At our recent Celebration Assemblies I reflected on the nurturing community we have been growing at the College this year. Just like a garden requires the right nutrients to grow beautiful blooms and delicious produce, your children need the nurture of an academically challenging and pastorally strong environment to flourish and grow to their full potential. We have had a wonderful year at the College and through a range of activities and events seen our students develop a sense of belonging and connectedness to this community.

We have much to celebrate as the College reaches its 5 year milestone and becomes an independent school from the beginning of next year. The student population will be approaching 500 students and our new Senior Studies building will be open for innovative student learning. Accompanying this student growth is also the expansion of the staff and leadership team and I am pleased to announce the appointment of two Deputy Principals commencing next year: Mrs Katherine Kendon (Junior School) and Mr Michael Newton (Senior School). Mrs Kendon is currently the Deputy Head of Junior School at Thomas Hassall Anglican College and Mr Newton is the Director of Music (K-12) at Inaburra School. They both bring leadership experience in curriculum and student welfare and will have a focus on implementing programs and practices for improving student outcomes. We also have twelve other new staff joining the College in the new year.

As we conclude the term I hope all our families have a restful break and enjoyable time with family and friends. This Advent season is the time of year when we remember Jesus, the son of God who was born into this world as a baby in a manger. Christianity is the only religion where God becomes a part of humanity. This is the God who sent his son to be our saviour so we can be restored to him and enjoy eternal life with our creator. May God fill your lives with the joy that comes from having peace with Him and bless you in 2017.

“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David’s throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever.”
- Isaiah 9:6-7

Mrs Naomi Wilkins
Head of Campus
### Dates

#### Junior School

**Week 9**
- Tuesday 6 December:
  - Year 3 Science Centre Excursion
- Wednesday 7 December:
  - Last Day of Term 4
  - Prep—year 6 Mufti Day: Gold Coin donation to Compassion
  - Year 6 Celebration Dinner

**Term 1: Week 1, 2017**
- Monday 30 January:
  - Kindergarten Commences
- Tuesday 31 January:
  - Years 1 - 6 Commence
- Wednesday 1 February:
  - Prep 3 Days Commences
- Thursday 2 February:
  - Prep 2 Days Commences

**Term 1: Week 2, 2017**
- Monday 6 February:
  - Years 3- 6 Swimming Carnival
- Wednesday 8 February:
  - IPSSO Trials

#### Senior School

**Week 9**:
- Tuesday 6 December:
  - Years 7-9 Excursion
- Wednesday 7 December:
  - Last Day of Term 4
  - Senior School Students are to wear Sports Uniform

**Term 1: Week 1, 2017**
- Monday 30 January:
  - Year 7 Commences
- Tuesday 31 January:
  - Year 8 - 10 Commences

**Term 1: Week 2, 2017**
- Tuesday 7 February:
  - Years 7 - 10 Swimming Carnival
- Wednesday 8 - Friday 10 February:
  - Years 7 - 10 Camps (various venues)
From the College Office:

We would like to wish all our College Families a safe and restful holiday. Thank you for all your support throughout 2016.

We look forward to seeing all your excited faces again in 2017.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

With love from,
Mrs White, Mrs Darby and Mrs Lynch

Office hours during the holiday period:

The College will close over the Christmas break from 3pm on Thursday 22 December, 2016 and re-open at 8am on Monday 9 January, 2017.

Office hours in the holiday are: **8.00 am - 3.00 pm**.

It is best to call before if you intend on coming to the College during this period.

*Medication:*

If you require your child’s medication to be taken home from College during the holiday period, please collect the medication from the Office on Wednesday 7 December, 2016. Please return to the Office in the New Year.

*Lost Property:*

If lost property is not collected by Wednesday 7 December, 2016 items will be donated to the College Clothing Pool.

Scholastic Bookclub

Thank you to all our parents who purchased through Bookclub this year. The College has been able to purchase a range of resources for all students.

A huge thank you to Mrs Veld for her contribution as the book club coordinator over the past 5 years.

In 2017, the College will not be taking payments for bookclub at the Office. The only method of payment will be using the online LOOP system provided by Scholastic.

If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact Mrs Lynch at College.

*Last day of College for 2016:*

Wednesday 7 December, 2016
Last week we had a wonderful opportunity for all students to celebrate the year that has been 2016. We celebrated success in the classroom, on the sporting field and in the many and varied co-curricular areas of the Junior School. Just as importantly, we celebrated the progress that each and every child has made this year. We encourage each student to look back at the beginning of the year and reflect for themselves on their successes in achieving their goals, both small and more significant, as the year draws to an end.

On Tuesday we say thank you to all parents who have helped out in our classrooms, at College events or on excursions. We will be meeting together for morning tea and we want to say how much we have appreciated your help and your contribution to our College community.

This Wednesday, Year 6 will celebrate their final year of Junior School and will mark this occasion with a Celebration Dinner. We are very proud of our Year 6 group, many of whom were our Foundation students. We look forward to celebrating the conclusion of their Junior School years and will pray for them as they move on to Senior School and commence another exciting journey!

We will all be celebrating the end of the year together in our class parties on Wednesday for lunch. If you are sending a plate of food to share in class, please be mindful of students with food allergies and please send a small plate so that we don’t have too much wastage.

If you are thinking of ways in which you would like your children to keep up to speed with their literacy and numeracy skills while they are away from College, here are a few simple ideas that might help.

Keep a diary of your holiday trip, take some photos and create a journal, write a blog, create a shopping list from brochures and stick to a budget, time yourself in outdoor physical activities, keep learning multiplication tables, watch current affairs programs and debate relevant issues, challenge yourself to learn how to spell really difficult words…and read, read, read some more!!

The upcoming Christmas holiday break is an awesome opportunity for rest and relaxation and time for us to recharge and spend quality time with our families and friends. It is so easy to get caught up in the commercialism of the Christmas season. Why not visit your local church this season and reflect on God’s goodness and His boundless love for us as you remember the birth of Jesus. We pray that you will all have a happy, safe and restful break and we look forward to the new year of 2017 and all that it will bring.

Mrs Cathy Grant
Junior School Coordinator
Community Representatives & School leaders

Last Friday, Scarlette, Aleks, Sarah and Matthew had the privilege to be invited to visit the local Council Chambers to participate in a morning tea. The student representatives heard a number of local members talk about what is happening in the local community. There was a question and answer time where the students from Oran Park Anglican College had the opportunity to voice various issues. The students enjoyed refreshments and the chance to listen and talk to local members of Parliament.

Mr Hudson

In the class with Year 2...

Year 2 have enjoyed the variety of activities provided at College again this term. We have enjoyed learning about weather, how the weather changes, how we measure weather, the job of a meteorologist, how weather is forecast and how storms are formed. We have enjoyed making artworks and creating drama on this topic.

The extracurricular activities have been exciting this term. We have enjoyed Tabloid Sports, X-Factor Talent Show and making funny face biscuits together.

Mr Baker and Miss Pritchett

From Chesalon Retirement Village

A big thank you to the children of Prep Red and to Amy and Karen for the wonderful visit this morning. Rather than have the cards 'go home', I borrowed them and put them on display in the Clubhouse so that we can all enjoy the children's work for the next few weeks. Then the cards can go home in time for Christmas.

Best wishes for the Christmas Season, Peace, love and joy.

Mrs Margaret Stelzer

Years 5 and 6 Dancers

What a fantastic year our Dance groups have had. The 5/6 Dancers performed beautifully at the presentation evening and I would like to thank them for all their hard work and dedication they have shown.

The Term 4 dancers have been busy preparing themselves to show their new dance off to students on Wednesday. They have had a great time bopping along to Justin Timberlake!

Mrs Worthington
In the class with Year 6...

Year 6 are enjoying their final term in Junior School. On Tuesday 8 November we went on an excursion to the Japanese Gardens in the Art House in Campbelltown. During the excursion we explored the gardens, partook in sketching of parts of the gardens and then created a watercolour painting that was inspired by our sketches. We also participated in a traditional Japanese tea ceremony and had fun playing with traditional Japanese wooden toys. It was great to learn about Japanese traditions and symbols.

Mr Koski

Year 3 Embouchure Testing

In 2017 our Year 4 cohort will be participating in the Compulsory Band Program. Last week the students got the opportunity to meet their instrument tutors and hear all about the clarinet, saxophone, trombone, trumpet and flute. Students were captivated by the sounds of each of the instruments and engaged in asking multiple questions. After this, each student tried the instruments with the tutors noting the suitability for each individual. They will complete a listening test and then state their preferences before an instrument is allocated to them. The students will receive their instruments in Week 3 of Term 1, 2017.

Mrs Lane
As we reflect over the past three years of the Senior School we celebrate many student achievements. We now have a culture that understands the importance of growing towards excellence, knowing the importance of wisdom and developing a servant heart enabling students to become active influencers to make in their world.

As we continue to grow to nearly 500 students in 2017 across the College, we need to continually build the necessary infrastructure to accommodate the flourishing enrolment growth. The first of the new Senior Studies buildings is envisaged to be operational in 2017 and will have a large library, 12 general learning area classrooms, 6 specialist classrooms to accommodate Design and Technology, Visual Arts, Food and Timber Technologies and Science. The flexible outdoor learning spaces will comprise an enclosed verandah space which will allow flexibility for outdoor learning activities.

As the College grows rapidly, there are plans underway to commence construction in 2017 for a multi-purpose auditorium that includes generous indoor sporting facilities and classrooms.

There has been media attention surrounding the importance of 'Emotional Intelligence' (E.I). My understanding of ‘E.I’ is the ability to identify and manage one’s emotions and those emotions of others. It appears to generally encapsulate three skills:

1. Emotional awareness, including the ability to identify your own emotions and those of others;
2. The ability to harness emotions and apply them to tasks like thinking and problems solving;
3. The ability to manage emotions, including the ability to regulate your own emotions, and the ability to cheer up or calm down another person.

We all appreciate and understand the importance that positive social relationships are integral to happiness and promote a flourishing student. A core aim of ours is to work with you and help students develop social and emotional skills in order to create and promote strong and nourishing relationships.

I would like to welcome Mr Michael Newton as the newly appointed Deputy Principal - Head of Senior School to commence in 2017 and we look forward in continuing to work together to promote a culture of creativity, innovation and equipping staff and students to work in a collaborative and harmonious environment where all are supported and nurtured in a caring Christian environment and where all can become all that God intended us to be.

For I know what I have planned for you,’ says the Lord. ‘I have plans to prosper you, not to harm you. I have plans to give you a future filled with hope… Jerusalem 29:11
**Choir Reflections 2016**

This year has brought new opportunities & experiences for both the Junior & Senior School choir. We have performed at the Anglican Choral Festival, Creative Arts Night, Assemblies, Chesalon Retirement Home, the Celebration Night and with many prospects for 2017. Students are commended for their involvement this year & encouraged to continue participating Term 1 next year!

Mrs Lane

**OPAC Sports Dinner 2016**

What a night! Imagine… Lakeside Golf Club on a beautiful clear and starry night, decked out in red, white and blue, ready for 186 people to descend for a fantastic and fabulous night, celebrating the achievements of our wonderful students in their sporting endeavours – and sharing the celebration with close friends and family. The night of Tuesday 22 November was indeed just that!

Shane Rose, a local hero and Olympic athlete, came to share a bit of his life story as well the highs and lows of being an elite athlete. The food was wonderful and the conversation was flowing! Students sporting achievements, both on and off the field, were acknowledged. Well done to all who have represented the College over the past year in Sport. 2017 is set to be an even bigger and better year!

Mrs Clisdell
IPSSO Finals

Last Wednesday our Junior Basketball team participated in the Summer IPSSO Finals at Broughton Anglican College. After winning their semi final, they came back strongly in their last 2 quarters of the Grand Final but ultimately narrowly lost to Thomas Hassall. It has been a great season in IPSSO in 2016 with our Junior Netball, Football and Basketball all making the IPSSO Finals for the first time.

A big thank you to all our parents, grandparents and our College community for all of the support in our sporting programs in 2016 and to those who have come and helped to run training sessions with our students.

We are looking forward to an even better 2017 with our Swimming Carnival being held early in term 1.

Trials for Summer IPSSO will be held at the beginning of Term 1. Students in Years 3-6 will be able to trial for:

- Mixed Oz Tag
- Mixed Basketball
- Girls Football (Soccer)
- Boys Cricket *

* Girls can trial for the Boys Cricket team if they play club Cricket outside of College.

Students trialling for representative teams should be aware of the rules and how to play the sport they are trialling for.

Year 2 Transitional Gala Days

Year 2 have been participating in transitional Gala Days with Year 3 in preparation for IPSSO in 2017. These have been run by College staff with the assistance of Year 9 PASS students. Students have had a great time learning about the sports and developing in their skills.

Mr Anthony Chapman
Junior School Sports Coordinator
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Saturday
17th Dec
5:30 - 9:15pm
Gardner Reserve
Oran Park

Family Fun
Face Painting
Fireworks Finale
Climbing Wall
Great Carols
Collection for the RFS

All our kids activities are free of charge. Bring some cash for glow things and a great BBQ.

Cold drinks $2
Sausage in a bun $3

more info at:
NewLife anglican.org.au
NewLife Anglican Church warmly invites you and your family to join us this Christmas to celebrate the great news that love has come down in the form of a baby - Jesus.

Saturday 17th
5:30-9:15pm
Oran Park Community Carols
Grab a rug and bring the whole family to Gardner Reserve for our carols. We'll have free jumping castles, kid's craft, a climbing wall, and lots more including great music and carols celebrating Jesus as the reason for the season. Oh, and we finish with a fireworks spectacular too! So lock it in.

Saturday 24th
5pm
Christmas Eve
Our 5pm service has a family focus. We'll sing, open the Bible, and hear the good news that God has sent His son.

Sunday 25th
9am
Christmas Day
Start a family a tradition they'll want to keep. Join us as we sing carols, hear from the Bible, and celebrate the day of Jesus' birth.

www.NewLifeAnglican.org.au
Term 4 – Our ‘Sensational Summer’ program starts next week!

Next Thursday is the first day of our Sensational Summer holiday club program. We will very soon be moving along with the primary library to B10 (which is currently Mr Baker’s classroom), we are also very lucky to be allowed use of the B Block breakout space these holidays!

It is our plan to be moving over to B Block on Tuesday and Wednesday next week, with our operations being based entirely from B10 when vacation care starts on Thursday.

I will be coordinating these holidays with Nicole Graham, the coordinator of Oran Park Public school, though she will not be joining us until Monday 19 December due to the longer term at OPPS.

We have some fantastic activities planned over our Sensational Summer, including:

- making nesting dolls on Wednesday 14 December
- excursion to see Trolls on Monday 19 December
- hip hop dancing on Thursday 22 December
- a SINGSATIONAL excursion on Wednesday 11 January
- a talent show on Tuesday 17 January
- excursion to Inflatable world on Wednesday 18 January
- A Frisbee golf course on Monday 23 January
- Soccer skills clinic on Friday 13 January

Children from any school are welcome to join us, with children aged 5 and over welcome to come on excursions. Please bring a hat, water bottle, and food for recess and lunch. We provide a fruit platter and a snack for afternoon tea each day.

Everyone, it has been a wonderful year, and this term has been particularly special, with Katelyn joining us for her last term as an assistant at OPAC; I am pleased to be able to congratulate her on a new position as a Coordinator at St Catherine of Siena in Prestons in 2017. Her last day at OPAC will be Friday 16 December, we wish her well and I dare say many of us will miss her vivaciousness quite a bit!

If you would like any more information about the holiday club program, please ask Paige or go to https://www.campaustralia.com.au/HolidayClubs. Bookings for holiday club can be made online via the parent portal.

We look forward to seeing you soon,

Paige and the Camp Australia team
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<td>Thursday, 8 December</td>
<td><strong>Treasure Trove Cove</strong>&lt;br&gt;Does “X” still mark the spot? We might need a map! Speak to the onsite Coordinator to find out what exciting fun awaits, in a specially designed program.</td>
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<td><strong>Cards with Character</strong>&lt;br&gt;Audio Card Making: Build a personalised card and record your own audio message to take home and give to someone special.</td>
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<td>Tuesday, 13 December</td>
<td><strong>Creativity and Beyond!</strong>&lt;br&gt;Today, our creativity has no boundaries! Speak to the onsite Coordinator to find out what exciting fun awaits, in a specially designed program.</td>
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<td><strong>Inside Out!</strong>&lt;br&gt;Nesting Dolls - Design and take-home your masterpieces. Will it be a foxy team? A music band? Or a traditional family design? Design and take-home your</td>
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<td>Thursday, 15 December</td>
<td><strong>Groove is in the Art</strong>&lt;br&gt;Music with Art, now that’s a show! Speak to the onsite Coordinator to find out what exciting fun awaits, in a specially designed program.</td>
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<td><strong>Amazing Aromas</strong>&lt;br&gt;Is it coming from the kitchen or outside? Speak to the onsite Coordinator to find out what exciting fun awaits, in a specially designed program.</td>
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Daily Requirements: Children must bring their own lunch and refreshments (no nut products please), wet weather gear, art smock, and suitable clothing for an active and sunsmart day.
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<td>Wild Imaginations - Trolls At The Movies: TROLLS (PG) We’re entering a colourful, wondrous world populated by some hilariously unforgettable characters. Note: Please arrive by 8.45am.</td>
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<td>Tuesday, 20 Dec</td>
<td>Imagination Stations Choose your favourite activity station. Speak to the onsite Coordinator to find out what exciting fun awaits, in a specially designed program.</td>
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<td>Wednesday, 21 Dec</td>
<td>Summer Spirit Come along and celebrate all things Summer! Speak to the onsite Coordinator to find out what exciting fun awaits, in a specially designed program.</td>
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<td>Thursday, 22 Dec</td>
<td>Music for The Ears Hip Hop Dance Moves - Sssshhh, it’s an even hipper version of the Silent disco! Today we are dancing up a storm learning cool Hip Hop dance moves!</td>
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<td>Friday, 23 Dec</td>
<td>Amazing Adventures Today we are the adventure writers and illustrators from start to finish. Speak to the onsite Coordinator to find out what exciting fun awaits, in a specially designed</td>
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0439 656 451 (08:30 -18:00)

Monday, 02 January
No Program

Monday, 09 January
$71.88
The Science Spectacular
Interactive Science Session - Bubble, Bubble, POP! Mini Scientists get ready, it's time to experiment!

Tuesday, 03 January
No Program

Tuesday, 10 January
$56.88
Sensory Delights
It's all of our different senses that help make Summer sensational! Speak to the onsite Coordinator to find out what exciting fun awaits, in a specially designed

Wednesday, 04 January
No Program

Wednesday, 11 January
$87.88
SINGsational
At The Movies: SING (PG) The movie event of the Summer is here! We're off to meet Dapper Koala Busier Moon and see the world's greatest singing competition!
Note: Please arrive by 8:45am.

Thursday, 05 January
No Program

Thursday, 12 January
$56.88
The Green Machine
Our planet has it's own type of senses too! Speak to the onsite Coordinator to find out what exciting fun awaits, in a specially designed program.

Friday, 06 January
No Program

Friday, 13 January
$71.88
Go for GOAL
Soccer Skills Clinic with take home scarf - Skills, drills and thrills await! We'll be bending it like Beckham and cheering that's great!

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0439 856 451 (06:30 - 18:00)

Monday, 16 January
Kicking with the Breeze
$56.88
It's time to let some of our favourite sports begin! Speak to the onsite Coordinator to find out what exciting fun awaits, in a specially designed program.

Tuesday, 17 January
We've Got the X Factor!
$71.88
The Ultimate Talent Show - Today we'll all take the centre stage, and become the stars of the show! With loads of drama-filled games and activities that showcase

Wednesday, 18 January
JUMP into Fun
$89.88
Inflatable World - Ready to bounce into an inflatable structural wonderland?! Note: Please arrive by 8:45am.

Thursday, 19 January
Games Galore
$71.88
Sensational Summer Games Challenge - Special guests join the team to host some awesome Summer-inspired games and activities.

Friday, 20 January
Teams of Sport
$56.88
Time to tackle this one as a team! Speak to the onsite Coordinator to find what exciting fun awaits, in a specially designed program.

Monday, 23 January
Flying Hole in One
$71.88
Frisbee Golf Course - Will you be first to score a flying hole in one? A colourful and wildly fun indoor obstacle course awaits and we're ready to score!!

Tuesday, 24 January
Hot Shots
$56.88
We're going for GOAL and shooting for the stars! Speak to the onsite Coordinator to find out what exciting fun awaits, in a specially designed program.

Wednesday, 25 January
Block-Building Beats
$71.88
Build and take home your own music themed Lego compatible kit - Getting into some Block-Building Beats!!

Thursday, 26 January
No Program

Friday, 27 January
Do you see what I see?
$56.88
Our eyes work is the most marvellous ways - can you see it? Speak to the onsite Coordinator to find out what exciting fun awaits, in a specially designed program.
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Daily Special
**MONDAY**
Spaghetti Bolognaisce + Bottle of Water
$5.50

Daily Special
**TUESDAY**
Pizza
Cheese, Hawaiian or Meatlovers
Add a Bottle of Water $1.50
$4.00

Daily Special
**WEDNESDAY**
Stir Fry Chicken & Rice
A delicious blend of honey soy stir fry with fresh chicken and vegetables served on boiled rice + Bottle of Water
$5.50

Daily Special
**THURSDAY**
Pasta Carbonara
Freshly cooked pasta + Bottle of Water
$5.50

Daily Special
**FRIDAY**
Fish Burger
A delicious fish cooked and served on a fresh roll with lettuce & mayo
$6.00

Made Fresh
All orders must be ordered in the morning before 9am.
You can only order the meal on the day stated as all meals are made to order.
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