Starting with a BANG!

As this is the first issue of ‘The Life’ for this term, let us welcome you all back to the final term of our inaugural year. We trust that your holiday period was relaxing and one in which much time was spent with family and friends. What a busy year it has been for Oran Park Anglican College and this term will prove to be no different.

We started our term of with a BANG by holding our first Open Day, and what a BANG it was! Pony rides, live entertainment, a free feed, jumping castle, as well as cup cakes and other various stalls. We had approximately two hundred people pass through our College with numerous expressions of interest for Year 7 2014 and many interested families in other grades. We would like to thank the staff for giving their time as well as the P&F and many parents who volunteered for the BBQ, cake stall and canteen. It would be remiss of us not to thank the students who performed and gave up their Saturday to help promote our College. Thank you and congratulations on a job well done. It was a wonderful day which showcased some of the wonderful opportunities that our College provides as well as our facilities both present and future.

We would like to welcome on staff Mrs Melinda Humphries, who has taken up the Learning Support teacher role for two days a week. This adds to the wonderful support each student is already receiving in the classroom. Mrs Humphries comes to us with a lot of experience and local knowledge. As she has already taught casual days at the College, the students know her well and she has slotted in to the daily routine seamlessly. We are blessed to have her and welcome her to the OPAC family.

It has been pleasing to see our students extend their boundaries and participate in activities that they may never had attempted before. One of which is the swimming classes that our infants are participating in. Some of our kindies have never swum before and it has been a delight to witness them overcoming their fears and extending their horizons. This is indeed a lesson for us all.

We look forward to our next exciting term together.

“For God did not give us a spirit of timidity but a spirit of power, of love and of self control.” 2 Timothy 1:7
Staff Profile

The College would like to welcome and introduce our newest staff member. Melinda has been employed as the Support Teacher, 2 days per week (Tuesday and Wednesday).

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Favourite Food: Thai

Favourite Modern Band: The McClymonts

Favourite Book: Elmer by David McKee

Favourite Sport: Watching Under 12's Cricket

Interests: My veggie patch, My family
**Sport: Prep**

Our Prep students enjoyed a wonderful time whilst participating in sport. Focus continues to be on gross motor development and hand/eye, foot/eye coordination.

**Sport: Kindergarten - Year 2**

K-2 have enjoyed their swimming this term. It has been a delight to see their smiling faces both in and out of the water. Water confidence is growing and capabilities are improving. We have also been learning about water safety, both in the pool and at the beach.

**Sport: Years 3 - 5**

**IPSSO Sport**

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Wednesday, 31 October vs St Mark’s College

**Rugby League**

The College would like to welcome our newest student, Luke Barlow in Year 5, who commenced in Term 4.

Luke has also been selected in the 2013 Penrith Panthers Under 12’s NRL Development Program which commences in November.

Congratulations Luke!
Bike Day

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

Date

Tuesday, 23 October 2012

Program

Session 1: Kindergarten - Year 2
11.15am – 11.30am       Education
11.30am – 11.50am       Bike and helmet check
11.50am – 12.50pm       Skills and practical session

Session 2: Year 3 - Year 5
1.30pm – 1.45pm          Education
1.45pm – 2.05pm          Bike and helmet check
2.05pm – 3.05pm          Skills and practical session

Uniform

All students are to wear sports uniform all day.

On your arrival at the College, students are to sensibly push their bike to the canteen area.

Kindergarten - Year 2 will neatly line their bikes up facing the wall closest to the canteen.

Year 3 - Year 5 will neatly line their bikes up on the opposite side of the canteen area.

Please keep your helmet with your bag.

NO HELMET - NO SKILLS AND PRACTICAL SESSION

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.

Parents are welcome to watch your child’s session.

Only O.P.A.C. students have permission to participate.

Fees

All families should have received their Term 4 invoice during the holiday period.

If you have not arranged a direct debit, full payment of fees was due by the end of Week 1, Term 4. If you haven’t already done so, could you please process payment as soon as possible.

Direct debit forms are available at the College Office.

Please contact the College Office if you have any questions.
**Open Day**

What a glorious day on Saturday at our First Annual Open Day. Hundreds of families walked through the gates and joined in the festivities, toured the College and watch performances.

Thank you to the following businesses for your support:

- Speciality Castles for providing our jumping castle - David - 0416 152 284
- Bambino’s Kindergarten for providing face painting.
- Oran Park Town and Fun Works for providing games.
- Roxanne Vitalone - Zumba - 0423 283 602
- PDS Martial Arts - 0414 478 383
- Australian Army Cadet Band Sydney - 0414 466 814

Thank you also to parents and friends who helped out on the day and made treats to sell at the cake stall.
Open Day
2012 Dates For Your Diary

**Term 4**

**Bike Day** (Kindergarten - Year 5)  
Tuesday, 23 October

See page 4 for details.

**Prep Excursion**  
Wednesday, 24 October

Time  9.30 am - 2.30 pm  
Venue  Calmsley Hill City Farm

Students must wear their summer uniform including hat.

Please return permission notes to Mrs Finlay.

**Orientation Day**  
Monday, 29 October

9.15 am - 10.30 am  Prep 2013  
11.00 am - 12.15 pm Kindergarten 2013 (including Prep 2012)  
1.00 pm - 2.15 pm Year 1 - Year 6 New Students 2013

**Mid-Term Break - Students (Staff PD)**  
Monday, 12 November

**Parent Helper Afternoon Tea**  
Friday, 23 November

Time  2.30 pm  
Venue  Oran Park Anglican College

Please RSVP to the College Office by Wednesday, 21 November

**OPAC Family Service** (Date Change)  
Sunday, 25 November

Time  4.00 pm  
Venue  Oran Park Anglican College

NewLife Anglican Church will be supplying a BBQ at the end of the service.

OPAC P&F will be selling drinks.

**Celebration Assembly**  
Tuesday, 4 December

Time  5 pm - 6.30 pm  
Venue  Camden Lakeside Country Club

Students must wear full summer uniform. No hat or jumper required.

**Last Day of Term 4 and Mufti Day**  
Thursday, 6 December

Gold coin donation.
## 2013 TERM DATES

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**Toys ‘n’ Tucker**

A pamphlet has been handed out to students regarding the Toys ‘n’ Tucker Program. The College will be collecting on behalf of Anglicare.

If you would like to contribute, please have food and gifts to the College Office by 4 pm on Tuesday, 4 December 2012.

Monetary contributions can also be donated. Envelopes are available at the College Office.
Parents’ & Friends’ Association

Meetings will be held on the first Thursday of the month.

Next Meeting:
Thursday, 11 Oct
7.00 pm
Everyone welcome.

P&F Email Contact

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

Gifts for sale

Please note that there are a number of beautiful gifts from the Mother’s and Father’s Day Stalls 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 $20.

From the Parents’ & Friends’ Association

Open Day - Saturday, 13 October 2012

A big thank you to the P&F members involved in setting up, cooking, managing the canteen and selling the wonderful array of donated cakes, toffees and treats at the Open Day.

Sausage Sizzle – Masters @ Gregory Hills – Saturday, 27 October

Volunteers are required to assist with cooking and serving the BBQ and selling drinks. Shifts: 9.00 am - 11.30 am 11.30 am - 2.00 pm 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm

If you can spare a few hours to assist on either day, please let the College Office know of your preferred timeslot.

P&F Meeting – Last one for 2012 – Thursday 8 November 2012 – 7pm

The last meeting for 2012 will be held in the OPAC Staffroom on 8 November 2012 at 7 pm. If you are interested in finding out what we are planning, please join us for our final meeting. The P&F welcomes new members. Your involvement whether it is big or small plays a big part in our school community with our students benefiting from your contribution. Any ideas you might have for an event or fundraiser, give feedback or make a suggestion, please email us at pandf@opac.nsw.edu.au

High Tea – Gledswood Homestead – Saturday 24 November 2012

A High Tea Fundraising Event will be held at Gledswood Homestead on Saturday, 24 November 2012 between 1.00 pm - 3.00 pm. Tickets are priced at $45 per person with $6 of every ticket sale going directly towards our All Weather Proof Structure Fund. Get in quick, as numbers are limited. RSVP with payment before Friday, 9 November 2012

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 GLEDSWOOD 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.
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Angela 0413 208 766
Jody 0431 063 581

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Oran Park Town Art and Craft Market

Date  Saturday, 24 November 2012
Where  Oran Park Town

If you live or work in Oran Park Town, the Christmas Art & Craft Market is designed to promote the creative skills of local people, enable them to earn some money for Christmas & provide an opportunity for people to pick up some unique presents.

The organisers need to receive Expressions of Interest by Friday, 26 October 2012. If you would like to register your interest, please provide your contact details, details on the goods to be sold (what, how many, materials used), who made them & where. OPT will provide tables & chairs for each stall at no cost.

For further information, please contact Jo Roccisano on 0400 743 779 & EOIs can be emailed to jroccisano@oranparktown.com.au.

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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.

2012 ADVERTISING RATES

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

**SILVER (ONE OFF ADVERTISING)** $40*
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Fortnightly throughout the College term

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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.
NOW OPEN FOR DINNER

Join us for Dinner Friday and Saturday nights from 5:30pm starting Friday 2nd November!

All November bookings receive a FREE bottle of house wine!!

BOOK NOW!!

Unit 2 No. 5
Cnr. Peter Brock dr. & Oran Park dr.
Oran Park 2570