

PREP PEEK

The Weekly newsletter of Shore Preparatory School



SHORE

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Monday 29 Jan	Tuesday 30 Jan	Wednesday 31 Jan	Thursday 1 Feb	Friday 2 Feb	Sat 3 / Sun 4 Feb
Y3-6 New Boys Orientation Morning Kindergarten 'Shore Start' Programme ELC - new 3/5 day children (A-M)	Y1-Y6 Students Commence Kindergarten 'Shore Start' Programme ELC - new 3/5 day children (N-Z)	No Assembly for K,1,2 Kindergarten 'Shore Start' ACER Testing (Y3-6) >>> Sport Trials @ 11am for (Y4-6)	Kindergarten Commences		
Monday 5 Feb	Tuesday 6 Feb	Wednesday 7 Feb	Thursday 8 Feb	Friday 9 Feb	10 / 11 Feb
Camp (Y3-6) K,1,2 Information Evening (6pm)	Camp (Y3-6) ELC - Parent Welcome Evening (6pm)	Camp (Y3-6) K,1,2 General Assembly	Year 4-6 Sport Trials @ NB IPSHA Tennis Trials	Y3-6 Swimming Carnival - all day at PLC Pymble	Summer Sport Rnd 1

Beginning of Year Arrangements for 2018

The ELC starts back with 2nd Year children in the Centre's 2 and 5 day programmes commencing on *Thursday 18 January 2018* (they are also welcome on Friday 19 January). The other children start back on the days following at various times – please see the schedule of dates found in the ELC Foyer and on the ELC page from recent Prep Peeks.

For the students in Years 1 to 6, the academic year at Shore commences on *Tuesday 30 January 2018 at 8:25am*.

New boys in Years 3 to 6 are invited to attend a special introductory session on *Monday 29 January 2018* 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 commencement arrangements for the 'Shore Start' programme have been communicated to families separately.

Preparatory School Year 3 to 6 Speech Night – Final reminder - Ken and Joan Smith Auditorium Tonight (30 November 2017) – 6:45pm

Please note the Preparatory School Speech Night will be held in the Ken and Joan Smith Auditorium this evening. Limited parking will be available on School Field (weather permitting) and Union Street (Bishopsgate). Please note these parking areas will be locked by **9pm**. *Given the limited parking now permitted at the North Sydney campus, we encourage parents to make alternative parking or public transport arrangements, where possible.*

All parents and guests need to 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 8:15pm.

At the conclusion of the Prize Giving, Mr Larby 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

At the end of 2017, the Preparatory School farewells a few members of staff.

At the K, 1, 2 campus we say farewell to Ms Vanessa Perry who has led our learning support team so wonderfully over the past year and a half, and to Mrs Helen Leaver who has been an invaluable support to the teachers and children of the campus for the past nine years. We also say farewell to Ms Suallyn Mitchelmore, who has begun to take the Northbridge library into new and exciting directions this year, and to Miss Lauren Johnson, who has been expertly teaching Year 1 for the past 18 months. These valued members of the Northbridge team will be leaving us at the end of this year and we would like to thank them for their hard work, care and dedication, and wish them every blessing for the future.

At North Sydney, we also say a temporary farewell to Miss Emily Kleinig who will be taking a year of long service leave in 2018 and say thank you to Miss Alicia Wild who has been acting as Dance and Drama teacher since mid-year and to Mr Tim Johnson who has been taking 3B class for Term 4. At the ELC, we wish Miss Hilary Ingram every blessing as she departs for a year of maternity leave.

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Some final reflections about 2017

When one looks back at a year in a modern school, it seems hard to avoid using the epithet busy; "it has been another busy year". And when one looks at 2017 at Shore Preparatory School, at the breadth of activities undertaken by the children and the community that surrounds them, it is perhaps easy to look to the detail of what has taken place and to miss the common threads that bind all the details into a more coherent whole. At Shore Preparatory School, it is the overarching faith and values of Shore, as outlined in the aims of the School, which provide the coherence, the purpose and the goal for what the community strives to achieve. In 2017, individual students and staff members accomplished notable achievements. But perhaps more importantly than these achievements, the students, staff, parents and friends of the School, contributed to the project that lies at the heart of our community: passing on the faith and enduring values and traditions of Shore that transcend the annual events and activities of any one year.

The girls and boys of Shore Preparatory School can be proud of their accomplishments in 2017. The supportive community that surrounds them, the parents, staff and friends of the School, should be thanked for their continued dedication, hard work and encouragement.

With the assistance of the Rev Paul Dudley, the Chaplaincy team, Miss Mitchell and Mr Larby the Christian foundation of this Anglican school has remained central to our school's programmes in 2017. As we approach the Christmas season, I hope Preparatory School families have an opportunity to pause and reflect upon the amazing fact that God came to live amongst us in the person of Jesus and He can live with us today through His Spirit.

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

Camps

Your son has probably returned from camp exhausted but with a large grin on his face. The boys all had a fantastic time on camp with their classmates and teachers. We were blessed with good weather and safe travels. The boys conducted themselves in an outstanding manner and were terrific ambassadors for our school. Our Outdoor Education and Camps programmes are always highlights for our boys and the end of year camp in particular, is a great time of celebration and reflection on the year that was. I would like to say thank you to all the staff who have given up time with their own families to be away with the boys for three days.

Picnic Day

Today the boys and girls of the Preparatory School had a special picnic day to finish off the school year. The boys in Years 3 to 6 had a morning of board games and activities with their teachers and then travelled to Northbridge for a BBQ lunch with the K-2 students. We finished the day with a special Christmas Chapel service and a visit from Bruce the Camel.

School Commencement 2018

Classes commence for students in Years 3-6 at North Sydney at 8.23am on Tuesday 30 January. (Orientation for new students will take place the day before).

Advanced Notice – Summer Sport Trials (Year 4-6)

In 2018, summer sport trials will be held at Northbridge on:

Wednesday 31 January
Thursday 8 February

On these two days, boys in Years 4-6 will be dismissed at 3:10pm from Northbridge.

Merry Christmas

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff for their incredible service to the Preparatory School in 2017 and wish all the boys and their families a safe, blessed and relaxing holiday. May the Christmas period be a wonderful time of reflection for you all as you celebrate the birth of the Saviour.

Adam Larby
Deputy Head Shore Preparatory School - North Sydney



Northbridge News - K,1,2

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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. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a safe and restful holiday.

A busy last week

While the rest of the school has been on camp this week, the K,1,2 children were still very busy. On Tuesday, our choir went to St Paul's Aged Care Facility and performed some songs for the residents. It's always fantastic when the residents join and sing with the children. Yesterday, we had our final assembly for 2017 which was attended by members of council and senior staff. It certainly was a fitting way to end the year. In the afternoon we celebrated the talents of our K,1,2 children with the final of the Talent Quest, which was lots of fun. We all look forward to Saturday night when our choir will once again perform for the Northbridge Community Carols.

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

Further information to note:

School starts for Year 1 and Year 2 in 2018 – 8:25 m on Tuesday 30 January

School starts for Kindergarten in 2018 – 9:00am on Thursday 1 February

2018 K,1,2 Parent Information Evening – parents of children remaining at the Northbridge campus in 2017 are asked to note that the K,1,2 information evening will be held on the first Monday of the school year (*Monday 5 February*) in 2018 commencing at 6:00pm.



Early Learning Centre - Northbridge

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To finish the year I would like to share some words from the children of the Early Learning Centre:

It is Christmas time and we wanted to say

Thank you.

To the gardeners who look after the ELC gardens

To Mr Steve who gets things off the roof and our lunch orders

To the cleaners who make our stinky toilets clean

To Jesus who looks after us

To the boss of the whole school, Dr Wright who looks after us and keeps us safe

To Miss Mitchell who prays with us and helps us learn about God at Chapel

To Mr Saunders who visits the ELC and cares about us and the teachers

To Ms Mitchelmore who helps us read books and love the library

To all our teachers who work hard and teach us stuff

To Miss Penny who works hard doing all the stuff at the ELC

and

To our family who drive us to the ELC and love us

Thank you

To all the children, families and staff of the Early Learning Centre, thank you for making 2017 a spectacular year. **Please note the last day for 2017 is Tuesday 19 December at 4:00pm**

Kimberley Colthup
ELC Director



Teaching and Learning - Years K to 6

Congratulations Destination Imagination Team!

On Saturday, 18 November the Crazy Koalas travelled to Penrith after sport to present their solution performance after many months of preparation, dedication and collaboration in weekly after school meetings.

As this is the first year Australia has been involved, all teams worked on the same challenge (out of six options). Our Scientific Challenge was quite a complex and involved task with many facets that needed to be addressed. The main goal was "Create and present a story that features an Attraction operating in an Unlikely Location". The story needed to show the impact of the attraction, including its operation, on the unlikely location. The team also need to design and build an attraction to operate during the performance, as well as incorporating three scientific concepts from a given list and two team choice elements. There were many additional aspects relating to the development, construction and operation of these props and concepts which the six boys needed to make decisions about, plus much trial and error and rethinking in order to produce functional equipment to fit in with the story ideas.

The team also need to complete an Instant Challenge: an unknown task, which might include construction, performance or both with a short time session.

The basic storyline is: the Crazy Koalas are a little bored with regular Earth-based rollercoasters, so much so that even the attraction operator falls asleep and knocks the speed lever to its fastest speed. The rollercoaster carriage gathers so much speed it is unable to stay on the tracks at a sharp bend and takes off, leaving the atmosphere behind! The koalas, still in their carriage-rocket, enter a wormhole which delivers them almost to the Rings of Saturn. Upon landing, they discover rubbish left over from Cassini's recent planned dive into Saturn. These materials are able to be used to build that rollercoaster dreamed up earlier. We hope to present the performance at school early next year.

The scientific concepts used were kinetic energy, Newton's Laws of Motion and leverage, with a mention of gravity for good measure. The boys chose to pair up team choice elements of props and costumes, plus dance and song. The appraisers said the performance and inclusion of all requirements was exceptional and awarded the Crazy Koalas with a win at the inaugural Sydney Tournament!

Congratulations to Charlie Mattison, Nathanael Robertson, Henry Malin, James Wong, Christopher Lovell and Ethan Smith!

Heather Bunting
Science Teacher and Destination Imagination Co-ordinator



UNIFORM SHOP

Open : Monday, Tuesday, Thursday

9:30am to 4:30pm

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SPORT

Wet weather information

Please refer to the Shore website on

Saturday morning

www.Shore.nsw.edu.au

Swimming Carnival 2018

The Preparatory School swimming carnival will be held at the Pymble Ladies College pool on Friday 9 February 2018. The carnival will be an all day event involving all boys in Years 3 to 6.

The Carnival will replace the Saturday morning trials and the Friday evening carnival that we have had in previous years. All heats and finals will be conducted at the carnival and the Shore Swimming Team will be selected based on results from the day.

On the day boys will have the option of travelling by bus from the school at 8.30am or making their own way there for a 9.30am start. Parents and friends are invited to attend and support the boys.

More information will be distributed in the first week of school next year.

Scott Mancey
Sportsmaster

