Onward and Upward

Well, it has come! The final edition of ‘The Life’ for the year. A credit to all the students from Oran Park Anglican as they have truly finished our foundation year strongly. The effort and drive of our students is present for all to see.

Over the past two weeks we have had the opportunity to be thankful. We were able to thank our parent and volunteer helpers with a delicious afternoon tea put on by staff. We were able to thank the staff with a dinner and joyous night out. Most importantly we were able to thank our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, for the many blessings we have received here at Oran Park Anglican. Baeley Recchia’s prayer at our Family Service said it all and we should be continually grateful for all that we have, and will continue to, receive.

It’s with a great deal of excitement that we announce the beginning of Year 7 in 2014. This will mean our current Year 5 students will proceed into our first Year 7 grade in 2014. Already we know of some 40 other students who wish to join them. Please pass on this news to your friends and neighbours and encourage them to visit the website for enrolment application forms.

We would like to take this opportunity to express our thanks to you, the Oran Park Anglican College parents and students (the OPAC Community) for your commitment to our College throughout our foundation year. It has been a wonderfully exciting and very busy year. Full of fantastic learning opportunities and experiences. So Thank You. One such opportunity was K-5’s recent visit to Chesalon, where we established a garden for them. This was a wonderful time and all of the students, along with some of the staff, enjoyed the opportunity to get their hands dirty!

As our foundation year finishes, planning has already been underway for our second year. We move to a whole Junior College, Prep – Year 6, and with that comes further growth. We have two new staff members beginning next year, Mrs Rebecca Worthington and Mrs Ainsley Blake. We welcome them to the College family and know that they bring with them a wealth of experience and enthusiasm to our teaching staff. Plans are underway for the implementation of new programs such as Live Life Well @ School and the introduction of perapetetic musical lessons. We are also preparing for the implementation of the Australian Curriculum for English in 2014.

Definitely ‘Onward and Upward’ at Oran Park Anglican College.

Let us take this opportunity to wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Please keep in mind that “He, Christ, is the reason for the season!”

9 An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 10 But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. 11 Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. Luke 2: 9-11

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

We again had the opportunity to go over to Wayne Gardner Reserve for our sport. We continued to develop our foot-eye coordination by kicking a ball around the field.

Sport: Kindergarten - Year 2

Wednesday, 5 December  Inflatable obstacle course at OPAC

It was our last lesson at swimming this week and we had lots of fun playing games including noodle races and jumping off the flat water bed.

Congratulations to Adrian and Sophie for being our noodle king and queen in 2012.

Sport: Years 3 - 5

Wednesday, 5 December  Inflatable obstacle course at OPAC

IPPSO Finals

Congratulations to all students who completed in the IPSSO Finals and won.

OzTag    Christina Kumar
         Baeley Recchia
         Gabrielle Coleman

Basketball   Emily Buterin
           Angus Geoghegan

Parramatta Junior Oz Tag

Congratulations to Baeley Recchia for being selected for the Under 11’s State Cup Junior Oz Tag Team which will be played at Fairy Meadow, Wollongong on 8-10 February 2013.
**Parent Helper Afternoon Tea**

Date: Monday, 19 November

Thank you to all our wonderful parent helpers over this past year.

Whether you were able to help once or every week, you are very much appreciated.

We look forward to working with you for many more years to come.

**2013 Parent Helpers**

If you are available to help in the classroom in 2013, documentation must be completed before entering the classroom even if you have completed forms in 2012.

Please see the College Office in the new year for information.
**Chesalon Garden**

Date: Wednesday, 28 November 2012

On Wednesday, the College was invited to plant a garden at Chesalon Retirement Village just across the oval.

Students…..

Thank you to Chesalon for donating gardening gloves and hand spades to the College. Miss Edwards is looking forward to starting her vegetable garden next year.
In the classroom with 3-4-5G

In Year 3/4/5G this week we have been practising for our Public Speaking Night and for the Christmas Nativity concert. On the Public Speaking Night, several students will present speeches they have written and all students will be performing in the drama ‘Sleeping Ugly’, which is a parody of a fairy tale involving a sleeping princess, a frog and a prince!

This semester in Science we have been studying ‘Light’ and the way the eye works. We made pinhole cameras and looked at the way animals camouflage themselves. We have been amazed at how animals can change colour to suit their environments. In Maths we have been measuring and weighing objects and learning how to choose the correct tools.
In the classroom with Mrs Humphreys

So holidays are coming and a break from the normal routines. It doesn't mean however that our brains have to stop functioning as well. Here are a few tips to keep your little ones brains ticking over in the school holidays.....

* Keep a diary of a special holiday  
* Write an email or even a handwritten letter to a friend.  
* Look for particular items in the supermarket that are more expensive, less expensive. For our 3/4/5's, figure out the price per 100g  
* Ask you child to tell you how much change you should receive at the shops.  
* What coins could make up particular amounts?  
* Why not make a pretend supermarket at home out of old cartons and packets. Keep those prices low to keep your customers happy!  
* Play old fashioned board games, great for turn taking, strategy and all sorts of social skills  
* For our little ones, get out the play dough - this is great for fine motor development (even the big kids usually like to play with it too!!)  
* Use junk materials eg old boxes, cartons, plastic cups etc to make a junk creation. Be creative!  
* Read signs along the road, on shops or restaurants  
* Use a map to follow a trip you are taking  
* Make your own map  
* Take photos of a special outing. When you get home sequence them in order and write a caption under each  
* Do some cooking, reading and following instructions is a great skill to develop

The possibilities are endless - use the internet for other great ideas.....www.lifehack.org has an article called 19 Awesome Ideas for Keeping Kids Busy Over the Holidays. There's millions more!!

Farewell to Miss McGlinn

It is with great sadness that we confirm that Miss McGlinn will be leaving the College at the end of the term. Miss McGlinn has been a smiling face around the College all year, helping in the classrooms.

Miss McGlinn will continue to work at Thomas Hassall in her role as Teacher’s Aide and continue to study for her Teaching degree.

Miss McGlinn, you will be missed.
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.

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:

**Gifts**

- Cosmetic packs for teen girls
- Retail gift cards
- Sports Equipment
- Movie Vouchers

**Food**

- Long-life Christmas Custard
- Small boxes of shortbread (or Christmas Cookies)
- Christmas Pudding
- Small packets of Christmas lollies (not Chocolate)

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](http://www.toysntucker.org.au)
Names are important. Everyone’s got one. Almost every one of them has a meaning - either in the word itself or to the person who placed that name upon their child. On Sunday at the end of term service we heard kids share names that meant, “beautiful”, “saviour of mankind”, “usurper”(!) and “the Lord’s servant”. My own name is a bit more plain in that department. Stuart simply means “steward” or servant. I guess the ‘Starr’ at the end redeems it!

When it comes to Christmas there are three names and three meanings that are worth reflecting on. Take a look at this picture:
Coming up at

NewLife
anglican church

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

**December 9**
10am
Oran Park Anglican College

**December 25**
9am
Oran Park Anglican College
you're invited
family Christmas service

**December 22**
from 5pm
Wayne Gardner Reserve
BBQ Picnic Carols
Family fun

**January 20, 2013**
10am
Oran Park Anglican College
Launch Sunday!
first weekly Sunday service
**2012 Dates For Your Diary**

**Term 4**

**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 Gardner Reserve

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**2013 Dates For Your Diary**

**Term 1**

**Year 1-Year 6 Commence Correction**

Wednesday, 30 January

**Kindergarten Commence**

Thursday, 31 January

**Prep Commence**

Monday, 4 February

**Bambino’s Vacation Care**

Bambino’s will be running a vacation care program for students.

**Date**

Friday, 7 December 2012 – Friday, 21 December 2012.

**Location**

OHSC, Glenrowan Drive, Harrington Park.

**Time**

7.00 am – 6.00pm

**Cost**

$48 per day – attracts CCB and CCR

All meals included. Special diets can be accommodated.

Please contact Kelly Gee for more information or forms can be attained at the College Office.

**Phone** 4647 8932

**Email** kelly.g@bambinoskindergarten.com.au
Parents’ & Friends’ Association
Meetings will be held on the first Thursday of the month.
Next Meeting: Thursday, 7 Feb
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
Do you need to buy a gift for Christmas or for a Special Event?

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

The P&F is pleased to announce our fundraising tally to date is $6,973.40.

This represents a tremendous effort by the Committee in organising a number of fundraising events. We thank the parents and their families who have supported these events that were held in our inaugural year.

We are looking forward to an exciting and successful 2013 with the P&F already planning various events for next year. These will include Mother’s Day and Father’s Day Stalls, Bunnings Sausage Sizzles, Slice and Chocolate Drives and Christmas in July event, just to name a few. We look forward to your support in 2013 and joining with us as we work towards raising funds for the All Weather Proof Structure.

High Tea – Gledswood Homestead – Saturday, 24 November 2012
A High Tea Fundraising Event was held at Gledswood Homestead on Saturday, 24 November 2012. It was a beautiful sunny afternoon, with wonderful company sharing a lovely selection of sweet and savoury treats and chatting over a cup of tea or two.

Family Service – Sunday 25 November 2012
In conjunction with the BBQ provided by New Life Anglican Church, the P&F sold various drinks from the Canteen. The P&F raised $100 which will go towards our fundraising goal.

Foundation Year Commemorative Tea Towels
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 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. Please see Mrs Lynch to place your order.

P&F Annual General Meeting – 7 February 2013 – 7 pm – 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
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.

Please return to the College office by Tuesday 20/11/12

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: ______________
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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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