



PREP PEEK

The weekly newsletter of Shore Preparatory School, Sydney, NSW

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Y6 Tests Y6 Billeting/Games v. Canberra Grammar Y1 Excursion—Wannabees (9.30 - 1.30pm)	Y2 Excursion - Maritime Museum	K-2 Assembly - KBlue Buddies		K Excursion- Botanic Gardens	Winter Sport Round 5 Musical Leads Rehearsal (2-6pm)

Polished Pennies Address 2013 – Mr Richard Hughes

Below is an abridged version of Mr Richard Hughes' talk at the North Sydney Polished Pennies Service.

When we look around the brass plaques here in the chapel we see many names of old Shore students who have sacrificed their lives in World War One. I would like to tell you about one of these old students, William Wilkinson, whose actions will help us understand Jesus' sacrifice and what that means for us today.

Wilkinson was an officer who served in the British Army during both the First and Second World Wars. He finished at Shore in 1909 then went to England where he joined the British Army. During the two wars he did many brave things for which he was given many awards. This made him the most highly awarded Shore Old Boy that fought in both World War One and Two. For this reason we have engraved Wilkinson's name on this sword which is carried by the most senior Cadet in the Shore Army Cadet Unit. Wilkinson himself would have had a sword very similar to this as an officer in the British Army.

I would like to tell you about how Wilkinson received the George Medal because I think it shows us what it means to be a leader that serves others first. Wilkinson was in charge of a Battalion which is a group of about 400 soldiers, similar to how many are here today. When they were fighting in North Africa some of his men walked into a field where his enemies had put mines which exploded when his men stepped on them. Many of his men were killed, but one man lay wounded. No one wanted to go get him because they might also step on a mine and die. Despite his fear, Wilkinson went into the mine field and brought this man out alive by himself.

This was a really brave thing for Wilkinson to do. It reminds me of the words we heard read from John 15:13 'Greater love has no one than this that he lay down his life for his friends'. This talks about how Jesus died to save his friends, in the same way that Wilkinson risked his life to save this soldier.

Yet Jesus' actions are all the more amazing when we see that he gives up his life not just for his friends but for his enemies. Our sin makes us enemies of God because we choose not to follow him. Imagine that it was a German soldier that lay wounded in the minefield. It would be unbelievable if Wilkinson would have risked his life to save his enemy. But this is exactly what Jesus does. He sacrifices his life so that we, his enemies, might be rescued from the consequence of our sin.

Wilkinson's actions further reflect Jesus' sacrifice because both of them held positions of great authority yet gave up their status and authority to save others. Wilkinson was in charge of a battalion of about 400 men, similar to the number here today. He could have told any one of his men to rescue that man. But rather than telling someone else to risk their lives, he did it himself.

In a similar way, Jesus gives up his position of importance to save us. The bible tells us that Jesus was not an ordinary man; he was the Son of God. Jesus has power over everything, yet he gives up this important role and dies on the cross so that we wouldn't be punished for our sin.

Lastly, Wilkinson's actions further highlight the hope we have in Jesus' death and resurrection. Even though Wilkinson fought bravely and many people sacrificed their lives, the peace at the end of the war didn't last long because people were still greedy and proud. I know I am like that sometimes and therefore I need Jesus to deal with this by accepting that he died on the cross for me. I also look forward to being with God when I die when there will be no more war and death.

We remember the sacrifice of Wilkinson and other Old Boys and we look for ways to be brave and sacrificial in our own lives.

What would it look like to sacrifice something for your friend or even for your enemy? It might mean making friends with someone who is alone. Maybe you could give up some of your lunch time to help your teacher clean up the classroom after a messy activity. Those who are leaders in your school should work hard to help everyone else. Sacrifice is hard work, but it is really rewarding.

Wilkinson's example also challenges us to think about how we respond to Jesus. It would have been silly for the wounded man not to accept Wilkinson's help. In the same way, it would be silly if we didn't accept Jesus offer to die for us and take away our sin. It is sad that many people are still fighting in wars today, but we look forward to when Jesus comes back to bring peace that will last forever.

North Sydney News, Years 3 to 6

NAPLAN

Congratulations to all the students in Years 3 & 5 who undertook NAPLAN assessments in reading, writing and numeracy this week. We look forward to learning later in the year about the areas you are excelling in and the areas in which we can all work harder to improve.

Late Pick-Up

It has become concerning that students are being picked up late in the afternoons, especially from Northbridge on Wednesdays, when students must be picked-up at the latest by 3.30pm. On all other days, students who are being picked up should be collected by 3.15pm when the teacher on duty leaves. Students who remain at this time will be seated on the bench outside the Office but also must be picked up by 3.30pm at the latest. Students should not be at school after this time unless they are attending After School Care or a supervised activity. Supervision should not be assumed before or after out-of-hours Music lessons – it is parents' responsibility to arrange this in advance or be present themselves before the lesson starts and when it finishes. Whilst students will never be left unsupervised, the School's staff should not be put in a position where they are supervising boys after hours when they should be able to complete other duties, or in many cases fulfil pick-up responsibilities for their own children. Should it ever be likely that you will require care after 3.30pm, please complete the necessary forms so that, if necessary, we are able to utilise After School Care to look after your son.

Semester Tests

The next weeks will feature testing of our students that teachers will use when constructing the end of semester reports and for planning teaching and learning programmes for next semester. Whilst assessment is ongoing and teachers gather evidence from students in a variety of ways, assessments for students, particularly in Year 6 will examine students' skills, knowledge and understanding of work completed this year, and give them some exposure to the formal testing that they will increasingly encounter as their education progresses. Boys will be guided by their teachers if there are specific areas that they would do well to revise each evening in preparation.

Excursions

Congratulations to the Year 4 boys on the wonderful account they gave of themselves today as they moved around some Sydney sites as part of their colonisation studies. Next week, a number of boys in Year 5 will enjoy the wonderful opportunity to attend the Sydney Writer's Festival on Wednesday. That evening, our Choir will lead the congregation at St James Anglican Church in the celebration of Evensong. Our gratitude goes to Mrs Geersen, Mrs Pickworth and Mr Jensen for the considerable work that goes into organising such fantastic opportunities for our students.

Canberra Grammar Visit

Thank you for the many offers of billeting for our visiting Canberra Grammar students in Week 5. In the end, we had more offers than needed! Families who are hosting billets will receive their names and contact information next week. All of Year 6 will be attending the rugby and football games which will be played on Monday 27 May from 1pm. Parents are welcome to attend the games and the brief after-match presentation at 3pm. All of Year 6 and billets will need to be picked up from Northbridge on that afternoon.

Quality Class Award

Well done to 4G who were the top performing class last week. Keep up the great work, boys!

Mark Dunn
Deputy Head – North Sydney

Music News

The boys from the Chapel Choir will be performing Evensong at St James' Church, King Street, Sydney on Wednesday 22 May 2013 at 6.15pm.

A rehearsal for the performance will take place on Wednesday 22 May 2013 in the Shore School Chapel at 1.15pm. The Choir will not travel to sport at Northbridge on that day but will remain with me at North Sydney. The boys will need to be collected from the Preparatory School in North Sydney at 2.55pm or dismissed to go home on public transport.

On the evening of the performance, Wednesday 22 May 2013, the boys will need to arrive at St James' Church, King Street at 5.30pm for a warm-up. After the service, which will conclude at 7.00pm, I have promised the boys a trip to McDonald's in George St (opposite the GPO) for dinner. The boys coming to dinner will need to provide their own money.

Parents attending Evensong are free to take their boys home, if they so wish, at the conclusion of the service or after McDonald's. After dinner the remaining boys will return by train with me to the main entrance of Shore Senior School (Blue Street) at 8.30pm for pickup.

The Prep String Ensemble and Prep String Quartet will be performing at the Senior Strings/Choral Concert on Thursday 30 May 2013 in the Smith Auditorium. The concert starts at 7.30pm but I would ask that the boys meet in the Senior Strings Ensemble Room (2207) at 7pm.

The Prep String Ensemble will be playing a massed item with the Intermediate and Senior String ensembles and the Tenor/Bass choir to open the concert. Following this the Prep String ensemble and the Prep String Quartet will perform their individual pieces.

David Jensen
Music 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 and-K12 students

Shore Preparatory School K, 1, 2 – Northbridge

K,1,2 Phone: 8966 5300 K1,2 Fax: 8966 5390

Northbridge News, K, 1, 2

Collection from Car Lines

Please note that car lines finish promptly at 3pm. At 3pm, children will be taken to Reception where Mrs Lockyer will endeavour to contact parents. With the very strict changes in the laws governing After School Care practices, if your child is not currently enrolled in After School Care (with the new forms completed each year) they **are not** allowed to attend After School Care, even for a short period of time. If you suspect your child may want to use the After School Care service even for five minutes as a one off, please contact Mrs Lockyer to arrange to have the forms re-emailed to you. It would be most beneficial to fill out and lodge the forms, "just in case".

Confidentiality

Thank you to the many parents who are helping in the classrooms at present. It is wonderful to see our school buzzing with children and parents, all learning together. May I remind parents of the need for confidentiality when working with children. Please don't discuss other children with other parents. This includes a child's reading ability or any behaviours you may have witnessed. As we know, children develop and learn at different rates and just like adults, girls and boys have both good and bad days. Thank you for your understanding with this. If you have not already done so, please return the Code of Conduct slips as soon as possible.

Gluten Free?

Currently, the school is updating its records in regards to children who require gluten-free food. Mrs Lockyer needs to know if your child is gluten intolerant or in fact a coeliac. Please contact the office to ensure our school is aware of your child's needs.

Buddies

On Wednesday, our Buddies Programme for this term began. The boys in Years 5 and 6 and the K,1,2 children enjoy participating together in a variety of fun activities each week. This term, Baker girls and boys will be dancing, Davies children will be playing games, Hall students will be making music and Linton girls and boys will be creating some artwork. Thank you to all the Buddies teachers and in particular to Mrs Anderson for co-ordinating the sessions. Some photos are attached.

Assembly

Thank you to **2T** for your fantastic assembly on Wednesday. What a beautiful song you sang. I noticed a few tears in some parents' eyes. Next week, **Year 1M** will present their Assembly. All 1M parents are welcome back to the classroom following the assembly. Congratulations to **KBlue** on being awarded the **Quality Class of the Week Award**. Well done KBlue.

Other Information:

Monday, 27 May – Year 1 Excursion - Wannabees

Tuesday, 28 May – Year 2 Excursion - Maritime Museum

Friday, 31 May – Kindergarten Excursion – Royal Botanic Gardens

Natasha Mitchell
Deputy Head of Shore Preparatory School - Northbridge

Early Learning Centre – Northbridge

ELC Phone: 8966 5350 ELC Fax: 8966 5391

ELC News

Buddies

This week on Wednesday, the second year boys and girls were very excited to invite 4C to the Early Learning Centre for the first 'Buddies' activity for 2013. Many of the students in Year 4 are 'old boys' of the ELC from 2007/8 so it was great to see some familiar faces revisiting, as well as meet some new students. On arrival, the boys from 4C were paired off with an ELC boy or girl to read books together in quiet spaces around the multipurpose room, green room or middle room. After the children had enjoyed their books, they played with various games and puzzles that were provided around the Centre. We were all impressed with how well-mannered all of the boys were throughout the visit and how caring they were to the younger children. I enjoyed hearing the older boys providing guidance to the ELC children as they read and played. We look forward to meeting with 4G in the coming weeks.

UV Index

As autumn draws to a close and the days become increasingly cooler, we have been monitoring the UV index closely. Currently the UV index is reaching a maximum of around 4 between the hours of 10:20am and 1:40pm. The Cancer Council recommends that when the UV index is below 3 only minimal protection from the sun is required. At the Early Learning Centre this means that currently, during the morning outdoor play, between 10:30am and 12:00pm children are still required to wear hats and sun screen, however during the afternoon, hats and sun screen are no longer necessary. Children may still choose to wear a hat if they would like to, although it is not compulsory.

Shore Beanies

In the winter months, the UV index usually drops to 2 and below for the whole day. During that time, when children no longer require hats to protect from the sun they may like to have a hat on to keep them warm, particularly during early morning, late evening, or oval play. The Shore uniform shop has beanies available for purchase for Early Learning Centre children that are perfect for this cooler weather.

Arriving at the ELC

Over the last week, I have noticed many children making a big effort when they are arriving at the Early Learning Centre to be responsible for their own belongings, by carrying their bag, placing their lunch box and fruit in the kitchen then saying a friendly hello to the teachers before settling to an activity in the multipurpose room. These small tasks that children begin to do at the Early Learning Centre will prepare them as they embark on their journey to Kindergarten where they are required to be increasingly independent. Well done boys and girls, keep up the good work!

The Busy Bee Book Bonanza

When: Wednesday 19 & Thursday 20 June, Library Foyer, 8 – 10am

Why: All kids love books, so clear out your shelves, donate your preloved books and buy some new ones to replace them for just \$2.00 each. All money goes to the American Tea fundraiser.

How: Put all books in the tubs provided in ELC or K, 1 & 2 foyers by Friday 14 June. All children from ELC, K, 1 & 2 are encouraged to donate and purchase so please include books for reading ages 10 and under. Parents are welcome to purchase with their children prior to school on both days, or alternatively you can send money with you child in a marked envelope so they can purchase books themselves. Please note all unsold books will be donated to the library or charity.

If you would like to volunteer your time to help sort books or assist on the stalls, please contact melissamacdonald@me.com or robyn@ubiqueam.com.au

Important dates for your diary

Wednesday 5 June & Thursday 6 June - Monty presents Aboriginal Stories

Monday 10 June – ELC closed Queens Birthday

Friday 14 June – Northbridge Disco

Monday 15 July – ELC closed for professional development

Wednesday 7 August – 3/5 day Grandparents Morning Tea

Thursday 8 August – 2/5 day Grandparents Morning Tea

*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

Saturday Sport

A reminder to all schools from IPSHA was sent out recently 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 11/5:

1st XV Rugby	Waverley	12-40
2nd XV Rugby	Waverley	21-7
3rd XV Rugby	Waverley	0-25
11A Rugby	Kings	12-17
11B Rugby	Kings	21-19
11C Rugby	Kings	24-12
11D Rugby	Waverley	43-7
10 A Rugby	Arden	38-10
1st XI Football	Redlands	6-0
2nd XI Football	Redlands	1-1
3rd XI Football	Redlands	0-7
10A Blue Football	Sydney Grammar	2-1
10A White Football	Sydney Grammar	1-1
10B Blue Football	Sydney Grammar	3-0
10B White Football	Sydney Grammar	1-1

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)*

NOTE:

**** Opens Football—Kick off times have changed ****

	COACH	Rd 3 - 18/5	Time
1st XV Rugby	S Mancey	St Patrick's School Field, Nth Syd	9.30am
2nd XV Rugby	P Knight	St Patrick's School Field, Nth Syd	8.45am
3rd XV Rugby	S Martin	St Patrick's School Field, Nth Syd	8.00am
11 A Rugby	A Bayliss	Internal School Field, Nth Syd	11.00am
11 B Rugby	P Harrington	Internal School Field, Nth Syd	11.00am
11 C Rugby	R Herron M Kerr	Internal School Field, Nth Syd	10.15am
11 D Rugby	D Jensen	Internal School Field, Nth Syd	10.15am
10 A Rugby	S Grainger	Redfield Northbridge E	9.30am
1st XI Football	M Dunn	Trinity Summer Hill Bressington # 2	11.45am
2nd XI Football	A Phillips	Trinity Summer Hill Bressington # 2	11.00am
3rd XI Football	K Polis	Trinity Summer Hill Bressington # 2	10.15am
10 A Football	S Rae A Tong	Newington Wyvern Northbridge E	8.45am
10 B Football	M Case M Pickworth	Newington Wyvern Northbridge E	8.00am

Venues

SHORE

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

TRINITY

Bressington Park, Underwood Road, Homebush

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
2013 Northbridge American Tea
Tickets available now at
<http://www.trybooking.com/49374>

Parents must supervise their children at all times
No refunds



*Please join us
at our Year 6
High Tea*

Thursday 23 May
10.30-12.30

Kayley Simeon's home
17 Iluka Road, Mosman
Cost \$10

Please book by 20 May
www.trybooking.com/49934

Trybooking link for Year 6 High Tea [here](#)