From the Principal and Campus Co-ordinator

A Busy time of the Year

We do hope that all those Mothers out there were at least spoilt a little bit last Sunday as you well and truly deserve that and more. We trust it was an enjoyable, relaxing day of time spent with loved ones.

Monday 14th saw the first day of Winter uniform, and we must say, how smart and sophisticated the students looked in their uniform. It never ceases to amaze how elegant a student looks when wearing a uniform correctly. We continue to encourage students to wear their uniform appropriately and to be proud of it and the College – we certainly are! With that thought in mind, preparations for photo day on Monday, 28th May are well under way so please return those order envelopes as soon as possible.

This is the reporting term and our parent teacher feedback sessions are underway. Students from Years 3 - 5 have been involved in testing and assessments, with NAPLAN tests and assessment tasks in recent weeks. It can be a pressured time at home and in the staff room as students are placed under the pressure of study and testing. Teachers find this time of year to be hectic as marking and reporting take additional time and call for critical judgments and analysis to be made. Calm wisdom from parents and supervisors is called for at this time of year. The ability to have good conversations; helpful advice and positive interactions is important since we want the best outcomes for students. If issues arise please contact the College where we can assist.

As we look forward to events happening this term, we need only look to Monday, 21st May which involves a visit to the College by a number of Chesalon residents. This is the first of planned fortnightly visits which will see the students have the opportunity to read to the ‘older generation’ from Chesalon and share their experiences at the College with them. A wonderful event which will enhance the community feel that we hold dear to the College.

On Wednesday of the same week we will be visited by executives from Thomas Hassall’s sister schools in Queensland, Nambour Christian College, and South Australia, Tyndale Christian College. We are taking the opportunity to ‘show off’ Oran Park Anglican College and enjoy a dinner together while watching the State of Origin – go you Blues! (this year please…)

As we continue to develop our community and display understanding of each other. Could we give you some encouragement with the following verse of scripture:

“In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.” Matthew 5:16

Mr Ross Whelan
College Principal

Mr Jonathan Beggs
Campus Coordinator

Prayer Points

Praise for
- The new students who commenced at the College this week.
- The glorious weather we have been receiving.

Prayer for
- Jack and Hayley to settle in quickly and make new friends.
- Year 7, 2014 enquiries.
- The Salvation Army Annual Red Shield Appeal doorknock is this weekend.
- The Hope for Miracles Appeal, raising money for families who have a premature or sick newborn.
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 sack races which were able to be purchased with the reward money from the Scholastic Bookclub rewards program and also catching and throwing our new echidna balls.

Kindergarten - Year 2 Sport
Students played games on the pavement including stilt races and listening games such as Sharks and Octopuses, Riverbank and Captains coming.

Years 3 - 5 Sport
Student continued with their chosen sport.

IPSSO Sport

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Thomas Hassall AC  125 Kingsford Smith Avenue, Middleton Grange
Hoxton Park Reserve Cnr Wilson and Hoxton Park Road, Hinchinbrook

NAPLAN
Years 3 and 5 students completed NAPLAN testing this week. Well done to all students. Students held a party on Friday to celebrate that the testing was over.
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 orders have been placed. The order should arrive next week.

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

National Simultaneous Storytime

Parents are welcome to attend the theatrical rendition of ‘The Very Cranky Bear’ performed by OPAC staff on Wednesday, 23 May 2012 at 10 am.

From the Parents’ & Friends’ Association

Mother’s Day Stall

Our first exciting fundraising event was a success. The Mother’s Stall managed to make a profit and we are now on our way raising funds for the outdoor all weather sail structure.

A big thank you to Mrs Buterin and the P&F Committee for pre-selecting the wonderful gifts and for the generous donation of Rimmel gift bags from Mrs Barlow. A special thank you goes to Mrs Recchia, Mrs Clarke and Mrs Palmer for co-ordinating the stall and assisting students in their gift selection.

Please note that there are a number of beautiful gifts from the Stall that can be purchased for birthdays etc. Please see Mrs Lynch if you are interested in seeing and purchasing the wide range of available gifts. Items are priced between $1 to $10.

Christmas in July Dinner

The P&F has made a booking with Camden Valley Inn for a Christmas in July dinner to be held on Friday 20 July 2012 from 7pm. The P&F invites you, students, family and your guests to celebrate this wonderful event. Adult price $50 pp and Child price $25pp (2-12yrs). A percentage of ticket sales will go directly to the fund-raising goal. The event will include a 2 course traditional Christmas buffet dinner with all the trimmings and live entertainment. A maximum of 100 places will be available, so set this date aside for your diary. Details of this event will be sent out soon.

Future P&F Meetings

Everyone is welcome to attend the P&F Meetings. The next P&F meeting will be held on 7 June 2012. We hope to see you there.

Contact Us - OPAC P&F Association

A reminder that if you wish to contact the P&F, volunteer for an event, provide feedback or make suggestions, our email is pandf@opac.nsw.edu.au

The P&F Committee is raising funds to build an all weather proof sail structure that will be built over the asphalt area. Our big goal is to raise $50,000 before the end of 2012 school year.

A number of events have been planned including a Father’s Day Stall, a Father’s Day Breakfast and a Sausage Sizzle at both Bunnings (8/9/12) and Masters (27/10/12).

If you can assist in volunteering your time with these future events, please contact us via our email address.
**2012 Dates For Your Diary**

- **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](http://www.opac.nsw.edu.au) and the College Newsletter ‘The Life’ for main events, information and dates published during the year.

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**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.**
HO HO HO
COME AND JOIN US FOR A CHRISTMAS IN JULY DINNER

Enjoy eggnog on arrival followed by a 2 course buffet and entertainment. A portion of ticket sales will go directly to our fundraising goal.

Friday 20th July 2012 @ 7pm
CAMDEN VALLEY INN

Adults $ 50 pp
Children 2-12 yrs $25 pp

Limited to 100 guests

Payments can be made by cash to Corina at the front desk.

To secure your place, please complete your details below and return with your payment by 20th June 2012

Student’s name_________ Class _______
No. of tickets Adults _____ Children _______

Payment method Cash

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