



PREP PEEK

The weekly newsletter of Shore Preparatory School, Sydney, NSW

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	NAPLAN (Y3 & Y5)	NAPLAN (Y3 & Y5) K-2 Assembly - 2T Buddies	NAPLAN (Y3 & Y5) Y6 Immigration Forum (8.30am)	Northbridge 10th Anniversary Celebrations	Winter Sport Round 3
Monday 20	Tuesday 21	Wednesday 22	Thursday 23	Friday 24	Sat 25 / Sun 26
		K-2 Assembly - 1M Excursion—Sydney Writer's Festival Buddies Choir - Evensong @ St James (6.30pm)		Y4 Colonisation Excursion	Winter Sport Round 4 Musical Leads Rehearsal (2-6pm)

NAPLAN Testing

Next week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the boys of Years 3 and 5 will be participating in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy, or NAPLAN Tests. These assessments are carried out nationwide for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in order to assess the literacy and numeracy learning of students in all Australian schools.

Over the past few weeks, the boys in Years 3 and 5 at Shore Preparatory School have been appropriately prepared to perform to the best of their ability. Students who are sitting the tests do not require any particular materials in order to complete the tests, apart from having a pencil sharpener and eraser handy. It is important that parents ensure that students are at school on time each day and that other outside appointments or commitments are avoided on the testing days.

The NAPLAN tests serve two purposes: to provide information on individual student achievement to parents and teachers; and to provide information to the School about the performance of the entire group of students who are sitting the assessments.

At the individual student level, the results of the tests provide important information to schools and parents about what each student can (or cannot) do, and so can be used to support individual teaching and learning programs. This information is conveyed to parents and the School via a detailed report indicating the child's level of achievement later in the year. Each student's level of achievement is reported against the national minimum standard and against a common continuum of skill bands (for example, Bands 1 to 6 for Year 3), indicating progress against school and national means (averages) in the various sub-categories of literacy and numeracy tested.

The individual student reports provide a useful snapshot of a student's level of achievement at the time of the testing. Teachers at the School use these reports as a cross-check with their own, more extensive, understanding of a student's progress, to confirm areas of strength or weakness, or to highlight a new area to investigate further. As the reports arrive late in the year, some five months after the tests are conducted, some areas identified may already have been addressed in the course of a class programme.

A word of caution about over-preparation for the NAPLAN tests. Tests, like NAPLAN, purport to give diagnostic information about a student's ability across the broad range of the literacy and numeracy domains. To do this, of course, they ask questions covering only an indicative sample of skills and knowledge, from which inferences can then be drawn about competence across the entire domain. Therefore, coaching students for these tests, such that they learn about how to answer the types of questions that will be sampled, can destroy the ability to make confident predictions about overall competence in the entire domains of literacy and numeracy. This is the phenomenon known as "teaching to the test". It may help to inflate individual results, but it undermines the diagnostic power of the reports, indicating competence in being able to answer NAPLAN-like questions, rather than true competence in literacy and numeracy. Shore's approach to preparing students for NAPLAN tests is very much in line with the approach outlined by ACARA, the federal government authority who produces the tests.

It is appropriate for students, particularly students participating in the NAPLAN tests for the first time, to be made familiar with the format, language, response types and time constraints of the Reading, Language Conventions and Numeracy tests before they sit the tests ... The provision of broad and comprehensive teaching and learning programs is the best preparation that schools can provide for their students. Excessive coaching and test preparation are not condoned ... Past NAPLAN test papers can be used to ensure that students are familiar with the format and response types. (NAPLAN 2011, Handbook for Principals, p.14).

Good luck to all the Shore boys sitting the tests next week.

The Northbridge Campus 10 Year Anniversary Picnic – Next Week

The final plans are coming together for next Friday's Northbridge Picnic Day. It promises to be a great event and I am pleased to confirm that both Mr Steven Bowers, former Head of the Preparatory School, and Mr David Watkins, former Deputy Head of Northbridge, plus many other special guests, will be in attendance. We will begin with a picnic on A Ground, followed by some fun picnic races and will conclude with a special cutting of the 10 Year Birthday Cake. Families are reminded that they can pick up their ELC and K, 1, 2 children at 12:15pm to join the picnic lunch on A Ground. It is a BYO affair, so make sure that you pack enough food for everyone in your party. At the conclusion of the festivities (around 2pm), children can either be taken back to class, or taken home. After School Care will be operating as normal, but there is no orchestra after school. These details have been outlined in the letter that was sent home at the end of last week.

Scooter Races

Due to some wet weather set-backs last term, we had to wait until this week to conclude the Scooter Race competition, with the Dream Team race-off on Monday. The best teams from Years 3, 4, 5 and 6, scootered-off against the staff Dream Team, which included the mysterious Stig himself. The final was a very tight affair and despite a few tumbles and some bending of the rules by the Dream Team, the team from Year 6 came away with the win. Congratulations boys and well done to everyone who competed over the entire competition, raising much needed funds for the Australian Mitochondrial Disease Foundation.

Nick Saunders
 Head of Shore Preparatory School

North Sydney News, Years 3 to 6

Winter Sport

It was fantastic to see all of the boys in Years 4-6 enthusiastically enjoying their games of rugby and football. Team sport has so many benefits for young men and provides an environment where they are able to develop skills and values that remain with them and have application long after they cross the sideline. Learning to win graciously and lose sportingly, celebrating our own and other's successes, and supporting one another are all great life lessons that can be developed on the football field. Congratulations boys on the pride you displayed by wearing the correct uniform, the passion evident in the way you played your games and the way you supported one another no matter what the score. What a terrific start to our winter sport season!

NAPLAN

I am sure all are aware that next week, all our students in Years 3 & 5 will undertake the NAPLAN assessments in Reading, Writing and Numeracy. The boys are ready, having worked hard in class and had some exposure to formal testing procedures. These tests will take place on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings so it is essential that students arrive at school on time on these days. Results are forwarded to parents and the school later in the year.

Canberra Grammar Visit

In Week 5, our families will have the chance to meet and host students from Canberra Grammar School. The annual visit of boys and staff from Canberra Grammar will involve two games of rugby and two games of football. Year 6 families have been asked to consider billeting the players from Canberra on the night of Monday 27 May. All Year 6 students brought home a note last week asking for a commitment to host 1 or 2 students. Altogether, we need to accommodate approximately 55 students. I have no doubt that our Year 6 families will extend a wonderful welcome and care to these young men. Please return these notes as soon as possible and thank you to all who are willing to open their homes.

Canberra and Bathurst Excursions

In last term's Prep Peek, parents were advised that students in Years 5 and 6 will be attending overnight excursions to Bathurst and Canberra that involve a late return on the final day of term. Parents are asked to be mindful of this if planning travel for that evening, so that all boys can complete the excursion. Whilst arrival times depend greatly on traffic, Year 5 are scheduled to return at 5pm and Year 6 at 6pm.

Lost Property

I can not stress enough the importance of clearly labeling all boys' clothing, particularly in these colder months when coats and jumpers are often worn and then removed. Whilst we encourage the boys to develop responsibility in this area, it is inevitable that students will eventually leave something behind. Most items are returned within a few days provided that they are labeled. All lost property is located in the 6K classroom. Mr Knight and the Lost Property Monitors do a sterling job getting it all back to boys as long as they know whose it is!

Charities – St James School PNG

This week, Miss Kleinig spoke at Chapel and showed us some of the developments that have taken place at the St James School in Papua New Guinea over the past few years. It was heartening to know that the ongoing support of the students and families of the Shore Prep community over the last few years has helped to make these developments possible. This term, our Chapel collection and money raised in a Move-a-thon, scheduled for Week 7, will be allocated to providing a clinic at St James. Many students will remember the fun and excitement of this activity from previous years as the entire Prep School (ELC – Year 6) clocked up as many laps of Northbridge A Ground and School Oval as possible. Miss Kleinig and the charity monitors will soon give the boys more information about the process of gathering sponsors.

Quality Class Award

Well done to all of the classes who started this term off in excellent fashion by reaching their Quality Class goal. 5P certainly enjoyed their sausage sizzle on Monday as reward for being Term 1 Champion Class.

Happy Mothers' Day to all the Shore Mums on Sunday – I hope your sons, daughters and husbands treat you to a special day as they should every day!

Mark Dunn
Deputy Head – North Sydney

Library News

Winners of Haiku Competition
Congratulations to the following winners of the Year 5 Haiku competition - these boys will be attending the Sydney Writers Festival Student Day at Sydney Wharf Theatre on Wednesday 17 May, 2013 where they will meet four well-known children's authors.

5P: James Griffiths, Nathan Davis, Mitchell Parras, William Scougall

5H: Hamish Howard, Mathew Madgewick, Billy Jacobs, Jack Davis-Rice, Lewis Brammall, Lachlan Hall, Luke Easton

5T: Thomas Scott, Will Hofman, Lachlan Meakes, Ollie Fox, Charlie Rigby, Charlie East.

Our judge, Miss Ava Banerjee has had several of her own poems published. She commented on the high standard of writing.

Margo Pickworth
Teacher Librarian

Music News

The Year 6 boys were treated to a brief demonstration of the Double Bass on Wednesday morning. Any Year 5 or 6 boy who is interested in learning the Double Bass can collect a form from the office. Instruments are available for hire from the School and need not be transported back and forth as another instrument will be available for lessons and ensemble playing at school. Mr Menzies has plenty of space to teach Prep boys so don't hold back in applying!

Mrs Judy Hicks
Private Music Lesson Co-Ordinator

ISDA Debating Round 7

What a great way to finish the debating season for the Prep boys! Both Primary A and Primary B won their debates on Friday night and while neither team quite made it into the semi-finals, their powerful performance for this last debate is a testament to their hard work and commitment to do their best.

The topic was 'That domestic cats should be banned in Australia' and our boys were arguing in the affirmative against St Catherine's. It is not a topic that, at first glance, appears easily winnable from the affirmative side but our boys applied their ever-blossoming debating skills to convince both judges that their arguments were valid.

My heart-felt congratulations go to all of the boys involved as well as my sincere thanks to Andy Lee and Nick Waldron who acted as coaches and worthy mentors throughout the season. I would also like to thank all of the wonderful parents who so passionately supported their boys' love of debating. It has been a positive and most valuable experience for everyone and I am sure many of these boys will be keen to further pursue their debating careers in Year 7.

Di Johnson
Debating Co-ordinator

Important Note: Clothing Shop

1. There are no school accounts offered at the Clothing Shop.
2. Cash, Mastercard, Visa and Cheques are accepted as payment. Parents can ring with credit card details any Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.
3. Any orders for NS students must be collected at the shop by either the student or parent. No purchases will be sent over to the Prep School at NS.
4. Deliveries will only be made to Northbridge for ELC, K12 students

Shore Preparatory School K, 1, 2 – Northbridge

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Northbridge News, K, 1, 2

Signing in and out – parents and children

As per the school policy all parents who are assisting with classroom activities are required to sign in, in the foyer. Mrs Lockyer has lists set up prior to each group activity. Please therefore, sign in and take a badge. It is imperative that each parent signs in so we are aware of who is actually on site. Please don't forget to sign out and return the badge. Children who finish any after school activities or After School Care must also be signed out. This is a legal obligation. Would all parents please ensure nannies, grandparents and other carers are aware of this requirement.

10th Anniversary Picnic

Our picnic is only one week away. The children and staff are very excited to celebrate this milestone in our school's history. If you have not returned the permission slip yet, please do so immediately. The teachers have received some fantastic entries for the Art Competition to be judged on the day. We are looking forward to a great day. Please note that there will be **no** Orchestra that day, however After School Care will continue as usual.

Reading Groups

This week, Reading Groups commenced in the K,1,2 classes. A big 'thank you' to all the parents, grandparents and friends who have volunteered to support the reading programme through assisting in the various classrooms. Home reading is also a vital element in the school's reading programme. Each child should be reading at home every day. Please encourage your child to read regularly at home. Some fun places to read are under the doona with a torch, in the cubby or lying on the grass together.

Assembly

Thank you to **2P** for your fantastic assembly on Wednesday. Your descriptions and song were just fabulous. Next week **Year 2T** will present their assembly. All Year 2T parents are welcome back to the classroom following the assembly. Congratulations to **1M** on being awarded the Quality Class of the Week Award. Well done, 1M.

After School Care

Miss Karen and the After School Care educators are doing a great job planning activities and menus for the children. Our programme has changed slightly with the children spending time outdoors earlier in the afternoon as the weather cools. Attached are some photos of the children participating in some activities.

Other Information:

Friday, 17 May – Northbridge 10th Anniversary Birthday Party

Monday, 27 May – Year 1 Excursion – Wannabees (details to come)

Tuesday, 28 May – Year 2 Excursion - Maritime Museum (details to come)

Friday, 31 May – Kindergarten Excursion – Botanic Gardens (details to come)

Natasha Mitchell

Deputy Head of Shore Preparatory School - Northbridge

Early Learning Centre – Northbridge

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ELC News

Picnic

Next week, on Friday 17 May, the Northbridge 10th Anniversary Picnic will take place on 'A ground'. This is sure to be a great fun day, as we celebrate this special milestone of the campus. Letters have now been distributed to all Early Learning Centre children giving further details of the event. Children who would usually attend the ELC on a Friday are required to fill out a permission slip for the day and return it to the Parent Drop Box on Miss Leanne's desk as soon as possible. If you have not received a letter regarding the picnic please speak with Miss Leanne.

'Guess the teachers when they were little' Competition

This competition is now up and running! In the ELC and K, 1 & 2 foyers you may already have noticed a display board of the Northbridge teachers photographs when we were little. If your child would like to enter the competition please fill out one of the guessing sheets by matching the number on the photograph with one of the names displayed on the board and filling in the sheet as appropriate. Guessing sheets can be placed in the drop box next to the display boards. Entries will cost a gold coin donation which can be placed in the 'Tin for Thar', the child we sponsor through World Vision. The winners will be revealed on the day of the picnic. Good luck!

Disco

Don't miss out on your opportunity to join in with the ELC, K, 1 & 2 Disco that will be held on Friday 14 June from 4pm until 6pm. The disco will take place in the Northbridge K12 Hall and the entry fee is only \$40 per family. For further details, have a look at the flier displayed in the ELC parent communication box. To purchase tickets to this 'not to be missed event' log on to <http://www.trybooking.com/49374>.

Professional Development

Recently ELC educators have been participating in a variety of training, including emergency anaphylaxis management, emergency asthma management and updating first aid qualifications that are all mandatory under the *Education and Care Services National Regulations*. Also, together as a team on Monday evening, we hosted a representative from Community Childcare Co-operative to update our knowledge on current 'Keep Them Safe' (Child Protection) legislation.

The goal of 'Keep them Safe' is that "all children in NSW are healthy, happy and safe, and grow up belonging in families and communities where they have opportunities to reach their full potential". There have been a few changes to the legislation and as mandatory reporters it is vital our knowledge is always up to date.

It is a great privilege to be able to access regular and current training to keep abreast of the most up to date information regarding early education and care so that we are able to provide quality service. I am grateful to Shore for their continued commitment and support of all staff to participate in valuable professional development opportunities such as these.

Mother's Day

Over the last few weeks, the ELC boys and girls have been working very hard on creating beautiful Mother's Day gifts. I am sure you will enjoy receiving these gifts to treasure on Sunday. On behalf of the team at the Early Learning Centre I would like to wish all Mum's a very happy day this Sunday.

Rebecca Schollum
Director - ELC



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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

Saturday Sport

A reminder to all schools from IPSHA was sent out last week to pass onto Coaches and Parents of the different teams. At halftime and any other time in a game, only the Coach and a nominated Manager are allowed to enter the field of play. Not that this is a problem at Shore but please keep this in mind when watching your son play on the weekend. Thank you.

Sports Gear

On these cold winter mornings, boys are expected to wear the full Shore track suit or Y6 fleece. No other jumpers or tracksuits are to be worn. Boys are expected to wear the correct Shore rugby or football uniform when playing. Club shorts and socks are not to be worn.

A reminder to all parents and boys. It is very important to label all clothing, head gear, boots, shin pads and drink bottles for sport. Each week a lot of items are left in the grandstand or behind at the end of a game and unfortunately no names are printed clearly so we cannot return them to the owner. The correct uniform is required each week and if your son keeps misplacing his uniform, it can become very expensive.

Please write your son's name on everything.

*Scott Mancey
Sportsmaster*

Results from 4/5:

1st XV Rugby	St. Augustine's	0-42
2nd XV Rugby	St. Augustine's	0-20
3rd XV Rugby	St. Augustine's	15-15
11A Rugby	St Pius	5-50
11B Rugby	St Pius	19-15
11C Rugby	St Pius	55-0
11D Rugby	Scots	29-20
10 A Rugby	St Aloysius	17-22
1st XI Football	Trinity Strathfield	0-5
2nd XI Football	Trinity Strathfield	1-5
3rd XI Football	Trinity Strathfield	2-0
10A Blue Football	Cranbrook	11-6
10A White Football	Cranbrook	10-4
10B Blue Football	Cranbrook	7-0
10B White Football	Cranbrook	7-1

Racing/Competition:

Redlands Cup @ Thredbo: 9 July
Sydney Regional Interschools Championships @ Thedbo: 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)*

Please note the following change:

** 10s Rugby vs. Arden at Carlingford. 8.00am kick off

	COACH	Rd 2 - 11/5	Time
1st XV Rugby	S Mancey	Waverley Northbridge G	9.30am
2nd XV Rugby	P Knight	Waverley Northbridge G	8.45am
3rd XV Rugby	S Martin	Waverley Northbridge G	8.00am
11 A Rugby	A Bayliss	Kings School Field, Nth Syd	10.15am
11 B Rugby	P Harrington	Kings School Field, Nth Syd	9.30am
11 C Rugby	R Herron M Kerr	Kings School Field, Nth Syd	8.45am
11 D Rugby	D Jensen	Waverley School Field, Nth Syd	8.00am
10 A Rugby	S Grainger	Arden Carlingford # 3	8.00am
1st XI Football	M Dunn	Redlands Macquarie Uni	9.30am
2nd XI Football	A Phillips	Redlands Macquarie Uni	8.45am
3rd XI Football	K Polis	Redlands Macquarie Uni	8.00am
10 A Football	S Rae A Tong	Sydney Grammar Northbridge E	8.45am
10 B Football	M Case M Pickworth	Sydney Grammar Northbridge E	8.00am

Venues

SHORE

School Field - Edward St., North Sydney.
Northbridge - (SCEGS War Memorial Playing Fields) 55 Sailor's Bay Rd, Northbridge.

S.C.E.C.G.S. REDLANDS

Macquarie University - Cnr Culloden & Talavera Rd, Macquarie Park.
Matches will be on University Oval which is part of the complex.

ARDEN

Roselea Public School - Playing field. 449 North Rocks Rd Carlingford, (enter via Carlingford High School)

Shore Association

Get your best dancing shoes on
and 'Bop till you Drop' for the
ELC, K, 1 & 2 Northbridge
American Tea Fundraiser Disco

When: Friday 14th June **Time:** 4pm - 6pm

Where: Northbridge Campus Hall

Entry Fee: \$40 per family

Food, drinks and sweets for sale

Raffle, prizes and surprises on the night.
Don't miss this fun event and support the

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