

PREP PEEK

The Weekly newsletter of Shore Preparatory School



SHORE

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| Monday 9 April | Tuesday 10 April | Wednesday 11 April | Thursday 12 April | Friday 13 April | 14 April / 15 April |
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| 3-6 Assembly in the Smith Auditorium Y3-6 Incursion - Paul Wade | | K,1,2 General Assembly Walk-a-thon Winter Sport Trials # 3 | Last Day of Term 1 | Armidale Rugby Tour | Armidale Rugby Tour |

Walkathon for Diabetes Research

Over the coming week the Preparatory School will be involved in a couple of activities to raise money for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF Australia). This week, children at Northbridge were able to wear their pyjamas to school, but at the cost of bringing in a 'fine' for the privilege (usually a gold coin donation). Next Wednesday, students from Years 3 – 6 will walk from North Sydney to Northbridge, around 4.5 km, in a walk-a-thon, prior to sports training. Students have been seeking sponsorship for their walk and we ask that families will get behind these efforts in the final few days before the event.

JDRF Australia is the world's leading organisation in the funding of Type 1 Diabetes (T1D) research in children. Since its inception, it has donated nearly \$2 billion dollars to research that both searches for a cure for T1D and seeks to improve the lives of young people and children who have this condition. They also provide support and community for the families of these children. Further information about JDRF Australia can be found at: <http://www.jdrf.org.au/>
Thank you to all families who got behind this important charity initiative.

Financial Literacy

This term, students in Years 1 - 6 at the Preparatory School have been participating once again in the Commonwealth Bank's *Start Smart* financial literacy programme. The School has been participating in this programme for the last few years, with trained Commonwealth Bank facilitators coming to the School to present structured lessons in topics such as spending and earning money, credit cards, personal budgets, saving strategies, interest and loans. It is a staged programme with each year's topics building upon the learning from the year before.

The Commonwealth Bank *Start Smart* website outlines the programme as follows.

Start Smart is an award-winning financial education programme offered to school and vocational education students across Australia to help them prepare for their future. Conducted by world-class facilitators, the interactive, educational workshops are designed to motivate and inspire students and give them the confidence and skills to make smart decisions about money.

Start Smart reaches over 550,000 students each year.

Since it was founded in 2007, over 2.5 million students have participated in Start Smart, making it the largest programme of its kind in the world.

Further information about the specific programmes in each year group can be found at:

<https://www.commbank.com.au/about-us/opportunity-initiatives/opportunity-from-education/start-smart.html>

KidsLit

For the second year in a row Shore Preparatory School has hosted the Northern Sydney heat of the National Kids' Lit Quiz. Twenty-three teams from sixteen different schools met in the MAC on Wednesday 28 March to compete. The questions were delivered by the International Quiz Master, Wayne Mills.

Shore Prep had two teams made up of eight Year 6 boys competing on the night – and they answered the 100 challenging questions skilfully and swiftly. The final winners were Marist College, North Sydney, with Abbotsleigh coming second. We congratulate them and our own teams on their wide reading and knowledge of literary subjects. Members of our teams this year were Henry Malin, Charlie Michel, Tom Ellis, Oliver Carney, Tristan Noakes, Nathanael Robertson, Oliver Dettmann Hughes, Jack Ingham with Christopher Lovell (Reserve). Congratulations to these boys who prepared so thoroughly in the weeks beforehand and performed so enthusiastically on the night. Congratulations also to Mrs Pickworth and Mrs Buckle-Dykes for preparing the boys for this exciting event.

Nick Saunders
Head of Shore Preparatory School

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It's All about Learning

"For Sanderson had a mind like an octopus, it seemed always to have a tentacle free to reach out beyond what was already held, and his tentacles grew and radiated farther and farther." H.G. Wells' vivid description of F.W. Sanderson (Headmaster of Oundle School 1892-1922) captures the essence of a learner. Always curious, always seeking new knowledge, always making connections to prior knowledge and experiences. The Preparatory School is at its core a place of learning. A place where students and teachers alike gather in community to learn. On any given school day they will be challenged, stretched and provoked across a broad range of domains. They will learn about God and his world, themselves and others in formal and informal ways. We seek to be a place that not only engages the boys but also empowers them to grow individually as learners. Maybe you could ask your son, what did you learn about God today, what did you learn about our world, what did you learn about others and even what did you learn about yourself? Big questions and important questions, but hopefully questions that help to develop a Sanderson style mind!

Walk-a-thon

Next Wednesday, 11 April, all boys in Years 3 to 6 will be walking to Northbridge for our annual fundraising Walk-a-thon. The boys are allowed to wear their PE uniform to school on this day and should also ensure they have a hat and sunscreen for the walk. Boys in Years 4 to 6 are to bring their gear for Winter Sports trials after the Walk-a-thon. Year 3 boys will have normal lessons in the afternoon at Northbridge. The Walk-a-thon is our Term 1 charity initiative and all money raised will support the work of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF). Information has been sent home with details of the event and ways you can donate to the programme. To find out more about the work of JDRF please go to their website; www.jdrf.org.au

After School Clubs

All clubs are finished for the term (except for Taekwondo which has one more lesson next Monday). Each of the clubs has been very well attended and I would like to thank the staff who have led these groups this term. Paper forms will be distributed to the boys on Monday. Please hand in your forms promptly to the Office (no email copies will be accepted) as places fill up quickly. Term 2 Clubs will start in the week beginning Monday 7 May (Week 2).

House Points and QCA

Congratulations to the boys in 5P for being our Quality Class winners and to the boys in Baker House who were our weekly House points winners. Next week will be the last opportunity to add to your term total.

IPSHA Cross Country

We wish all the students representing Shore at the IPSHA Cross Country carnival the best of luck and extra endurance for tomorrow morning's carnival at the King's School, Parra-

matta. Thank you to Mr Harrington and Mr Mancey for their efforts in training the team over the past few weeks.

Adam Larby

Deputy Head of the Preparatory School – North Sydney

Round 5 ISDA Debating

Shore hosted round 5 of the ISDA Debating with the visiting school being Scots. Our topic was 'That time spent on using technology should be limited for primary aged students'. Both sides presented some convincing points with Scots team arguing that many children have a passion for technology so why not encourage that passion. This was countered, by the Shore A team, that the use of technology could be used as incentive for children finishing their homework. After some clever rebuttals from each side, both of the Shore Prep teams were awarded the debate. It is inspiring to see how far our debaters have come in such a short time. Congratulations!

Di Johnson

Debating Co-ordinator



Northbridge News - K,1,2

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We need to know

From time to time, different experiences happen in our lives that, in turn, affect our children. Events such as parents going away, the death of a loved one, illness, moving house and the like all impact the children in different ways. It is important we are able to care for the children at school to help them navigate their feelings and reactions to different experiences. May I ask that parents inform the school of any changes in circumstances, even if only temporary. Please write a note in the diary, call or email the office or, if you would like things to remain confidential, please speak with me in person. If we have background information, it is far easier to support the children. Thank you for your understanding with this.

Turbans, Ties and Turkish Slippers

On Tuesday, Bronwyn Vaughan entertained the Kindergarten children with her performance of *Turbans, Ties and Turkish Slippers*. Bronwyn told stories from France, India, Turkey and Russia. Kindergarten had a great time, as the photos show.

After School Activities

This week has been the final week of activities for after school activities for this term. Please remember your child has been booked into their activities for a semester which incorporates both Terms 1 and 2. The after school activities recommence in the second week of Term 2, with the exception of the String Ensemble, which resumes in Week 1 for existing and new players. After School Care continues each day as normal.

Girls Club

Last Thursday, our girls enjoyed Girls Club at lunch time. (The boys were quite pleased to have the playground and the bottom ovals to themselves!) After a picnic lunch together and enjoying a dance, the girls made Easter bunnies. They had a fantastic time. Thank you to Miss Valenti for organising the day.

Absent Notes

Please check your child's diary for a note from the office reminding you to send in a letter of absence. A letter of absence from school is required by law. Applications for leave of a day or more should be made to the Head of the Preparatory School, in writing, at least two weeks ahead of the requested leave. Requests for less than a day of leave should be made to the Deputy Head of the Preparatory School. If your child has been unwell and not at school, a letter should be sent in on the child's first day back at school. More information about leave can be found in the Parent Handbook on the school website.

Assemblies

KC presented a wonderful first assembly to us all on Wednesday. We loved their clear speaking into the microphone and their singing. Great job, boys!

Next week, we will have a General Assembly. It will be our final assembly for this term. Congratulations to **Year 1T** on receiving the **Quality Class of the Week Award** for this week. Well done, 1T!

Other information

Thursday 12 April – Last day of Term 1

Tuesday 1 May – First day of Term 2

Wednesday 2 May – Polished Pennies Assembly (Shore's ANZAC Assembly)

Natasha Mitchell

Deputy Head of Shore Preparatory School - Northbridge



Turbans, Ties and Turkish Slippers

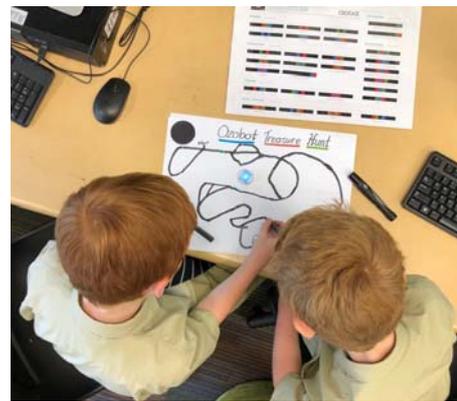


Teaching and Learning - Years K to 6

ICT - Robotics and Coding

This year, Shore Preparatory School has introduced timetabled Robotics and Coding lessons as part of the regular learning timetable. Lessons are usually conducted in the ICT Lab and have proven popular with the boys. Boys explore the challenging world of simple coding through the stimulation of clever and responsive robots.

Stage Two boys have been given tasks using the Ozobots. These tasks have centred on the use of Ozobot's simple colour coding language, as the boys draw mazes, paths and intersections, which their Ozobots faithfully follow. These mazes and paths are broken by colour codes, which are colour sequences made of two, three or four colour markings in a row located directly on a path, which instruct the Ozobot on actions to perform. Actions range from changing speed and colour to turning left and jumping right and also performing u-turns, tornados, backwalks and spins.



Year 5 have been looking at Ozoblockly to understand more advanced coding functions with the Ozobots. This is a combination of computer simulated activities to challenges using the Ozobots.



Year 6 have started a very challenging unit on Mars. They have conducted research about aspects of Mars and presented their group's research to their class. Next, they will need to perform a number of important challenges. They will need to understand how to code an Edison robot through a series of lessons so they will control their Edison robot to follow a path, simulating the trail of the current Mars rover, Curiosity. They will also create an amazing video on the landing of the Curiosity rover using a variety of NASA video footage, animation video and music clips using Adobe Premiere Pro. Finally, the boys will video their Edison robot completing the track and add that video clip to their video file. It is hoped this will be a motivating and engaging unit combining robotics, coding and movie production.

Early Learning Centre - Northbridge

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Pyjama Day

Pyjama Day was a great success; thank you for all your donations and supporting the cause of Juvenile Diabetes research. I am sure you will agree the children from the ELC had an amusing day attending the ELC in their pyjamas.

Music Update

Throughout Term 1, the children from the ELC have had the pleasure of learning music from the very talented Miss Jane. Music has been a wonderful addition to the programme. Miss Jane will be taking a break from teaching music at the ELC to welcome a permanent foster child into her home. We wish Miss Jane all the best and look forward to her return in Term 3.

Date for the Diary – Mother's Day Celebration

On Wednesday 9 May and Thursday 10 May, we would like to invite all our wonderful mums to the ELC for a special Mother's Day celebration. The morning is intended to be a relaxed and informal event running between 8:00am until 10:00am. You may stay for as little, or as long as you choose. We understand it may not be possible for every mum to be available on these dates, please feel free to invite another special guest in your place. We look forward to welcoming all our lovely mothers to the ELC for a special morning of craft and morning tea.

Important Dates

Thursday 12 April: End of Term 1

Wednesday 25 April: ANZAC Day – ELC Closed

Tuesday 1 May: First day of Term 2

Wednesday 9 May & Thursday 10 May: ELC Mother's Day

Celebration

Kimberley Colthup
Director of the Early Learning Centre



UNIFORM SHOP

Open : Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
9:30am to 4:30pm
Ph: 9900-4704

SPORT

Wet weather information

Please refer to the Shore website on
Saturday morning
www.Shore.nsw.edu.au

IPSHA Cross Country

Good luck to the Shore Cross Country team who will be competing at the IPSHA Cross Country at the King's School tomorrow. Reminder to boys in the team, that you will need to find Mr Harrington, Mr Knight and Mr Mancey under the Shore shade tent situated in the marshalling area. Mr Knight will give you a timing bracelet to wear before your race and take you to the start line to begin the race. Go the mighty, mighty Shore boys!

NSW CIS Football

Best of luck to Braden Dent and the IPSHA Football team who will be competing at the NSW CIS Football carnival on Monday.

Armidale Rugby Carnival

The Shore Rugby squad depart for Armidale on Friday 13 April to compete at The Armidale School (TAS) Rugby Carnival. The rugby weekend is a very competitive event with schools and clubs travelling from Sydney, Regional NSW and Brisbane to participate. We wish the boys all the best for what shall be a memorable weekend away representing Shore Preparatory School.

Scott Mancey
Sportmaster



4M PE class

