



PREP PEEK

The weekly newsletter of Shore Preparatory School, Sydney, NSW

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Monday 14	Tuesday 15	Wednesday 16	Thursday 17	Friday 18	Sat 19 / Sun 20
Y2 @ NS Assembly		K-2 Assembly – 1M Yr 3 Excursion - Aboriginal Heritage Office at Northbridge		Y3-6 Orientation Morning @ NS (9am) Prayer Group @ NB	Summer Sport Round 8 Sun - Prep Choir at St Martins, Killara
Monday 21	Tuesday 22	Wednesday 23	Thursday 24	Friday 25	Sat 26 / Sun 27
		K-2 General Assembly Buddies	Yr 2 @ NS Chapel	Y2 Excursion to Powerhouse Museum	Summer Sport Round 9 Sun - Shore Garden Party

Welcome back to Term 4

I trust the Preparatory School community from Kindergarten to Year 6 has had a relaxing holiday and everyone is ready for a very busy Term 4. All the children look refreshed in their summer uniforms, with smart haircuts and polished shoes. I would like to thank the staff in the Early Learning Centre for their continued work over the past two weeks. Parents are reminded of some of the important dates this term below.

Term 4 is a very important time to consider the transitions many of our children are contemplating next year: ELC children moving to Kindergarten, Year 2 children to Year 3, Year 6 boys to Senior School. Contemplating these moves can be both exciting and a bit nerve-racking for children and parents. For this reason, the staff at the Preparatory School endeavour to harness the excitement and manage the anxiety of children as they approach these milestones, so as to make the transitions as smooth as possible. Second year children at the ELC have already begun visiting the Kindergarten classes at Northbridge and this term Year 2 will be visiting the North Sydney campus. Special activities are also planned to help our Year 2 girls get to know their new school. The boys of Year 6 will also have opportunities to meet some of the Senior School teachers and House Masters this term.

Preparing children purposefully for each new stage of their school journey is an important way the Preparatory School staff care for the needs of their students. It helps students feel secure and valued and ensures they step into each new stage with confidence and excitement.

Northbridge car park changes

Over the course of the holidays, new line markings were painted in the Northbridge car park to improve the flow of traffic through the site. These markings help to reinforce procedures that are generally already followed by Prep parents, but please note in particular:

- There are two lanes marked for through traffic moving from the entry to the exit gates. The left lane is for those cars queuing to use the car-line pick-up zone (in the turning circle) and the right lane is for through traffic heading directly to the exit gate.
- Both of these lanes are marked for movement from the entry to the exit gates. There is to be no movement in the car park in the opposite (east to west) direction.
- Car spaces indicating pick-up points in the turning circle have been marked. If you are using the car line, please ensure you use the four spaces marked and fill each one from east to west as directed by staff on duty. Note that at all other times there is to be no parking in the turning circle, as this is the emergency vehicle access point for the ELC and K,1,2 buildings.

All other car park rules remain; the most important of these is to only enter through the western gate via a left turn and only exit through the eastern gate via a left turn.

Higher School Certificate

Next week the Higher School Certificate begins for students in NSW. I would like to wish all Year 12 boys at Shore every success in these important examinations. I would particularly like to wish the former Preparatory School students all the best. I know all Year 12 would appreciate our support and encouragement over the next few weeks. And for North Sydney students: please try to be extra quiet if moving around the Senior School during exam times.

Some Important Term 4 Dates

- **Friday 18 October** (Week 2) 9am–New Student Orientation Day for 2014 for Years 3 – 6 at North Sydney
- **Sunday 20 October** (Week 2) 3:30pm–Choir sing Evensong at St Martins Killara
- **Sunday 27 October** (Week 3) 12:30pm–Shore Garden Party
- **Monday 28 October** (Week 4) K,1,2 Swim School begins and Test Week for Year 6 begins
- **Friday 8 November** (Week 5)–Northbridge (ELC and K,1,2) Christmas Cocktail Party
- **Monday 11 November** (Week 6) 10:15am–Choir sing at Remembrance Day service in Shore Chapel
- **Tuesday 12 November** (Week 6) 6pm–Prep Proms Years 5 & 6
- **Monday 18 November** (Week 7) 9:30am–Final North Sydney Assembly and Thank You Morning Tea
- **Wednesday 20 November** (Week 7) 6pm–Year 6 Thank You Dinner
- **Monday 25 November** (Week 8)–Senior School New Boys Day (for Year 6 boys)
- **Tuesday 26 November** (Week 8) 8:45am–Prep Carols, Kindergarten to Year 3
- **Wednesday 27 November** (Week 8) 7pm–Prep Carols, Years 4–6
- **Monday 2 December** (Week 9) to Wednesday 4 December – Camps for Years 3–6
- **Wednesday 4 December** (Week 9) 8:30am–K,1,2 End of Year Assembly and Thank You Morning Tea and at 11:30am ELC Christmas Celebration (3 and 5 Day Groups)
- **Thursday 5 December** (Week 9) 11:30am – ELC Christmas Celebration (2 and 5 Day Groups)
- **Thursday 5 December** (Week 9) 7pm – Speech Night, Years 3–6
- **Friday 6 December** (Week 9) 3pm – Senior School Speech Day

Nick Saunders
Head of Shore Preparatory School

North Sydney News, Years 3 to 6

Welcome back to all families of the Preparatory School. I'm sure you are aware of how short yet full this term will be...a daunting and exciting thought. There is a lot to look forward to before we reach the summer break. For many students and families this will be their final 9 weeks (and one is already over!) in the Preparatory School. I encourage all the boys to finish the year strongly and work hard so they can be proud of the way they complete the year.

Orientation Morning

Next Friday will be a very exciting morning for the 75 young men who will be joining Shore or graduating to the North Sydney campus in 2014. We look forward to welcoming them and their parents. Mr Saunders will be outlining the expectations and procedures of the Preparatory School to parents. The new boys will get to tour the campus as well as meet teachers and present students. This will be followed by a morning tea. If you encounter our new students and families, I am sure you will make them feel extremely welcome.

Summer Uniforms

Thank you to all parents and boys who attended to shoes, haircuts and other items so the return to school was marked by smart and proudly worn uniforms. It is expected this high standard will be maintained for the duration of Term 4 and staff will be monitoring this closely. That said, it has been noted a number of students are sporting scruffy or longer than acceptable hairstyles. It is expected that these will be attended to by the beginning of next week. At this age, uniform is a shared responsibility between students and parents. The boys are responsible for the correct wearing of items of uniform such as keeping their shirts tucked in, socks up, and caps on as well as bringing appropriate items for sporting activities. Parental assistance is often necessary for repairing shoes, dry-cleaning coats or organising timely haircuts. Younger students require more assistance and reminders but it is an expectation that older students will assume greater responsibility for their own uniform and appearance.

Attending to Notes

In a busy term, it is especially important boys and parents pay attention to messages and correspondence so as to know what is happening. In particular, the punctual return of permission notes for activities is greatly appreciated.

Charities

During this term we will be supporting Anglicare's Christmas Appeal. A food/toy drive, Chapel offerings and funds from the Year 6 Fundraising recess will be the ways in which we will support this cause. We will also raise funds to continue our support of our two sponsored World Vision children, Justino and Prasant. Thank you again to all who contributed to our charitable activities last term, raising a considerable sum for World Vision via the famine and for St Lucy's School.

After School Clubs – Term 4

After School Clubs will commence next week. Please note all clubs finish in Week 8 this term.

Dates – Term 4

Please note the important dates contained in the Term 4 Community Calendar issued with this edition of Prep Peek. In particular, there are a number of evening events that will involve many students towards the end of term.

Quality Class Award and House Competition

Congratulations to 4G for winning the Quality Class competition for their consistent effort in Term 3. A Sausage Sizzle will be enjoyed next week. Well done to Hall House who has proved to be very difficult to best in the house points tally, although all houses are close enough to reach the top and claim the trophy at Speech Night.

Mark Dunn
Deputy Head – North Sydney

ICAS Tests 2013

The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools are conducted by Educational Assessment Australia (University of NSW) and form the largest independent assessment programme for schools available in Australia, New Zealand, Asia and the Pacific region.

Shore Preparatory School students have participated in these competitions over many years and in 2013 all boys in Years 3 – 6 participated in the English and Mathematics competitions. Boys in Years 4 – 6 also participated in the Science competition. The tests provide a stimulating challenge for students of all abilities and feedback on performance for both the individual and the School.

Participation in ICAS provides students with valuable practice at sitting formal examinations, preparing them for compulsory national and state-based assessments (like NAPLAN), assisting them to become more comfortable in answering questions and managing their time effectively under exam conditions.

We have now received the achievement certificates for all the tests and these will be sent home to you by the end of Week 3 of this term. Our students are to be congratulated on the fine results received this year in all three competitions. It is important to note that, in most schools, participation in these tests is on a voluntary or invitation basis. Consequently the overall candidature for each test tends to be the more academically able students, in contrast to compulsory testing programs such as the NAPLAN tests. When examining your son's results, please bear this point in mind and weigh these results carefully with other pieces of information regarding achievement, such as School Reports, teacher interviews and work samples.

Paul Harrington
Master of Teaching and Learning K - 6

Year 7 Scholarships for 2015

Shore is currently accepting registrations for Scholarships offered to boys entering Year 7 in 2015.

Academic Scholarships are awarded after the completion of the ACER Scholarship examination and an interview with the Headmaster and Director of Studies. These Scholarships are awarded to boys considered to have exceptional academic potential, who will benefit substantially by attending the School, and who will in turn make a significant contribution to the academic life of the School.

The RGH Walmsley Scholarship (Closed)

Restricted to boys who have attended the Shore Preparatory School for one year or longer. Of value equal to 50% tuition fees for the normal six years of secondary schooling.

Two means-related Scholarships and one Boarding Scholarship are awarded after the completion of the ACER Scholarship examination and interview. These Scholarships are awarded to boys who apply considerable effort to their studies and will contribute significantly to co curricular activities within the School.

Music Scholarships are open to boys with outstanding ability in playing an orchestral instrument for entry into Year 7 2015. For one of these, preference will be given to boys with ability in playing French horn, however other orchestral instrumentalists are invited to apply. An occasional Organ scholarship is also available, covering 25% of academic tuition fees and full instrumental tuition fees. Applicants for Music Scholarships will attend an audition and interview.

The ACER examination will be held at the School on Saturday 1 March 2014. Online registrations can be completed through Shore's website, www.shore.nsw.edu.au, which also provides more detailed scholarship information.

The online registration system will be closed at midnight AEST on Monday 10 February 2014. No late registrations will be permitted.

For further enquiries, please feel free to contact Fran Lamb on 9900 4746 or e-mail flamb@shore.nsw.edu.au.

Shore Preparatory School K, 1, 2 – Northbridge

Northbridge News, K, 1, 2

Welcome back

Wow! It's hard to believe that Term 4 is here already. I trust that all families were able to have some rest during the holidays. The children have all come back happy and eager to work hard for the last term of the year. Term 4 is a busy term and we look forward to such events as swimming school, assemblies, excursions, cupcake days, our K-3 Carols Service and Christmas activities. Year 2 are working particularly hard as this is their last term at Northbridge.

Have you seen our sunflowers?

Last term, Ms Ashbury, the girls and boys and the ladies from *Ceramics in Schools* completed some beautiful sunflowers. The children moulded and painted them before they were taken away and fired in a kiln. During the holidays, the sunflowers were fixed to the external library walls. They look amazing! This was a special project to commemorate our 10 years at Northbridge. Well done, everyone.

Swimming

K,1,2's swimming programme will commence in Week 4 (28 October). The programme will be run for 10 days at Willoughby Leisure Centre. The children will be accompanied by K,1,2 staff. A letter will be sent home on Monday with details.

Year 2 visiting North Sydney

On Monday 14 October, the Year 2 children need to meet Miss Tootell and Mr Philips in the Preparatory School playing area at North Sydney between 8:00am and 8:20am in order to attend the Preparatory School Assembly. Following the assembly and some activities with Year 3, the girls and boys will travel back to Northbridge by bus with their teachers. A letter regarding the term's arrangements for the Year 2 girls and boys attending several Year 3–6 assemblies and chapel services has been sent home this week.

Assemblies

Next week we look forward to **1M's Assembly**. Parents and visitors are welcome to visit the 1M classroom following the assembly.

Sport

From next year, students will be required to wear white-soled trainers for Sport. Please bear this in mind if you are about to replace your child's running shoes.

Other Information to Note:

After School Activities - All After School Activities will run as normal in Week 2.

Monday, 14 October – Year 2 girls and boys at North Sydney. Children to be dropped off, before school, at North Sydney Prep playground. (Please refer above)

Friday, 18 October – Year 2 **boys only** to North Sydney Prep New Boys Day. Year 2 girls to come to K,1,2 as normal.

Monday, 28 October – Swimming School begins



Natasha Mitchell

Deputy Head of Shore Preparatory School - Northbridge

Early Learning Centre – Northbridge

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ELC News

Lunch Boxes

This week we have started the new lunch box system for children in their second year at the ELC who are attending Kindergarten in 2014. As these lunch boxes do not go in the fridge please give consideration to the type of food you provide to ensure that it will still be fresh when it is time to eat.

Next week, on Tuesday and Thursday, we will begin the lunch time transition programme for children going to Shore Kindergarten. Children who will be going to schools other than Shore will remain at the ELC and enjoy their lunch with friends as usual.

2013 ELC Tea Towels and Bags

The 2013 ELC tea towels were such a hit this year that we sold out for the first time! If you did not get the chance to purchase a tea-towel, or perhaps might like to order more, could you please speak with Miss Penny at the front desk by Friday 18 October and we will place an additional order. There are also plenty of the blue shopping bags left if you would like to order some of those. They make great Christmas gifts!

Private Music Tuition 2014

It is now time to give consideration to whether children in the first year at the ELC would like to learn an instrument in 2014. Tuition in musical instruments is available as an individual co-curricular subject for which a tuition fee is payable. We are currently offering tuition in violin and cello. There is usually one 15 minute lesson per week which is held during the days your child is enrolled. If you would like your child to learn an instrument, please collect an application form from the ELC reception area. These should be completed and returned to Miss Penny no later than Friday 15 November 2013. Alternatively, they can be posted to Shore Preparatory ELC, PO Box 648, Northbridge NSW 1560.

Photographs

On Wednesday 23 October and Thursday 24 October, Melba Studios will be at the Early Learning Centre to take children's individual and group photographs. The individual photographs will begin from around 8:30am in the morning, with the large group photograph, including all of the children and teachers in attendance, being taken at 10am. If you would like your child to be part of the large group photograph please ensure you are here by 9:55am at the latest so we can prepare them for the photo shoot.

Children should dress in their usual blue or white school uniform polo shirt, preferably with no long sleeves underneath. If it is a cooler day, we will assist the children to remove any long sleeve tops before the photographs.

Important Dates for Term 4

Wednesday 23 & Thursday 24 October – Individual and Group Photographs

Friday 8 November – ELC & K12 Christmas Cocktail Party

Wednesday 13 & Thursday 15 November – Incursion
Bronwyn Vaughan

Wednesday 4 December – 3/5 day Children Christmas Celebration

Thursday 5 December - 2/5 day children Christmas Celebration

Friday 20 December – ELC last day CLOSED 4pm

*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 Games

All boys are reminded to be at the game 30 minutes before start. Captains are to call the wet weather line (9956 1185) early Saturday morning. A message will be left on the machine by 6.45am.

Boys, please make sure you bring the correct gear for your sport and make sure you are in correct sports uniform each week.

PE Classes—Term 4

In Term 4, all boys 3 to 6 will be participating in a swimming unit as part of the PD/H/PE Programme. During PE lessons, the boys will walk to the Senior School swimming pool. There they will get changed and need to bring to school, the following:

- School Swimmers
- Shore wet shirt
- Goggles
- Sunscreen & towel

Fixture List for Saturday, 12 October, 2013

	COACH	Round 7 12/10			COACH	Round 7 12/10
1st Cricket	A Bayliss	St Aloysius Northbridge G 8.00am		Basketball Snr A	P Knight	Cranbrook Dangar # 1 10.15am
Yr 6 Super 8 Blues	S Grainger	St Aloysius Northbridge E 9.30am		Basketball Snr B	M Crerar	Cranbrook Dangar # 1 9.30am
Snr Super 8 Cricket Whites	H Bunting	St Aloysius Northbridge E 8.00am		Basketball Snr C	K Tootell	Cranbrook Dangar # 1 8.45am
Yr 5 As Cricket	S Rae	St Patrick's Northbridge F 8.00am		Basketball Snr D	N Mitchell	Cranbrook Dangar # 1 8.00am
Yr 5 Bs Cricket	S Martin	St Patrick's School Field, Nth Syd 8.00am		Basketball Snr E	S Curnow	Cranbrook Dangar # 2 10.15am
Yr 5 Super 8 Blues	K Polis	Barker Rosewood Oval 8.00am		Basketball Snr F	C Gagliano	Cranbrook Dangar # 2 9.30am
Yr 4 As Cricket	A Phillips	Scots Lough Park # 1 8.00am		Basketball Snr G	L Tooker	Cranbrook Dangar # 2 8.45am
Yr 4 Bs Cricket	M Dunn	Scots Lough Park # 2 8.00am		Basketball Snr H	A Geersen V Covey	Cranbrook Dangar # 2 8.00am
Yr 4 Super 8 Blues	E Kleinig	Sydney Grammar Edgecliff Weigall # 2 8.00am		Basketball Jnr A & B	J Anderson	Grammar Edgecliff Weigall # 4 B - 8.00am A - 8.45am
Tennis	L Reynolds P Harrington	Newington Wyvern River Rd 8.00am				

Venues:

SHORE

School Field—Edward Street, North Sydney
Northbridge—(SCEGS War memorial Playing Fields) 55 Sailors Bay Road, Northbridge
River Road Tennis Courts—River Road, Lane Cove.

BARKER COLLEGE

Rosewood Oval—College Crescent, Waitara

SCOTS COLLEGE

Lough Park—Manning Road, Woollahra

SYDNEY GRAMMAR EDGECLIFF

Weigall—Neild Avenue, Rushcutters Bay (Enter from Alma Street and through White City carpark, along laneway between Weigall and White City to carpark at Northern end of Weigall)

CRANBROOK

Dangar—Iluka Street, Rose Bay.

Shore Association

The Shore Association invites parents to attend an
informal Lunchtime Seminar

"When Does Normal Behaviour Become Problematic Behaviour - Knowing the Difference"

Tuesday 29th October, 2013, 12 Midday for 12.30

In The Emery Room (In the Grandstand), Northbridge Playing Fields

The Shore Counselling Team will discuss, in an informal presentation, situations such as:

When does 'sad' become 'depressed';

'active' become 'hyperactive';

'nervous' become 'anxious'.

What can we do as parents, when we think our kids have crossed
over that line?

Where do we go for help?

This is a free event and Sandwiches, Tea and Coffee will be provided
beforehand.

Please RSVP to <http://www.trybooking.com/Booking/BookingEventSummary.aspx?eid=65279>

Any queries, please contact Michelle Bennett 0428 233406 or
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