



PREP PEEK

The weekly newsletter of Shore Preparatory School, Sydney, NSW

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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)	Last Day of Term 1 Rugby Carnival @ Armidale	Rugby Carnival @ Armidale
Monday 29	Tuesday 30	Wednesday 1	Thursday 2	Friday 3	Sat 4 / Sun 5
	Term 2 Commences NS Chapel	K-2 Polished Pennies Assembly		Prep Polished Pennies Service (9am)	Winter Sport Round 1

The Shore Foundation

Over the past couple of weeks, I have attended parent information breakfasts organised by the Shore Foundation. These events were occasions when the role of the Foundation within the School could be highlighted to parents.

The primary role of the Foundation is to raise funds to donate back to the School. The support provided by the Foundation enables a number of important initiatives within the School that would be impossible to fund through the regular tuition fees paid by current parents. Most prominently, the Foundation is known for its support of the building programmes of the School, with the current projects of Northbridge Stage 2 (the tennis and football pavilion and courts) and the Graythwaite restoration being important examples. In the recent past, the Preparatory School has been the direct beneficiary of the Foundation's support through the construction of our magnificent sites at Northbridge (opened in 2003) and North Sydney (opened in 2006). The generosity of previous generations of parents and friends of the School has made these important projects a reality for the children of the Preparatory School today.

But as well as its support of the School's building programmes, the Shore Foundation also supports a number of other programmes that provide a direct benefit to the students currently at the School. The Foundation supports a number of scholarships and bursaries for Senior School students, provides funds for the professional development of the teaching staff and supports the resourcing of learning support programmes throughout the School.

I would commend the work of the Foundation to all Preparatory School parents and friends. Further information about how to support the efforts of the Foundation can be found on the Shore website – just follow the link under the 'Community' tab.

The Northbridge Campus 10 Year Anniversary – Save the Dates

A reminder that there will be a couple of special events organised later in the year to commemorate this important anniversary. More details will come soon, but please mark these in your diary:

Friday 17 May 2013 there will be a family picnic day on the Northbridge site

Special Girls Afternoon Thursday 5 September 2013 – for Shore girls past and present

Northbridge Photo Gallery – The Building of the WA Purves Centre and ELC

Construction of the K12 classrooms (WA Purves Centre) and ELC took place over the latter part of 2002 and was completed in early 2003. The official opening took place on Sunday 4 May 2003, to coincide with Shore School's birthday. In this week's Prep Peek, I have included a couple of photos from the construction phase of the project.

Nick Saunders
Head of Shore Preparatory School



North Sydney News, Years 3 to 6

IPSHA Cross Country

We wish all the students representing the school at the IPSHA Cross Country the best of luck and extra endurance for tomorrow morning at Kings.

End of Term

Whilst it has been a long 11 week term, it is hard still hard to believe how quickly it has gone. Parents are reminded that school concludes next Friday afternoon at the usual time of 2.55pm.

Commencement of Term 2 – Winter Uniform

Term 2 begins for students on Tuesday 30 April. All boys should return to school on the first day of term with an appropriate haircut. Boys are expected to be dressed in their winter uniform for the duration of Terms 2 and 3 which includes wearing grey shirt and pants. There are certain winter uniform rules that need to be observed:

- All boys must wear their school coats when traveling to and from school.
- Boys are not permitted to wear a jumper without a coat when traveling to and from school. If a boy is wearing a school jumper this must be worn under the coat. While at school boys are permitted to wear their jumpers without their coats.

Sport – Term 2 Week 1

Please note that inter-school competition commences on the first Saturday of term.

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 in commemorating the service and sacrifice of men and women in the military. Boys are encouraged to invite their grandparents and to begin to polish and shine their 'penny' (a gold coin).

After School Clubs

Junior Dance concludes today as there will be no session on the last day of school. However, all Monday, Tuesday and Thursday clubs will be on next week. Enrolment forms for Term 2 will be available next week and students must return a form to be considered. As always, where demand exceeds the available places, positions will be offered on the basis of when the form is returned. Please note that clubs do not run in the first week of term.

After School Care in Term 2

Please note the current arrangements of bussing Years 3-6 boys to Northbridge for After School Care, Mondays to Thursdays, will continue in Term 2.

Charities – Scooter Races

The weather and slippery conditions have played havoc with our scooter races this week. Next week, we will do our best (weather permitting) to catch up on classes that have had to be postponed. Fingers crossed that we will be able to hold the final against the 'Dream Team' later in the week. Boys in classes who have been affected by the weather should leave scooters and clothing at school each day until their race is run.

Quality Class Awards and Manners Points

Congratulations to 3B and 5H who led the way in our Manners competition and deservedly shared a sausage sizzle lunch. Mr Rae and the Quality Class monitors assure me that the winner of the Quality Class BBQ for this term will come down to the final few sessions next week so keep up the great effort in class.

*Mark Dunn
Deputy Head – North Sydney*

Library News

Sydney Writers Festival

A Haiku poetry writing competition is currently being held for Year 5 students to select participants to attend the Sydney Writers Festival, Wharf Theatre on 22 May. All Year 5 students are encouraged to write a Japanese haiku and 18 winners which then be judged by Ms Ava Banerjee, Teacher Librarian in the Senior School and published poet. The Sydney Writers Festival is a great opportunity to meet well-known children's authors first-hand. Good luck to all Year 5 haiku writers!

*Margo Pickworth
Teacher Librarian*

Shore Preparatory School K, 1, 2 – Northbridge

Northbridge News, K, 1, 2

Fundraising Festivities

What a great term of fundraising we have had. With the very successful Ice-cream Day and the Easter Egg Guessing Competition, we raised approximately \$1,300. Congratulations to Lukan Gillard (ELC), who correctly guessed the correct number of eggs in the jar. Our runners-up were Ellie Sifis (1H), James Brooks (2P), Max Brownie (KBlue), James Anderson (1M) and Mr Saunders. Special thanks to Mrs Herron for organising all of our fundraising and charity activities.

After School Activities

The after school French and Speech and Drama classes have now finished for the term. Please remember your child has been booked in for a semester, which incorporates both Terms 1 and 2. These activities recommence in the second week of Term 2. After School Care continues each day as normal.

School Photos

Please return the Melba Studios orders for individual, class and school photos by Monday. These can come straight to Mrs Lockyer in the office or to Melba directly. Orders will be delivered to school at the beginning of Term 2.

Parent Group Helpers

We are excited to have a great many more parent helpers coming into the school next term. If you have not completed a Working with Children form, please do so prior to starting reading, writing or maths groups. Unfortunately, due to a legal requirement, parents cannot assist in the classroom if this form is not signed.

Measles

Mrs Lockyer is still waiting for immunisation forms for some students. It is important to allow the school a copy of your child's report in order for us to act swiftly should an infectious disease affect our campus.

After School Care

The children are enjoying many activities at the moment especially cooking. Biscuits, cakes and cookies have been on the menu so far. These are being lovingly baked and eaten. We are very fortunate to have such an experienced After School Care co-ordinator as well as such committed staff. I know the boys and girls enjoy their time in After School Care very much.

Assemblies

KBlue presented a wonderful first assembly for us all on Wednesday. We loved their clear speaking into the microphone and their singing. Next week, we look forward to **KWhite's** first assembly. Parents of KWhite children are very welcome to visit the class at the conclusion of the assembly. Congratulations to **Year 1M** on receiving the **Quality Class of the Week Award** for this week. Well done, 1M!

Other information

Wednesday, 10 April – KWhite Assembly

Friday, 12 April – Last day of Term 1

Tuesday, 30 April – First day of Term 2

Wednesday, 1 May – Polished Pennies Assembly (Shore's ANZAC Assembly)

Natasha Mitchell

Deputy Head of Shore Preparatory School - Northbridge

Early Learning Centre – Northbridge

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ELC News

Staying Healthy

Over the last few weeks, there have been several people within the Shore community with cold and flu like symptoms and/or persistent coughs. *Staying Healthy (5th Edition)* provides some valuable information on how germs spread and how to break the chain of infection. In simple terms, there are three steps in the chain of infection; 1. the germ has a source; 2. the germ spreads from the source; and 3. the germ infects another person. Germs can be spread through coughing and sneezing, breathing contaminated air, contact with animals, food or direct contact (touching).

In an early education and care setting, the most important ways to break the chain of infection and stop the spread of diseases are effective hand hygiene, exclusion of ill children, educators and staff and immunisation. Other strategies to prevent infection include cough and sneeze etiquette, appropriate use of gloves and effective environmental cleaning. Please encourage your children to wash their hands well with soap and water before eating, after going to the toilet, after blowing their nose, after playing in dirt or with animals.

Cough and Sneeze Etiquette

As we learn more about germs and the way they spread, our practices often have to be modified. Many of us grew up learning to sneeze or cough into our hands. This practice is now considered ineffective unless hands are washed immediately afterwards, as the germs will be on the hand ready to be transferred to surfaces.

You can assist your children in managing the spread of germs by teaching them to cough into their inner elbow, or by using a tissue to cover their mouth and nose. All tissues should be placed in the rubbish bin straight away, and hands should be cleaned with soap and water immediately.

Varicella (chickenpox)

There have been two reported cases of chickenpox within the Early Learning Centre this week. This disease starts with cold-like symptoms, such as a runny nose, mild fever, cough and fatigue, and these are followed by a characteristic spotty rash. The rash typically starts on the trunk of the body and quickly spreads, continuing to do so for 3 or 4 days. Fact sheets regarding chickenpox are available at the front desk, in the *Staying Healthy (5th edition)* located in the foyer or online

www.nhmrc.gov.au/guidelines/publications/ch55

Hand, Foot and Mouth disease

NSW Health has also advised that parts of NSW are experiencing an increase in reports of Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease in young children. Whilst this is not currently present in the Early Learning Centre it is important that the guidelines as outlined above for effective infection control are practiced to minimise the outbreak or spread of infection. Fact sheets are available as above.

Picnic

As outlined in Prep Peek Volume 36 Issue 7, a family picnic day will take place on the Northbridge site as part of the Northbridge 10 Year Anniversary celebrations. Make a note of Friday 17 May for this great fun event in your diary, further details will be provided at a later date.

School Holidays

The Early Learning Centre will remain open through the school holiday period with the exception of Thursday 25 April, ANZAC day, when we will be closed. To assist in the overall management of the Centre throughout this time, could you please indicate on the form located at the front desk if your child will be away?

Thank you

Thank you to all of the families that have brought in items for the Green Room dragon project, the team now has sufficient bottles to work with. Also a huge thank you for the kitchen items that have been donated to the sandpit, any further items that would be suitable for this area will always be gratefully accepted.

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

IPSHA Cross Country

Good luck to the Shore Cross Country who will be competing at the IPSHA Cross Country at the King's School tomorrow. Remind-er to boys in the team, that you will need to find Mrs Pickworth under the Shore School banner situated in the marshalling area. Mrs Pickworth will write a number on your shoulder before you race and give you a timing bracelet for the run.

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.

*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.

*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 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
 - 97 Denison Street, Rozelle (*change of venue – apologies!*)
 - 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@nobox.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

Shore Prayer Group dates for next term

Friday 14th May and Friday 10th 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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