Finish Strongly!

Who could have imagined how quickly this year has gone. Just over two weeks to go until the end of our foundation year. It has been a busy year and it would be easy to become complacent and indeed satisfied with what we have done this year. Mr Beggs, however, has spoken several times during assemblies about finishing the year strongly! This is the perfect opportunity to expand on that.

One of our favourite films is “Chariots of Fire”. The story of Eric Liddell, a devout Christian and sportsman, who refused to race in the 100 metres at the 1924 Olympic Games because the heats were being held on Sunday. A certain scene from the movie depicted Eric racing a 400 metre race against men from his Scotland and France in an international meet. Eric got knocked over about 100 metres into the race and fell far behind. For most, that would be the end of the race, but not Eric. He got up, chased them down and in the final straight caught the leader and won the race! What a fantastic image! That is the true picture of “finishing strongly!” Using the gifts that God has given us and seeing the race through to the end with every ounce of strength we can muster. To continue to meet the expectations set here at OPAC. To continue to RESPECT each other, staff and other’s property. To continue to strive to do our best in all that we do and to finish the Year strongly.

There are many lessons that this movie offers. In the talk given by Eric after a carnival, he says: ‘You came to see a race today. To see someone win. It happened to be me. But I want you to do more than just watch a race. I want you to take part in it. I want to compare faith to running in a race. It's hard. It requires concentration of will, energy of soul. You experience elation when the winner breaks the tape - especially if you've got a bet on it. But how long does that last? You go home. Maybe your dinner’s burnt. Maybe you haven't got a job. So who am I to say, "Believe, have faith," in the face of life's realities? I would like to give you something more permanent, but I can only point the way. I have no formula for winning the race. Everyone runs in her own way, or his own way. And where does the power come from, to see the race to its end? From within. Jesus said, "Behold, the Kingdom of God is within you. If with all your hearts, you truly seek me, you shall ever surely find me." If you commit yourself to the love of Christ, then that is how you run a straight race.’

At Oran Park Anglican let’s be encouraged to finish our foundation year strongly through the power given to us by Christ Jesus.

However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God’s grace. Acts 20:24

Prayer Points

Praise for
• Fun and safety at the dairy farm.
• The P&F and their efforts in 2013.
• Outstanding professional development courses for staff to attend.

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.
• Great weather at the Oran Park Town Carols.
Sport: Prep

During Week 5 we had the opportunity to go over to Wayne Gardner Reserve for our sport. We ran into a gentleman throwing a ball for his dog, Susie. We took turns throwing the ball for Susie. We also continued to develop our foot-eye coordination by kicking a ball around the field.

Sport: Kindergarten - Year 2

We continue to develop our swimming ability. We are really enjoying our lessons on a Thursday and splashing Mr Beggs when we can.

Sport: Years 3 - 5

IPSSO Sport

- Wednesday, 21 November: Finals Day at Macarthur Anglican School
- Wednesday, 28 November: Backup Finals Day
- Wednesday, 5 December: Inflatable obstacle course at OPAC
K-5 Dairy Farm Excursion

Date       Tuesday, 13 November 2012
Venue      Leppington Pastoral Company Dairy Farm
In the classroom with Prep

We have been having a great time in Prep this term. The students have enjoyed art and craft activities such as printing with coke bottles to make spring flowers, decorating tea pots and cutting tigers.

Prep have also enjoyed learning yoga after Miss McGlinn taught them some basic poses. We have been refining our yoga by watching a DVD which has seen us learn lots of new moves.

Friday students have been really interested in measurement. They have spent a lot of time using themselves to measure height and length of towers and walls. We are now looking forward to starting our Christmas crafts and end of year activities.
In the classroom with K-1-2E

We have been looking at how Ancient Egyptians were different to us.

One detail we thought was really interesting was mummification.

Miss Edwards helped us make our own mummies and we found out that it takes a really long time!

Lucky we don’t live in Ancient Egypt because it would have taken us about 70 days to finish it there.
In the classroom with Mrs Humphreys

A number of our students have been working hard in the MultiLit reading program. This comprehensive program has been developed by Macquarie University over a number of years and has proven effective in "m"aking "u"p "l"ost "t"ime "i"n "lit"eracy.

Each session involves students working through lists of sight words, practising word attack skills and then putting these skills together during a guided reading session. Each student works through the levels at their own pace, working on accuracy and fluency before progressing. This program helps to systematically lay strong foundations for success in literacy!

Staff Professional Development

The College is committed to quality education. Staff at the College attend professional development throughout the year to maintain this commitment. Staff members have recently attended the following inservices:

Mrs Grant  Leading whole school student and school wellbeing
            Open Classroom Learning
            English Syllabus Familiarisation: K-6 Classroom Teachers

Miss Edwards  Live Life Well @ School

Mrs Finlay  PreLit Reading Tutor Program

Mrs Humphreys  MultiLit Reading Tutor Program

In the upcoming weeks, the following inservices will also be attended:

Mr Beggs  Work, Health & Safety Consultation Training
            Planning for Implementation of the Australian Curriculum in NSW

Mrs Lynch  Work, Health & Safety Consultation Training

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. We will then return them to you.
**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.

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**Toys ‘n’ Tucker 2012**

**Week 1 - Toys ‘n’ Tucker**

The warehouse are getting ready for the first week of packing. They’d love you to purchase the following items, which are currently running low:

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We know this is going to be a great year and we appreciate your help in partnering with us to ‘Share the Joy’ with many families this Christmas.

www.toysntucker.org.au
Rev Starr’s 2c

One of my joys is to join the College for assembly on a Friday afternoon. As he gets up to speak with the kids, Mr Beggs asks the children what time it is and they all cheerfully respond, “You’re favourite time of the week”. I’m exactly the same and not just because I’m a proud dad and love seeing my little girl sitting in the front row.

The other reason, I enjoy Friday afternoons so much because I have the chance to talk to the girls and boys from the Bible. I’m constantly amazed at the way the students are remembering what we’ve been discussing each week. You might even like to show them the pictures below and see what they can tell you about God’s plan as we’ve been working through it for this second half of the year.

![Bible Overview](image)

In the New Year I will be offering an evening for parents who’d like to find out what I’ve been teaching the kids, what the plan is for 2013 and how the whole message fits together. Of course, you’re more than welcome to come along to the assembly and you can see it all first hand for yourself.

Whilst we’re thinking about next year I’d also like to sound out the interest for a monthly prayer morning where we’d bring the teachers, students and needs of the College before God and ask His help and support. Please do drop me a note if you’d be interested.
(stuart@newlifeanglican.org.au)

Hope to see you on a Friday soon,
Stuart

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Matthew Payne
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**2012 Regular Services**
Sundays 3 pm - 5 pm
Oran Park Anglican College
Coming up at NewLife Anglican Church

November 11:
10am at Oran Park Anglican College - join us on Sunday morning for church.

December 9:
Oran Park Community Carols at 10am at Oran Park Anglican College.

December 25:
you're invited to the family Christmas service at 9am at Oran Park Anglican College.

December 22:
BBQ Picnic Carols from 5pm at Wayne Gardner Reserve.

January 20, 2013:
Launch Sunday! first weekly Sunday service at 10am at Oran Park Anglican College.

NewLife anglican.org.au
2012 Dates For Your Diary

Term 4

Parent Helper Afternoon Tea  
Monday, 19 November

Time  2.30 pm
Venue  Oran Park Anglican College

OPAC Family Service  
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

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)

OPT Carols  
Saturday, 22 December

Time  5.00 pm
Venue  Wayne Gardiner Reserve

2013 Dates For Your Diary

Term 1

Year 1-Year 6 Commence  
Wednesday, 20 January

Kindergarten Commence  
Thursday, 31 January

Prep Commence  
Monday, 4 February

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 8 has been handed out.

Please return to the Office by Wednesday, 28 November.

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.

Banking day is

Term 1

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Wednesday, 20 January

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Prep Commence  
Monday, 4 February
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 Friday, 16 November 2012.
From the Parents’ & Friends’ Association

Final P&F Meeting for 2012
Our final P&F meeting for 2012 was held on Thursday, 8 November 2012. It was a great opportunity to reflect on all the opportunities that we had to raise funds for the College. The P&F has achieved a lot in its first year of operation and we are looking forward to an exciting and profitable 2013.

A thank you to our office bearers for 2012, in particular, Stuart Starr as President, Jono Squire as Vice President, Karen Clarke as Treasurer and Leisa Palmer as Secretary. A thank you is also extended to our current P&F committee members and to Mr Beggs for his ongoing support.

The P&F would also like to take the opportunity to those who volunteered their time to all our fundraising activities in 2012, including the Camden Show, Mother’s Day and Father’s Day Stalls, Bunnings & Masters Sausage Sizzle and the OPAC Open Day. Your support made each event worthwhile and brought our school community closer together.

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 1.00pm - 3.00 pm. $6 from the sale of each ticket sale will going directly towards our All Weather Proof Structure Fund.

Foundation Year Commemorative Tea Towels
The students have been busily designing a unique commemorate tea towel in the last few weeks of Term 4 to celebrate our foundation year. This is a perfect gift or keepsake of the student’s artwork. The tea towels are of high quality and will be a collector’s item. The tea towels are due back from the supplier by the end of term.

The profit raised through the sale of the tea towels will go directly to the All Weather Proof Structure Fund. This is a great opportunity to purchase a gift or keepsake and help raise funds for the College. Prices are as follows: $15 for 1, $25 for 2, $37.50 for 3. Each additional tea towel will be $12.50 if you require more than 3. Maximum 5 per family. A flyer is attached for you to order the commemorative tea towels.

P&F Annual General Meeting – 7 February 2013 – 7pm – OPAC Staffroom
The P&F Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday, 7 February 2013 at 7pm in the OPAC Staffroom. The positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary will be available for those interested in nominating themselves for a position.

If you are interested in finding out more about the P&F or interested in holding a position or joining the Committee, please join us at the AGM. The P&F is keen to build on existing committee numbers. 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 for 2013, give feedback or make a suggestion, please email us at pandf@opac.nsw.edu.au
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)

CASH PAYMENTS ONLY

RSVP not confirmed until full payment is received
Foundation Year Commemorative Tea Towels

Own a piece of Oran Park Anglican College history with a uniquely designed tea towel. The students of OPAC have been busily designing a unique commemorate tea towel in the last few weeks of Term 4, 2012 to celebrate our foundation year.

This unique tea towel contains pictures drawn by all College students in our foundation year. The pictures will be arranged into one commemorative design and will be screen printed in red onto high quality white tea towels.

This wonderful project was chosen because it involves our students and produces a fabulous memento of student’s artwork and a meaningful gift for parents, relatives and special friends of our community. The tea towels look amazing, are so easy to post and make a fabulous reminder of the College’s first year.

The profits raised through the sale of the tea towels will go directly to the All Weather Proof Structure Fund. This is a great opportunity to purchase a unique gift or keepsake and help raise funds for the College.

Prices are as follows: $15 for 1 $25 for 2 $37.50 for 3. Each additional tea towel will be $12.50 if you require more than 3 (maximum 5 per family).

Payment can be given to Mrs Lynch at the College Office with your order form by Tuesday, 20 November 2012.

Acceptable methods of payment: Cash or cheque payable to Oran Park Anglican College P&F.

COMMEMORATIVE TEA TOWEL ORDER FORM

Tea Towels are $15 for 1, $25 for 2, $37.50 for 3 and $12.50 thereafter (maximum 5 per family).

Student Name: ____________________________________________ Class: ______________

Contact Name: ___________________________________________

Phone: ______________

Number of tea towels you would like to order: ___________ Amount enclosed: ______________

Please return to the College office by Tuesday 20/11/12
Community and Business Advertising

FIT FOR THE SCHOOL PLAYGROUND

With a shoe expertly fitted by one of The Athlete’s Foot Fit Technicians, your child will have the right support for all of the school activities and sports they take part in every day. The Athlete’s Foot stock a range of Ascent and Clarks school shoes to ensure there are options for everyone.

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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

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.
Design! Draw! Photograph!

Christmas Competition!

The Oran Park Town Community Development Program is holding a Christmas Competition just for Residents. The winners will receive a prize pack with items personally customised with their artwork!

A panel of Judges will be looking for artwork that captures the ‘Oran Park Town Community, Christmas spirit’ in a creative way. Multiple winners may be selected at the Judges discretion. Artwork can be colour or black and white. Artwork may be a digital / freehand drawing or photograph. The competition is open to all ages so we encourage everyone to enter!

All entries must be submitted digitally via email or CD ROM as a high resolution Jpeg, Tiff or EPS file. The maximum file size should not exceed 5 megabytes and have a minimum resolution of 300dpi.

How to enter... When you have completed your masterpiece, jump online and complete an entry form. All entries must be submitted digitally via email or CD ROM. The entry form outlines all the terms and conditions as well as how to submit your artwork.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/OPTChristmasComp

The winners... will be announced in December. Stay tuned!

If you have any questions, please contact:
Mel Frank - Community Facilitator
mfrank@oranparktown.com.au

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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!!

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