



PREP PEEK

The weekly newsletter of Shore Preparatory School, Sydney, NSW

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Monday 29	Tuesday 30 April	Wednesday 1 May	Thursday 2	Friday 3	Sat 4 / Sun 5
	Term 2 Commences	K-2 Polished Pennies Assembly		Prep Polished Pennies Service (9am)	Winter Sport Round 1
Monday 6	Tuesday 7	Wednesday 8	Thursday 9	Friday 10	Sat 11 / Sun 12
K-2 Reading Groups Commence	Snow Sports Info Evening (6.30pm)	K-2 Assembly—2P		NS & NB Mothers' Day Stall	Winter Sport Round 2 Sunday—Mothers Day

Holiday Reading

With the holidays now upon us, it is time to start thinking about holiday reading. It is important to plan for reading opportunities during the holiday break and, given the recent wet weather, having interesting books on hand may well help mum and dad stay sane with children indoors.

Many parents find it a challenge to encourage their children to read books. We know from research that regular reading of engaging texts greatly assists children in the development of reading fluency. During long holiday periods in particular, many children drop their reading habits which can make learning difficult again once term time starts, as their reading fluency takes time to rebuild after the break.

There are some useful strategies that parents can keep in mind to encourage reading around the home. Many of these strategies have been proven by research to be effective and are promoted by educational authorities around the world, particularly for boys.

- Ensure that children have a good supply of books close at hand; books that they find relevant and engaging and which provide a wide variety of reading choices at the child's reading level. Making sure that your children have visited the Shore or a local library prior to a holiday would be a great place to start.
- Provide times during the day or the week which are set aside for quiet reading. This is time when there are not a myriad of other 'options' available to compete with reading.
- Have conversations with your child about what he or she is reading. This will show the child that you are interested in their reading and will also help with their comprehension.
- Provide a positive reading role model. It is important for mums and dads to be seen by their child as readers; not just 'business' readers, but as people who read for enjoyment and relaxation. This modelling normalises positive reading habits in a family.

The Northbridge Campus 10 Year Anniversary Picnic – Invites Out

The invitations to the Northbridge Picnic Day next term have been distributed this week to Northbridge families. A reminder of the details about this and the special girls afternoon later in the year:

Friday 17 May 2013 family picnic day on the Northbridge site

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

Scooter Races

Despite some wet weather set-backs the boys of the North Sydney campus competed in the annual scooter races over the past two weeks. The races were not only a fun end-of-term event, but also an opportunity to raise money for Australian Mitochondrial Disease Foundation. Well done to all of the Year winners and the overall winning student teams from each grade, who will be scootering-off against the Staff Dream Team early next term.

*Nick Saunders
Head of Shore Preparatory School*

North Sydney News, Years 3 to 6

Congratulations

Congratulations to the boys on their application and effort during a longer than usual Term 1. Especially well done to our new boys! Starting at a new school is never easy and our new boys have settled into North Sydney routines with ease. Thank you also to parents for their support of the programmes at the Preparatory School, both in and outside the classroom. Finally, thanks to all staff who have worked tirelessly to ensure the boys come to happy and productive classrooms, as well as assisting with the smooth running of many other events such as clubs, carnivals, camps, debating, interviews, lunch groups, Saturday sport and excursions. I wish all our Shore Prep students, families and staff a safe and relaxing holiday.

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.

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 the 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). Morning Tea will be served afterwards.

Canberra and Bathurst Excursions

Students in Years 5 and 6 will be attending overnight excursions to Bathurst and Canberra over the final two days of next term. Both trips involve a late return (between 5pm and 6pm). Parents are asked to be mindful of this if planning travel for that evening, so that all boys can complete the excursion.

Sport – Saturday 4 May

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

After School Clubs – Term 2

Enrolment forms for Term 2 have been made available and will be accepted until the end of Week 1. 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.

Quality Class Awards

We have been delighted with the way all classes have put in a concentrated effort in class in pursuit of this award. The term's overall winner was announced today and 5P will enjoy a BBQ lunch early in Term 2. Consistency was the key with 5P reaching its goal every week of the term.

*Mark Dunn
Deputy Head – North Sydney*

Library News

Holiday Reading! All boys have been encouraged to borrow books this week for their holiday reading. I hope it is a relaxing reading holiday for all boys and their parents.

Immigration Forum

Next term Year 6 will be studying 'Immigration and its impact on Australian Society'. To enrich the learning experience we are planning a Q & A Forum to be held at the school on Thursday 16 May at 8.30am.

It is planned to ask members of our school community with such experiences to be part of our question and answer panel. A note will be sent home early next term requesting suitable participants. The Forum provides a great opportunity for students to learn first-hand of the immigration experience.

*Margo Pickworth
Teacher Librarian*

Shore Preparatory School K, 1, 2 – Northbridge

Northbridge News, K, 1, 2

What a term!

As we come to the conclusion of a very busy and long first term, may I congratulate the girls and boys on the fine effort they have displayed. Girls and boys, your enthusiasm is infectious! Well done, especially to the Kindergarten children as you have completed your first full term of formal schooling. What an achievement! All the children (and staff) are ready for a restful and relaxing holiday. I look forward to seeing the girls and boys return to school next term refreshed and in their full winter uniforms.

K,1,2 Polished Pennies Assembly

The K,1,2 Polished Pennies Service will be held at 8:30am on Wednesday, 1 May in the K,1,2 hall. This service is a time when the K,1,2 girls and boys acknowledge ANZAC Day. The service will include singing, some children reading items, prayers and a brief reminder regarding the history of Polished Pennies. There will also be a traditional voluntary collection of a polished two dollar coin for 'Polished Pennies' as is the custom at the North Sydney chapel service of the same name. Another tradition of the Polished Pennies Assembly is that the grandparents of the students are invited to attend. Parents are asked to not take photos at this particular assembly.

Northbridge 10th Anniversary

We are all very excited to celebrate Shore Northbridge's 10th Anniversary on Friday, 17 May. All parents are invited for a picnic lunch with the children on the main oval followed by some very informal games. We will then have a ceremonial cutting of the birthday cake. Dr Wright and other important guests will be joining us on the day. We hope many mums and dads will also make it.

Parents in the classroom

Kindergarten has already had parents assisting in the classroom and we look forward to many more parents helping in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 next term. Please ensure that you have signed the *Working With Children* check and the *Code of Conduct* form. The children love having parents assisting in the classroom and I know the teachers do too. Thank you to all the parents who are able to support the school in this way.

Sunhats

All the children should have brought home their sunhats today. After washing, please remember to send these back to school for the first day of term.

Assemblies

Wow, KWhite! You presented a wonderful first assembly to us all on Wednesday. You have certainly grown up in your first term at school. Congratulations to **Year KBlue** on receiving the **Quality Class of the Week Award** for this week. Well done, KBlue! What a great way to end the term.

Other Information to Note

Tuesday, 30 April – First day of Term 2. Children return in their winter uniform.

Wednesday, 1 May – Polished Pennies Assembly (our ANZAC Assembly).

After School Activities – After school French and Speech and Drama will recommence in the second week of Term 2. Orchestra for Kindergarten (Wednesday) and Years 1 and 2 (Friday) begins in week 1.

Natasha Mitchell

Deputy Head of Shore Preparatory School - Northbridge

Early Learning Centre – Northbridge

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ELC News

Heather Lee presents *Sweet Dreams*

On Wednesday and Thursday of this week, the boys and girls were very pleased to welcome Heather Lee to the Early Learning Centre. As Heather began her performance, she set the scene with a little Teddy named Baboo who belonged to her son. Heather had promised her son that she would take care of Baboo for the day and would sing him some beautiful songs to help him sleep. She carefully placed Baboo in a small cradle and tucked him in before beginning our musical journey around the world.

Heather shared eight songs with us and the first originated from Scotland. This song was a lullaby telling the birds flying in the air to hush and settle to sleep. The second song was from Australia and began with the familiar and mesmerising sound of the didgeridoo. Heather made a small fire and used tapping sticks as she sang and danced around the fire. Next we visited China where Heather changed into a colourful dress and waved her fan then played small symbols and a traditional drum. The fourth song was a very familiar lullaby from America entitled *Rock-a-bye-baby*; we were all able to accompany the guitar playing and join in for this one. I could see the children rocking pretend babies in their arms. India was next on our adventure where Heather dressed in a sari and scarf with bells around her ankles to sing a song about a Prince. Nepal and India were the last places we visited before we finished, with Heather inviting the children to join her in singing and performing the actions for *Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star*.

We were all feeling very relaxed as Heather waved us goodbye. She certainly has a beautiful and captivating singing voice. To follow up from the performance, teachers used the globe to locate each of the different countries the songs were from.

Everyday Heroes

Over the last weeks there has been growing interest in the work of police and other members of the community who help us such as doctors, life savers, ambulance officers and fire fighters. To facilitate this play outdoors, a police station has been created where children can wear a police hat, drive the police car and even issue tickets if people break the ELC rules, like walking through the garden beds! Educators have introduced other resources, such as books, puzzles and road signs to support the children's learning. During play, driving and road safety have become a major component, leading to conversations about what road signs mean, how fast cars are allowed to drive, when and where cars can stop and park, where to cross the road and, importantly, when children should hold a grown-up's hand. Children have proven to be incredibly knowledgeable about police and the great job they do. I wonder if you can spot some road signs when you are out and about with your children that they might recognise? To support this interest, we are hoping to be able to invite some real life every day heroes to the ELC to speak with the children.

Spare Clothes Please

Please ensure your children have a spare change of clearly labelled clothes in their bags every day. Children often need to change some or all of their clothes when they are involved in messy play, or water play, or have a toileting incident, or perhaps spill food or drinks during meal times. If you have any of the ELC spare clothing at home please return these as soon as possible.

Happy Holidays

The Early Learning Centre will remain open for the next two weeks with the exception of ANZAC day when we will be closed. Please note that lunch orders are not available in the school holidays and experiences such as Library, Dalcroze and Chapel do not occur. For those of you who are having a break over this time, I hope you enjoy the change of pace and perhaps an adventure somewhere new. We look forward to seeing you at the start of Term 2.

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

Well done to the Shore team who competed very well at the IPSHA Cross Country last weekend. With just under 200 runners in each race, the Shore boys did very well with the majority of the team finishing in the Top 50 for their age group.

Congratulations to following boys who have been chosen to represent Shore and IPSHA at the NSW CIS Cross Country:

Ben Hondros 8th (Under 10)

James Wilson 3rd (Under 11)

One team is selected from all schools for each age group to represent IPSHA at the NSW CIS carnival. The school with the 4 highest placed runners wins selection. Shore won selection as the strongest school for the Under 10 and Under 11 age group.

Under 10 Shore team – Ben Hondros, Adrian Thompson, Oliver Duthie & Jonathan Woodcock.

Under 11 Shore team – James Wilson, Hamish Longworth, Matthew Madgwick and Garcia Bertini.

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)

	COACH	Rd 1 - 4/5	Time
1st XV Rugby	S Mancey	St Augustine's Northbridge G	9.30am
2nd XV Rugby	P Knight	St Augustine's Northbridge G	8.45am
3rd XV Rugby	S Martin	St Augustine's Northbridge G	8.00am
11 A Rugby	A Bayliss	St Pius Oxford Falls	9.30am
11 B Rugby	P Harrington	St Pius Oxford Falls	8.45am
11 C Rugby	R Herron M Kerr	St Pius Oxford Falls	8.00am
11 D Rugby	D Jensen	Scots Christison Park	8.00am
10 A Rugby	S Grainger	St Aloysius Willoughby # 2	9.00am
1st XI Football	M Dunn	Trinity Strathfield Northbridge E	9.30am
2nd XI Football	A Phillips	Trinity Strathfield Northbridge E	8.45am
3rd XI Football	K Polis	Trinity Strathfield Northbridge E	8.00am
10 A Football	S Rae A Tong	Cranbrook Dangar Oval	9.45am
10 B Football	M Case M Pickworth	Cranbrook Dangar Oval	9.00am

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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