



# PREP PEEK

The weekly newsletter of Shore Preparatory School, Sydney, NSW

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Y3-6 Camps	Y3-6 Camps	Y3-6 Camps K-2 End of Year Assembly & Thank you Morning Tea ELC Christmas Celebration (3/5 days)	Last Day of Term 4 Celebration Day Y3-6 Speech Night (7pm) ELC Christmas Celebration (2/5 days)		

## The Preparatory School Carol Services

All parents, relatives and friends who were fortunate enough to attend the Carol Services this week enjoyed a memorable and moving service of carols and bible readings. The Chapel choir led the congregation magnificently in a selection of carols.

Well done also to all the readers. It was wonderful the girls and boys from Northbridge were able to take part in the Tuesday service with many parents.

Finally, a big thank you to Mr David Jensen who prepared the Chapel Choir so very well and to Rev Paul Dudley who led us in worship and organised a special visit by "The Grunch". I know that "The Grunch" was disappointed to find that nobody left any goodies behind after the services for him to add to his collection. Special mention must be made about Mr Jensen, who had one of his own compositions performed on Wednesday night. It was a real treat! Thank you also to Miss Sally Glover and Mr Robert Fox for their support of the Choir throughout the year.

May I also take this opportunity to congratulate those members of the Preparatory School Choir who sang with the older boys at the Senior School Carols Service on Monday night. It was also a superb night of high-quality singing and the Prep boys played an important part in making it a success.

## End of the Year Arrangements

The school year concludes for children in Kindergarten to Year 6, next **Thursday 5 December 2013**. Note that this year once again, boys in Years 3 – 6 will begin the day at North Sydney, but will be bussed to Northbridge for lunch and afternoon activities. Further information about this day was contained in a letter that went home this week and there is information also in this Prep Peek.

The boys in Years 4 to 6 will be expected to return that evening – Thursday 5 December at **6:45pm** for the **Years 3 to 6 Speech Night** after which reports for second semester will be distributed. I am also asking all Year 3 prize winners also to attend the Speech Night. Kindergarten, Years 1, 2 and 3 reports will be distributed at school on Thursday.

*The Early Learning Centre will continue until 4pm on Friday, 20 December 2013. The Early Learning Centre commencement times for 2014 have been advertised in the parent communication box at the Centre over the past few weeks.*

## Preparatory School Year 3 to 6 Speech Night – Ken and Joan Smith Auditorium Thursday 5 December 2013 – 6:45pm

Please note that the Preparatory School Speech Night will be held in the Ken and Joan Smith Auditorium. Parking will be available in the: Centennial Carpark; School Quadrangle (outside the Deputy Headmasters Office), School Field (weather permitting) and Union Street (Bishopsgate). Please note that these parking areas will be locked by **9pm**.

All boys will be issued tickets for the evening. Information on ticketing can be found later in this Prep Peek.

Would all parents and guests be seated by **6:45pm** in the Ken and Joan Smith Auditorium for the commencement of this final and important part of our Preparatory School year. It is anticipated this ceremony will conclude by 8:10pm.

At the conclusion of the Prize Giving Mr Dunn will ask each class to leave the Ken and Joan Smith Auditorium by the side door with your son's teacher. Once the class teacher has all of her/his class she/he will distribute the reports. Please assist staff by allowing your son to get his report. After your son has received his report he can meet you for supper in the foyer of the Ken and Joan Smith Auditorium.

Another request. Would all parents please ensure small children do not run around during supper? As you may be aware there are some expensive decorations in this venue and it would be unfortunate if they were damaged by unintentional behaviour.

Thank you for your assistance in these matters.

*Attendance is compulsory for all boys in Years 4 to 6, plus the Prize Winners in Year 3.*

## Staffing

I am very pleased to mention that Mrs Alexandra Geersen and her husband Scott have announced that they are expecting the birth of their first child next year. Mrs Geersen will remain on staff during Term 1, 2014, before taking maternity leave, and will assist the School in curriculum development, rather than continuing with classroom duties. On behalf of the School community I would like to pass on our congratulations to Alex and Scott at this special time.

Also, with Mr Simon Rae's departure at the end of this year, I am pleased to announce that two new teachers will be joining the Preparatory School teaching staff at North Sydney from the beginning of 2014. Miss Claire Dickson, who is well known to many parents at both North Sydney and Northbridge, will be filling the maternity leave placement for Mrs Geersen. Miss Dickson has taught casually at both the ELC and K – 6 and was also the Shore Teacher Scholarship winner in the Prep in 2012, working on Year 5 over the course of last year. Miss Katie Robertson will be taking up a full-time position at the School in 2014. Miss Robertson is an experienced teacher who has been working at St Ives North Public School over the past eight years, taking the Gifted and Talented class there in recent times. I am sure that you will join me in welcoming both of these teachers to the School next year.

Nick Saunders  
Head of Shore Preparatory School

# North Sydney News, Years 3 to 6

## Carols Services

It was wonderful to join with so many Prep families at our Carols Services this week. Thank you to the Chapel Choir and the readers who did a superb job at both services. Very special thanks to Mr Jensen who prepared the Choir so well and to Mr Fox, our organist.

## Camps

Boys and staff are looking forward to a great start to the last week of the year with Monday-Wednesday being spent at various campsites. On Monday, **all boys should arrive at school at the normal time** (by 8:23am) for morning parade and roll call. Buses will leave for their various destinations at around 9:00am. Pick-up on Wednesday should be at the usual time.

*Year 3 are travelling to Port Hacking.*

*Year 4 will be adventuring in the Blue Mountains.*

*Year 5 enjoy the tranquillity and charm of Lake Macquarie*

*Year 6 venture north to Galston Gorge Crusader Camp.*

Thank you to all staff for their support of our camping programme and for the time they spend away from their families. What a terrific way to end the year. Have a great camp, boys!

## The Last Day of School – Thursday 5 December

All boys will commence the day at North Sydney at the usual time and then travel by bus to Northbridge for a BBQ lunch and a Christmas Assembly the younger children. Students will be dismissed from Northbridge at the following pick-up times:

**K, 1, 2 children:** 2:45 – 3:00 p.m.

**Year 3-6 boys:** 3:00 – 3:15 p.m.

Older boys with siblings in the younger years will be permitted to leave at the earlier time with them. Parents with only boys in Years 3-6 are asked to consider traffic and not arrive before 3pm.

## Speech Night – Thursday 5 December

All boys in Years 4-6 and prize winners in Year 3 are expected to attend *unless leave has been requested in writing and granted*. Parents and boys in Years 4-6 will need to be seated by 6:45pm in the Smith Auditorium so that the ceremony can commence at 7pm. Students will be seated with a parent except for Year 4 and prize winners who are seated in reserved seats towards the front of the auditorium. At the conclusion of the ceremony all boys will meet their teachers in designated areas to receive their school reports. To book seats please visit:

Year 4-1 seat (for parent): [www.trybooking.com/DYTD](http://www.trybooking.com/DYTD)

Years 5-6 – 2 seats (1 for boy, 1 for parent):

[www.trybooking.com/DYTE](http://www.trybooking.com/DYTE)

Years 3-6 Prize winners – will be allocated 2 seats for adults

## Anglicare Christmas Appeal

Thank you to all families who have contributed to Anglicare's Christmas Appeal. The generosity of the Shore community is greatly appreciated and has helped us to assemble a huge amount of food and toys for families to enjoy this Christmas. I hope that the children have been as heartened as I have each morning to look at our overflowing tree (which spilt over to a large portion of the office!) as a reminder of the spirit of giving.

## School Commencement 2014

Classes commence for students in Years 3-6 at North Sydney at 8.23am on Wednesday 29 January. (Orientation for new students will take place the day before).

## Advance Notice – Swimming Trials

In 2014, swimming trials will be held on the morning of Saturday 1 February for all boys in Years 3-6. All students will be expected to attend, with specific times for each age group advised closer to the date.

Mark Dunn

Deputy Head – North Sydney

## Text Books for 2014

All text books may be ordered online at [www.campion.com.au](http://www.campion.com.au) using "URFG" as your code by Friday 6 December 2013. Books ordered by this date will be delivered directly to School ready for day 1, Term 1. You may still order books after 6 December but these will be delivered to your home address and the boys will need to bring them to school.

## Library

Happy Reading from the Library!

Mrs Margo Pickworth  
Teacher Librarian

# Shore Preparatory School K, 1, 2 – Northbridge

## Northbridge News, K, 1, 2

### Home Readers and Library Books

All home readers and library books should have been returned to Mrs Reynolds and the class teachers by now. It seems that we are still missing quite a few. Please have a good look at home for the stray home readers and library books. It's amazing what's lurking under beds and in book shelves. Thank you.

### Anglicare – Toys 'n' Tucker

Thank you to all the families who so generously donated to the Anglicare Christmas Toys 'n' Tucker Appeal. Our foyer is packed full of special goodies. All items will be collected by Anglicare on Tuesday, 3 December to help share the joy of Christmas with some disadvantaged families in Sydney.

### Final K,1,2 Assembly and Parent Helper Thank You Morning Tea

The girls, boys and K,1,2 staff invite all families to attend the **Final K,1,2 Assembly and Morning Tea** next Wednesday, 4 December. Each child in the K,1,2 will be receiving a Certificate of Achievement in recognition of their efforts and progress in 2013. Each year group will also enjoy their last opportunity to perform for this year. The assembly will run for a little longer than the normal assembly length. Parents are advised to allow for a *more congested than usual* car park on the morning. Families are reminded that no vehicles should be parked and left unattended in the turning circle area and that only ELC families dropping off an ELC child should use the designated ELC parking bays, with parking in those spaces being limited to **10 minutes**.

### Classes for next year

As you would know, classes are rearranged for the commencement of each school year and the children in both classes in each grade will again be mixed. A couple of parents have approached me regarding specific classes for their son or daughter for next year. Please be aware that we cannot accommodate all requests for particular children to be together or separated. Similarly, we cannot ensure the teacher you may desire. There are many factors involved regarding the composition of classes and these decisions are made in consultation with the teachers. There are a number of decisions that cannot be made until the New Year and therefore classes will not be announced until the first day of Term 1, 2014.

### Extra Subjects, After School Activities and After School Care – 2014

These forms were due in last week. If you have yet to return yours, please do so by Monday. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

### Assemblies

On Wednesday this week, we had the wonderful Year 2 Final Assembly, "*Reflections of Northbridge*". Year 2, you brought tears to our eyes. You have certainly grown up and you definitely look like you are ready to move onto the next phase of your lives. Thank you Miss Tootell and Mr Philips for your hard work in preparing the girls and boys for Year 3. Next week we will have our final K,1,2 Assembly as mentioned above. Congratulations to the girls and boys in **KWhite** on receiving the **Quality Class of the Week Award** for this week. What a great way to finish the year, **KWhite**.

### Other information to note:

**Wednesday, 4 December** – End of Year Assembly and Thank You Morning Tea

**Thursday, 5 December** – K,1,2 Movie Day and K-6 last day of school

**Please Note:** There are no After School Activities, including Kindergarten Orchestra, next week. After School Care operates every day of the school term.

Natasha Mitchell

Deputy Head of Shore Preparatory School - Northbridge



*The chicks hatched and grew in the Kindergarten classrooms as part of the Living Eggs programme.*

# Early Learning Centre – Northbridge

ELC Phone: 8966 5350 ELC Fax: 8966 5391

## ELC News

### Shore Kindergarten 2014

If your child is starting Kindergarten at Shore in 2014, please be advised that the deadline for returning Student Questionnaires, After School Activities enrolment forms and After School Care enrolment forms was 29 November. Please submit your forms to the K,1,2 office as soon as possible. Copies are available from the K,1,2 office in person or by emailing [k12office@shore.nsw.edu.au](mailto:k12office@shore.nsw.edu.au).

### Photographs

Melba Studios anticipates that the orders for the individual and group photographs will be returned to the Early Learning Centre no later than Monday 2 December. Miss Penny will distribute these on their arrival.

### Journals

Under the *Education and Care Services National Regulations* and the *National Quality Standards* educators are required to document experiences that children are involved in while enrolled in an early education and care setting. At Shore, the way we achieve this is through the weekly reflections, displays on the classroom walls, as well as children's individual journals. Educators have worked hard throughout the year to create a journal for your child to take home. In the journal you will read about experiences the child may have enjoyed, friends they have built strong relationships with, or perhaps key learning moments that have occurred for them during the year. Journals are being finalised at the moment and many will be ready for distribution early next week. These discs will be able to play on your home computer and will work with both Mac and PC's.

### Green Room Cooking Experience

On Wednesday we had a visitor to the ELC! A group of second year children from the Green Room warmly welcomed Byron's mum, Belinda, to bake a batch of cinnamon Christmas cookies with them in the multipurpose room. Henry, Stephanie, Sarah, Byron, Edward M and Edward H worked cooperatively to gather the ingredients and follow the steps of the recipe. They all demonstrated a fantastic aptitude for baking as they carefully used the tablespoon and measuring jug to measure out the correct quantity of ingredients into the mixing bowl. Miss Kirsten whizzed up the butter and dark brown sugar with the electric beaters in the kitchen and the children then worked independently to roll their portion of dough into a ball before laying it on the baking paper.

We would like to say a BIG thankyou to Belinda for providing her invaluable assistance and expertise!

*Learning Outcomes demonstrated include:*

*4.2 Children manipulate objects and experiment with cause and effect, trial and error and motion. They contribute constructively to mathematical discussion*

*5.1 Children demonstrate an increasing understanding of measurement and number using vocabulary to describe size, length, volume, capacity and the names of numbers.*

*Jessica Rogers – Green Room Leader*

### Christmas Gifts

Over the last few weeks the boys and girls from both rooms have been working individually with teachers to create Christmas gifts to give to parents. When you see the gifts I am sure you will agree that they have been made with great love and care and will be treasured for years to come.

The gifts from the Green Room are particularly fragile so please take extra care with them. All gifts will be placed in lockers for you to take home next week on Tuesday and Thursday. Please also remember to take your child's Christmas bauble from the ELC tree on your last day.

*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)

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Wednesdays from 2:00pm  
& early Saturday morning

## Shore Preparatory School Tennis Championship.

This term, boys in years 5 & 6 have been competing in the Shore Tennis Championship. The final was held on Wednesday, played on the new John Newcombe Championship Courts at Northbridge between Mitchell Cassie and Sam Kaplan. It was a great game with both boys serving well, displaying fantastic shots and playing long rallies to entertain the enthusiastic crowd. Congratulations to Mitchell Cassie, who was crowned Shore Prep Tennis Champion 2013, winning the game 6-4. Both boys should be extremely proud of themselves in making the final this year.

*Scott Mancey  
Sportsmaster.*

# Shore Association

A Christmas Message from  
Shore Prayer Group

As you celebrate this special time of year  
with family and friends, we pray  
that you would know God's amazing gifts of  
love, hope, peace & joy  
in your heart.

John 1:9  
Jesus is the light of the world.  
The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world.



UPCOMING END OF YEAR EVENTS AND THE TRYBOOKING LINKS

YEAR 2 END OF YEAR PARENTS PARTY NOVEMBER 29TH

<http://www.trybooking.com/Booking/BookingEventSummary.aspx?eid=67588>

YEAR 3 PARENT CHRISTMAS COCKTAIL PARTY NOVEMBER 29TH

<http://www.trybooking.com/Booking/BookingEventSummary.aspx?eid=66283>

# Shore Association



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

The Shore Association is creating a professionally designed, high quality cookbook that captures the spirit and history of the School.

Preserve memories forever by providing a favourite or a traditional family recipe. Please submit your recipe along with a short story that celebrates your time at the School.

**Shore Cookbook Committee** - [shorecookbook@shore.nsw.edu.au](mailto:shorecookbook@shore.nsw.edu.au)  
Sue Pullar, Karen Tucker, Marianne Colbert and Michelle Barton

RECIPE SUBMISSIONS CLOSE  
**FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2013**  
*(last day of the school year. Don't miss out!)*

### *Name the Shore Cookbook!*

We are looking for a lovely title that conveys the essence of the Shore community. Enter by emailing [shorecookbook@shore.nsw.edu.au](mailto:shorecookbook@shore.nsw.edu.au).

CONTEST ENDS: FRIDAY 6<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2013

RECIPE SUBMISSION FORM: [WWW.SHORE.NSW.EDU.AU/COOKBOOK.PDF](http://WWW.SHORE.NSW.EDU.AU/COOKBOOK.PDF)

Head to the school website for the link to the cookbook

<http://www.shore.nsw.edu.au/>

Recipe submission deadline 6<sup>th</sup> December