



PREP PEEK

The weekly newsletter of Shore Preparatory School, Sydney, NSW

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Monday 28	Tuesday 29	Wednesday 30	Thursday 31	Friday 1 Nov	Sat 2 Nov/ Sun 3 Nov
K-2 Swimming School Y6 Tests	Shore Association Lunchtime Seminar, Northbridge @12pm	K-2 General Assembly	Y3 Excursion - Don Bank Museum and Coal Loader	Y5 Excursion - Sculptures By The Sea	Summer Sport Round 10
Monday 4	Tuesday 5	Wednesday 6	Thursday 7	Friday 8	Sat 9 /Sun 10 Nov
K-2 Swimming School	Y4 Excursion- Sustainability Centre @ Waverton (9-12.30)	Y3-6 Performance by Musica Viva (9-10am) K-2 General Assembly	Mosaic Concert (5pm)	ELC & K-2 Christmas Cocktail Party	Summer Sport Round 11

Deepening Thinking

Some teachers at the Preparatory School have been undertaking some professional learning in the area of encouraging thinking skills in the classroom. It may appear strange that teachers would need to look at such an area more closely, as surely thinking is an integral part of any learning process. But educators realise that there are different types of thinking, some which are associated with memorising facts or subject content and others which are associated with the much more complex processes of solving problems or creating new objects or ideas. One of the tensions of modern teaching, in our information rich age, is to ensure that school learning is not simply a matter of delivering content for students to regurgitate at a test. Rather teachers wish to create a culture in their classrooms which fosters students' engagement with ideas, thus leading to a deeper understanding of the world around them.

Thinking, in many ways, has traditionally been viewed as a 'black box'; something mysterious that occurs within the brain. In this view of thinking, some people are considered 'good' thinkers, or 'smart', due to an innate ability that cannot necessarily be taught. In recent years there has been much research that has challenged this view, including a changing view of the *plasticity* of the brain where we now understand that brain processes are understandable and can be continually moulded and changed through learning. Such a view has also led to the understanding that learners can develop specific thinking strategies that will aid them in their ability to learn subject matter across many disciplines. Thinking is no longer seen as an 'invisible' process, but rather can be made 'visible' to the learner, so that they can reflect upon the way they think and thus improve their thinking skills.

In their book, *Making Thinking Visible*, Ron Ritchhart, Mark Church and Karin Morrison, outline ways in which teachers, and indeed parents, can help younger learners develop their thinking skills. They point to the importance of:

- Asking good questions – where authentic questions are asked that model an interest in an area, rather than shallow questions designed to elicit an answer that the asker of the question already knows. These types of questions are ones that help the learner to construct their own understanding and move it on, or help them to clarify their knowledge.
- Listening – it is one thing to ask good questions, but one has to also listen for the answers. Good questions result from listening to a learner's response then attempt to lead them forward. If learners do not feel that you are interested in their responses then they will quickly disengage from the learning.

- Documenting – documenting observations or responses tells the learner that their contributions are valued and allows for deeper reflection. Documenting can be in the form of pictures, photos, or written journals, and it is not so much about capturing a moment so it can be filed away, but rather it is about provoking further discussion.

While such processes are important in the classroom, they can also be employed in non-school settings, such as during a holiday, or a trip to a museum or the zoo. As we make the thinking process more visible to learners they can begin to develop thinking skills that can equip them with tools to serve them for the rest of their lives.

Shore Association Lunchtime Seminar – Tuesday 29 October – Northbridge

I would like to draw your attention to the parent seminar to be held in the Emery Room at the back of the A-ground grandstand at Northbridge. This free lunch event begins at 12pm for a light lunch then at 12:30pm the seminar will begin. The seminar will be led by the Shore counselling team and is entitled "When does normal behaviour become problematic behaviour: knowing the difference". It will help parents to answer questions such as, when does 'sad' become 'depressed', or when does 'active become 'hyperactive'. I know that parents will learn many tips about how to better understand the signals that children can often give us through their behaviour. See the information contained in this week's Prep Peek for further details.

Nick Saunders

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

**Monday November 11th
10.00am - The Chapel
Prep Choir will be singing!**

Everyone is welcome to attend
Old Boys, Parents, Grandparents
Staff & Friends

*Morning Tea will be served on the
Chapel Lawn at the conclusion
of the service, followed by the Last Post
and a minutes silence at 11am.*

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Chaplains Assistant**

North Sydney News, Years 3 to 6

Choir

The Choir did a magnificent job performing Evensong at St. Martins, Killara last Sunday afternoon. Well done, boys and Mr Jensen!

Prep Proms

On Tuesday 12 November, our Year 5-6 Prep Proms will be held in the Smith Auditorium at 6:00pm. This is always a fantastic evening where our instrumental groups and all senior boys will perform in music and dance. You are invited to book tickets from Monday 28 October at <http://www.trybooking.com/DUVV>. *Please be considerate of our community by limiting your seats to 3 per family and only booking seats you intend to use.* If special circumstances necessitate more than 3 tickets, please contact the Office with your request before booking additional seats.

Excursions

Year 3 will be visiting the sites of Waverton next Thursday and Year 5 will have fingers crossed for a gorgeous day on Friday when they stroll the seaside cliffs at Sculptures By The Sea. Please return permission forms if you have not already done so.

Thank You Morning Tea

One of the strengths of Shore Preparatory School is the support and positive involvement of the parent body. Whether in leading reading groups, coaching sport, covering library books, displaying artworks or assisting in the organisation of parent functions, our parent body is only ever too happy to help where needed. If this sounds like you, please set aside the morning of Monday 18 November to join us for the final Assembly of the year and a morning tea afterwards so that we can thank you.

Year 6 Thank You Dinner

A highlight of Term 4 will be the Year 6 Thank You Dinner on Wednesday 20 November which is attended by all Year 6 boys and their parents. The evening is a chance to celebrate and look back at the boys' time in the Prep as well as look forward to their step up into Senior School. The name of the evening derives from the 'Thank you' gift that the year group presents to the Prep School. Look out soon for your invitation in your in-box.

Quality Class Award

Well done to the five classes who achieved their goal last week and are progressing through the coloured belts. Mr Rae has signalled that careful listening and maintaining attention will be the keys to success in the weeks ahead.

Mark Dunn
Deputy Head – North Sydney

Music

Ryan Treleaven is a real Renaissance man within the Prep. Not only is he an excellent saxophone player, as demonstrated during Monday's assembly, he is also a valued member of the Chapel Choir and Jazz Band. Ryan performed Schubert's Marche Militaire with great sensitivity and control before an appreciative audience.

A reminder that the annual Mosaic Concert will be take place on Thursday 7 November 2013 at 5.00pm. The concert, which will feature the best of our young soloists, will take place in the Prep Music Classroom and will go for, approximately, one hour.

Mr David Jensen
Prep Music Coordinator

Library News

There are many new release books in our Library this term by well known Australian authors, including Paul Jennings, Morris Gleitzman, Shaun Tan and Paul Landy. Boys are encouraged to take advantage of these wonderful books!

Year 3 Excursion

Last Wednesday Year 3 visited the Indigenous Heritage Museum in Northbridge to find out more about the local indigenous culture. One of the Rangers, Gareth, showed us many artefacts and explained how the local indigenous people were adapted to the harsh Australian landscape.

Margo Pickworth
Teacher Librarian

Shore Preparatory School K, 1, 2 – Northbridge

Northbridge News, K, 1, 2

Swimming

K,1,2's swimming programme will commence next week. All children should now have their navy Shore swimming costumes and swimming caps in their house colours. Mrs Lockyer still has a few swimming caps left at the office if you need to make a last minute purchase. The caps are \$3 each, cash only please. Remember to write your child's name on everything!

K,1,2 Lunchtime Play Club

K,1,2 Play Club runs every lunchtime. Play Club is run by Mrs Covey and Mrs Anderson and is facilitated by other teachers and aides. At Play Club, children are encouraged to interact with each other whilst being engaged in a specific activity. The girls and boys are assisted with their social skills by the adults and capable peers present. All children are encouraged to participate in Play Club. Perhaps you could ask your child if he or she has been to Play Club lately.

Nits!

Those creepy crawlies are back! Please remember if your child does become a host to nits or head lice, the treatments usually require a weekly follow up. Hopefully, we can keep the nits at bay and have a relatively itch free term.

Recess and Lunch Times

As the weather warms up the teachers will be enforcing the No Hat, No Play rule. We are very conscious of the harsh Australian sun and we do not want any of the children sunburnt. All children must have a sunhat on to be able to play on the oval or in the playground. With the poor air quality this week, we have had many children indoors both at recess and lunch times. Our library has been a welcome retreat for our children who suffer from asthma.

Home Reading

Home reading is a vital part of the Literacy Programme. There are only five weeks of home reading remaining for the year. Home readers will cease at the end of Week 8. Your child should be reading every night. Even competent, independent readers should be reading aloud to an adult at least once a week. Please continue to read with and to your child.

Assemblies

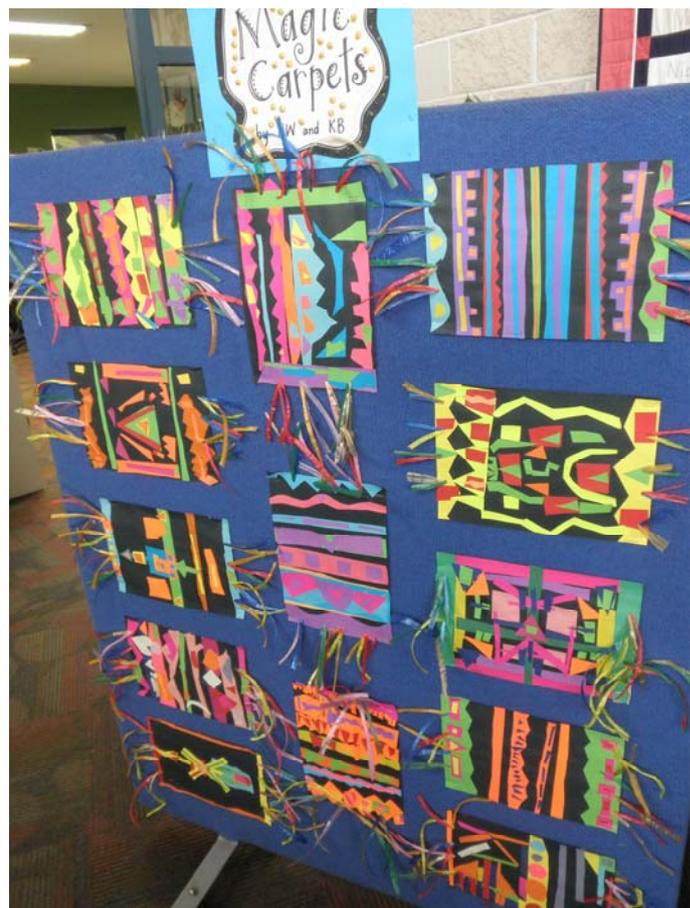
Thank you to our helpers this week who presented our General Assembly. We particularly enjoyed singing our Chapel song "God United" for our guests. We will not have assemblies for the next two weeks due to our swimming commitments. Our next assembly will be on 13 November. This will be Kindergarten's Final Assembly. Both Kindergarten classes will present on that day. Congratulations to **Year 1H** on receiving this week's **Quality Class of the Week Award**. What great teamwork.

Other Information to Note:

Monday, 28 October – Swimming School begins

Wednesday, 13 November – Final Kindergarten Assembly for 2013

Friday, 8 November – ELC and K,1,2 Parents Christmas Party



Natasha Mitchell

Deputy Head of Shore Preparatory School - Northbridge

Early Learning Centre – Northbridge

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ELC News

Photographs

The boys and girls looked great on Wednesday and Thursday of this week for their individual and group photographs. Proofs of the photographs will be returned to you in the coming weeks so that you can place your order.

Head lice

Over the last week, I have received reports of head lice within the Early Learning Centre community. While it is a nuisance, it is simple to manage when we are all vigilant in looking for the signs and symptoms of head lice and following-up with an effective treatment immediately after lice are found. Usually where there is one person with head lice, it is likely that others may also have them, so please check your child's hair for eggs or lice and continue to do so over the coming weeks.

We will also monitor children at the ELC. Children who have head lice are not excluded from the Centre, rather, we will ask the child to be collected and treated and they may return after the treatment has started.

Please be aware that head lice can only be spread from one person to another by direct head-to-head contact; the lice cannot jump or fly. Head lice do not live or breed on animals, bedding, furniture, carpets, clothes or soft toys. They cannot be spread by sharing hats. Fact sheets are available from Miss Penny at reception.

Worms: Threadworm

We have also had reports of children infected with worms within the community. People get worms by swallowing worm eggs. The eggs hatch and the worms live in the intestines. Worm eggs are picked up and transferred to the mouth, particularly when children have not washed their hands after going to the toilet and then place hands in their mouths. Again, this is a common infection amongst young children and easily managed by early detection, effective treatment and vigilant hand washing.

Children with worms are not excluded from the Early Learning Centre. Fact sheets are also available for further information at reception.

Congratulations

On behalf of the team at the Early Learning Centre, I would like to wish Miss Beth well as she prepares to marry her partner Baha on Sunday. I am certain it will be a joyous occasion and wish them a very happy marriage to one another.

Tea Towels and Bags

If you would like to purchase any more of the fabulous Shore ELC 2013 tea towels or bags please speak with Miss Penny at reception, as the new order of tea towels has arrived and there are still plenty of bags available.

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

IPSHA Gymnastics

We wished Saxon Glendinning all the best yesterday as he competed at the IPSHA Gymnastics Carnival. Saxon has had a fantastic year with his gymnastics, competing at various carnivals against the best gymnasts in the State. Look out for the results of the IPSHA Gymnastics Carnival in next week's Prep Peek.

Scott Mancey
Sportsmaster

Venues: **Please note change of venue for Year 5 A & B cricket. Both fields are at Barker College**

SHORE: School Field, Edward Street, North Sydney.

Northbridge—(SCEGS War Memorial Playing Fields) 55 Sailor's Bay Road.

NSBH—North Sydney Boys' High School, Falcon Street, North Sydney.

BARKER COLLEGE: Phipps, Bowman and Rosewood Ovals, College Cres, Waitara.

TRINITY: Bressington Park—Underwood Rd, Homebush.

SCOTS COLLEGE: RBTC Waratah Avenue, Rushcutter's Bay.

THE KING'S SCHOOL: Price basketball courts behind Prep School. Pennant Hills Road, Parramatta.

MOSMAN PREP: 75 Shadforth Avenue, Mosman

TUDOR HOUSE: Illawarra Highway, Moss Vale.

Results from Round 8, 19 October 2013

	Coach		Score
1st Cricket	A Bayliss	Grammar St.Ives	163-9/167
Yr 6 Super 8 Blues	S. Mancey	Grammar St.Ives	100-58
Snr Super 8 Whites	H. Bunting	Grammar St.Ives	49-62
Yr 5 A's Cricket	S Rae	Knox	124-125
Yr 5 B's Cricket	S Martin	Knox	7/97 v. 6/96
Yr 5 Super 8 Blues	K Polis	Waverley	57-50
Yr 4 A's Cricket	A Phillips	Trinity	182-51
Yr 4 B's Cricket	M Dunn	Trinity	3/187 v 20
Yr 4 Super 8 Blues	E Kleinig	Mosman	68-87
Tennis	L Reynolds/ P Harrington	Redlands	A&B Team Won
Basketball Snr A	P Knight	Redlands	51-63
Basketball Snr B	M Crerar	Redlands	26-49
Basketball Snr C	K Tootell	Redlands	32-21
Basketball Snr D	N Mitchell	Redlands	10-48
Basketball Snr E	S Curnow	Redlands	8-28
Basketball Snr F	C Gagliano	Redlands	24-18
Basketball Snr G	L Tooker	Redlands	46-5
Basketball Snr H	A Geersen V Covey	Redlands	24-6
Basketball Jnr A & B	J Anderson	Kincoppal	A: 22-8 B: 9-20

	Coach	Round 9 26/10
1st Cricket	A Bayliss	Tudor House RB Drake 9.00am
Yr 6 Super 8 Blues	S. Mancey	Redlands Northbridge E 8.00am
Snr Super 8 Whites	H. Bunting	Tudor House Northbridge E 9.30am
Yr 5 A's Cricket	S Rae	Barker Taylor Field 8.00am
Yr 5 B's Cricket	S Martin	Barker Phipps Field 8.00am
Yr 5 Super 8 Blues	K Polis	Trinity Bressington # 4 8.00am
Yr 4 A's Cricket	A Phillips	Knox Northbridge G 8.00am
Yr 4 B's Cricket	M Dunn	Knox School Field, Nth Syd 8.00am
Yr 4 Super 8 Blues	E Kleinig	Barker Bowman Field 8.00am
Tennis	L Reynolds/ P Harrington	Scots RBTC Waratah Ave Rushcutter's Bay 8.00am
Basketball Snr A	P Knight	King's NSBH 10.15am
Basketball Snr B	M Crerar	King's NSBH 9.30am
Basketball Snr C	K Tootell	King's Price # 2 10.15am
Basketball Snr D	N Mitchell	King's Price # 2 9.30am
Basketball Snr E	S Curnow	King's Price # 2 8.45am
Basketball Snr F	C Gagliano	King's Price # 2 8.00am
Basketball Snr G	L Tooker	Mosman 75 Shadforth St, Mosman 8.00am
Basketball Snr H	A Geersen V Covey	Mosman 75 Shadforth St, Mosman 8.00am
Basketball Jnr A & B	J Anderson	Grammar St Ives NSBH B-8.00am A-8.45am

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
sbennet1@bigpond.net.au



Celebrating 125 years of Shore families and friends gathering around the table.

Go to <http://www.shore.nsw.edu.au/> for the link to submit your recipe

Shore Association

Shore Association Ladies Golf Day 2013

<http://www.trybooking.com/Booking/BookingEventSummary.aspx?eid=60278>

Please join us for the annual SA Ladies Golf Day, to be held on Friday, 1 November, 2013 at Mona Vale Golf Club. We warmly welcome mothers of present and past Shore students, and your friends to come along. Please note however, that each team of 4 players must include at least one present or past Shore mother. The Individual Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to a past or present Shore Mother with a current AGU Handicap. Special prizes will be awarded to Social Teams (containing 2 or more non-handicapped players).

VENUE: Mona Vale Golf Club, Golf Avenue, Mona Vale

DATE: Friday, 1 November, 2013

REGISTRATION: 7am onwards

SHOTGUN START: 8am

COST: \$90 (includes green fees, lunch and prizes)

CONTACT DETAILS: Chrissy Hordern (M: 0419 298 943 E: carrick.hordern@bigpond.com)
or Libby Myles (M: 0411 044 331 E: libby@myles.net.au)



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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Lisa Brooke albrooke@bigpond.net.au

No parking in Early Learning Centre car park

Enjoy..

- Fashion parade
- Food by Simone Logue
- Drinks donated by Birbadgen 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

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<https://varietyfundraising.everydayhero.com/au/brigit>