



PREP PEEK

The weekly newsletter of Shore Preparatory School, Sydney, NSW

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Shore Preparatory School Events

Monday 9	Tuesday 10	Wednesday 11	Thursday 12	Friday 13
Prep Proms Rehearsal Kindergarten-Living Eggs Y5/6 Tests Begin	Prep Proms Rehearsal	Prep Proms Rehearsal K,1,2 Final Kindergarten Assembly R e m e m b r a n c e D a y Assemblies Choir @ Remembrance Day Service	Prep Proms Rehearsal Yr 2 @ NS Chapel Pete Crawford @ JOLT Choir @ Chapel Evensong	Prep Proms Rehearsal
Monday 16	Tuesday 17	Wednesday 18	Thursday 19	Friday 20
Prep Proms Rehearsal Kindergarten-Living Eggs	Prep Proms Rehearsal Y6 Fundraising Recess	Prep Proms Rehearsal K, 1, 2 Final Y1 Assembly ELC Incursion - Star Dancers Mosaic Concert (5pm)	Prep Proms Rehearsal ELC Incursion - Star Dancers Y2 @ North Sydney Chapel	Prep Proms Rehearsal Shore Prayer group

A Time of Reflection and Looking Forward

Term 4 is always a time when we begin to reflect upon the year that is drawing to a close and look forward to what lies ahead. For many of our children, this involves getting ready for a new chapter in their learning journeys. Our ELC children are looking forward to starting Kindergarten; our Year 2 children are looking forward to changes as they move to Year 3; and, of course, our Year 6 boys are looking forward to the move into the Senior School. In addition, we also think about the new children we will be welcoming to Shore next year.

The staff at the Preparatory School work very hard to ensure the children are ready for these transitions and changes. In the home environment, I would also like to encourage parents to model confidence to their children at this time. The confidence you show helps them to know that they are ready.

Preparatory School Carols Services

I know many in the Preparatory School community look forward to our annual Carols Services. These services provide a wonderful opportunity for children, parents, staff and friends of the School to come together in worship and to reflect upon the amazing event of God becoming one of us, in Jesus. This year, as in the past, we have two services, Wednesday morning 2 December for children in Kindergarten, Years 1, 2 and 3, and Thursday evening 3 December for boys in Years 4 – 6. Kindergarten, Years 1, 2 and 3 children and one parent each will be able to attend the Wednesday morning service on 2 December. Children will sit with their parent. Details about the arrangements for this occasion will be sent home shortly. ELC children are also most welcome to attend with a parent, but need to be taken by the parent to the ELC at the conclusion of the service.

All boys in Years 4 - 6 (except for boys in the choir) will sit with their parents in the congregation for the Thursday evening service on 3 December.

Due to the numbers expected, the congregations for these services should be seated by:

8:35am (8:45am start) for the Service on Wednesday 2 December and

6:50pm (7:00pm start) for the Service on Thursday 3 December.

The congregation is also reminded that as this is a special Christmas Service no photographs are to be taken in the Chapel.

Nick Saunders
Head of the Preparatory School

A Chance to Play Cricket on the SCG

The Primary Club of Australia is a charity which provides sporting and recreational equipment for handicapped children. Its main fundraiser for 2010 is a marathon cricket event at the SCG on Monday 18 January which will endeavour to break the Guinness World Record for the largest number of players in one game. There will be a series of 90 minute games running all day and into the night under lights on the centre wicket.

There is an opportunity for two Shore teams to participate and it is open to boys from Years 5 - 10 and staff, at a cost of \$100 per player. Everyone gets to bat and bowl for at least two overs.

The event is a family day with lots of activities for the whole family and free parking in the Members Car Park.

Anyone interested should contact Mark Skipper on 9968 2539 or markskipper@bigpond.com. Teams will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Please note that there will not be any organisation or supervision undertaken by school staff at the event or in preparation for the day. Parents will need to make all arrangements for their sons and families.

Graham J. Robertson (Deputy Headmaster)
and Nick Saunders

Reminders - Year 3 - 6

Winter Sports Photo Order forms were sent home with students Monday 2 November 2009.

Thank you to all parents who have promptly replied and a reminder to others that you have until Monday 16 November to get your forms in.

Also, camp notes were distributed today, these forms need to be returned by Wednesday 11 November 2009.

North Sydney News, Years 3 to 6

Traffic: Safe Pick-Up

Many parents and students will be aware of press reports last week concerning an incident in which a student in North Sydney was approached by a member of the public. Whilst this was not a Shore student, there have been occasions where our students have been concerned by the attention of strangers. Hence, the School's insistence that if parents are picking up Prep students from school, they use the Turning Circle. Whilst traffic congestion means that this is not always the speediest get-away, the students are supervised and, most importantly, safe until parents arrive. Other gates or side streets near the school, whilst convenient for parents in a hurry, are often either busy with moving traffic or in isolated locations away from supervision and the safety of groups. Please understand that the School can not supervise students who wait outside the School on the instruction of parents. The safest place is the Turning Circle and it is the expectation that all parents will put student safety before personal convenience.

Traffic: Safe Pick-Up 2 (& Drop-Off)

When stopping to pick-up or drop-off in the Turning Circle please keep a reasonable space from the car in front. The bollards are a good guide and it is recommended that you leave a gap of between 1-2 bollards. This is a safety request, some students stand between vehicles to access bags and equipment in car boots.

Year 6 Thank You Dinner

Last night the Year 6 boys and their parents enjoyed a "Thank You" dinner held at the Roseville Golf Club. This was a wonderful night and we thank all parents on the committee for making the evening such a successful one. Thank you, also, to Mr Gordon Irons - Master of Ceremonies and Mr Bill Pulver who spoke and entertained all present. Many of the boys also spoke about their memories of their time in 'The Prep'. The night will no doubt be another great memory amongst many the students will take with them from their time here.

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 30 November to join us for the final Assembly of the year and a morning tea afterwards so that we can thank you.

Upcoming Musical Events

The next few weeks promise some wonderful Musical occasions which all in the Prep community are warmly invited to attend. Next Thursday, the Prep Choir will lead Chapel Evensong commencing at 6pm. On Wednesday 18 November, many of our music students will perform solo items in a Mosaic Concert in the MAC at 5pm. The following Wednesday, 25 November, our Year 5-6 Prep Proms will be held in the Smith Auditorium at 6pm. This is always a highlight of the Preparatory School calendar where all of the boys will perform in music and/or dance. The Trybooking website will soon be open to allow parents to book seats. Watch this space for the web address. Please limit your seats to 4 per family to allow all families to attend.

Term 4 Fundraising

This year, the Prep is again supporting Anglicare's Christmas Appeal. Please read the separate announcement in this Prep Peek about how each family can assist. Next week, the Year 6 boys will begin to plan their Games Morning which they run to raise money for their gift to the school and our World Vision brothers, Justino and Erivan.

Quality Class Award

Well done to 6N who won the Quality Class Award for Week 2. You continue to impress your teachers. Well done!

Mark Dunn
Deputy Head – North Sydney

Music News

The boys on Monday's assembly were treated to a wonderful performance on cello by Tom Williams. Tom played Dance Rustique by William Squire. As well as playing cello in the Prep String Quartet and String Ensemble, Tom also sings treble in the Chapel Choir.

On Thursday 12 November 2009, the Choir will be performing Evensong in the School Chapel. Mr Scott Mathers, an old boy from the Preparatory School, will preside as cantor in a service to commence at 5.00pm

It would be wonderful to see as many parents as possible at this service to hear the boys perform. The Choir has sung with distinction on many occasions throughout 2009, so if you haven't heard them sing this year then here is your opportunity.

I'd like to extend an invitation to parents of Year3 and Year5 boys to attend our string concerts which are happening during class time next week. The class times are as follows:

Monday 9 November

2:00pm - 5B Strings Concert

Tuesday 10 November

11:45am - 5P Strings Concert

2:00pm - 3F Strings Concert

Wednesday 11 November

2:00pm - 3M Strings Concert

Thursday 12 November

11:45am - 5H Strings Concert

Mr D Jensen
Music Coordinator

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

UNIFORM SHOP

Open
Mondays, Tuesday
and Thursdays
9.30 to 4.30pm

Games

Wet weather information
(recorded message)
9956 1185

Results – Round 8

Cricket

1st XI Vs Tudor House Shore 129 – Tudor House 132
2nd XI Vs Tudor House Shore 200 – Tudor House 80
Yr 6 Blues Vs Tudor House Shore – Tudor House
Yr 6 Whites Vs Tudor House Shore 80 – Tudor House 26
Yr 6 Reds Vs BYE BYE

Yr 5 As Vs Tudor House Shore 4/158 – Tudor House 32
Yr 5 Bs Vs Tudor House Shore 156 – Tudor House 58
Yr 5 Blues Vs St Aloysius Shore 116– St Aloysius 80

Yr 4 As Vs Trinity Shore 68 - Trinity 36
Yr 4 Blues Vs St Ives Shore 50 - St Ives 64
Yr 4 Whites Vs St Ives Shore 45 - St Ives 55

Tennis

As Vs Barker Shore – Barker
Bs Vs Barker

Basketball

Snr As Vs Internal
Snr Bs Vs Newington Shore 56 – Newington 14



	COACH	Round 9 7 November
1st Cricket	Angus Bayliss	Riverview SIC #5 8.00am
2nd Cricket	Simon Rae	Riverview SIC #6 8.00am
Yr 6 Super 8 Blues	Amanda Paine/ Heather Bunting	Riverview SIC #2B 9.30am
Yr 6 Super 8 Whites	Stephen Grainger	Riverview SIC #2B 8.00am
Yr 6 Super 8 Reds	Emma Paul	Knox Northbridge A East 8.00am
Yr 5 As Cricket	Matthew Morrison	Riverview School Field North Sydney 8.00am
Yr 5 Bs Cricket	Mark Kerr	Riverview Northbridge A West 8.00am
Yr 5 Super 8 Blues	Rosie Herron	Sydney Grammar St Ives Cowper #2 8.00am
Yr 4 As Cricket	Scott Mancey	Tudor House Westfield #2 9.00am
Yr 4 Blues	Cate Fryda	Sydney Grammar Edgecliff Queen's Park #25 9.30am
Yr 4 Whites	Emily Kleinig	Sydney Grammar Edgecliff Queen's Park #25 8.00am
Tennis A&B	Laurel Reynolds	Sydney Grammar St Ives Kirribilli Courts Little Arthur St 8.00am
Basketball Snr A & B	Peter Knight	Sydney Grammar St Ives St Ives Courts B - 9.30am A - 10.15am
Basketball Snr C & D	Felicity Bromet	Sydney Grammar St Ives St Ives Courts D - 8.00am C - 8.45am
Basketball Snr E & F	Mary Crerar/ Judy Hicks	E vs Scots 10.15am, F vs St Ives 9.30am @ Shore Prep
Basketball Jnr A + B	Jacki Anderson	Knox Shore Prep B - 8.00am A - 8.45am
Basketball Jnr C	Anika Tesseyman	Scots Lion's Scots Prep #3 9.30am

VENUES

ST. IGNATIUS RIVERVIEW (SIC):

Riverview St., off Tambourine Bay Rd., LANE COVE;
5th & 6th Field in Junior School (opp. Senior School);
1B, 1C, 1D, 2A & 2B Fields in Senior School near
Main Oval.

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.

Kirribilli Tennis Courts - Little Alfred St, North Syd-

ney.

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

Monday November 9
Hawkins Foyer of Smith Auditorium

The Shore Association Executive invites all parents to join us for refreshments at 6.30pm, followed at 7pm with presentations by

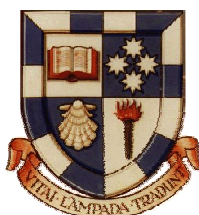
Dr Timothy Wright - *Headmaster*
“2009 in Review”
and

Mr Nigel Scozzi - *Head of Department - Geography*

“Outrageous Teaching”

Mr Scozzi was a recipient of the James Fellowship in 2007, and attended a course in the US called "Engaged to Achieve". He is particularly interested in the neuroscience of the brain and how it affects students' learning. He will be presenting his ideas on "outrageous teaching" in order to better engage students.

The evening will also include a review of the Shore Association's activities during 2009, and the introduction of the new members of the Shore Association Executive.
The evening will conclude by



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9pm



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

Shore Preparatory School K, 1, 2 – Northbridge

Northbridge News, K, 1, 2

FABULOUS!

The K, 1, 2 girls and boys are to be highly congratulated on their **FABULOUS** music and dance performances in Wednesday's Mini Proms! Despite the demands of the rehearsals on Monday and Tuesday, the children rose to the occasion and saved 'their best' for the grand performance. I hope that the girls and boys warmly remember this opportunity to perform in such a terrific venue. It certainly was one of the special moments in the school year for everyone! I am sure that parents, staff and indeed the children, appreciated the creative and performance work of Mrs Allison Simons (Dance); Mrs Judy Hicks (Music) and Mr Trevor Addison (String Group). I also thank the rest of the K, 1, 2 staff team, who ensured that the backstage environment ran as smoothly as possible, and the parents who assisted back stage with organisation. I am sure that there were a lot of tired girls and boys (and a few teachers) on Thursday morning, however when the DVD of the evening becomes available, I am sure the children will equally feel very proud of their achievements on stage!

(All orders to purchase this DVD were due today.)

Year 2 attending the Y3 – 6 Chapel at North Sydney

On the next two Thursdays, the Year 2 girls and boys will travel to and from North Sydney by bus to join with the Year 3 – 6 boys in their weekly Chapel time. Following Chapel, the children will remain for some activities with the Year 3 classes. The two Chapel visits should allow the Year 2 children to visit the two venues where Chapel occurs at the North Sydney campus. One of the weeks, the Chapel time should be held in the Y 3 – 6 MAC room, while the other visit should be to the main School Chapel. I am sure that these opportunities will help the children to appreciate the universal aspects and the appropriate differences of worship across the Preparatory School.

Assemblies

Next week's assembly will be the **Final Kindergarten Assembly** hosted by both of the Kindergarten classes. I look forward to the final presentation by the youngest, but now 'much grown up' students in the K, 1, 2 campus. I think that everyone will marvel at the growth and development of the Kindergarten girls and boys in 2009, as we reflect on how they started their year and have progressed so far in their skills and confidence in front of an audience. **All the Kindergarten visitors and parents are invited for a final visit to the Kindergarten classrooms following the assembly.**

Congratulations to the girls and boys in **KA** on receiving their first '**Quality Class of the Week Award**' in Term 4.

Further information to note:

Wednesday 2 December 8:45am – Prep Morning Carols Service at North Sydney – all K, 1, 2 children attend – details to follow.

Wednesday 9 December – K, 1, 2 End of Year Assembly and Parent Helper Thank You Morning Tea – all parents are asked to note this event in their diary.

Thursday 10 December – Preparatory School Mini Olympics – a special day held at Northbridge for all the children in the Preparatory School - details to follow.

David Watkins
Deputy head of the Preparatory School– Northbridge

Early Learning Centre – Northbridge

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ELC News

School Readiness Program

During the school holidays the usual ELC programme changes a little and the children take a break from the structured School Readiness Programme. The teachers have reflected on the topics covered with the girls and boys during Term 3 and identified how the programme could revisit and extend on those experiences during Term 4. The boys and girls have continued to work on a wide range of experiences including data collection, copying and creating patterns, addition and subtraction, social skills, larger group games, letter recognition and letter sound relationships. These experiences have also flowed into the experiences occurring in each of the rooms.

It is very apparent from observing the second year boys and girls throughout their days at the ELC that they are a confident and competent group of children – well and truly ready for their transition into Kindergarten.

A handy hint for the parents of the second year boys and girls for Term 4 is to **start arriving at the ELC at the time school starts** next year. A consistency in this morning routine will assist in starting school at the appropriate time next year.

Picture Plates

Earlier in the year many of the boys and girls worked on creating picture plates. It is anticipated that the plates will be ready for collection by the week ending Friday 20 November.

School Lunches

Now that it is Week 3, the children who are attending Shore Kindergarten in 2010 are ready to start visiting the K, 1, 2 girls and boys for their lunch time. A flexible approach is taken to this part of the transition as consideration always needs to be given to the weather, staff numbers, as well as other elements of the ELC programme.

Silkworms

Recently in the Green Room, the boys and girls have been excitedly observing the lifecycle of the silkworm. Small groups of children have been collecting mulberry leaves to feed the very hungry silkworms. The children have watched as the silkworms nibbled the leaves and grew fatter and fatter. Over the last week, many of the silkworms have begun to spin their cocoons of silk thread. The children have discovered that inside the cocoons the silkworm changes into a pupa. The pupa then changes into a moth which will nibble its way out of the cocoon to mate and lay eggs. The girls and boys have had the opportunity to handle the silkworms and feed them, while observing and recording each stage in their live cycle. This experience has provided the children with the opportunity to appreciate and care for living creatures. It has provoked enthusiasm and intrigue for the natural world in which the girls and boys live.

Christmas Closing Time

The ELC will close for the Christmas School Holiday period on Tuesday 22 December at 4pm.

*Rebecca Schollum
Acting Director
Shore Early Learning Centre*