



# PREP PEEK

The weekly newsletter of Shore Preparatory School, Sydney, NSW

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| Monday 3                              | Tuesday 4                                 | Wednesday 5   | Thursday 6  | Friday 7  | Sat 8 June/ Sun 9    |
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| Y3-6 Assembly in the MAC              | K-2 Incursion - Indigenous Tales (1.30pm) | K-2 General Assembly<br>ICAS Science Competition<br>ELC Incursion - Monty :<br>Aboriginal Stories | ELC Incursion - Monty :<br>Aboriginal Stories                     | Musical Leads Rehearsal (4-8pm)   | No Sport             |
| Monday 10                             | Tuesday 11                                | Wednesday 12  | Thursday 13   | Friday 14   | Sat 15 June/ Sun 16  |
| Queens Birthday Holiday<br>ELC Closed |   | K-2 Assembly - K White Buddies—Move-a-thon<br>ELC- Move-a-thon                                    | Concert Band - Snr School<br>Concert (7.30pm)<br>ELC- Move-a-thon | K-2 Nude Food Day<br>ELC & K-2 "Bop till you drop" (4-6pm)<br>Musical Dress Rehearsal | Winter Sport Round 6 |

## Northbridge Car Park

Work on the Northbridge boundary fence has placed added strains on our car park at Northbridge this term. Let me thank all of the users of the car park for their patience during this process – things have progressed as well as could be expected and this is largely due to everybody's co-operation in tricky circumstances. Unfortunately, we are not quite out of the woods just yet – the work will continue over the next few weeks.

At this point it is timely to remind drivers about the rules for the car park which have been put in place to ensure the safety of all users. Unfortunately, we still have a small minority of users who continue to disobey the rules of the car park, particularly by turning right on to Sailors Bay Road after exiting.

The important rules to follow when using the car park at Northbridge are as follows:

- Entry to the car park is via a left turn only at the gate on Sailors Bay Road closest to the grandstand. Please do not enter the entry gate via a right hand turn.
- Exiting the car park is via a left turn only back onto Sailors Bay Road at the gates closest to the ELC. Please do not turn right onto Sailors Bay Road at any time, as this provides a serious safety hazard for pedestrians on the crossing in this area. There is an RTA-placed No Right Turn sign opposite the gates to remind drivers of this rule.
- Do not park in the designated ELC parking spaces unless you are picking up a child from the ELC.

Following these rules will make the car park and the roads a safer place for all.

## Canberra Grammar Visit

This week the Preparatory School at North Sydney hosted boys from Canberra Grammar as part of their tour to Sydney to play rugby and football. On Monday afternoon, four teams from our opens rugby and football squads played games against Canberra Grammar at Northbridge which was followed by an afternoon tea and presentation ceremony.

Then the Canberra Grammar boys were billeted by Shore families overnight, before the visitors continued on their tour on Tuesday. The tradition of sports tours with Canberra Grammar began thirty years ago and is a much anticipated part of the Year 6 calendar each year.

The experience of being 'on tour' provides wonderful opportunities for students to share experiences with someone from another city and to practise hospitality. Let me extend my own thank you to the Year 6 families who hosted Canberra Grammar boys this week.

## New NSW Syllabus Documents

Recently, parents would have been sent via email information about the new NSW Syllabus documents. These new documents cover teaching and learning across all NSW schools in the areas of English, Mathematics, History and Science and have been created to bring NSW schools into line with the Australian Curriculum being implemented nation-wide. Timelines have been set for the implementation of the new documents in primary schools over the next four years, beginning with English in 2014 and then Mathematics in 2015.

Shore Preparatory School is already well underway with its planning for implementing the new English syllabus next year and has begun preliminary planning for the Mathematics syllabus. Teachers are enjoying the opportunities provided by the implementation process to re-examine the content of their teaching programmes and the way they plan for learning in the classroom. From a parents perspective there may not appear to be too much change for, of course, Shore Preparatory School's programmes already reflect the types of good practices highlighted in the new Syllabuses. But for those parents who wish to look further into the documents, they can be easily accessed from the NSW Board of Studies website (<http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au>). Just follow the link on the home page to the "NSW Syllabuses for the Australian Curriculum".

Nick Saunders  
Head of Shore Preparatory School

# North Sydney News, Years 3 to 6

## Respect – Using Considerate Words

Much has been written and spoken in the press about the incident at the MCG last Friday evening when Sydney Swans player, Adam Goodes, was abused by a young fan. In Assembly on Monday, this example was used to remind the boys of the importance of always being considerate with their words, a featured behaviour in our Code of Respect. The boys were reminded that the behaviours practiced in the home, the classroom, the playground and on the sporting field become habits, and they were encouraged to cultivate good and kind habits in the way that they speak. Much can also be learned from the dignified but firm manner in which Adam Goodes responded to this abuse and the support afforded to him by friends and others as a model for how we would hope our students would learn to stand up for themselves and one another when they are poorly treated. I am sure that educators around the country will be reflecting in a similar way with their students. Perhaps much good will come from an unfortunate and regrettable incident.

## Northbridge – Saturday Parking

Parking on Saturday mornings is at a premium at most sporting grounds in Sydney and Northbridge is no exception, with insufficient spaces for the vast numbers who come and go during a full Saturday of games. That is why spaces on the left hand side of the entry gate are exclusively for the use of Shore coaching staff, visiting dignitaries and medical personnel, and are not to be used under any circumstances by players or parents, even for drop-offs. Unfortunately, on days when the gate is unattended, some parents disregard this guideline. Last Saturday, many Prep parents were observed parking in these spaces, even those reserved for medical attendants. Apart from potentially jeopardising the safety of players who require medical care (possibly your own son), and placing staff in the difficult and embarrassing position of challenging your behaviour, flaunting the School's parking restrictions communicates the underlying message to the children who are passengers that it is acceptable to disobey rules for the sake of personal convenience. Please do not park in this section of the car park on Saturday mornings.

## Canberra Grammar Visit

Monday was a day of much excitement and enjoyment for the boys of the Prep as we hosted 49 boys, 6 staff and some parents from Canberra Grammar. The hospitality of our Year 6 boys and their families was wonderful. Thank you! At the after match function and into the evening, the boys from both schools experienced the wonderful opportunity that sport can provide to make new associations and friendships. For the record, the Shore rugby teams enjoyed wins and our football sides tried hard but were outclassed in both games. However, by the next morning, no one was talking about the scores but were instead 'buzzing' from the wonderful shared experiences of the night before and the new friends made.

## Canberra & Bathurst Trips

Information has been distributed to Year 5 and Year 6 boys regarding the overnight excursions to Bathurst and Canberra in the final week of term. As arrangements are now being finalised, any unadvised absences incur costs to the School from our suppliers. If, for any reason, your son is unable to attend for the duration of these trips please request leave in writing from Mr Saunders. Otherwise, please return the permission notes punctually. The boys are looking forward to their educational experiences on the goldfields and in our nation's capital.

## ICAS Science Competition

Next Wednesday, the students will compete in the ICAS Science Competition. Similar competitions in Mathematics and English will be attempted by all students next term. Results and certificates will be distributed when they become available to schools later in the year.

## Charities – Move-a-thon

Keep gathering sponsors for this worthy cause as we support the construction of a clinic at St James School in Papua New Guinea. The super-hero themed, obstacle filled Move-a-thon will take place on Wednesday 12 June.

## Tickets for 'Bugsy Malone'

Only a couple of intense weeks of rehearsal to go before the matinee and evening performances of 'Bugsy Malone' which will be held in the Smith Auditorium on Tuesday 18 June at 11.30am and 7pm. Details concerning purchase of tickets will be distributed next week.

## Quality Class Award

Congratulations to 4G who topped the count in the Quality Class Award last week! Well done, boys!

*Mark Dunn*

*Deputy Head – North Sydney*

## Library News

### Sydney Writers' Festival

Last week seventeen Year 5 boys enjoyed the visit to the Sydney Wharf Theatre as part of the Sydney Writers' Festival. They were entertained by five well known children's authors, providing inspiration for reading and writing.

### Reading Groups

Our Reading Groups will begin again next term. We are looking forward to your support with this valuable part of our school reading program. Reading Groups will begin in Week 2 of and will be held on the following days and times:

Year 5 Tuesdays, 8.30am–9.10am, commencing 23 July  
Year 6 Wednesdays, 8.30am–9.10am commencing 24 July  
Year 3 Thursdays, 8.30am–9am, commencing 25 July  
Year 4 Fridays, 8.30am- 9am, commencing 26 July

A Parent Information session will also be held on Tuesday 16 July at 3pm in the Preparatory School Library to provide an explanation of our Reading Groups procedures. A note has been sent home requesting your assistance, please return by 30 May. For further information please contact me on 9956 1187.

*Margo Pickworth*  
*Teacher Librarian*

## Music News

The Prep String Quartet has made great progress this year as witnessed by their performance of 'King Arthur Ruled the Land' during Monday's assembly. The quartet is comprised of Yoshi Iijima, Nathan Davis, Wilton Martin and Angus Wilson. They will perform again this Thursday as part of the Senior School String concert to be held in the Smith Auditorium.

The boys in the Prep Concert Band and Jazz Band have been invited to perform at the Senior School Band Concert on Thursday 13 June 2013. The concert starts at 7.30 pm in the Smith Auditorium and the boys are asked to meet Mr Jensen on the stage of the Smith at 7.00 pm to be tuned. All boys are to wear their full winter school uniform.

The Prep boys will begin the concert and will be ready for collection at 8.00 pm in the foyer. You are, of course, welcome to stay and watch the rest of the program if you so wish.

*David Jensen*  
*Prep Music Co-ordinator*

# Shore Preparatory School K, 1, 2 – Northbridge

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

## Northbridge News, K, 1, 2

### Medication at School

As per the email message that went out from Mr Saunders this week, please keep your child at home if he/she is unwell. If your child requires medication of any kind, including liquid medicine, tablets, ointments or puffers, please leave it at the office with Mrs Lockyer for her to administer during the day. Written instructions regarding the dosage, time or application should also be provided with the medication. The children are **NOT** to have any medication stored in their school bag. A reminder too, that we **do not** have any supplies of Panadol or similar to give to children if they are feeling unwell.

### Reading, Writing and Maths Groups

Thank you to all those dedicated parent volunteers who have been helping to make such a difference to the class maths and literacy programmes for our children. **You are doing a wonderful job!** I encourage all helpers to maintain your commitment to your group wherever possible. The consistency of the group helpers makes a difference to the functioning of each group and is of great benefit to the classroom maths and literacy programmes. If you can't make your group, please try to arrange for someone else to fill in and, if this is not possible, please tell your child's teacher as soon as you can.

### Excursions

We have had a very busy week for excursions this week. On Monday, Year 1 visited *Wannabees* at Frenchs Forest and on Tuesday, Year 2 visited the National Maritime Museum. Today, Kindergarten headed to the Royal Botanic Gardens. From all accounts a great time was had by all the girls and boys. Excursions are powerful learning opportunities and I would like to thank all the teachers for arranging such exciting extensions to classroom education.

### Assembly

Thank you to **KBlue** for your assembly this week. Mrs Crerar and your parents and visitors were very proud of you all. We loved your crazy song and dance. Next week we will have a General Assembly to which all parents are invited. Congratulations also to **Year 1H** on receiving this week's **Quality Class of the Week Award**. This award is well deserved. Great job, **1H!**

### Library News

If you are having problems logging on to the Premier's Reading Challenge for your child, it may be the password given by the PRC team is not working. If so, please send a message in your child's diary, or see me in the Library, and I will fix the problem.

We also have many new Home Readers which need to be covered. If you can help, please drop past the Library and I will give you a selection to work on.

Thank you,

*Laurel Reynolds*  
K,1,2 Teacher/Librarian

### Other Information:

**Tuesday, 4 June** – Incursion for all K,1,2 – *Indigenous Tales*

**Monday, 10 June** – Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

**Wednesday, 12 June** – K-6 Move-a-Thon

*Natasha Mitchell*  
Deputy Head of Shore Preparatory School - Northbridge

# Early Learning Centre – Northbridge

ELC Phone: 8966 5350 ELC Fax: 8966 5391

## ELC News

### Boori (Monty) Pryor

Next Wednesday 5 & Thursday 6 June at 10:30 am we are looking forward to welcoming Monty back to the ELC. Monty is a multi-talented performer who has worked in numerous industries including film, television, sport, music and theatre-in-education. He is also known as an articulate speaker on Aboriginal issues. Monty will present a participatory program of dance, didgeridoo, traditional body painting, Dreamtime stories as well as personal stories from his life. Monty is incredibly engaging when speaking with the children and he naturally adapts his conversation based on the children's responses or questions. As this incursion will take place during our usual library time we will unfortunately not be able to attend library next week.

### Fundraising for Papua New Guinea

Every year the Shore Preparatory School, from the ELC to Year 6, participate in fundraising activities for Papua New Guinea. Over the last few years we have raised money for valuable and necessary additions to the PNG community such as goats, water tanks and fencing for schools. This year the fundraising efforts will pay for a Health Clinic at St James' Primary School in Hohorita.

The main fundraising event for the children from K – 6 occurs is a Move-a-thon during the Buddies activity time on Wednesday 12 June. We will hold our own Mini-Move-a-thons on Wednesday 12 and Thursday 13 June so that all children who attend the ELC have the opportunity to participate.

This year the ELC Mini-Move-a-thon will take the form of a Sport-a-thon where children will engage in various sporting activities on the oval. Children will have with them a participation card that will get stamped throughout the activity. Letters and sponsor sheets have been distributed this week with further information. Our wet weather plan will be a Dance-a-thon inside the Early Learning Centre. Please note, as this will occur during the usual library timeslot, we will not be able to attend library on these days. We are also looking forward to taking the second year children out to the oval during the K-6 Move-a-thon to see all of the big children and of course our Year 4 Buddies in action! If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask.

### Raincoats

Now that winter is all but here, we are at the beginning of the season when we often end up experiencing inside days at the ELC. This year we would like to give children the opportunity to go out and experience the change in seasons through enjoying nature walks around the school grounds even if it is raining. We ask that you include a clearly named raincoat in your child's bag through the winter months so that we are able to take all children when the opportunity presents itself.

*Rebecca Schollum  
Director – ELC*

### Blue Room Update

In Blue Room, children are learning about recycling. Over the past few weeks, we have been speaking about the environment and how we can re-use some items so not all of it becomes waste and land-fill.

The 2 day children learnt about our worm farm and how our morning and afternoon tea scraps can feed the worms which then turns into compost.

This week, the 3 day children have been learning about classifying and sorting items into different bins to recycle them! **Plastic, Paper, Vegetation and Rubbish.** The Blue Room educators see this "real life" learning as extremely valuable, as this young generation needs these skills to continue looking after our planet.

Thanks to all the families who have been recycling their cylinders. Please keep them coming!

*Miss Kelly Courtnall*



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

## Balmoral Burn & Mini-Mos Marathon - Primary School Challenge.

This year, Shore Prep students have been invited to participate in a number of fun runs. We are encouraging interested students to have ago at one or all of these challenges to expose them to community events. If you would like to join the fun, you need to register as an individual online. Each organisation will ask for your details and a payment.

Balmoral Burn – Sunday 2 June. 420m Primary School Challenge, register at [www.humpty.com.au](http://www.humpty.com.au)

Mini-Mos Marathon – Sunday 16 June. 2km Primary School Challenge, register at [www.mini-mos.com](http://www.mini-mos.com)

Come along to help raise money for fantastic charities and have fun. Please wear your Shore PE uniform or Shore Athletics uniform on the day.

Scott Mancey  
Sportsmaster

## Results from 25/5:

|                    |                     |           |
|--------------------|---------------------|-----------|
| 1st XV Rugby       | St Ignatius         | 7-15      |
| 2nd XV Rugby       | St Ignatius         | 0-24      |
| 3rd XV Rugby       | St Ignatius         | 5-35      |
| 11A Rugby          | St Aloysius         | Cancelled |
| 11B Rugby          | St Aloysius         | Cancelled |
| 11C Rugby          | St Aloysius         | Cancelled |
| 11D Rugby          | St Aloysius         | Cancelled |
| 10 A Rugby         | Coogee              | 10-14     |
| 1st XI Football    | St Ignatius         | 1-5       |
| 2nd XI Football    | St Ignatius         | 3-1       |
| 3rd XI Football    | St Ignatius         | 0-6       |
| 10A Blue Football  | Trinity Strathfield | 6-2       |
| 10A White Football | Trinity Strathfield | 0-2       |
| 10B Blue Football  | Trinity Strathfield | 6-0       |
| 10B White Football | Trinity Strathfield | 0-0       |

## Snow Sports

*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)

|                 | COACH                 | Rd 5 - 1/6                           | Time    |
|-----------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|---------|
| 1st XV Rugby    | S Mancey              | Scots Northbridge G                  | 10.15am |
| 2nd XV Rugby    | P Knight              | Scots Northbridge G                  | 9.30am  |
| 3rd XV Rugby    | S Martin              | Scots Northbridge G                  | 8.45am  |
| 11 A Rugby      | A Bayliss             | St Augustine's School Field, Nth Syd | 10.15am |
| 11 B Rugby      | P Harrington          | St Augustine's School Field, Nth Syd | 9.30am  |
| 11 C Rugby      | R Herron<br>M Kerr    | St Augustine's School Field, Nth Syd | 8.45am  |
| 11 D Rugby      | D Jensen              | St Augustine's School Field, Nth Syd | 8.00am  |
| 10 A Rugby      | S Grainger            | St Patrick's Northbridge G           | 8.00am  |
| 1st XI Football | M Dunn                | Waverley Northbridge E               | 9.30am  |
| 2nd XI Football | A Phillips            | Waverley Northbridge E               | 8.45am  |
| 3rd XI Football | K Polis               | Waverley Northbridge E               | 8.00am  |
| 10 A Football   | S Rae<br>A Tong       | Knox Ireland Field                   | 10.15am |
| 10 B Football   | M Case<br>M Pickworth | Knox Ireland Field                   | 9.30am  |

## Venues

### SHORE

School Field - Edward St., North Sydney.

Northbridge - (SCEGS War Memorial Playing Fields) 55 Sailor's Bay Rd, Northbridge.

### KNOX

Ireland Field—Billyard Avenue, Wahroonga

# 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



## Save the Date

### Shore Hoopla Tennis Day

Tuesday 6 August, 2013

Australian Tennis Academy/ The Falls Retreat

1110 Oxford Falls Road, Oxford Falls

9am—2pm (for a 9.30am start)

If you are interested in being a Court Captain, organise your  
team of 8 players now.

If you would like to register your interest please email

Rebecca Higgs : [rebhiggs@bigpond.com](mailto:rebhiggs@bigpond.com)

[Trybooking Link here](#)



# American Tea Art Exhibition

Canvases available now!

Enquire how to get a canvas by:

email: [jane@whiston.com.au](mailto:jane@whiston.com.au)

or

ask at Prep School Office

Get out your paint brushes & start  
painting your Impression of Shore