, the children in K – 6 have been sharing buddies activities together on Wednesdays. These activities provide a fun environment for cross-age tutoring and positive interactions between the students at both campuses. Each Wednesday afternoon, the girls and boys from K, 1, 2 and the boys from Years 5 and 6 meet in their Houses. Each House has a teacher who helps co-ordinate the programme, organise the activities and encourage the interactions within that House. Each House is then split into six groups and a staff member is assigned to oversee each of these groups. Each week a Year 6 boy leads their group in an activity, a challenge, or an open-ended task. In this way, it is envisaged that leadership skills, thinking, networking and understanding can all be developed as the children progress through the School.

Over the many years that this programme has been operating, the children have made friendships beyond their year groups. Often an older boy will be with their parents and a younger child will eagerly approach them and begin a conversation. This programme has been very positive for the entire Preparatory School community.

*Nick Saunders*  
Head of Shore Preparatory School

# North Sydney News, Years 3 to 6

## Mega Manners Month

The end of March signifies the end of our competition to find the class with the best manners, and our winner will be announced next week. Hopefully, parents have seen an improvement in manners in contexts outside of school, just as we hope to see a continuation of the fine manners of the last month throughout the rest of the year. Good manners are a great habit...for mature young men they should be a reward in themselves.

## Cocktail Party

It was a pleasure to gather with so many members of the North Sydney Prep last Friday night. Special thanks go to Ana Mulcahy and Leanne Taylor for their enormous contribution in organising the evening.

## Young Leaders Day

On Monday, Mr Rae and I had the great pleasure of accompanying our House Captains and Vice-Captains to the 2013 National Young Leaders Day at the Sydney Entertainment Centre. Over 6000 enthusiastic student leaders and teachers from around NSW had the opportunity to meet one another and be encouraged in their leadership journey. The students enjoyed inspirational and educational messages from a range of speakers including Mike Martin (former Australian Army Lieutenant), Nathan Hindmarsh (NRL Captain of Parramatta), Jess Fox (Silver medallist in Whitewater Canoeing at London Olympics), Creel Price (Founder of Kidpreneur) and Brett Lee (former police detective and cyber-safety consultant), who all shared lessons on life and leadership based on their own experiences. This was a most positive experience for the boys and one which I hope will be a springboard for them as they seek to develop their own leadership skills amongst their peers this year.

## Charities

Thank you to our charity monitors, Miss Kleinig and Miss Schlunke for the wonderful ice-cream day today. Our attention will turn to the always popular and hotly-contested scooter races from next week. Year 3 will need scooters and clothing on Tuesday with the other grades later in the week. Who will race in the final against the intimidating 'Dream Team'? Thank you to all who have supported the Australian Mitochondrial Disease Foundation (AMDF) through the race, Chapel donations or at [www.everydayhero.com.au/thomas\\_martin](http://www.everydayhero.com.au/thomas_martin). We will announce the final figure raised from all efforts early next term.

## Winter Sport Trials

There was great enthusiasm on display at our first trials for rugby and football on Wednesday. These will continue over the following two Wednesday sport sessions. Saturday games commence on the first Saturday of next term.

## Advance Notice - Polished Pennies

The Polished Pennies Service for Years 3-6 will be held on Friday 3 May at 9am in the Chapel. It is a lovely tradition at the School that many grandparents join their grandsons for this service commemorating the service and sacrifice of men and women in the military. Boys may like to take the opportunity over the next few weeks to invite their grandparents.

## Quality Class Award & Manners Points

The Quality Class for the term will be announced on the last day of term...only 9 days to go for classes to be earning awards. This is a VERY closely contested competition. Which class will earn a Sausage Sizzle lunch?

*Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.*

*1 Peter 1:3*

May God bless you and your family this Easter. I wish you a relaxing and enjoyable four-day break.

*Mark Dunn  
Deputy Head – North Sydney*

## ISDA Debating

Round 5 of the ISDA debating was once again held at Shore on Friday evening. Our two Prep teams were arguing in the affirmative against PLC for the topic 'That we should ban beauty contests for children under 18'. While beauty contests may not seem likely a subject for common discussion in a boys' school, the Primary B team, nonetheless, won their debate and the Primary As lost by the narrowest of margins. That the boys could so cleverly maintain solid arguments on such a subject is a testament to their development as debaters.

Due to some scheduling problems with the Cranbrook teams, Round 6 was brought forward to Monday, 25 March. The Shore teams still had their motors idling from the previous Friday's debate so, with gusto, tackled the topic in the affirmative 'That parents should be banned from the sidelines of junior sport'. It was a very lively debate with the Primary Bs claiming victory and the Primary As only missing the win by a few points.

With Easter and holidays intervening, the next debate will take place on 3 May. This coming debate will decide whether either of the Prep teams will make it into the Semi-finals so it is a much anticipated event.

*Di Johnson  
Prep Debating Co-ordinator*

## Library News

The Library continues to be a very busy place with many boys borrowing books to read and enjoy, participating in information lessons and visiting the library space at lunchtime.

## Overdue books

Please note that the borrowing period for books is two weeks. After this time the books can be either renewed or returned. Boys can return books at lunchtime or during their Library borrowing period. Boys can also reserve books by asking at the Library desk or completing it themselves on the computer in the Library. It is wonderful to see so many boys using our great Library facility.

## Reading Groups with Parents

Our Reading Groups will take place in **Term 3** this year. During Reading Groups boys work in small groups to read a shared novel, then meet each week with a parent to discuss aspects of the novel.

During Term 2 we will be asking parents to volunteer to assist with this important part of our literacy programme. We will have a training afternoon towards the end of term to explain all the procedures.

*Margo Pickworth  
Teacher Librarian*

# Shore Preparatory School K, 1, 2 – Northbridge

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

### **Pyjama Day**

What a great day we had last Friday. This was a fantastic opportunity to raise money for Australian Mitochondrial Disease Foundation (AMDF) whilst having a bit of fun. Each child was 'fined' for wearing their pyjamas to school. Thank you, parents for paying the fines for your children. We raised approximately \$1,500.00 for this very worthy cause. Attached are some photos.

### **Kindergarten Orchestra**

Kindergarten children who are having lessons on violin, viola or cello are able to join the Kindergarten Orchestra. Some children have already signed up for the Orchestra, which will begin on the first Wednesday of next term. This is a wonderful opportunity for them to work in a group and advance their music skills. The children go straight from class at the end of the school day to the Music Room and are finished by 3.30pm. If your child is learning a string instrument and has not yet signed up for Orchestra, please contact Mrs Lockyer for an enrolment form. Your child's instrument teacher will be able to answer any questions regarding Orchestra.

### **Mega Manners Month of March**

What a pleasure it has been to see the children grow in confidence in using their manners so freely over the last month. I love how many cheery "Good morning, Miss Mitchells" I receive each day. Mega Manners Month has certainly been a great success. Thank you mums and dads for reinforcing this at home. Let's keep it up, boys and girls!

### **Signing In**

Could I please remind all visitors to the campus during school hours (this includes volunteers in the classrooms) that they must report to the School Office to sign in and sign out. This process is particularly important in terms of our Work Health and Safety (WHS) protocols in case of fire or emergency. It also assists us in ensuring the safety of all students as we know who is on the campus at any point in time. Mrs Lockyer has a sign in book in Reception for general visits and another for classroom volunteers, so please make yourself known to her when you arrive.

### **Assemblies**

Thank you, Year 2 for assisting Mr Dudley in presenting our Easter Assembly on Wednesday. Next week we look forward to **KBlue's** first assembly. Parents of KBlue children are very welcome to visit the class at the conclusion of the assembly. Congratulations to **Year 2P** on receiving the **Quality Class of the Week Award** for this week. Well done!

### **Happy Easter**

I hope that families who were able to attend the Northbridge Easter Assembly on Wednesday enjoyed the opportunity to reflect with the girls and boys on the significance of Easter. I wish all families a very Happy Easter and a safe and peaceful holiday.

*"Jesus is not here. He has risen!" Luke 24:6*

### **Other information**

**Wednesday, 3 April** – KBlue Assembly

**Thursday, 4 April** – Kindergarten 'School Days' excursion – North Sydney campus

**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

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## ELC News

### Journals

Located above your child's locker area is a touchscreen computer that has now been loaded with the children's journals that educators have been adding to. To access your child's journal simply touch the 3 day, 2 day or 5 day icon as appropriate to your child, then touch on your child's photograph. When you access your child's journal for the first time please read the privacy statement on the first page.

Inside the journal you may find snapshots of your child at play, work samples, documentation about projects occurring in the room, shared slides about visitors to the ELC, such as Peter Morgan, written observations of your child at play, along with educators comments and perhaps even short video clips. We are also experimenting with a new icon this year, entitled 'shared projects and clips', from the 3 day or 2 day program that we will add to over the year. At the end of the year, your child's journal will be copied to a disc and sent home in the last week of Term 4.

If you are unsure how to access your child's journal, or perhaps have any general questions, please do not hesitate to ask myself or one of your room teachers. We are happy to guide you through how they work.

### What's happening in the Blue Room?

The Hospital: I visited blue room this week to find out what was currently guiding the children's interests, conversations and learning. I could see there were multiple ideas at play with the hospital area being central to the activity in the room. This learning space, like others in the room, has a limit of the number of children who can use it at any one time. I could see there were other children watching eagerly nearby waiting to have their turn.

During my visits to the blue room over the last weeks, the children's conversations in the hospital surrounded bandaging, medicine and the sharing of ideas about their own personal visits to the doctor. The conversations have now changed with a fascination surrounding the bones inside our bodies. Educators have introduced x-rays and the bone puzzles to support this and extend the children's learning. As the children negotiated their roles in play, I reflected on the Early Years Learning Framework and the value of dramatic play. In this space, the children were certainly provided the opportunity to develop as effective communicators, as well as nurture their strong sense of identity.

Families Project: The families project has been a huge success, as children continue to bring in their families page and speak with their friends during group about what makes their family unique and special. If you have not had a chance to look at the collection of family pages, I encourage you to do so; it looks truly amazing. If your child has not yet returned their family page, please do so as soon as possible so it can be included in this collaborative book.

### The Green Room Choir

In the Green Room a keen interest in singing has emerged. To support this interest and utilise Miss Jess' talent on the piano, the boys and girls have been enjoying visits to the K, 1, 2 Music Room before their library visits over the last couple of weeks for a sing-a-long. The children, who have been fondly named the 'Green Room Choir', are practising *Itsy Bitsy Spider*, *The Rainbow Connection* and the all-time ELC favourite, *Puff the Magic Dragon*. I am sure the invitation will be extended for Blue Room to join in the experience also over the coming weeks.

On behalf of the team at the Early Learning Centre, I would like to wish you all a very safe and happy 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

## Winter Sport Trials

Winter Sport trials for Rugby and Football will continue on Wednesday 3 April and Wednesday 10 April. All sessions are in school sport time.

Round 1 starts in Term 2 on Saturday 4 May.

## 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](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.

## 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.

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 most up to date information can always be found on the Interschools website: [www.interschools.org.au](http://www.interschools.org.au).

Natasha Terry-Armstrong  
(MIC Snowsports)

# 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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
  - 97 Denison Street, Rozelle (*change of venue – apologies!*)
  - contact Liz Johnstone (Ph: 0402 891 689 [jakeliz@bigpond.net.au](mailto:jakeliz@bigpond.net.au))
- **Gourmet Wrapping Day**
  - Wednesday 8th May from 9am-2.30pm
  - 6 Hallstrom Close, NORTHBRIDGE
  - Contact: Deborah Hannes (Ph: 0413444244 [dlhannes@nobox.com](mailto:dlhannes@nobox.com))
- **Sweets Cooking & Wrapping Day**
  - Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May
  - 9 Ruby Street, MOSMAN
  - Contact Jenny Pridham (Ph: 0414 942 725 [jennypridham@bigpond.com](mailto: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

### Shore Prayer Group dates for next term

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May and Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June 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:

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Bronwyn Boyer 9972 2083