



# PREP PEEK

The weekly newsletter of Shore Preparatory School, Sydney, NSW

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Monday 27 January	Tuesday 28	Wednesday 29	Thursday 30	Friday 31	Sat 1 Feb/Sun 2
Australia Day Public Holiday ELC Closed	New Student Orientation Morning ELC-new 3 day children (A-M)	Y1-Y6 Students Commence ELC-new 3 day children (N-Z) Chapel @ NS	Kindergarten starts (9am) ELC-new 2 day children (A-M) Specialist Lessons Commence	ELC-new 2 day children (N-Z) Sport Trials (Y4-6) @ Northbridge, 11am	Swimming Trials (Y3-6)
Monday 3 Feb	Tuesday 4	Wednesday 5	Thursday 6	Friday 7	Sat 8/ Sun 9
Camp Begins (Y3-6) K-2 Information Evening	Camp (Y3-6)	Camp Ends (Y3-6) K-2 General Assembly	Sport Trials (Y4-6) @ Northbridge, 1pm	Prep Swimming Carnival (5pm)	Summer Sport Round 1

## Beginning of Year Arrangements for 2014

2<sup>nd</sup> Year students in the Early Learning Centre's 5 and 3 day programmes will commence on *Tuesday 21 January 2014* (they are also welcome on Wednesday 22 January). The ELC will be closed on Thursday 23 January for the staff development day for all Shore staff. 2<sup>nd</sup> Year students in the 5 and 2 day programmes are welcome at the ELC on *Friday 24 January 2014*. The ELC will be closed on Monday 27 January for the Australia Day Public Holiday. Further details can be found on the ELC page of this week's Prep Peek.

For the students in Years 1 to 6, the academic year at Shore commences on *Wednesday 29 January 2014 at 8:23am*.

New boys in Years 3 to 6 are invited to attend a special introductory session on *Tuesday 28 January 2014* in the Preparatory School, North Sydney from 8:30 until 10:00am. I would like new boys to wear their uniform (summer) on this occasion. Kindergarten children will commence on *Thursday 30 January 2014 at 9:00am*.

## Preparatory School Year 3 to 6 Speech Night – Final reminder - Ken and Joan Smith Auditorium Tonight (5 December 2013) – 6:45pm

Please note that the Preparatory School Speech Night will be held in the Ken and Joan Smith Auditorium this evening. 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**.

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 that 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.*

## Some final reflections about 2013

I would like to add a personal thank you to the children, parents, families and staff for all their efforts to make 2013 another

er another successful year. It has been an exciting year, but also, I hope, a year of continuity in the things that matter most. It is important to remember that at the heart of the Preparatory School lies a shared sense of community; of parents, students and staff working together for a common purpose - that is, the education of the children.

With the assistance of the Rev Paul Dudley, the Chaplaincy team, Miss Mitchell and Mr Dunn, the Christian foundation of this Anglican school has remained central to our school's programmes in 2013.

I would like to thank the entire Preparatory School community for the support, generosity and encouragement displayed throughout the year. I wish everyone a happy and restful Christmas vacation.

I trust you have a joyous and Holy Christmas!

*Nick Saunders  
 Head of Shore Preparatory School*

# North Sydney News, Years 3 to 6

## **Preparatory School Speech Night Years 3-6 at 7pm**

We look forward to your company at Speech Night tonight (all of Years 4-6 and Year 3 prize winners). Please be seated in the auditorium at 6.45pm for the entry of the staff and official party. Please ensure that you sit in the correct seats. It is anticipated that the ceremony will conclude by 8pm.

Parking will be available on School Field (weather permitting), in the quad (entry opposite the Prep gate) and under the tennis courts off Union Street. All gates will be locked at 9pm so if you are heading out afterwards, you will need to move your vehicle.

At the conclusion of the prize giving, I will ask each class to leave the auditorium by the side door with their teacher. The class teacher will then distribute the end of semester reports. After your son has received his report, he can meet you for supper in the foyer of the auditorium. Parents are requested to ensure that children behave appropriately during supper, being mindful of the fact that this is an official school function and there are a number of expensive items in the Smith Auditorium.

## **School Commencement**

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.

## **Advance Notice - Sport trials (Y4-6)**

In 2014, it intended to hold sport trials on

- Friday 31 January from 11am
- Thursday 6 February from 1pm

On these days, boys in Years 4-6 will need to be picked up from Northbridge.

## **Merry Christmas!**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank students, staff and families for their hard work, co-operation and support throughout the year. All deserve a well-earned rest over the summer break. I wish all families a wonderful Christmas and all the blessings of the season. We look forward to hearing the stories on the first day back in 2014. God bless!

*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

### Thank You all

"Where has the year gone"? It has certainly been a fantastic year in so many ways. Thank you girls and boys for the fun and love of learning you bring to school each day. You have certainly made us all very proud of your efforts and achievements. Thank you to the very talented and dedicated staff at K,1,2. You have made the children's learning possible. Thank you for the care you show to the children and in making K,1,2 a happy and safe place. Thank you, parents, for your support of our school. When we all work together, we achieve great things. May I wish the girls and boys leaving the Northbridge campus all the best for the future. We have enjoyed having you as part of K,1,2. May I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe and restful holiday.

### Next Year

Further to the article last week, classes are mixed around. As some children take time to adjust to any change, I would ask you to remind your child before school resumes that each new year is full of exciting changes (including a change of teachers, rooms, classmates and the like) all of which make life more interesting for us.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE STAFF AT K,1,2**

*Natasha Mitchell  
Deputy Head of Shore Preparatory School - Northbridge*



**Merry  
Christmas**

# Early Learning Centre – Northbridge

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## ELC News

### 2013 Reflection

Each year as we reach the last week of Term 4, I often reflect on the year that has passed and wonder where the year has gone? Time seems to always have moved so fast! However, when I look back over the 2013 year I think the old adage applies where 'time flies when you are having fun' because it has certainly been a fun and action packed year. Children have engaged in an incredible daily learning program where they have challenged themselves and one another to learn, grow and develop with the support of passionate educators and a wealth of resources to extend and enrich their learning. Boys and girls have participated in experiences such as Library, Dalcroze, Chapel, music lessons, the transition program and a variety of incursions to the Centre. Children have also participated in valuable charity events where very generous donations have been made. I recently discovered that the Shore Preparatory School Move-a-thon raised an astounding \$10,260.82!

Throughout the year educators have worked hard to develop children's sense of *Belonging, Being and Becoming* which the Early Years Learning Framework describes as central to children being connected with the world they are in and flourishing as learners and active participants in a healthy society. Importantly, I have observed strong connections that have been formed between children, educators, families and indeed to the wider Shore community, many of which, I am sure, will be life-long.

Looking forward to the next two weeks at the Early Learning Centre, it is always a time filled with mixed emotions as we experience both endings and beginnings at the same time. We will farewell children and families from the ELC as they transition to Kindergarten, including some families who have had children enrolled in the ELC for some six or seven years! The Shore journey will also begin for others next week as we welcome new children for play dates. For some it is their first step into an education and care setting, so it will be a new and perhaps daunting time. For others this is an easy transition, as they have had siblings at the ELC since they were born and they are eager for it to be their turn!

As the Early Learning Centre draws to a close, I thank all of those individuals who have been a part of making this year's program such an incredible experience for all of the boys and girls, especially the Shore ELC staff who are so dedicated to the children in our care. I wish all members of the Shore community a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy holiday season.

*\*Please note the Early Learning Centre will close on Friday 20 December 2013 at 4:00pm.*

### Start dates for 2014

Tuesday 21 January	ELC welcomes returning 3 day and 5 day children
Wednesday 22 January-	ELC welcomes returning 3 day and 5 day children
Thursday 23 January	ELC closed for Shore School Professional Development
Friday 24 January -	ELC welcomes returning 2 day and 5 day children
Monday 27 January	ELC closed for AUSTRALIA DAY
Tuesday 28 January	ELC welcomes new 3 day children with surnames A - M
Wednesday 29 January-	ELC welcomes new 3 day children with surnames N - Z
Thursday 30 January	ELC welcomes new 2 day children with surnames A - M

Friday 31 January -

ELC welcomes new 2 day children with surnames N – Z

Rebecca Schollum  
Director - ELC

