From the Principal and Campus Coordinator

What a tumultuous summer it has been, ranging from the extreme heat we experienced in early January through to the flooding and heavy rains we experienced in February. Yet, through it all there has been a sense of calm around the College campus. When walking through the Campus it is with a grateful eye that we can determine how blessed we are to have established what we have, to be thankful for our College in it's current beautiful setting. Then, continue to look to the future with planning and development, particularly of the College, but also of Oran Park itself. We are blessed indeed.

It has been very encouraging to witness some culture changing performances recently. Good news from the representative swimming carnival where personal bests were achieved and the opportunity to absorb the experience was taken. The NASSA Junior Carnival, held at Homebush Olympic Aquatic Centre is a wonderful opportunity for students to challenge themselves and strive for improvement. Congratulations to all representatives. A special mention to Sophie Aerts who came second in her 50m freestyle event and consequently qualified to represent NASSA. This is of particular significance as Sophie is the first Oran Park Anglican College student to achieve this honour. A wonderful achievement in only our second year.

Our peripatetic keyboard and vocal lessons began this week. It was pleasing to see the excitement etched on students’ faces as they headed off for their first individual music lessons. Guitar lessons begin next week. Any enquiries can be directed to the College Office.

During our assemblies, discussion has taken place about the four letters WWJD (What Would Jesus Do?). Students have been encouraged to be mindful of one another, consider each other and indeed take the approach to any circumstance of “What Would Jesus Do?”. We encourage you to discuss these letters with your child.

This week we also welcomed Mr Whelan to our assembly to hand out the Principal’s Awards. Congratulations to the recipients. We encourage all our students to continue to work hard and strive for excellence in your endeavours.

The term continues to be a busy one and as we pass the halfway mark there remains a lot to look forward to. Parent/Teacher interview notes will be dispersed shortly and we encourage you to meet with your child’s teacher to discuss your child’s progress. Of course, if you have more pressing issues, appointments can be made at any time either by speaking to your child’s teacher directly or contacting the College Office.

Next week we again visit Camden Show, which is a wonderful whole College excursion. Teachers are preparing themselves for the onslaught of scarecrow activity where straw and hay will abound! Special thanks to the parent helpers who have offered to assist with the excursion and manning our stall at the show. It promises to be an exciting fortnight in the life of our College.

For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.
2 Timothy 1:7

Mr Ross Whelan  Mr Jonathan Beggs
College Principal  Campus Coordinator
**Prep - Year 7 2014 Parent Information Evening**

Parents who are interested in sending their children to the College in 2014 are invited to attend the 2014 Information Evening. Students are not expected to attend.

**Date**  
Tuesday, 26 March 2013

**Time**  
7.00 pm- 8.30 pm

**Venue**  
Oran Park Anglican College

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**Parent/Teacher Interviews**

**Date**  
Wednesday, 20 March 2013

**Time**  
Commencing at 3.45 pm (10 min duration)

**Venue**  
Oran Park Anglican College

Parents will register preferences for Parent Teacher Night online a week prior to the night. You are able to indicate a preferred start time. Most people get interviews at, or very close to, their preferred start time. If necessary, you are also able to restrict your availability. If you must restrict your availability at all, please ensure your availability is AT LEAST 1.5 hours duration.

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**Camden Show**

A permission note has been emailed to parents to give permission for their child to attend the excursion.

**Date**  
Friday, 15 March 2013

Students are to arrive at College at 8.50 am (9.00 am Prep) for normal lessons. Students will catch a bus to the Camden Show from 10.30 am.

If you have volunteered to take a group around the Show, please complete Parent Helper forms at the College Office if you haven't already done so.

Parents must collect their child at 3.00 pm outside Camden Pools. Students attending Bambino’s After College Care will be picked up by Bambino’s from the College stand.

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**Peripatetic Music Lessons**

Keyboard and Vocal lessons have commenced this week. Guitar lessons will commence next week. Please contact the tutor if you have any questions.

If you would like your child to participate, please return the form which was emailed to parents or contact the College Office for a copy.

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**Principal Awards**

Congratulations to the following students who received a Principal’s Award at assembly today.

- Gabrielle Coleman  Year 4
- Leah Veld  Year 4
- Zac Pavone  Year 3
In the Classroom with Miss Edwards and KE

THE CHICKS ARE HERE!!

“The Chicks are here! The Chicks are here!”
This is the talk of the town at the moment. Each morning the College playground has been a buzz with students wanting to see what has happened in the Kindergarten and Stage 1 hatchery.

For those parents who have not already been told, the infants classrooms have recently been visited by 15 little eggs which have now hatched into tiny balls of feathery fun!

We are all learning lots of very interesting facts about animals and life cycles as we watch and care for these amazing little creatures.

Can you put these comments with some pictures?

“They come from eggs.” Dylan Morrison

“They are fluffy and cute.” Ella Whipps

“They look funny when they run.” Noah Henderson

“I love holding the chicks.” Cooper Brown
In the Classroom with Mrs Worthington and 3/4W

3/4W have been learning about ‘Mini Worlds’ and some of us were lucky enough to receive special visitors and find out some interesting information about the praying mantis and stick insects..... Special thanks to Mrs Woods.

In the Classroom with Mrs Blake and 1/2B

Year 1 and Year 2 are thrilled that this week our classroom is home to both chickens and silkworms. We are extremely busy looking after both of our projects. Each day we are observing the changes that are occurring as they grow and discussing the differing needs they have to survive. These experiences are part of our Science unit for the term and give students the opportunity to see and discuss the lifecycles and needs of living things.
Live Life Well @ School

CRUNCH and SIP
Oran Park Anglican College has just been confirmed as a CRUNCH and SIP College! This program aims to encourage your child to eat more fruit and vegetables and educates them on the benefits of drinking water.

Keep a look out for our CRUNCH and SIP launch in Term 2.

Water
Tap water makes the best drink!

Not only is it thirst quenching, but also contains fluoride which helps make teeth stronger.

Here’s what water has to offer:
- it is cheap and readily available
- it doesn’t contain any kilojoules or sugar
- it encourages optimal function of the body

We should all aim to drink between five to eight cups of water a day. In the warmer months it is important to keep well hydrated. Always have water available when children are active. Encourage them to drink water regularly, even in cooler months.

Zucchini Slice

Ingredients

5 eggs  
150g (1 cup) self-raising flour, sifted  
375g zucchini, grated  
1 large onion, finely chopped  
200g rindless bacon, chopped  
1 cup grated cheddar cheese  
60ml (1/4 cup) vegetable oil

Method

Step 1
Preheat oven to 170°C. Grease and line a 30 x 20cm lamington pan.

Step 2
Beat the eggs in a large bowl until combined. Add the flour and beat until smooth, then add zucchini, onion, bacon, cheese and oil and stir to combine. Pour into the prepared pan and bake in the oven for 45 min or until cooked through.

If you have a recipe that you would like to share please email Miss Edwards at kedwards@opac.nsw.edu.au or hand a hard copy into the Office before Wednesday each week.
Easter Hat Parade
And
Easter Egg Hunt

Monday, 25 March 2013
2.30 pm

Parents and Friends are invited to enjoy the spectacular display of craftsmanship as students parade around the quadrangle.

Please bring a chair to sit on.

Parents and Friends are also welcome to wear their own special hat.
To celebrate Harmony Day and this year’s theme: Many stories—One Australia, SBS are giving all Australians the opportunity to share their story.

Create a video, take a photo or share your written personal journey. Everyone has a story to tell, so share yours today!

There are two fantastic prize packs up for grabs:

**First prize:**
A Canon EOS 110D SLR Camera Twin Lens Kit complete with memory card, tripod and case plus SBS’ A Day in the Life photographic book.

**Second prize:**
An Apple iPad 4 with Retina Display 32GB WiFi + Cellular plus SBS’ A Day in the Life photographic book.

For more information, visit www.sbs.com.au/harmonystories.

**COLLEGE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED**

**Friday, 15 March 2013**

**Due to Camden Show**
Sport: Prep

During Sport, Prep continue to develop their gross motor skills. This week we looked at controlling our body while we ran and rolled down a hill. We looked at different ways to go straight, to turn in different directions and even to try to roll up the hill! (Rolling down the hill was by far the most fun!)

We also looked at overarm throwing, which involves many small details that we are trying to get used to. Sport continues to be a 'fun' time for Prep.

Sport: Kindergarten - Year 2

K-2 Sport has involved a few different aspects this fortnight. The Cross Country is coming up for Primary (Years 3-6) so, even though we are not participating, we thought it would be good to practise our distance running. You may have seen us completing two laps of the fence line of the College. We know we only get out what we put in so a lot of us finish the second lap 'blowing and puffing'. Running continued to be the theme of the week as we played running games to finish sport off.

Sport: Years 3 - 6

We continue to travel up to Thomas Hassall Anglican College for Sport on Wednesdays. Weeks 6 and 7 have seen trials for the IPSSO winter competition so we have travelled to Thomas Hassall for the whole day. This is a great opportunity as, while specific age groups trialed, the others worked on 'Friendship' and Anti-Bullying activities. This enabled us to get to know students at Thomas Hassall and develop the College's relationship further.

IPSSO Sport
Wednesday, 13 March Training at Thomas Hassall
Wednesday, 20 March Training at Thomas Hassall

3-6 CIS Swimming Carnival
Date Wednesday, 20 March 2013
Venue Homebush Aquatic Centre

3-6 Cross Country Carnival
Date Thursday, 28 March 2013
Venue Thomas Hassall Anglican College

Students are encouraged to start training for the carnival.
NASSA Swimming Carnival

On Tuesday, 5 March, nine students from Oran Park Anglican College made the trek into Homebush to compete in the NASSA (New Anglican Schools Sports Association) Junior Swimming Carnival. Along with Oran Park and Thomas Hassall there are eight other schools in the association - schools and colleges that have been around for a lot longer than us! It is wonderful to see the growth in only a year. Last year we had three students qualify. This year we had nine. Our swimming squad consisted of: Sophie Aerts, Luke Barlow, Natasha Barlow, Adrian Buterin, Emily Buterin, Claudia Howard, Zac Pavone, Gabrielle Russo and Matthew Squire.

As you can see from the photos each Oran Park competitor gave their all. They looked the part with the new Oran Park swimming caps and swam hard during their events. Congratulations to all swimmers for raising the profile of our College and representing us with pride. Fantastic job!

A big CONGRATULATIONS to Sophie Aerts who becomes the first ever Oran Park Anglican College student to make it through to represent NASSA at the CIS (Combined Independent Schools) swimming carnival later this month. What a wonderful achievement. Sophie has etched her name in the Oran Park Anglican College history books. Definitely one to tell the grandchildren about!

Congratulations to all of you. We are very, very proud.
2013 Dates For Your Diary

Term 1

Camden Show  
Friday, 15 March - Saturday, 16 March

Camden Show Excursion  
Friday, 15 March

Harmony Day  
Thursday, 21 March

Easter Hat Parade and Easter Egg Hunt  
Monday, 25 March

Good Friday (Public Holiday)  
Friday, 29 March

Easter Monday (Public Holiday)  
Monday, 1 April

OPAC Family Service  
DATE CHANGE TBC

Mufti Day  
Friday, 12 April

Last Day of Term 1  
Friday, 12 April

ANZAC Day March (Camden)  
Thursday, 25 April

Important Sport Dates

CIS Swimming Carnival  
Wednesday, 20 March

College Cross Country Carnival  
Thursday, 28 March

NASSA Cross Country Carnival  
Friday, 3 May

College Athletics Carnival  
Thursday, 15 August

NASSA Athletics Carnival  
Thursday, 5 September

Prep - Year 2 Tabloid Carnival  
Friday, 13 September

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.
ORAN PARK
ANGLICAN COLLEGE

Enrolling Now

Prep to Year 7
Enrolment Information Evening

Tuesday, 26th March 2013 at 7 pm
Visit opac.nsw.edu.au
From the Parents’ & Friends’ Association

**Slice Drive**
Thank you to everyone who placed an order for our Slice Drive. All profits raised will go towards our fundraising goal. Just a short note to advise that there has been a slight delay in delivery due to a lack of supplies, but you will be receiving your treats during the week starting 18 March. An email or note will be sent out once deliveries arrive for you to come to pick up your orders from the Office. We apologise for the delay.

**Can you assist us with your time?**
We need volunteers to work on a roster for a couple of hours at a time for our future events, such as Mother’s Day stall and breakfast, BBQ’s @ Bunnings, Father’s Day stall and breakfast and our Open Day stalls and BBQ.

If you are interested in volunteering your time, we welcome your involvement and support of our College. Email us at pandf@opac.nsw.edu.au or come along to one of our P&F meetings.

**Dates of future meetings**

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Meetings are held in the OPAC Staffroom at 7 pm.

**Tea Towels**
There are still a few OPAC foundation tea towels for sale. See Mrs Lynch if you are interested in purchasing one or more. This is a great gift and memento. Prices are $15 each or 2 for $25, 3 for $37.50.

**Upcoming Events**

- **Camden Show** - 15 & 16 March 2013
  Assisting with OPAC Display. Volunteers required for a 2hr shift only. See Mrs Lynch for more details and how you can assist at the College display.

- **Mother’s Day Stall** - 8 May 2013
- **Mother’s Day Breakfast** - 10 May 2013
  Volunteers required for the stall and breakfast.

- **Christmas in July** - a great family event. More details to come.

- **Father’s Day Stall** - 28 August 2013
- **Father’s Day Breakfast** - 30 August 2013
  Volunteers required for the stall and breakfast.

- **Bunnings Sausage Sizzles** - 20 April 2013 and 7 September 2013
  Volunteers required on a roster basis.

- **College Open Day** - Date to be confirmed
  Donations of cakes as well as volunteers required on a roster basis to assist with the BBQ, selling of cakes and drinks. Further details to come.

**Do you have an idea or suggestion for a fundraiser?**
Email us your idea pandf@opac.nsw.edu.au
ADVERTISE WITH US AND SUPPORT OUR COLLEGE

We are looking for companies large, small or family owned to advertise their business, products, services or a community event while at the same time support our College by purchasing advertising space in our school newsletters.

Many businesses advertise through their school community as a way of promoting their products, services or to announce a community event. Our newsletter is published fortnightly throughout the school year and is emailed to parents/carers and the extended OPAC family. It is also accessible to the wider community to download via the school's website www.opac.nsw.edu.au.

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

2013 ADVERTISING RATES

BUSINESS / PROMOTIONAL AD PUBLISHED IN THE NEWSLETTER

Choose one of following options or a combination of options to suit your advertising needs.

SILVER (ONE OFF ADVERTISING) $40*
1 ad – ideal for a promotional event or to test your market

GOLD (QUARTERLY ADVERTISING) $100* per term
Fortnightly throughout the College term

PLATINUM (YEARLY ADVERTISING) $350* per year
Fortnightly throughout the College year

* All subject to change and re-evaluation at the beginning of each school term

** Please note that advertising space is limited to a business card size

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All correspondence should be directed to pandf@opac.nsw.edu.au.
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World’s Greatest Shave

My name is Stephanie, I work at Oran Park Town Café and I am currently taking part in the world’s greatest shave.

I’ve decided to take part in the World’s Greatest Shave because everyday many beautiful people are taken away from us prematurely from vicious cancer and the very least I could do was shave my head, smile and raise some big bucks.

If you would like to donate, I will be leaving a donation box at the College Office or please use the link below to go to my supporters website.

http://my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/stephaneetherese

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Saturday May 11th 2013
Sydney Convention Centre Darling Harbour

Women Meeting Jesus
5 talks from the gospel of Luke

Women's Breakfast
St Luke's Church Hall
Cnr Russell & Merlin Streets, The Oaks

Saturday, 23rd March 2013
8.00 am - 9.30 am

Ladies you are invited to join us to hear guest speaker

Natalie Hutchings

speak on

"What are we trusting in?"

Natalie will share from both her own personal experience and the book of Hebrews.

Cost $7.00
(includes a delicious Continental Breakfast)

RSVP by 17th March 2013 to Corina
0438 571 701
shanrina29@hotmail.com
Hop along down and celebrate Easter @ Oran Park Town!

Dear residents, family and friends,

I will be leaving a few surprises for oran Park Town on Thursday 28th March 2013. Meet us at the Community Room (next to the Sales office) Between 5pm and 6pm. Wishing everyone a very Happy Easter!

From: Mr E. Bunny

ps: All children must have adult supervision. All ages welcome.

Planning on attending? Let us know and tell your neighbours!
Phone / sms: 0418 871 868 or web: facebook.com/optcommunity
email: mfrank@oranparktown.com.au

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with Aleksandra Collado
Early Childhood Music Specialist
do-re-mi accredited

Reserve a place NOW so you don’t miss out!
“Special” discount price of $20 for two lessons (Limited places)

visit: www.do-re-mi.com.au to learn about the program

Two Venues:
Camden Uniting Church
Cnr of John and Mitchell St

Oran Park Town Community Room
Cnr Oran Park & Peter Brock Drvws

Friday 5th & Friday 12th April

- 1 – 2 yrs 9.30am Oran Park Town
- 3 – 4 yrs 10.30am Oran Park Town
- 1 – 2 yrs 12.30pm Camden Uniting Church
- 3 – 4 yrs 1.30pm Camden Uniting Church

Phone: 4655 9303 or 0412 400 394
Email: info@agapemusic.org.au
Teacher Profile

Aleksandra Collado is an accredited do-re-mi teacher with The Australian Kodaly Certificate in Music Education, and a Vocal Diploma from Music College, Warsaw, Poland.

Aleksandra is a specialist in early childhood music education with 17 years of extensive experience in designing and implementing music programs for Babies-12 years.

Places of work include:
- Sydney Conservatorium Open Academy
- The Institute of Early Childhood at Macquarie University
- The Conservatorium at Joan Sutherland Performing Arts Centre in Penrith.

In addition Aleksandra was a lecturer for the nationally accredited music teacher certificate courses held in Sydney by the Kodaly Music Education Institute of Australia and has run professional development workshops for early childhood teachers.

**Term 2:** Classes will be held on Fridays at both venues Times as per the pilot classes Cost $135 for the term (9 weeks)