Prayer Points
Praise for
• The fun had on Bike Day.
• The safety and fun had on the Prep excursion.
• A successful BBQ at Masters.
• The new families coming to the College in 2013.

Prayer for
• Energy for staff and students as we come to the end of the year.
• All end of year functions, may the planning run smoothly.
• New Life Anglican Church, may the community be blessed by Pastor Stuart Starr and his team.

Spring – the time of growth!
How beautiful it is to look around and see the beauty and colour of God’s wonderful creation. It definitely gives us the opportunity to thank and praise the Lord for his abundant creation. Spring is definitely a time of growth and development and it continues to be so at Oran Park Anglican College.

Growth has continued in a number of ways at OPAC this term. We continue to grow steadily in numbers. We warmly welcome two more students to the OPAC family and on Monday, 29 October the College held our first Orientation Day. It was a delight to see those students who will be joining us next year mix easily with current students and the way in which current students welcomed them into our College. It is a true blessing that we will more than double our numbers in one year and displays the fantastic growth that is happening at OPAC.

It was also wonderful to watch the students participate in our very first Bike Day. Having the playground turned into a number of roadways, including a pedestrian crossing was wonderful, although, some of the students still require a little practice at road awareness, as Mr Beggs was nearly cleaned up crossing the crossing! Students even went ‘off road’ and enjoyed the activities that were set up on the grass. A big thank you to Michelle from Camden Council and Senior Constable Mark Scambary for running this enjoyable day.

Congratulations must go to the P & F for their fantastic support of our College. On Saturday, 27 October the P & F held its sausage sizzle at Masters in Gregory Hills. They raised over $700 to go toward a shade structure on the OPAC campus. A big THANK YOU to those parents and students who helped in this regard.

Planning and preparation for the future of our College continues to be in the forefront of our thinking. With that in mind, a lot has taken place over the last two terms. Please persist in prayer for the development of OPAC and for decisions that need to be made. As we continue to strive for growth and look out over the ever changing scenery here at Oran Park it important to be thankful for what we already have. The Lord has already blessed us and we know He will continue to do so as we attempt to follow His will here at OPAC.

Looking forward to finishing our first year strongly.

So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. Colossians 2:6-7

Mr Ross Whelan  Mr Jonathan Beggs
College Principal  Campus Coordinator
Sport: Prep

Prep continue to develop their gross motor skills. They have worked hard at hand-eye and hand-foot coordination. Visits to the oval have also been fun.

Sport: Kindergarten - Year 2

Swimming is the glavour of the month. K-2 continue to enjoy their 45 minute lessons on stroke development as well as water safety. It is amazing to see the development of ability in such a small amount of time.

Sport: Years 3 - 5

IPSSO Sport
Wednesday, 7 November vs William Carey Christian School

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William Carey Christian School
Edwin Wheeler Oval

Wednesday, 14 November vs Georges River Grammar School

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**Bike Day**

**Date**  
Tuesday, 23 October 2012

A huge THANK YOU to Michelle Kramer from the Camden Council and Senior Constable Mark Scambary from Camden Local Area Command who conducted bicycle awareness at the College.

The College looks forward to making this an annual program.
Prep Excursion

Date       Wednesday, 10 October 2012
Venue      Calmsley Hill City Farm
In the classroom with Mrs Humphreys

In learning support we have been working hard polishing our literacy and numeracy skills.

Kindergarten and Year 1 have been practising recognising short vowel sounds that help us sound out our words while writing.

We have been recognising rhyming words and listening to blend sounds at the beginning of words.

We are working towards publishing our own version of "The ginger-bread man".

In numeracy we have been learning to recognise numbers to 20 as a numeral, a word and how that is represented in objects.

Year 2 have been working with short and long vowel sounds and have discovered when writing words that we can have different ways of writing our long vowel sounds. We have been blending sounds at the beginning of words and working at building word families.

We have been looking at exposition texts that persuade the reader to agree with our point of view. We found lots of good reasons "why children should eat ice cream!".

In Years 3/4/5 we have been focussing on making our writing interesting by adding adjectives to describe our nouns. We have written fabulously interesting sentences to describe all sorts of things!

We are working at learning strategies for spelling unknown words.

K-5 Dairy Farm Excursion

Date Tuesday, 13 November 2012
Venue Leppington Pastoral Company Dairy Farm

A permission note was emailed out on Friday. If you did not receive the email, please contact the College Office.

Merit Certificates

If your child has received a merit certificate, could you please send all awards back to the class teacher as we would like to keep a record on our database.

Principal’s Awards

Congratulations to the following students for receiving Principal’s Award at the College assembly on Friday, 2 November 2012.

Baeley Recchia, Year 4
Christina Kumar, Year 4
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.
A word from Pastor Stuart Starr

Coming up at NewLife Anglican Church.....
Volunteer Helpers Afternoon Tea

Date       Monday, 19 November 2012
Time       2.30 pm
Venue      Oran Park Anglican College

If you have helped out at the College in anyway (excursions, in the classroom, at events etc) we would like to say 'Thank you' with a delicious afternoon tea.

Babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers are welcome.

Please RSVP to the College Office by Wednesday, 21 November.
**Prep - Year 5 Assembly**

Parents are invited to attend the College weekly assembly held on Fridays at 2.30 pm.

Parents are asked to sign in and out at the classroom.

**Student Banking**

Banking day is Monday.

**Scholastic Bookclub**

Issue 7 have been handed out.

Issue 8 will be handed out in Week 6.

If you have any queries, please contact the Office.

**Entering and Exiting the College Office**

Due to privacy reasons, only students and staff members may enter and exit the Office using the back door.

Parents/Carers must only use the front door.

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**2012 Dates For Your Diary**

**Term 4**

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

**Parent Helper Afternoon Tea (Date Change)** Monday, 19 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 5.00 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.

**OPT Carols** Saturday, 22 December

**Orientation Day**

On Monday, 29 October the College welcomed 38 new students to the College for their Orientation Day.

Our aim was to introduce the students and their family to the teachers, their classroom and other students so they can feel more comfortable about their change next year.

If anyone has any questions, please don’t hesitate to the College Office.
From the Parents’ & Friends’ Association

**P&F Meeting – Last one for 2012 – Thursday, 8 November 2012**
The last meeting for 2012 will be held in the OPAC Staffroom on 8 November 2012 at 7pm. 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.**

**Sausage Sizzle – Masters @ Gregory Hills - Update**
A big thank you to the volunteers involved in planning, setting up, cooking and selling at our second sausage sizzle event held on Saturday, 27 October. We were fortunate to have another wonderful sunny day. The P&F is very thankful for the numerous donations made by the business community with sausages, bread rolls, onions and drinks which reduced our costs. The P&F is proud to announce that we made another fantastic profit of $733.85 to go directly to the All Weather Proof Structure Fund.

**Open Day – More money raised $582.95**
The P&F is pleased to announce that as a result of sales from drinks and the cake stall as well as gold coin donations, we raised $582.95. A wonderful effort for the first Open Day event.

**Business Advertising**
So far the P&F has raised $900 through business advertising using the College Newsletter. If you have a business or know of a business you have used who might be interested in advertising, please contact us at pandf@opac.nsw.edu.au. We have affordable packages available to suit and all money goes directly to the All Weather Proof Structure Fund.

**Drinks for sale**
The P&F have left over cases of 24 drinks. Coke, Coke Zero, Sprite and Lift. If you would like to purchase a slab for $20, please contact the College Office.

**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.

Please return this slip with your RSVP

Name:________________________ Contact no: _____________

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

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RSVP not confirmed until full payment is received
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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.

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

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