The Olympic Spirit…

It is often talked about, but what does the Olympic Spirit entail? If you have been watching the Olympic Games at all you would have seen it displayed time and time again. The hurdler assisting his adversary when he was injured; the fantastic sportsmanship and graciousness of Dawn Harper after seeing that she had lost the Olympic gold to Sally Pearson; the wonderful comaraderie between the decathletes after completing their ten events; the great display of sportsmanship between the cyclists Anna Meares and Victoria Pendleton in the way each of them praised the other after their much publicised rivalry over many years culminated in an Olympic final.

The Olympic spirit is similar to the Christian spirit. It is a lesson for us all – the complete example of Jesus - accepting others for who they are; having an attitude that places others before us, even being a service to others and more – we know that Christ has given His own life for us.

In researching some of the Olympic stories I came across a website entitled “More than Gold”, which is a United Kingdom program run by churches to coincide with the Olympics. It offers so many Christian based services, as well as assisting the families of athletes and the huge task of a city hosting an Olympics, that incorporate outreach and evangelism and a plethora of community based activities. It is so pleasing to see such a spirit of giving coinciding with the spirit of the Olympics.

It was with such a spirit that 21 of our students competed at the Thomas Hassall Junior Athletics Carnival (refer report). I want to congratulate all of the students on their efforts and the manner in which they participated throughout the day. It was pleasing to see the fun, comaraderie and effort shown by the students of Oran Park. Congratulations to all students.

This spirit was also evident when the local Fire Brigade and Police Officers visited us and spoke to K-5 students about their experiences. Students were genuinely excited to be shown the fire truck and police van and even took turns spraying the large water hose from the fire truck.

Another display of the Olympic spirit was the excellent behaviour shown by our K-5 students as they visited the Australian Museum during the week. It was a wonderful excursion in which the students participated in fun and exciting scientific activities, representing themselves and the College admirably.

We are looking forward to seeing this spirit in action at the Thomas Hassall South West Festival on 18 August as well as sharing this spirit with our grandparents on Grandparents Day where we will have the opportunity to display our book week costumes. We are also looking forward to celebrating our fathers at the Father’s Day breakfast on 31 July.

With the Olympics coming to a close, it is timely that we look at our College Motto which is taken from 1 Peter 1:7 and refers to our faith in Jesus Christ, which is of greater worth than gold.

“7 These trials have come so that your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire — may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.” 1 Peter 1:7
College Carpark

The College has been informed that a number of cars have been going too fast and going in the wrong direction in the carpark as well as exiting through the entry.

Please be aware that the College carpark is one way only.

Please do not overtake in the carpark and proceed carefully.

Please note:
No right turn into entrance from Central Avenue.

Sport: Prep

More gross motor skills continuing to develop balance, leg strength through activities such as hopping, frog jumping, walking on balance beams and hopping and jumping through hoops.

Sport: Kindergarten - Year 2

Students have had the opportunity to participate in Zumba again this week.

Sport: Years 3 - 5

Students continued with their chosen sport.

**IPSSO Sport**
**Wednesday, 15 August  vs William Carey**

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William Carey Bumbera Street, Prestons

**Wednesday, 22 August  vs Wet Weather/Training**

First Annual Bike Day: Kindergarten - Year 5

The College will be working with Camden Council and Senior Constable Mark Scambary from Camden Local Area Command to conduct bicycle awareness at the College.

Date: Tuesday, 23 October 2012

Students are asked to bring their helmet and bicycle to the College to learn how to safely manage riding their bicycle.

The program will involve:
- a classroom session teaching safe practices and why wearing a helmet keeps you safe.
- an outdoor session involving an obstacle course and the maintenance involved in owning a bicycle.

If students do not have a bicycle, they will be able to participate in the classroom session and learn whilst watching other students go through the obstacle course.

College Uniform

**REMINDER**

Uniform with the incorrect wording on the logo (WORLD) must be swapped to the correct logo (WORTH) at Lowes Narellan.
Year 2 - Year 5 Athletics Carnival

Date: Friday, 3 August 2012
Venue: Campbelltown Athletics Stadium

To tie in with the London Olympics, students from O.P.A.C. competed in the Thomas Hassall Junior Athletics Carnival.

Our athletes held their own against our ‘Big Brother’ with a number of them winning events and as a result qualifying for the NASSA carnival on 4 September.

All of our students gave their best and had great fun doing so, representing themselves and the College well. A BIG congratulations to all of our competitors.

Some standout performances were made by:
Emily Buterin 10th 9yrs 100m; 10th 9yrs 200m
Gabrielle Coleman 4th 8yrs 100m; 6th 8yrs 200m
Claudia Howard Fastest 11yrs 100m qualifier; 3rd 11yrs 200m; 3rd 11yrs Shot Put; 4th 11yrs Javelin; 9th 11yrs Long Jump
April Huisman 8th 11yrs Discus
Christina Kumar 1st 9yrs Shot Put
Taylor Scott 3rd 10yrs Discus; 5th 10yrs High Jump
Victoria Shaw 1st 10yrs Long Jump; 6th 10 yrs Shot Put
Joey Beggs 1st 8yrs Shot Put ; 2nd 8yrs 100m; 2nd 8yrs 200m; 2nd 8yrs Long Jump; 3rd 8yrs High Jump; 6th 8yrs Discus; 6th 8-10yrs 800m
Jackson Langston 2nd 11yrs High Jump; 4th 11yrs Javelin; 7th 11yrs Long Jump; 10th 11yrs 100m
Baeley Recchia 3rd 10yrs 200m; 4th 10yrs 100m; 6th 10yrs Discus; 8th 10yrs Long Jump; 8th 10yrs Javelin
Matthew Squire 7th 10yrs Long Jump; 8th 10yrs Discus
Daniel Squire 6th 8yrs 200m; 7th 8yrs Javelin; 10th 8yrs 100m
Lochie Stewart 1st 8yrs Long Jump; 7th 8yrs 100m

Athletes who qualified for NASSA are:
Natasha Barlow Joey Beggs Emily Buterin Gabrielle Coleman
Jordan Fleming Claudia Howard Christina Kumar Jackson Langston
Baeley Recchia Taylor Scott Victoria Shaw
Daniel Squire Matthew Squire Lochie Stewart

Congratulations to all our athletes on ‘doing the College proud’.
Year 2 - Year 5 Athletics Carnival
Kindergarten - Year 5 Excursion

Date: Tuesday, 7 August 2012
Venue: The Australian Museum

Thank you to our parent helpers who took groups around on the day.

On the day I saw a cave and I saw a bear and I saw a dinosaur and I saw bones and I saw a submarine.

By Maddison P K12E

On the excursion I went with Hayley on the bus and my mum came with me. I saw Australian wild animals and they looked real. There were dinosaurs and I think they were real. I had a great time there and it was good.

By Sophie A K12E

On my excursion I saw dinosaur bones and a lot of movies about dinosaurs and what happened to them. My favourite part was on the bus. It was so cool that I had to sit and do nothing all day.

By Zac P K12E

On Tuesday, 7 August OPAC went to the Australian Museum in Sydney. At the start of the day all of OPAC got on a bus and drove into Sydney. After an hour we were there. First we had recess and then went to the theatre. There were 2 scientists in the theatre. We talked about Mars and the Rover that had just landed a couple of days ago. We started to discuss can a metal rod find water? I won a pencil! We discussed the topic can you see into the future?

By Alex P 345G

We went to the dinosaur exhibit. We saw many different bones and teeth along with fossils, computers where you could colour in a dinosaur, a wheel that tells you facts about dinosaurs and projectors that showed you where dinosaurs came from. I had an experience which was back 150 million years ago. I was a dinosaur and looked at what was around me, no people, only water, trees and food.

By Emily B 345G

We went to a bird and insect exhibit. There were spiders, butterflies, pelicans and all other different scary animals. After that there were two girls and a boy talking about DNA and we got to cut and dissect a strawberry. We got to hold its DNA. Next we walked over to the ‘Surviving Australia’ section where we got to touch an interactive board and if you touched it long enough, a huge shark would jump up and scare you. After a few minutes a crocodile would glide across the board.

By Jordan F 345G

We went to the interactive displays. We played for about an hour at all the activities. There was an electron ball where you had to pick up the staff with the metal ball on the end. The machine had a piece of rubber inside and it produced static electricity. If you touched the metal part it would zap you. If you touched someone whilst touching the ball it would zap him or her too. The electricity ran through you then through the other person and it really hurt. There was another stall where you rode an exercise bike to produce solar power.

By April H 345G
Kindergarten - Year 5 Excursion
2012 Dates For Your Diary

Term 3

Book Week/Book Fair
Tues, 21 - Fri, 24 August

Grandparent’s Day
Friday, 24 August

Prep StEPS Vision Screening
Wednesday, 29 August

Father’s and Literacy Morning
Grandfather’s welcome
Friday, 31 August
(9.00 am – 10.40 am)

Mufti Day
Monday, 17 September

Last Day of Term 3
Friday, 21 September

PLEASE NOTE:
Oran Park Family Service
No service in Terms 2 and 3

Important Sport Dates

Yrs 3-6

Term 3

NASSA Athletics Carnival
Tuesday, 4 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.

College Photos

Individual and family photos were handed out this week.

If you have any queries, please contact Don Wood Photography on 9150 9503.

If you would like extra copies of the Full College Photo, they are available for $12 at the College Office. You will be required to complete a photo envelope, payments can be made using cash or credit card.
Tuesday, 21 August - Friday, 24 August

**Parent/Student purchasing**
Tuesday - Thursday  
8.30 am - 9.30 am  
2.30 pm - 3.30 pm

**Grandparents Day purchasing**
Friday  
From 8.30 am - 1.00 pm

**Donations**
Students may wish to donate a library book to the College. A list of books will be available at the book fair.

**Payment Options**
Cash, Cheque (made payable to Oran Park Anglican College), Visa or Mastercard.

**Book Week Parade**
Students are encouraged to dress up as their favourite book character on Friday, 24 August 2012. Students may wear their outfit to and from the College.

**Colouring In Competition**
All students will have the opportunity to participate in the colouring in competition. Categories - Prep, K-1, 2-3, 4-5.

**Guessing Competition**
A gold coin donation per guess to go towards purchasing library books will be required at the guess how many lollies in the jar competition. The competition will commence on Tuesday at 8.30 am and finish on Friday at 9.30 am.
Attention all Grandparents and Grandfriends

You are invited to the First Annual Grandparents Day at Oran Park Anglican College on Friday, 24 August 2012.

8.50 am  Classroom Activities

9.45 am  Book Week Parade (please bring a chair to sit on)
          Parents welcome to attend the parade.
          Limbo Competition.
          Hula Hoop Competition.
          Announcement of Colouring Competition and Guessing Competition winners.

10.15 am Morning Tea provided by the College
          (for Students and Grandparents)

10.45 am Classroom Activities

12.30 pm Dismissal of Students and Grandparents
          (If your child is unable to be taken home, supervision will be provided until 3.20 pm)

Please RSVP to the College Office by Wednesday, 22 August 2012.

Please note: Students without a Grandparent attending will have the opportunity to spend time with our friends from Chesalon Retirement Village.
From the Parents’ & Friends’ Association

A big thank you to parents, students, teachers and friends who joined us at Camden Valley Inn for our first ever Christmas in July event. We have received lots of feedback regarding the event and the committee will take the opportunity to review the comments at our next meeting.

If you have any suggestions on a future event, venue or idea, please drop us an email at pandf@opac.nsw.edu.au

Business Advertising

We have received two requests from businesses to advertise in our newsletter. All money received from the advertising will go directly towards the All Weather Proof Structure Fund.

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

Father’s Day Stall

Our first Father’s Day event will be our Father’s Day Stall. Prep Students will have the opportunity to purchase gifts on Monday 27/8/12 followed by K-5 students on Wednesday 29/8/12. There will be over 200 gifts that students can purchase for their Dad, carer, grandpa, pop and/or uncle. The money raised from the stall will go directly towards the All Weather Proof Structure Fund.

Sausage Sizzle - Bunnings @ Narellan - Saturday 8 September 2012

We are looking for volunteers who can assist for a couple of hours on a roster basis with either cooking or serving at our Sausage Sizzle event. If you can assist in volunteering your time please contact us via our email address pandf@opac.nsw.edu.au or leave your contact details at the Front Office.

High Tea at Harrington Grove Country Club – 18 August 2012

Future fundraising events – Dates for your diary

A number of events have been confirmed:-

- High Tea at Harrington Grove Country Club
  Saturday, 18 August

- Father’s Day Stall Prep  Monday, 27 August
  K-5  Wednesday, 29 August

- Father’s Day Breakfast  Friday, 31 August

- Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings, Narellan  Saturday, 8 September

- Sausage Sizzle at Masters, Gregory Hills  Saturday, 27 October

- High Tea at Gledswood Homestead  Saturday, 24 November

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 Front Office nominating what event you can assist with.

Gifts for sale

Please note that there are a number of beautiful gifts from the Mother’s Day 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.
Oran Park Anglican College Parents’ & Friends’ Association cordially invites YOU AND YOUR GUESTS to:

HIGH TEA AT HARRINGTON GROVE COUNTRY CLUB

Saturday, 18 August 2012
Time: 1 pm—4 pm
Cost: $50 per head
($42 for high tea + $8 donation to the College)
Limited to 50 people

Join us for afternoon tea and support our College fundraising event

RSVP: Friday, 10 August 2012

Payments can be made to Mrs Corina Lynch

Please return this slip with your RSVP

Name: ___________________________ Contact no: ________________

No. of people attending: __________ $50 per person = $ _______ (total)
CASH PAYMENTS ONLY

RSVP not confirmed until full payment is received
FATHER’S DAY STALL
2012

Monday 27 August (Preps)
(from 2.30pm)
Wednesday 29 August (K-5)
(10am to 11am)

Looking for something special
for Dad, Pop, Grandpa or
Uncle?

Students will enjoy selecting
from over 200 fabulous gifts
from our
Father’s Day Stall.

Gifts prices from $2 to $20

Please bring a bag to carry and
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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.

TERM 2 2012 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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Join us for a presentation by Camden Council’s Local Studies Librarian including photographs, maps and oral histories showing the history of the area and ways for communities to build, develop and preserve their newly forming history.

**When:** 18th August, 2.30-3.30 pm  
**Where:** Community Room, Sales and Information Centre  
**RSVP:** To the Sales and Information Centre on 9043 7500  

Afternoon Tea will be provided.

For further information call Robin Hill on 0414 980 700.

**This is an event to launch the Oran Park Town Library Link Service**

Camden Council library books, CDs & DVDs can be returned via the Oran Park Town Sales & Information Centre. This service is a first in Camden and the first step of the development of Library Services at Oran Park Town.