Breakfast of Champions!

Last Friday morning O.P.A.C. held its very first Father's Day breakfast. It was a wonderful occasion for the College to recognise the important part that each and every father plays in the life of their children. A special thank you to two Dads who gave their time to cook a delicious ‘manly’ breakfast (no croissants here!), Stuart Starr and Michael Palmer. We were also fortunate enough to have our Principal, Mr Ross Whelan, talk to us about the importance of fathers and the relationships that they have with their children. ‘Relationship’ being the key word. Dads also were able to enjoy games and activities with the children, including a game of “Bull rush”. It wasn’t hard to see where some of the students get their competitive natures from!

On Tuesday, 4 September we also had a number of students, 11 to be exact, who represented our College at the N.A.S.S.A. Junior Athletics Carnival. It was wonderful to see our students compete with the other schools and colleges in the N.A.S.S.A. Association. Congratulations to all students who competed and represented O.P.A.C. This means that we have had representatives who qualified for all 3 N.A.S.S.A. carnivals, which is a wonderful achievement for our first year.

On Friday, 14 September our Prep, Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 students are looking forward to the Tabloid Carnival which will be held at Thomas Hassall Anglican College. The anticipation is building and it would be lovely to see as many of our Prep to Year 2 parents attend.

It is hard to believe that we are coming to the end of Term 3, it seems that our inaugural year is flying by. During that time it has been pleasing to see the progress and growth of each and every one of the students. However, growth has not only been limited to the students. The College has reached the next phase of its development and we are currently interviewing for future staff. It has been thrilling to watch our College grow and the anticipation of future growth is both evident and exciting. To hear of the positive reputation that Oran Park Anglican College has quickly developed amongst other schools and colleges in the Macarthur area has also been satisfying. It is something that a number of the interviewees have mentioned as the reason for their desire to work at O.P.A.C.

As always, we continue to be committed to the students at Oran Park Anglican College and, although we are thankful to the many blessings that God has given, we also look forward with great anticipation to what He has in store for us in the future.

Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the Lord, my soul,and forget not all his benefits—who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.

Psalm 103: 1-5
**Sport: Prep**

Prep continue to develop their gross motor skills. Throwing and catching the echidna balls seems to be a big hit. We have also visited Wayne Gardner Reserve the last two weeks and have enjoyed rolling down the hill and developing our over arm throwing at a specific target. The light pole didn't know what hit it! We continue to develop balance and coordination by playing different games and walking along balance beams. Overall, we just enjoy getting out and being active!

**Sport: Kindergarten - Year 2**

K/1/2E continue to participate in Zumba for Sport this term. It is exciting to watch the students develop and retain the routines, as most of them know them off by heart! It is also a joy to see the students develop their free style dancing and own routines (some that are a little out there!). Also during sport, the students have participated in games that develop listening skills as well as cooperation amongst team mates and individuals. No matter what, it has just been fun with a capital F!

**Sport: Years 3 - 5**

**IPSSO Sport**

Wednesday, 19 September  Social Game Jnr v Snr

**Uniform**

Student have the option of wearing the full summer or the full winter uniform until the end of term. On the first day of Term 4, students are expected to be in full summer uniform.

**Letters and Numbers Day: 3/4/5G**

National Literacy and Numeracy Week was held across Australia from 27 August – 2 September. The week highlights the importance of literacy and numeracy skills for all children and young people, with a focus on school-aged children.

NLNW gives schools the opportunity to get involved in a range of literacy and numeracy activities. 345/G held a Letters and Numbers Day where students discovered some quirky facts about reading and mathematics in real world problem solving activities. It was fun!
Father’s Day BBQ
What a great time we had on Friday morning. It was great to see over 20 fathers join in the Father’s Day celebrations. It was a wonderful opportunity for the College to recognise the importance that dads have in our students lives.

Thank you to Rev Starr and Mr Palmer for cooking the BBQ.

Thank you to FRED’S ONE STOP SHOPPING, EDENSOR PARK for donating the eggs and onions.

Lastly, a special thank you to our Principal, Mr Whelan, for sharing some of his memories and the impact that his father had on his life as well as determining the important role of the relationship between father and child.
The Life

2012 Dates For Your Diary

Term 3

Mufti Day
Monday, 17 September
A gold coin donation is required by students which will be donated to Anglican Aid, Projek Bali Kids.

Dress regulations
- College rules apply for jewellery.
- Sensible clothing must be worn, any student wearing inappropriate clothing will be asked to go home.
- NO midriff shirts, singlets or thongs (enclosed footwear is compulsory)

Last Day of Term 3
Friday, 21 September

Term 4

First Day of Term 4
Tuesday, 9 October

OPAC Open Day
Saturday, 13 October

Bike Day
Tuesday, 23 October

Prep Excursion
Wednesday, 24 October

Mid-Term Break - Students
Monday, 12 November

Important Sport Dates

Term 3

CIS Athletics Carnival
Wednesday, 12 September

Prep - Year 2 Tabloid Carnival
Friday, 14 September

A permission note was emailed last week for students to attend the tabloid carnival. If you have not received a copy, please see note following.

Please contact the College Office if you have any questions.

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.
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TABLOID SPORTS CARNIVAL for students in Prep - Year 2

TERM 3 - FRIDAY, 14 September - Week 9

Monday, 3 September 2012

Dear Parent/Guardian

The Tabloid Sports Carnival for students Prep - Year 2 will be held at Thomas Hassall Anglican College on FRIDAY, 14 September 2012 - Term 3 - Week 9.

The Sports Carnival is an important part of our College year and helps students to learn to strive outside the classroom. It is regarded as a COMPULSORY College day. Students will participate in variety of novelty events designed for fun and participation.

Time: Students will arrive at Oran Park Anglican College by 8.00 am, if travelling by bus; otherwise students will need to meet their teacher, Mrs Finlay or Miss Edwards, on the oval at Thomas Hassall by 8.40 am.

The carnival will commence at 8.50 am on the new oval. Students will participate in running races. At 9.30 am we will start the Tabloid Sports Carnival.

Students will have recess at 11.00 am and resume activities at 11.30 am – CAKE STALL.

The Carnival concludes at 1.00 pm – PIZZA and ICEBLOCKS will be on sale from 12.45 pm.

CAKE STALL, PIZZA and ICEBLOCK – Yr 6 Fundraising Day

Thomas Hassall Stage 3 will be hosting a fundraising day for students who represent the College in NSW sport teams.

RECESS – Cakes and slices will be sold in the Kindergarten playground – cost 50c - $1.00.

LUNCH – PIZZA and ICE BLOCKS – Enjoy a slice of pizza $2.00 (cheese, ham & pineapple and supreme) and a refreshing iceblock - $1.00.

All children should be dressed in their full College Sports uniform, which includes the College Sports cap. Students should also bring a drink bottle, which is clearly labeled with their name.

Please complete the permission note attached and return to your class teacher by Wednesday, 12 September. Parents are most welcome to come along and enjoy the day.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Yours sincerely

Mrs S Evans
Thomas Hassall P-6 Sports Coordinator
Please return the permission note
to your classroom teacher by Wednesday, 12 September 2012.

I give permission for my child ___________________________ of class ____________
to attend the Prep – Year 2 tabloid sports carnival at Thomas Hassall Anglican College on Friday,
14 September 2012.

☐ I am able to transport my child to the venue. My child will be at Thomas Hassall by 8.40 am.

☐ I am able to transport my child from the venue.

OR

☐ My child requires transport to the venue.
I understand that they will need to be at College by 8.00 am

☐ My child requires transport from the venue.
I understand that the transport returns at approximately 2.00 pm.

☐ I require After College Care for my child on the day of the Tabloid Sports Carnival.

Signed: ___________________________ Date: ______________

Emergency Contact number: ________________________________________________________

Medical Conditions: ______________________________________________________________
From the Parents’ & Friends’ Association

**P&F Committee – New members wanted**
The P&F welcomes new members to our College community and encourages parents, grandparents, carers and friends of our College to join our Committee. Your involvement, whether it is big or small, plays a big part in our College community with our students benefiting from your contribution. Your involvement could be attending a P&F meeting and contributing your ideas and/or assisting with your time in a fundraising event. Our next meeting is Thursday, 11 October 2012 @ 7.00 pm – OPAC Staffroom.

**Father’s Day Stall**
A big thank you to Mrs Clarke, Mrs Franovic and Mrs Palmer for selling the wide range of gifts to students. The P&F is proud to announce that we made a profit from the stall and this will go directly to the All Weather Proof Structure Fund.

**Sausage Sizzle – Masters @ Gregory Hills – Saturday, 27 October**
We urgently require volunteers to assist with either cooking or serving at our Masters Sausage Sizzle event. We need to cover two shifts from 9.00 am to 12.30 pm and 12.30 pm to 4.00 pm. If you can spare a few hours to assist on the day, please let the Front Office know of your preferred timeslot. Money raised from this event will go directly towards the All Weather Proof Structure Fund.

**High Tea – Gledswood Homestead – Saturday, 24 November**
A High Tea Fundraising Event will be held at Gledswood Homestead on Saturday, 24 November 2012 between 1.00 - 3.00 pm. This will be our final major event before the end of the College year. Tickets are $45 pp with $6 of every ticket sale going directly towards our All Weather Proof Structure Fund. Enjoy a great afternoon with friends and family as a lead up to Christmas. Limited to 35 people. RSVP with payment before Friday, 9 November 2012.

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Do you know a business who might be interested in advertising with us? We have affordable packages available to suit your business needs. Please send an email to pandf@opac.nsw.edu.au to get start today.

**Note:** If you can assist in volunteering your time with these future events, please contact us via our email address pandf@opac.nsw.edu.au or leave your details at the College Office nominating what event you can assist with.
Oran Park Anglican College Parents’ & Friends’ Association cordially invites YOU AND YOUR GUESTS to:

HIGH TEA AT GLEDWOOD HOMESTEAD

Saturday, 24 November 2012
Time: 1 pm - 3 pm
Cost: $45 per head
($39 for high tea + $6 donation to the College)
Limited to 35 people

Join us for afternoon tea and support our College fundraising event

RSVP: Friday, 9 November 2012

Payments can be made to Mrs Corina Lynch at the College Office.

Please return this slip with your RSVP

Name:________________________ Contact no: _____________

No. of people attending: _______ $45 per person = $ ________ (total)

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Email us at pandf@opac.nsw.edu.au if you have any questions or would like to get started today.

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