



PREP PEEK

The weekly newsletter of Shore Preparatory School, Sydney, NSW

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Shore Preparatory School Events

Monday 2	Tuesday 3	Wednesday 4	Thursday 5	Friday 6
Mini-Proms K,1,2 Dance/ Music Dress Rehearsal @ NS ELC Lunches with K,1,2 ELC New Children 2010 Parent Night (6.15)	Mini-Proms K,1,2 Dance/ Music Dress Rehearsal @ NS	K,1,2 General Assembly K,1,2 Mini Proms (5pm)	Y6 Thankyou Dinner @ Roseville Golf Club (6pm)	
Monday 9	Tuesday 10	Wednesday 11	Thursday 12	Friday 13
Kindergarten - Living Eggs (W4-5) Prep Proms Rehearsal Y5/6 Tests Begin	Prep Proms Rehearsal	K-2 Final Kindergarten As- sembly R e m e m b r a n c e D a y Assemblies Choir@ Remembrance Day Service	Yr 2 @ North Sydney Chapel Choir @ Chapel Evensong Prep Proms Rehearsal	Prep Proms Rehearsal

Listening to Others

Listening is the beginning of understanding.

Wisdom is the reward for a lifetime of listening.

Let the wise listen and add to their learning.

Proverbs Chapter 1.

Listening to others is one of those behaviours that one can never overdo – in contrast perhaps to watching television or eating junk food. As the book of Proverbs in the Bible points out, listening is a foundation to learning, because through active and empathetic listening we clear our own minds of preconceived ideas and judgements and make space to learn from other perspectives.

Art Costa and Bena Kallick, the researchers who developed the Habits of Mind framework, state that *“Highly effective people spend an inordinate amount of time and energy listening (Covey, 1989). Some psychologists believe that the ability to listen to another person, to empathise with, to understand their point of view is one of the highest forms of intelligent behaviours. They gently attend to another person demonstrating their understanding of and empathy for an idea or feeling by paraphrasing it accurately, building on it, clarifying it, or giving an example of it.”*

This term at the Preparatory School, we are focusing on the development of listening skills, through our Habit of Mind ‘Listening to Others’. I know many parents share our aim for our students to focus on active listening – that is, listening with a receptive and understanding point of view to another person’s ideas. It may result in moving away from selfishly insisting on a personal view and developing the skills of not interrupting, taking time, considering a response and then discussing a productive way forward which considers all reasonable views. This is not to say that students cannot disagree with each other, but rather, through active listening, all views are considered. This is a difficult skill and one which many adults have not mastered. However, developing good listening skills will serve our students very well.

Arthur Costa & Ben Kallick (2003) *Habits of Mind*; Covey S (1989) *The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People*

Years 3 to 6 Speech Night Guest of Honour

I am very pleased to announce that our much esteemed Deputy Head of the Preparatory School Northbridge, Mr David Watkins, has agreed to be the Guest of Honour at the Years 3 – 6 Preparatory School Speech Night this year, on Thursday 10 December 2009. This term marks the end of Mr Watkins time with us at Shore, as he takes on a new challenge as Head of the Junior School at Arden Anglican College, Beecroft. I am sure that he will be able to share with us some of his own insights from the foundation years of the Northbridge campus. It is particularly fitting that Mr Watkins speaks this year, as many of our current Year 6 boys were a part of the first Kindergarten classes at Northbridge. Please note that this year, Speech Night will commence at the later time of 7pm, with parents and guests asked to be seated by 6:45pm.

Nick Saunders
 Head of the Preparatory School

North Sydney News, Years 3 to 6

New Boys Day

Thank you, boys, for helping all the new 2010 students to feel so welcome this morning. It is a hallmark of our school that visitors are greeted by the smiles of happy and polite students.

Year 2 Visit

Well done to our Year 2 girls and boys who were guests at the 3-6 Assembly at North Sydney this week and then remained to spend the morning playing games with Year 3. Your behaviour was exemplary, boys and girls. We are looking forward to your other visits over the next few weeks.

Late Arrivals

One of the rules that we encourage our students to follow is 'Be in the right place at the right time'. Generally, the boys are to be commended on how well they manage themselves across such a vast array of activities and commitments. However, I am concerned at the number of students who are being dropped by parents after the bell in the morning. This was particularly evident on Monday when the steady stream of late students was disruptive throughout Assembly. Important announcements are made at Assembly and Morning Parades. The first few minutes in the classroom also set the tone for the whole day. When a student is late they place themselves at a disadvantage and disrupt the learning of others. Parents are asked to ensure that their sons arrive at school each morning prior to the bell ringing at 8.23.

Uniform Items

The boys are again to be congratulated on the improvement in the wearing of their uniforms this week. In a few cases, some items need replacement or repair. Whilst it is understandable that parents wish to see the year through before purchasing new items, if shirts, hats or shoes are lost or damaged beyond repair, they must be replaced. In particular, it is not acceptable uniform to be wearing shoes with holes in them.

Northbridge Car Park

Mr Watkins has written in his column many times about the importance of only turning left onto Sailors Bay Road whenever exiting the Northbridge car park. It is evident that some parents persist in this dangerous and illegal practice and it has been noted that some of these parents are doing so on their way to drop older brothers at North Sydney. In the interests of safety, please always follow the directions and turn left.

Year 6 Social Justice

A commendable feature of the Year 6 Social Justice programme undertaken last term was speeches that the boys presented advocating a worthy cause. In many cases boys put their money and time where their mouths were and made contributions to their cause. Hence, it was a delight to acknowledge Nick Healy (6N) who took the initiative to organise a jellybean competition among local businesses and raised a sum of money for Amnesty International. Well done, Nick!

Year 6 Thank You Dinner

We are greatly looking forward to gathering for this wonderful evening next Thursday at Roseville Golf Club commencing at 6pm. The boys are to wear summer uniform without coats or hats. There is no need to print or present tickets on the evening.

Quality Class Award

It was very pleasing to see 3M receive the Quality Class Award for their excellent effort throughout Week 1. Well done!

*Mark Dunn
Deputy Head – North Sydney*

ICAS (UNSW) Competitions

The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools are conducted by Educational Assessment Australia (University of NSW) and form the largest independent assessment program 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 2009 all boys in Years 3 – 6 have participated in the English, Science and Mathematics competitions. The competitions 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 state-based assessments, assisting them to become more comfortable in answering questions and managing their time effectively under exam conditions.

Our students are to be congratulated on the excellent results received this year. 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 comparison with compulsory testing programs such as the NAPLAN. In this context, we are very proud of all of our students for their excellent efforts and the many boys who scored in the top 30% (approximately) of the candidature for each test and were awarded a Credit, Distinction or High Distinction Certificate.

*Paul Harrington
Master of Teaching and Learning K - 6*

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

**Wednesday 11 November
10.15am - The Chapel**

The 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.

Enquiries: Rev Nick Foord 9900 4753
Chaplains Assistant: Heather 9900 4734

Music news

Well done to David Neale who performed, on clarinet, Gigue by Telemann during Monday's assembly. David also plays clarinet in the Senior School Orchestra and sings in the Prep School Choir.

*Mr D Jensen
Music Coordinator*

UNIFORM SHOP



Games

Wet weather information
(recorded message)
9956 1185

NSW Primary School Athletics Carnival

On Thursday we wished Edward Trippas the best of luck at the NSW Primary School's Athletics Carnival. Edward competed against the best long jumpers in the state. Congratulations Edward.

Results – Round 7

Cricket

1st XI Vs Barker	Shore 9/99 – Barker 2/107
2 nd XI Vs Barker	Shore 5/118 – Barker 3/145
Yr 6 Blues Vs Barker	Shore – Barker won by 2 runs
Yr 6 Whites Vs Barker	Shore – Barker won by 7 runs
Yr 6 Reds Vs St Patrick's	Shore 29 – St Patrick's 50
Yr 5 As Vs Barker	Shore 144 – Barker 155
Yr 5 Bs Vs Barker	Shore 115 – Barker 125
Yr 5 Blues Vs BYE	
Yr 4 As Vs Santa Sabina	Shore 56 - Santa Sabina 26
Yr 4 Blues Vs St Aloysius	Shore 96 - St Aloysius 26
Yr 4 Whites Vs St Aloysius	Shore 74 - St Aloysius 19

Tennis

As Vs Riverview	Shore 54 – Riverview 48
Bs Vs Riverview	

Basketball

Snr As Vs Trinity	Shore 35 – Trinity 20
Snr Bs Vs Trinity	Shore 49 – Trinity 26
Snr Cs Vs Trinity	Shore 54 – Trinity 22
Snr Ds Vs Trinity	Shore 36 – Trinity 13
Snr Es Vs Trinity	Shore 38 – Trinity 16
Snr Fs Vs Trinity	Shore 40– Trinity 0
Jnr As Vs St Aloysius	Shore 12 – St Aloysius 30
Jnr Bs Vs St Aloysius	Shore 4 – St Aloysius 20
Jnr Cs Vs Newington	Shore 23 – Newington 2

Fixture List ****Please note Senior Basketball times.**
 A – 10.15am Newington Lindfield (Internal)
 B – 9.30am vs Newington Lindfield @ Lindfield

VENUES

SHORE	School Oval - Edward St., North Sydney. Northbridge - (SCEGS War Memorial Playing Fields) Sailor's Bay Rd, Northbridge. Basketball Courts – North Sydney Prep. Cnr Edward St & Lord St, Nth Sydney.
TUDOR HOUSE	-Illawarra Highway, Moss Vale.
ST. ALOYSIUS' COLLEGE	St Leonard's Park - Miller St, North Sydney.
SYDNEY GRAMMAR ST. IVES	Cowper, Top Field, Pool - Mona Vale Rd & Ayres Rd, S t. Ives.
BARKER COLLEGE	Clarke Rd Tennis Courts - College Cres, Waitara.
NEWINGTON (LINDFIELD) COLLEGE	Jnr. School - 26 Northcote Rd, Lindfield.
ARDEN	63 Beecroft Rd. Beecroft & 50 Oxford St Epping (Secondary)



	COACH	Round 8 31 October
1st Cricket	Angus Bayliss	Tudor House Northbridge F 8.30am
2nd Cricket	Simon Rae	Tudor House School Field 9.00am
Yr 6 Super 8 Blues	Amanda Paine/ Heather Bunting	Tudor House Fairfax # 1 9.00am
Yr 6 Super 8 Whites	Stephen Grainger	Tudor House Fairfax # 2 9.00am
Yr 6 Super 8 Reds	Emma Paul	BYE
Yr 5 As Cricket	Matthew Morrison	Tudor House RB Darlie 9.00am
Yr 5 Bs Cricket	Mark Kerr	Tudor House Westfield 9.00am
Yr 5 Super 8 Blues	Rosie Herron	St Aloysius St Leonard's Park 7.30am
Yr 4 As Cricket	Scott Mancey	Trinity Northbridge A West 7.30am
Yr 4 Blues	Cate Fryda	St Ives Cowper Field 9.30am
Yr 4 Whites	Emily Kleinig	St Ives Cowper Field 8.00am
Tennis A&B	Laurel Reynolds	Barker Clarke Rd 8.00am
Basketball Snr A & B	Peter Knight	A - Internal Newington Lindfield 10.15am B - Newington Lindfield Campus 9.30am
Basketball Snr C & D	Felicity Bromet	C - Lindfield Campus 8.45am D - Kincoppal @ Lindfield 8.00am
Basketball Snr E & F	Mary Crerar Judy Hicks	Internal Shore Prep 9.30am
Basketball Jnr A + B	Jacki Anderson	Newington Wyvern Shore Prep B - 8.00am A - 8.45am
Basketball Jnr C	Anika Tesseyman	Arden Epping Campus 8.30am

Shore Association

UPCOMING EVENTS



Wednesday Tennis

The Shore Association offers all mums K-12 the opportunity to have a friendly hit of tennis every Wednesday morning at the Northbridge tennis courts from 9.30 to 11am.

We welcome more players to join the existing group.

Contact Margaret Blake for further information – 0404 021 237.



SHORE ASSOCIATION 2009 ANNUAL REVIEW

The Shore Association Executive extend a warm welcome to all parents to attend the 2009 Annual Review.

Monday, November 9th in Hawkins Foyer, Smith Auditorium

6.30pm for refreshments, 7.00pm start.



**Celebrate 120 Christmas Seasons at the Shore Community Christmas Party
Friday 4 December 2009 Main Oval, North Sydney \$90 per person**

Book on line now: www.trybooking.com/BMO

Enquiries: Tanya Hill 9900 4755



"Crazy Whist Card Night"

Friday 6 Nov 2009 - Smith Auditorium foyer at Shore School

6.30pm for 7.15pm start - games and gourmet finger food \$40 p.p.

Fun Prizes for all winners - Silent auction will be run

No previous card experience necessary

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Shore Preparatory School K, 1, 2 – Northbridge

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Northbridge News, K, 1, 2

Internet Wisdom

In Term 3, Mr Saunders wrote an article on the front page of the Prep Peek about the need for parents to be wise in monitoring their children's use of the internet. The article noted "the potential risks and threats facing children online: traversing the net, using chat rooms or social networking sites (e.g. Facebook or MySpace), or on-line gaming." Recently a Northbridge parent discussed with me that some of the K, 1, 2 students were showing an interest in some of those noted areas. Mr Saunders stated in his article "it is important to remember that children, in whatever environment they find themselves, still need the advice and guidance of adults to help them to make good decisions concerning their safety and well-being." Though the internet may seem an exciting place to a seven year old, most people would consider that it is inappropriate for a seven year old to be involved in on-line activities without a responsible adult supervising them. I would also strongly note to parents that both MySpace and Facebook have user policies which state that the sites are unsuitable for children under the age of 13.

Making the Most of Opportunities

With Term 4 being a short term, the teachers always remind the girls and boys that it is important to make the most of their opportunities. It is essential that despite the excitement of the various events, the children keep some aspects settled and continue to focus on achieving their best in tasks. Parents can support their child in ensuring homework tasks, news items and home reading are systematically approached and good sleep patterns are part of their weekly routines. The goal is to have every child finishing the year feeling good about themselves, satisfied they have achieved outcomes and ready for the next stage of their education.

Year 2 attending the Y3 – 6 assembly at North Sydney

It was wonderful to hear of the positive behaviour of the Year 2 girls and boys during their visit to the North Sydney assembly on Monday. A few Year 2 children even got up on stage for certificates which is a special honour. The children and teachers clearly enjoyed the opportunity to be part of the 'big' school and doing activities with the Year 3 classes. Well done, Year 2!

Mini Proms Rehearsals & Performance

Only five sleeps to go! The dance rehearsals for the Mini Proms went ahead smoothly on Thursday and I'm sure the children will have benefited from this opportunity to understand the stage dynamics in the Smith Auditorium. Next week will see the children do music and dance rehearsals at staggered times on Monday, followed by a full dress rehearsal on the Tuesday. **Parents are asked to carefully note all the details contained in the additional information issued with this Prep Peek** and to ask for any further clarification as necessary. Please note **lunch orders are not available on Monday and Tuesday** due to the rehearsal schedule. Please contact your child's class teacher if this information was not received or if any further clarification is required.

Assemblies

Next week's assembly will be a **K, 1, 2 Charity Update Assembly** hosted by the Year 2 children. In Term 2, Prep School students and parents raised close to \$5000 for the purchase of exercise books for two schools in Papua New Guinea. In the assembly, Miss Kleinig will share some of her experiences of visiting these two schools in the last holidays. Miss Kleinig will hopefully be able to share the joy she was able to experience caused by the delivery of exercise books to the schools. Congratulations to the girls and boys in

Year 2M on receiving the first 'Quality Class of the Week Award' in Term 4.

David Watkins

Deputy head of the Preparatory School– Northbridge

Early Learning Centre – Northbridge

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ELC News

The Reptile Man

On Wednesday 21 and Thursday 22 October, the girls and boys were excited to welcome 'Bob' the Reptile Man to the ELC. Bob combined his sense of humour and collection of creatures to put on a fabulous show! The boys and girls shrieked with delight as Bob opened each container to reveal what was inside. The children met a frog, toad, shingle back lizard, bearded dragon, blue tongue lizard, a burrowing cockroach, some worms, a turtle and a python. Many of the boys and girls were given the opportunity to hold or touch the creatures. Some children even had the python wrapped around the necks!

Independence Skills

It has been great to see many of our second year children taking increasing responsibility for their belongings. The staff have observed many children putting their own lunchboxes in the baskets and carrying their own bags. Well done!

ELC Parent Welcome Evening for 2010 Enrolments

On Monday 2 November, the ELC will be hosting a parent welcome evening for new enrolments in 2010. This is a great opportunity to meet new parents and welcome them to this beautiful school campus.

School Photographs

This week the order forms for the children's individual and group school photographs have been distributed. Please select the photographs you would like to purchase, and along with payment, return the form to Miss Patsie at the front desk **by Friday 6 November**.

Welcome Back Miss Kate

The boys and girls and the ELC team are all very excited to be welcoming Miss Kate Bach back to the ELC next week. She has been greatly missed!

Rebecca Schollum
Acting Director of the ELC