



PREP PEEK

The weekly newsletter of Shore Preparatory School, Sydney, NSW

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Monday 9	Tuesday 10	Wednesday 11	Thursday 12	Friday 13	Sat 14/Sun 15
K-6 Parent/Student Interviews Senior School Art Exhibition in the MAC	3-6 Parent/Student Interviews Public Speaking- Y3/4 Final	K-6 Parent/Student Interviews K-2 Assembly-2T Public Speaking-Y5 Final	3-6 Parent/Student Interviews Public Speaking-Y6 Final	Shore's Got Talent (P3/4)	Y5 Father/Son Camp
Monday 16	Tuesday 17	Wednesday 18	Thursday 19	Friday 20	Sat 21/Sun 22
Junior Proms Rehearsals Y3-6 Assembly - Public Speaking Winners	Life Ed @ NS & NB	K-2 Assembly 1M Life Ed @ NS & NB Junior Proms-Y3&4 (6pm)	Last Day of Term 3 Life Ed @ NS & NB		

Celebrating Girls for 10 Years!

Yesterday we had the annual Girls Afternoon at Northbridge. This is a special event held each year where girls who have moved on from Northbridge get to come back and share some special activities with the girls who are currently attending. This year, it was a particularly special celebration as we commemorated 10 years of girls at Shore.

As usual, there were lots of fun activities enjoyed, based around a circus theme, but perhaps the best part of the afternoon was the positive interactions between the girls. The Northbridge Alumni enjoyed the opportunity to catch up with friends who are now at different schools, while the current Northbridge girls were able to listen first-hand about what life was like after leaving Shore.

A big thank you to organisers, Miss Natasha Mitchell and Mrs Jacki Anderson, and the staff at Northbridge who worked so hard to make the afternoon such a success. And thanks to all the girls who came back to Northbridge to share in this special event with us.

Parent Interviews Next Week

Next week, K – 6 parents and teachers have the opportunity to discuss the progress of children in our Term 3 interviews. In Years 3 – 6, these interviews will also involve the students themselves. These times are a valuable opportunity to foster the learning partnership that exists between home and school, for the benefit of all. Parents benefit from learning more about their child's progress and seeing samples of their work. Children benefit from being able to discuss their own achievements and goals with their parents, and when they are present, proudly show-off their own work. Teachers benefit by learning about home perspectives and from establishing a common understanding with parents and children about what has been achieved and what are the goals moving forward.

I am sure all who take the opportunity to be involved in the interviews next week will find them a rewarding experience.

Week Without Words

How long could you go without talking? I don't mean if you are watching television or reading a book, but in social, school or work situations. How long would you last at a party or sporting event if everyone was enjoying the conversation except you?

This is the life for many children with a communication disability. They have difficulty forming words, building sentences and expressing how they feel. They can get frustrated and feel lonely because it is harder to make friends. It is also tough for their families.

There are many reasons why people cannot speak easily:

- Their mouth and tongue don't move properly
- Their brain has trouble planning and producing words
- Language does not make sense to them
- They can't remember the words they need to use
- They are deaf and can't hear speech

95% of the children at St Lucy's School at Wahroonga have a communication disability and Week Without Words is an initiative to help raise awareness of these conditions in the broader community. It is also an initiative to raise money for the wonderful work that St Lucy's does to help these children.

On Wednesday, as part of our regular Buddies programme, the Preparatory School children were involved in activities to help them understand what life would be like with a communication disability. They practised different ways they could express themselves without speech and experienced some of the frustrations being unable to communicate can bring. It was a rewarding learning experience.

The children brought in a gold coin donation on Wednesday, but some families may wish to support this cause individually. The easiest way to do this is to jump on the website – www.withoutwordswEEK.org.au and hit the donate button. The website also has much more information about communication disabilities and the work of St Lucy's. I am sure many families will get behind this cause.

*Nick Saunders
 Head of Shore Preparatory School*

North Sydney News, Years 3 to 6

American Tea

Everyone greatly enjoyed a terrific time today. The Prep boys and staff spent a lot of money and had a lot of fun in their two visits to American Tea. Congratulations to all the boys who, amidst the sugar and fun, kept their wits and manners about them.

Prep Public Speaking Competition

Next week our Public Speaking Competition reaches the Grade Finals stage. Two boys from each class have been selected to present their talks before their year group and a panel of judges. Year 5 and 6 students will also present a 1 minute impromptu talk. A winner from each grade will be selected to give their presentation in the final Assembly of term. All finalists will receive a certificate at the same Assembly. Parents are warmly invited to attend next week's finals.

Year 3 & 4 – Tuesday at 9am - in the Smith Auditorium

Year 5 – Wednesday at 9am- in the MAC

Year 6 – Thursday at 9am – in the MAC

Parent/Teacher Interviews

By now, any parents who have requested interviews will have received confirmation of date and time. Parents who have chosen to take this opportunity to meet with their son's teacher are reminded that the interviews are limited to 15 minutes. Your assistance with regard to arriving on time would be greatly appreciated.

Please do not park in the turning circle at any stage.

This term's interviews are intended to include your son (who should attend in uniform) as an opportunity to all participate in a discussion of his progress.

Life Education

All boys in Years 3-6 will attend Life Education sessions with Healthy Harold in Week 10. Please return permission notes by Monday since attendance is not possible without written consent.

World Vision Famine

It would be appreciated if any outstanding sponsor booklets and monies could be returned on Monday to allow processing before the World Vision deadline. A final figure will appear in this space next week.

Junior Prep Proms

Years 3 & 4 are busily preparing an array of song and dance items for our entertainment on the evening of Wednesday 18 September. Commencing at 6pm, Junior Prep Proms promises to be a wonderful night. Whilst this is a free event, seating is allocated. Please reserve your seats at www.trybooking.com/DFMU. Could all boys in Year 3 and 4 make sure they have brought in their costume pieces in preparation for this performance.

Quality Class Award

Congratulations to 4G, 5H, 6G, 6K who were joint winners last week!

*Angus Bayliss
Acting Deputy Head—North Sydney*

Music

The boys attending Monday's assembly were treated to some excellent trumpet playing by Cameron Johnson who gave a spirited performance of 'The Muppets Theme' by Jim Henson and Sam Pottle. Cameron is developing a lovely tone on the trumpet and I look forward with interest to future performances.

*David Jensen
Prep Music Coordinator*

IPSHA Gala Debating Day

This year's IPSHA Gala Debating Day was hosted by MLC Burwood. With the kind assistance of Mrs Kristen Leijer and Mrs Susie Stowe as drivers, the two Year 6 debating teams travelled to Burwood to participate in two debates 'That homework should be banned' (affirmative) and 'That commercials are the best part of television' (negative). Both teams met on the previous Saturday to research, plan their strategies and practise. These self-directed work sessions were very successful as evidenced by the fact that each team won their debate. The adjudicators commented on the boys' excellent planning, the flow of their arguments as well as their effective rebuttals. The whole day was a great success as, not only did the boys rise to the challenge of strong competition during the debates, they were also able to practise their social skills and mingle with the three other participating schools – all girls.

It has been very rewarding, throughout the year, observing the boys' continual growth as debaters and the passion with which they have applied themselves. High praise is due to each boy for his commitment to the team as well as much gratitude to their parents who have been unflinchingly supportive of their boys' desire to debate.

*Miss Di Johnson
Prep Debating Co-ordinator*

Shore Preparatory School K, 1, 2 – Northbridge

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Northbridge News, K, 1, 2

Illnesses

There have been many children (and staff) absent from school this week due to illness. If your child presents as ill before school, please keep him/her home for the day. A dreadful virus with high temperatures as well as gastro symptoms is prevalent at the moment. Please also inform the school office if your child has any infectious disease or symptoms. We need to alert other parents and exclude children who are not immunised against such illnesses. Thank you.

Portfolios and Parent Teacher Interview Afternoons

All K,1,2 children will have brought home their portfolios today, enabling parents to look at their child's work samples prior to next week's Parent Teacher interviews. (1M parents, your interviews have almost concluded). I remind parents that the portfolio work samples are only examples of a child's achievements/skills in a single piece of work and therefore are graded differently and should be viewed in a different way by parents in relation to information contained in a child's Semester Reports. I encourage parents who may have any specific questions regarding their child's portfolio or aspects of their educational or pastoral development to note these to the relevant teacher prior to the interview. This will help to ensure that the limited interview time can be used most effectively.

School Uniform

May I remind all parents and students that the Shore school uniform must be worn correctly at all times. As can be noted in the Parent Handbook, this includes polished shoes, long socks and hair neat and tidy (tied back for girls). Presently, some of the children are not looking as polished as we would expect. Please encourage your child to take pride in his or her presentation.

Absence notes

Leave from school during term-time must be requested in advance. Parents are requested to make holiday plans according to the school holiday schedule. Applications for leave should be made to Mr Saunders, Head of the Preparatory School, in writing at least two weeks ahead of the requested leave. Letters should be addressed to Miss Mitchell if your child is to be absent for part of a day. If your child is unable to attend school through illness, please ring or email the school before 9.00am via 8966 5300 or k12office@shore.nsw.edu.au. A letter of absence addressed to Mr Saunders is required by law upon your child's return to school.

Change of Details

Parents ensure that the school is kept informed of any changes to your contact details, or those of your carers. Any updates should be sent directly to the Bursar's office.

Assemblies

Thank you **KWhite** for your fantastic assembly on Wednesday. It was certainly very hard to practice with nine children absent each day. Next week we look forward to **Year 2T's** assembly. Year 2T parents and visitors are welcome back to the classroom at the conclusion of the assembly. Congratulations to **Year 1M** for winning this week's Quality Class Award. Great work.

A Special Assembly

In Week 10 on Wednesday 18 September, we will have a special General Assembly at which our orchestras will feature. Shore's Head of Music and the Head of Strings will both be in attendance on this special day. We are certainly looking forward to both orchestras playing for us.

Other Information to Note:

Week 9 – Parent/Teacher interviews

Wednesday, 11 & Thursday, 12 September – Year 2 Mapping Excursions

Week 10 – Life Education

Thursday, 19 September – Last day of Term 3

Natasha Mitchell

Deputy Head of Shore Preparatory School - Northbridge

Invitation to:

K,1,2 String Ensembles Assembly Performance

When: Wednesday, 18 September

Time: 8.30am

Where: Assembly Hall, Northbridge

Parents and friends are most welcome to attend.

Alexandra Wentzel

Head of Strings/Master Assisting Music (Performance)

Early Learning Centre – Northbridge

ELC Phone: 8966 5350 ELC Fax: 8966 5391

ELC News

Healthy Harold

It is time for the Life Education van to return to Northbridge with the always popular giraffe, Healthy Harold. The Early Learning Centre boys and girls will have the opportunity to learn about healthy eating habits, exercise, sleep and rest, personal hygiene such as hand washing, showering and of course brushing teeth! It is always an enjoyable program and provides a great platform for further discussions about taking care of ourselves. Healthy Harold will visit on Wednesday 18 and Thursday 19 September. Unfortunately this will clash with the allocated library time, so we will be unable to attend Library that week. Library will resume Term 3 Week 1.

Summer program

As the weather is already very warm, we decided to commence the summer program a little earlier this year. This means that there is a change to the morning routine. Children will now transition from the multipurpose room to their rooms around 8:45am for a welcome group time and then go outdoors to play by 9:15am, to take advantage of the cooler mornings and extra shade in the garden.

Please apply sunscreen to your child everyday as you arrive at the ELC. This will ensure they are well protected from the harmful rays of the sun as we head outside straight away.

Early Learning Centre Orientation

During the month of October, I will be welcoming new families to the ELC who will commence in 2014. *Quality Area 6: Collaborative partnerships with families and communities* in the National Quality Standard outlines the importance of strong partnerships with families as being central to children having positive outcomes in early education and care settings. As we begin the orientation process, I invite you to reflect on the orientation process when you commenced at the ELC. If you have any suggestions of information that may have been beneficial to you, and could be included for new families, please jot down any ideas and post them in the parent drop box located at the front desk. Alternatively come and speak with me in person. Thank you in advance for participating in this reflection process which assists us in our ongoing commitment to continuous improvement.

Tea Towels and Bags

Every year the ELC children and staff create a collaborative art work of portraits. These are then printed on to a tea towel and made available for purchase. This year we have also had bags made that will be great for the more environmentally friendly option at the supermarket. I am very excited to inform you that the 2013 tea towel and bags have gone to print and should arrive for purchase any day!

School holidays

With only two weeks until the end of term, the school holiday period is nearly upon us with the last day of term being Thursday 19 September. The Early Learning Centre will remain open throughout the holidays with the exception of Monday 7 October when we are closed for Labour Day. To assist with the overall management of the Centre during this time, please indicate on the forms at the front desk whether your child will be in attendance or away. Please note that lunch orders, Library, Chapel, Dalcroze and Violin lessons do not occur during the holidays.

Important Dates

Monday 7 October – ELC closed Labour Day

Wednesday 23 October – 3/5 day individual and group photographs

Thursday 24 October – 2/5 day individual and group photographs

Wednesday 13 November – Bronwyn Vaughan presents 'At the foot of the story tellers chair'

Thursday 14 November – Bronwyn Vaughan presents 'At the foot of the story tellers chair'

Friday 20 December – Last day ELC Closed for holidays at 4pm

*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

NSW CIS Athletics

We wish Cal Lidbury, Hugo Pruscino and Jonathan Woodcock all the best as they compete against some of the best athletes in the State at the NSW CIS Athletics Carnival this Wednesday.

Wednesday Sports training.

For the final two weeks of school, the boys in Years 4 – 6 will resume training in their summer sport teams. The basketball boys are asked to wear their PE uniform rather than their basketball singlet to training. ALL cricket boys should be bringing their own protector to training. All boys should wear sunscreen and a hat. The Term 4 fixture list will be sent out next week.

PE Classes – Term 4

In Term 4, all boys 3-6 will be doing a swimming unit as part of the PD/H/PE Program.

During PE lessons the boys will walk to the Senior School swimming pool. There they will get changed into the following;

Dress Code – School swimmers, Shore wet shirts, sunscreen (compulsory). Goggles, cap & towel recommended.

Shore wet shirts available from clothing pool (extra protection from the Aussie sun).

*Scott Mancey
Sportsmaster*



Calling all fathers...

You are warmly invited to join us at the 57th Annual Golf Day & Dinner at Pymble Golf Club on

Thursday 27 October 2013.

<http://www.shoreoldboys.org.au/>

[Click here for booking form](#)



Clothing Shop

Now is the time to check school uniforms in preparation for the changeover to summer uniform in Term 4. The Clothing Shop has plenty of stock for any purchases required before the new term.

*Jenny Clinton
Shore Clothing Shop*

WILLOUGHBY FUN RUN

Saturday 21 September 2013

Register NOW online:

www.willoughbyleisure.com.au

The Willoughby Fun Run on Saturday 21 September 2013 is a community event and a fantastic day out for the whole family. Featuring 10km, 5km, and 1.5km Kids Fun Run through the picturesque Bicentennial Park and surrounding suburbs of Willoughby. Elite runners, joggers, walkers, families are all welcome.

All participants in the Willoughby Fun Run are invited to visit the Willoughby Leisure Open Day after the run.

Shore Association



MELBOURNE CUP *Charity Luncheon*

The Shore Association invites you and your friends to come and enjoy the race that stops the Nation.

Tuesday 5th November
12:00 - 4:00pm

*At The Emery Room, Northbridge Grandstand
Cnr of Alpha & Sailors Bay Rds, Northbridge*

RSVP \$50 Donation for your ticket on:
<https://varietyfundraising.everydayhero.com/au/brigit>

All proceeds go directly to Variety The Children's Charity
A tax deductible receipt will be sent to you automatically

ENQUIRIES

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No parking in Early Learning Centre car park

Enjoy..

- Fashion parade
- Food by Simone Logue
- Drinks donated by Bimbadgen Wineries
- Sweepstakes
- Gift bags donated by Blue Illusion Northbridge and Glasshouse Fragrances

Win..

- One week's Holiday accommodation at North Avoca
- Two Hoyts Annual Gold Class Movie vouchers
- Framed Black and White Photograph
- Simone Logue Hamper
- Michael Green Antiques voucher
- Restaurant vouchers
- Bloomy's Florist voucher
- T&R Gourmet Butcher voucher