



# PREP PEEK

The weekly newsletter of Shore Preparatory School, Sydney, NSW

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<b>Book Week</b>	Y4 Excursion - Storm Boy	K-2 General Assembly - Book Week Y3 Excursion - Storm Boy Buddies	K Excursion - Northbridge Library Y3/4 Guest Author - Tim Harris Snow Sports State Championships	Y5/6 Guest Author - James Roy Snow Sports State Championships Sports Dinner (6.15pm)	Athletics Invitational @ Shore Snow Sports State Championships Tournament of Minds (Sun)
Monday 26	Tuesday 27	Wednesday 28	Thursday 29	Friday 30	Sat 31/Sun Sept 1
Mini Proms Rehearsal Public Speaking Comp (Class Phase Begins) Y6 Amazing Me - Parent Session (7pm)	Y5 Final Reading Groups Y5 Imax Excursion (P3/4) K-2 Author/Illustrator - Aaron Blabey Mini Proms Rehearsal	Y6 Final Reading Groups No K-2 Assembly Mini Proms Rehearsal IPSHA Athletics Carnival Buddies-Mini Proms Performance Milo T20 Blast School Cup	Y3 Final Reading Groups Y6 Amazing Me - Class Sessions Mini Proms (5pm)	Y4 Final Reading Groups Prep Pulitzer NS & NB Father's Day Stall	Athletics Invitational @ Kings <b>Sunday - Fathers Day</b>

## National Science Week 2013

This week it has been National Science Week when this important subject is given prominence across the nation. At North Sydney, all the boys were involved with a *Big Science, Big Fun* demonstration where a number of scientific principles were demonstrated in a fun and engaging way. On Thursday, the Year 6 boys were also visited by an astrophysicist, Dr Simon O'Toole, who spoke to the boys about the planets, particularly planets outside of our solar system.

The Preparatory School at North Sydney is privileged to have a specialised science laboratory and science teacher, Mrs Heather Bunting, to enrich the science learning that takes place. The opportunity to engage in 'real' science, with messy and sometimes noisy experiments, helps engage students in the process of science and the wonder of finding out something new in the natural world. Mrs Bunting recently returned from the US where she was able to attend Space Camp at the US Space and Rocket Centre in Huntsville, Alabama. This trip was made possible through Mrs Bunting winning a Honeywell Educators Scholarship earlier in the year. She came back with lots of new ideas (and photos) to incorporate into her science programme at North Sydney. Well done, Mrs Bunting!

## The Headmaster's Sabbatical Trip

Another member of the School community who was overseas on a learning journey recently was the Headmaster, Dr Wright. Dr Wright was overseas during the last part of Term 2 and the first three weeks of Term 3, travelling and learning in both Europe and North America. Below is an extract from his trip report, delivered to the Senior School Assembly recently.

"The purpose of sabbatical leave is threefold. Firstly, it is a time when someone can draw aside from his or her usual pursuits and responsibilities to refresh themselves physically, mentally and spiritually. I had incredible opportunities to hike in Canadian forests, Welsh hill country, English woods and farmlands. I attended a conference in Richmond, VA where I could catch up with educators from around the world and make new friendships. I visited the outstanding Titanic Museum in Belfast, the beautiful chateau in Pau where Henri IV was born and saw a stunning performance of Billy Elliot in London. I attended church services in England, Northern Ireland and Canada. I listened to the Malian music of Tinariwen for the first time. All of these experiences and many more beside were deeply renewing.

Secondly, I needed to learn. I visited Warwick Boys' School, Winchester College, Eton College in England, Five Mile Town College in Northern Ireland and St Christopher's in Richmond looking at innovations in buildings, community connections, service activities, programmes and meeting with a range of staff in these schools. In these contacts, I had reinforced in me the importance of all round education in building people who can take a lead in their world. Each school displayed great hospitality and kindness. I also met with academics at the Universities of Birmingham and Canterbury, speaking of the relevance of our Building Good Men programme and developing thinking on the development of our Christian community here.

In the last two weeks, I took two courses at Regent College in Vancouver, one entitled *Teaching, Imagination and Christian Practices* and the other entitled *Learning from the Stranger* which was a study in developing cross-cultural understanding. The courses were brilliantly led by Dr David Smith from Calvin College in Michigan and were the most stimulating intellectual endeavour I have experienced since my University days. I was left with a deep admiration for you boys as I experienced how demanding a day of engaged study is for a learner. In the first week, I had an interesting moment: I made a comment in the seminar which was totally, hopelessly wrong. I was gently corrected by the lecturer but flushed bright red with embarrassment. What an interesting and inappropriate reaction. Was I ashamed to have made a mistake? Do I place too great an emphasis on being thought to be clever? It is so important that we are prepared to take risks as learners and have the courage to sometimes be wrong, but sometimes it is easier in theory than in practice.

Finally, the sabbatical is an opportunity to think about future directions, firstly for the School and secondly for my own personal growth. The school has undertaken some surveys in the past few weeks as the Staff Executive and School Council prepare to shape our strategic plan for the next few years. This process will occur in September and October.

My break has powerfully reminded me of what a privilege it is to work in this community and I am thrilled to be back with you all."

*Dr Timothy Wright*  
 Headmaster, Shore School

# North Sydney News, Years 3 to 6

## Sports Dinner

A final call to parents of boys in Years 4-6 who have not yet purchased their tickets for the Sports Dinner to please do so at [www.trybooking.com/DHQA](http://www.trybooking.com/DHQA). **This site will be closed on Sunday night** in order for organisers to start making final arrangements for the evening. The evening itself will commence next Friday from 6:15pm in the Senior School undercroft. At last count there were only a small number of tickets still available! The Organising Committee have brought together many helpers to ensure that the evening will again be one of the highlights on the Prep School calendar. Thank you to everyone who has already purchased tickets, generously donated money, time or expertise for the evening. It is certainly shaping up to be quite the event! Parking will be available in Bishopsgate car park and also in the main quad.

## World Vision Famine

Well done to all those boys participating in this year's famine. We wish all of the participants who will be depriving themselves of food and/or other 'luxuries' the best with their efforts. After this weekend, the process of collecting the money from sponsorship pledges commences. In order to allow us to fulfil our commitments to World Vision it is asked that students return their booklet with the correct money (matching the missing receipts) **by Monday 9 September**. If bringing a cheque instead of cash, please make these payable to World Vision **NOT** the school. There is no need to do anything for on-line donations except return the book. **Even if a student does not collect any money they must return the receipt book.**

At school today, the classes spent the morning having an experience of what it means to go without something that we take for granted. This varied from no electricity and no talking, to no furniture or stationery. Well done to all the boys on willingly participating in these activities.

## Science Week

This week was officially Science Week, but the boys in North Sydney were able to start the festivities last Friday thanks to Mrs Bunting. This was then topped off with a visit by Dr Simon O'Toole, an astrophysicist, who kindly came into school to give a Space Talk to the boys in Years 6. Needless to say they were blown away by his presentation.

## Book Week

Next week is Book Week, an important annual celebration of literature and the wonderful ways in which books can enrich our lives. At North Sydney, Mrs Pickworth has organised for authors James Roy and Tim Harris to speak with the boys and dine with our 'Shelf Portrait' winners.

## Prep Archibald Competition

Congratulations to all Year 6 boys on their fine efforts in this year's Prep Archibald competition. This year's 'model' was Mr Saunders, who deserves special mention for his efforts in sitting still for so long. Special congratulations too must go to our three class winners: Sam Richards (6G), Liam Graham (6K) and Nicholas Simeon (6R). Our overall winner for this year was Oliver Andrea (6R).

## Amazing Me – Year 6

As part of our PDHPE program, the school is organizing an evening presentation of 'Amazing Me' which presents positive sex education in primary schools. All of Year 6 boys and parents are encouraged to attend on Monday 26 August at 7pm. Follow-up sessions for just the boys will take place in class on Thursday 29 August. Permission notes have been distributed and should be returned by next Thursday.

## Quality Class Award

It is true that I was tough on the boys last week, so it was very pleasing to see all the classes back up on stage to receive their Quality Class certificates. Well done in particular to 5P on being the overall winner for the week! Next Tuesday, 6G and 5H will be enjoying their winners BBQ from being crowned

joint Quality Class winners from last term. Who will it be for Term 3?

*Simon Rae  
Acting Deputy Head—Prep School*

## Placement Test Day for all boys commencing Year 7 in 2014

DATE: Saturday, 7 September, 2013

TIME: 8.30am for 8.45am start – 12.45pm

VENUE: Shore School, War Memorial Hall

Your son will need to bring some morning tea, an HB Pencil and an eraser. All paper and other requirements will be provided by the School. *Boys should wear smart casual clothes - school uniform is not required.*

The testing will involve basic assessment of English, Mathematics and Science skills. No preparation is required for these tests.

## Music

Congratulations to Jack Woods for his excellent rendition on electric guitar of 'Stairway to Heaven', during Monday's assembly. Jack is also a valued member of the Jazz Ensemble in which he plays rhythm guitar.

*David Jensen  
Prep Music Coordinator*

## Library

### Book Week

Next week is the Children's Book Council of Australia's official celebration of Book Week. It is a special week when some of the best published children's books receive awards and many events across Australia are held to celebrate the joy of children's literature.

At Shore we will be visited by two authors - Tim Harris for Stage 2 on Thursday and James Roy for Stage 3 on Friday.

Stage 2 will also be attending a performance of Storm Boy, an adaptation of the classic Australian book by Colin Thiele.

### Shelf Portrait

The Shelf Portrait competition is now closed and winners will be announced on Monday.

### Purchase of Tim Harris Books

Tim Harris's book 'Exploding Endings' is available for purchase online at <http://www.timharrisbooks.com/>

If you mention Shore School in the shipping details it will arrive at school ready for book signing next Thursday, but hurry, only a few days left!

If boys already have copies of either James Roy or Tim Harris' books they are encouraged to bring them to school for book signing.

*Margo Pickworth  
Teacher Librarian*

## Impressions of Shore

For the American Tea this year, the Year 3 class have been looking at Impressionism and have decorated miniature canvases with an image of what Shore means to them. This has also been given as an optional task to other year groups in the Prep. These canvases will be exhibited proudly for the entire day at the *Impressions of Shore* exhibition at the American Tea, and will be available for purchase for \$25. If you wish to buy one of these beautiful artworks, a note will go home shortly and will need to be returned to Miss Schlunke during your child's art lesson prior to the 6<sup>th</sup> September. Artworks will need to be paid for on the day, and will be distributed the following week. These young artists are extremely excited to have their work displayed at the American Tea. Please come and view them!

*Kate Schlunke  
Visual Arts Teacher*

# Shore Preparatory School K, 1, 2 – Northbridge

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

## Northbridge News, K, 1, 2

### Thank You

As our term is an action-packed one, we try to keep you informed as much as possible. Thank you, parents, for returning all the permission notes as quickly as possible. I know there have been a great deal and there are still more to come. Having the notes returned quickly certainly reduces Mrs Lockyer's headaches immensely.

### Book Week

As part of the Northbridge campus' 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations, Mrs Reynolds has chosen a selection of books which may be donated to our school library. If you choose to donate a book, a book plate will be placed on the inside cover with your child's name on it. Your child will be, of course, the first person to borrow the book from our library. The books range in price from \$7 to \$50 and will be available every morning during Book Week. The library will be open next week from 8.00am to enable families to take part in this exciting activity.

### American Tea

We now have only **three** weeks to go until our special day. May I take this opportunity to thank the committee, especially Lisa Hills, for organising this wonderful event. As you know, the principal American Tea is at North Sydney, which is a huge event. We have our own special and age appropriate American Tea up here. Please return your permission slips, noting which adult will be responsible for your child on the day and who is collecting your child at the conclusion of the American Tea. It is always a great day and it will be on rain or shine.

Speaking of the American Tea, our cake stall convenors have asked for baked goods to be donated for sale on the day. Items including but not limited to cakes, brownies, gluten free cakes, slices or cupcakes would be greatly appreciated. Would interested parents please contact Nicola at nicolakaldor3@gmail.com or Kellie at kellie@thebaileyboys.com.au by 25 August. They will provide you with all the items required for packaging, including a tag to label the ingredients. Thank you.

### Mini Proms

My apologies for the computer error with Monday night's ticket release. Thank you to all the parents who were accommodating. Our Mini Proms will be held on Thursday, 29 August, commencing at 5pm. This is an excellent opportunity for the girls and boys at K,1,2 to showcase their skills developed in Music and Dance and Drama classes. I have been fortunate to have a few 'sneak peeks' at some of the items. Mrs Simons and Ms Brand have been busily working away with the children to produce a spectacular show. The children are very enthusiastic about this exciting event (I am too!).

### Assemblies

Thank you 2P for your Assembly this week. There were some very interested visitors looking in on you. Next week we will have a General Assembly, focusing on Book Week. I know Mrs Reynolds has some fantastic things in store. Congratulations to **1H** on receiving this week's **Quality Class of the Week Award**. Well done, on a fantastic effort.

### Other Information to Note:

**Monday, 19 August – Friday, 23 August** – Book Week  
**Monday, 19 August** – Year 1 Excursion to Elizabeth Farm

**Tuesday, 27 August** – K,1,2 Incursion – Book Week Author visit

**Thursday, 29 August** – Mini Proms

**Thursday, 5 September** – Girls' Afternoon

**Friday, 6 September** – **AMERICAN TEA!!**

*Natasha Mitchell*

*Deputy Head of Shore Preparatory School - Northbridge*

# Early Learning Centre – Northbridge

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## ELC News

### American Tea

The American Tea school fete is coming up on Friday 6 September. This year there will be two raffles, one for children and the other for adults. Donations for both the raffles would be gratefully received. For the adults' raffle, we are hoping for items such as gift vouchers, bottles of wine and gourmet foods. Other items would also be welcomed. Donations can be dropped off at the K,1,2 or ELC reception areas.

Another very popular part of the American Tea is the cake stall. If you would like to contribute a home baked item for the stall please contact Nicola Kaldor, [nicola-kaldor3@gmail.com](mailto:nicola-kaldor3@gmail.com) or Kellie Bailey [kellie@thebaileyboys.com.au](mailto:kellie@thebaileyboys.com.au) by 25 August. Nicola or Kellie will be able to provide further information, as well as the items required for packaging including a tag to label ingredients.

Letters will be distributed early next week with more information regarding the events of the day.

### Siblings

Recently teachers have observed siblings entering the ELC play space and playing with activities, climbing on the play equipment and wandering unaccompanied throughout the Centre. At the end of each day, we often have to tidy up several times after many hands have touched, or played with items on the way through. Older children are welcome to accompany adults into the Centre when picking up a sibling, however I ask that they respect their siblings play space and leave items as they have found them. Alternatively, children may remain on the wooden bench seat outside the front door or on the ottoman in the foyer area. Children younger than three must be supervised at all times as there are many small items in the Centre that present choking hazards.

### Sam Derchie presents 'Ananse Stories'

On Wednesday and Thursday of this week, we welcomed Sam back to the ELC to present his stories from Africa. We were very pleased the sun was shining and we were able to enjoy the performance outside in the amphitheatre area. As Sam spoke to the children, in his calm manner with his contagious smile, I could see they were captivated by the way they were gazing and hanging off his every word. Sam played musical instruments with the boys and girls and talked with them about growing up in the jungle in Africa. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the experience and we look forward to his return again one day.

### School Readiness

This week, we held the school readiness evening on Wednesday night in KBlue. It is so important that becoming 'ready' for school is something that we are continually working towards rather than something we just expect of children on their first day of school. At this stage in the year, older children should be encouraged to be responsible for their belongings, by carrying their own school bag, placing lunch box and fruit in the kitchen and placing bags in lockers every day. Children can also

pack their own bags at the end of the day. When children are writing their names, correct pencil grip and formation of letters should be encouraged; there are tips on this in the booklets handed out on Wednesday and at the children's sign in area.

*Rebecca Schollum  
ELC - Director*



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

## Shore Prep Athletics

The Shore Prep Athletics team are in training and will be competing at the Barker Invitational Athletics Carnival this Saturday. We wish the boys the best of luck in the first carnival of the athletics season.

Barker Invitational Carnival - Saturday 17 August.

Shore Invitational Carnival - Saturday 24 August. Sydney Sports Academy - Wakehurst Parkway, Narrabeen.

IPSHA Athletics Carnival - Wednesday 28 August.

The Kings School Invitational Carnival - Saturday 31 August.

## Wednesday Sports training

Boys are expected to wear their PE uniform to Wednesday sport training for the next 2 weeks. The boys will be involved in fun, modified games with their year group. Mouthguards, headgear, shin pads and boots will not be required.

In the last two Wednesdays of the term, we will focus our attention back to the summer season of cricket, basketball and tennis.

## Cricket - Milo T20 Cup

The Shore Prep 1<sup>st</sup> XI Cricket team competed in the local Milo T20 Cup last Wednesday. Under the guidance of Mr Bayliss, the boys played with plenty of enthusiasm and skill in the tournament all day. Displaying great determination, they won the final to a team who had beaten them earlier in the day. The Shore team now progress to the Regional final. Well done!

*Scott Mancey  
Sportsmaster*

## Results : 10/8

1st X Rugby	St Augustine's	14-40
2nd XV Rugby	St Augustine's	0-24
3rd XV Rugby	St Augustine's	10-55
11A Rugby	St Ignatius	12-25
11B Rugby	St Ignatius	0-14
11C Rugby	St Ignatius	17-17
11D Rugby	St Ignatius	7-35
10A Rugby	Sydney Grammar St. Ives	37-17
1st XI Football	Trinity	0-4
2nd XI Football	Trinity	3-1
3rd XI Football	Trinity	5-0
10 A Football	Cranbrook	Blues :3-0 Whites: 3-0
10 B Football	Cranbrook	Blues: 7-1 Whites: 7-1

# Shore Association

Shore American Tea

Only 3 weeks to go!!

Sign up now to volunteer on your favourite stalls!

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040945AEA92BA64-shore>

## Trash & Treasure

Please search your cupboards, garages, attics and under beds for forgotten treasure!

Hot Sellers!!

Golf Clubs Electronics Sporting Equipment Fancy Dress Toys, Games, DVD's Playstation, X Box and Wii Games

Please drop off at the School loading dock William St, North Sydney:

Monday – Friday

8am – 3.00pm Please contact Brad Leet on arrival and he will unlock the dock! 0412 467 487

Please place all items in bags or boxes.

Volunteers are needed for help on the stall. It's very popular with the boys, great fun and ... you can stop your son buying those golf clubs back again!

[sarahlwilson@ozemail.com.au](mailto:sarahlwilson@ozemail.com.au)

## We need your books

2<sup>nd</sup> Handbooks need the books you no longer want that are no more than 3 years old & in good condition.

[libbyroberts@wrm.net.au](mailto:libbyroberts@wrm.net.au)

# Shore Association



## 'Impressions of Shore' Art Show at American Tea

Canvasses for the Art Show need to be returned, in their envelopes, to either the SM's office or The Prep School Office by Friday 23 August.

## Homemade Cake Stall 2013

Please be a part of the American Tea tradition and "bring a cake and buy a cake."

Your son will soon bring home a decorated cake box. We would love you to fill the box with some homemade baking, anything that you, or your son, like to bake:

Cakes      Cupcakes      Meringues      Slice      Anything!!!.

On the front lid panel is your son's name and year group. There is space for you to write the contents of the cake box, eg Chocolate Cake. This helps us to find a particular child's box or a particular type of cake at the stall. The list of ingredients should also be included on the underside of the lid.

Your son can then deliver the filled cake box to the Homemade Cake Stall on the morning of the American Tea. We are located on the Chapel Lawn.

Mrs Sue Wright will be judging the hotly contested "Best Decorated Cake Box Competition" during the morning. Prizes are awarded to boys in each year group.

We really value your contribution to the 2013 American Tea.

With Many Thanks

Ingrid Scouler and Fiona Tisdall Blake (Cake Stall convenors)