Welcome back to the next installment of life at Oran Park Anglican College. We trust that your Easter break was a relaxing one and we are looking forward to another exciting term at the College. Already we have experienced our first ANZAC service at the College and our first ANZAC Day march in Camden. Mr Whelan spoke to us about the bravery of many of the men and women who sacrificed their lives, in particular the touching story of Rawdon Hume Middleton who was a fighter pilot in WW2. He was the first of only four Australian airmen to be awarded the Victoria Cross posthumously in 1942. This is an important day in the nation and as a result, in our College. Thank you to those students who represented the College so honourably in the ANZAC Day march.

Many of you may have taken the opportunity to visit our ‘big brother’ Thomas Hassall Anglican College last week to see their wonderful production of ‘Beauty and the Beast’. Congratulations to all involved for their hard work, which certainly payed off, as it was an inspiring and delightful production. Well done!

On Friday, 4 May we had five students representing the College at the N.A.S.S.A. Junior Cross Country: Gabrielle Coleman, Natasha Barlow, Daniel Squire, Lochie Stewart and Josiah Beggs. All of the students did a wonderful job representing themselves and the College. We are very proud of them and they continue the excellent start to sporting representation at the College. Only one term down and already eight representatives – fantastic!

With NAPLAN fast approaching our Year 3 and 5 students are sharpening their Literacy and Numeracy skills. The NAPLAN data is a useful tool for teachers to better understand the strengths of each student. We wish all those students well.

In an action packed term we look forward to taking the time to show our appreciation of one of the most influential people in our lives – our mothers! Next week, the P&F are selling gifts for these wonderful women (refer P&F page), so Dads dig deep to give your child the opportunity to say thank you.

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. “Honor your father and mother”—which is the first commandment with a promise— “so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.” Ephesians 6:1-3
Enrolment Applications

The College has commenced interviews for 2013.

Application forms are still being accepted for:

2012 Prep - Year 5
2013 Prep - Year 6

The College is also accepting Expressions of Interest for Year 7 2014.

If you have friends or family interested in the College, please ask them to contact the College Office to arrange a tour.

Application forms and more information can be found on the College Website.

Prep Sport

Students had fun playing active games such as stuck in the mud, rob the nest and what’s the time Mr Wolf? Students also looked at shapes and in particular looked at properties of a triangle, square, rectangle, circle, oval and diamond.

Kindergarten - Year 2 Sport

Students continued to develop gross motor skills and started to learn basketball skills, in particular dribbling and passing.

Years 3 - 5 Sport

Student continued with their chosen sport.

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Wednesday, 25 April       Public Holiday
Wednesday, 2 May          Training
Wednesday, 9 May          vs All Saints Grammar

Mrs Grant’s Wedding

The College would like to congratulate Mrs Grant on her wedding last Sunday. It was a magical day.
College Official Opening - more photos
**ANZAC Service**

On Tuesday, 24 April 2012 at 10 am, the College stopped to remember those fallen during war to hold our first ANZAC Service.

Students listened to Mr Whelan talk about the meaning of ANZAC Day and what it represents.

Taylor Scott, Year 5, prayed during the service whilst Matthew Squire, Year 5, read a poem, “A Tribute to ANZAC Day” by Ken Bunker.

Students partook in reading “The Ode” and showed respect with one minute’s silence.

The Last Post was played whilst Jordan Fleming and Josephine Dagosto raised the flag from half mast, to full mast.
**ANZAC Day March**

It was a proud moment for Oran Park Anglican College as we made our first public appearance as a College.

Mr Beggs, along with 10 students, took to the streets of Camden for the Annual Camden ANZAC Day March on Wednesday, 24 April 2012.

It was a fantastic morning and we thank everyone who participated. We can’t wait to march again next year.
Parents’ & Friends’ Association

Meetings will be held on the first Thursday of the month.

Next Meeting: Thursday, 7 June 7.00 pm

Scholastic Bookclub

Issue 3 has been handed out.

Due: Wednesday, 9 May

If you have any queries, please contact the College Office.

REMINDER

A letter was handed out last term about SMS and grandparents email addresses.

If you haven’t already completed this form, could you please hand to the College Office as soon as possible.

From the Parents’ & Friends’ Association

At the initial P&F meeting, Mr Beggs, on behalf of the College, requested the P&F Committee to raise funds to build an all weather proof awning that will be built over the asphalt area. This awning will allow students to play outside regardless of the weather conditions. Our big goal is to raise $50,000 before the end of 2012 school year.

At our last P&F meeting, a number of fundraising activities were decided and a fundraising activity calendar was developed for the remainder of 2012. It is hoped that with just over 7 months left of the school year these exciting events will help us achieve our big goal and bring together parents and the community.

The P&F recognises that it will require a huge effort from everyone and we invite you to participate and contribute in any way towards the fundraising activities.

Mother’s Day Stall

Our first exciting fundraising event will be our inaugural Mother's Day Stall.

Date: Friday 11 May 2012 between 10 am to 12 pm @ OPAC.

There will be over 400 gifts that students can purchase for their special mum, carer, grandma, nan and/or auntie. The money raised from this effort will go directly towards the all weather proof awning.

Future P&F Meeting Dates

Everyone is welcome to attend the P&F Meetings. Our meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at 7 pm during the school term at the College.

The dates for future meetings for Term 2, 2012 are:
3 May 2012
7 June 2012.

We hope to see you there.

Contact Us - OPAC P&F Association

An email address has been created should you wish to contact the P&F, provide feedback or make suggestions – all feedback and suggestions are welcome to assist us in providing an educational setting for our students. The email is pandf@opac.nsw.edu.au

The P&F Committee is in discussions with OPAC’s IT section to set up a dedicated page for the P&F on the College’s website. This will be another communication opportunity for parents and the community to contact the P&F and to help promote upcoming events. Keep an eye out when you are next visiting the OPAC website.
2012 Dates For Your Diary

NAPLAN (Year 3 and Year 5)  Tuesday, 15 - Friday, 18 May
National Simultaneous Story Time  Wednesday, 23 May (10 am)
College Photo Day  Monday, 28 May
Public Holiday  Monday, 11 June
Oran Park Family Service  Sunday, 17 June (4 pm)
Mufti Day  Monday, 18 June
Last Day of Term 2  Friday, 22 June

Important Sport Dates   Yrs 3-6

Athletics Carnival (Year 3 - Year 5)  Friday, 3 August

Please refer to our College website www.opac.nsw.edu.au and the College Newsletter ‘The Life’ for main events, information and dates published during the year.

Who will be the new Dollarmite?

As part of the Commonwealth Bank’s centenary celebrations we want to find Australia’s best School Banking Saver! As such between 16 April and 30 June 2012, we are running a fun and exciting School Banking competition with the winning child being transformed into their very own Dollarmite character.

Being part of the competition is easy. A student simply needs to make a minimum of 5 deposits at school during the competition period and then provide us with their best savings tip.

The winning school/class will receive 25 iPads and a $1500 excursion! For the winning student, as well as being ‘Dollarmized’, they will receive an annual movie pass for their family.

There are also 50 runner up prize packs that include iPads, excursions, movie tickets and thousands of Dollarmites consolations prizes for the students.

To start School Banking for your child simply visit a Commonwealth Bank branch with identification for you and your child or if you are an existing customer you can open the account through Netbank.
MOTHER’S DAY STALL

Friday 11 May 2012

(10am to 12pm @ OPAC)

Looking for something special for your Mum, Nan, Grandma or Auntie?

Students will enjoy selecting from over 400 fabulous gifts from our Mother’s Day Stall.

Gifts range in price from $1 to $10.

Please bring a bag to carry and hide the gift at home and remember:

MUM’S THE WORD! Shh!

Prep students will have a chance to purchase gifts on Wednesday, 9 May 2012.