From the Principal and Campus Coordinator

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

A number of College events have taken place recently and will be covered in detail in the next few pages. We would like to give special mention to our excursion to Taronga Zoo. This involved all students and staff from Prep through to Year 6. What a fantastic excursion! We enjoyed the ferry ride from Circular Quay and the fun of walking around the Zoo taking in the different wildlife. Experiencing the Backyard Buddies and the Wet ‘n’ Wild workshops gave us a better understanding of ecosystems and habitats of Australian wildlife. Many thanks to the staff who organised the excursion and the parents who assisted on the day.

As we continue to prepare for next year, our Prep – Year 6 Orientation Day is fast approaching. We look forward to welcoming new students and families to our College and anticipate an informative and exciting day on 28 October where new friends are bound to be made.

November will witness some more firsts for the College. Stage 3 will attend an overnight camp to Wedderburn on 8 & 9 November. This will become an important part of the annual outdoor education program planned for the College and both students and staff are looking forward this camp with great anticipation. K-6 will be participating in a disco on 14 November with a special guest DJ (who has received recognition throughout the state for her talent!) This also promises to be a fun filled event and one not to miss!

You will have noticed the building work taking place on the north eastern corner of the current College site in preparation of our Year 7 classes next year. I’m sure we will all watch with great interest as these classrooms and facilities take shape in the coming months. Our Stage 2 permanent building begins early in 2014.

Praise God for his blessing and provision for our College. Enjoy Term 4. “Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.” Proverbs 3: 5-6

Mr Ross Whelan
Principal

Mr Jonathan Beggs
Campus Coordinator
Orientation Day: Prep - Year 6 2014

Date  Monday, 28 October 2013

All new students who will be attending the College in 2014 are invited to attend the College’s Orientation Day. Current Prep students will also attend Kindergarten orientation.

Information for the day was sent to parents during the holiday break. If you did not receive your information package, please contact the College Office.

Full College Photo

As we were unable to take a full College photo on photo day, the photographer will be coming to the College on Wednesday, 6 November 2013 at 9.30 am.

Music Tutor

The College would like to welcome Ashleigh Smith who commenced peripatetic lessons for clarinet, saxophone, flute and beginner brass (trombone, trumpet, french horn) this week.

Profile

Bachelor of Music, majoring in classical flute performance.

Ashleigh has been studying music for over 15 years. She currently teaches private tuition and has been a part time music teacher at the Macarthur Conservatorium of Music. Ashleigh has also participated in an Internship at Brooklyn-Queens Conservatory of Music (2012), studied Flute at the Manhattan School of Music (2012), taught music classes in Kibera Slum schools, Kenya (2013) and has conducted and taught at a number of primary schools in the area.

Lessons will be available on Tuesdays.

The College is already offering Guitar, Keyboard and Vocal tuition. There are still spaces available for these tutors.

If you would like to commence lessons in any of these instruments, please contact the College Office.

NAPLAN Results

NAPLAN Results have been mailed to parents last week. If you do not receive your copy, please contact the College Office.
**Professional Development**

On Tuesday, 8 October 2013, staff were involved in the following Professional Development:

Assessment for Learning
Programs for the National Curriculum/BOS Registration

Staff have also been involved in the following Out Of College Professional Development courses:

Mrs Blake  ICT Integration Conference: We teach kids not technology (2 days)
Miss Edwards  Reporting and using the ARC website
Mrs Grant  NSW Maths K-10 Syllabus for the Australian Curriculum and its 2014 implementation

**Volunteers**

From now on, any new volunteer at the College working with students must complete a NEW WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK. If you are intending to volunteer in any position where you come in to contact with students, you are required to complete the check.

Example
- In the classroom/parent helper
- Support helper
- On excursions

We encourage you to start the process now so you have your WWCC number to give to the College Office. You will not be able to volunteer if the College does not have your number.

A link to the WWCC form can be found under employment on the College website.

If you have already complete the volunteer declaration previously, you are not required to obtain the NEW working with children check until 2016.

Once you have received your WWCC clearance number, please bring a copy to the College Office. You are also required to complete a SASC Volunterer Undertaking form available at the College Office.

**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 were due by the end of Week 1, Term 4.

Direct debit forms are available at the College Office. Please contact the College Office if you have any questions.
DISCO FEVER

Thursday, 14 November 2013

3.45 pm - 5.15 pm

OPAC students are welcome to come and join in the fun and games with DJ Jess.

COST  $5 per student paid at the door
       A packet of chips and a popper included

DRESS  Your best Disco outfit

PRIZES  Best dressed and best dancer per class
K-6 Public Speaking Night

On Monday, 16 September, we held our first Public Speaking Night here at College. The students participating worked very hard over the term preparing their speeches, which ranged in topic from ‘Racism’ to ‘A Day In My Life As A Pencil’. The students overcame any fears on the night and delivered their speeches confidently. We have much to look forward to if these students were an indication of what we can achieve in our College.

Results

Champion    Gabriella Russo
Runner-Up   Leah Veld
Highly Commended  Alicia Pavone
                Anushka Alawahlia
                Cooper Brown
                Jordan Fleming
                Natasha Barlow

Congratulations to all students who took part on the night.
K - 6 Walkathon
Kindergarten: Pirate Day

On Thursday, 19 September 2013, Kindergarten enjoyed dressing up as pirates to celebrate ‘Talk Like A Pirate Day’.

Students enjoyed digging for treasure in the sand and going on a treasure hunt.
Full College Excursion: Taronga Zoo
**Bike Day: Kindergarten - Year 6**

**Date**  
Tuesday, 19 November 2013

Students are to wear their sport uniform to College.

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

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.

**Music Tour: Matthew Squire**

Last Monday, I went on the Queensland Music tour with the rest of Thomas Hassall Concert and Stage Band, including my sister, Rachel and my brother, James. We flew into Brisbane Airport at about 10 o’clock in the morning. From there, we went to Big Kart Go-karting for an hour or two. Go-karting was fun. We got back on the coach and went to our camp site.

On Tuesday, we packed a van with all our instruments and music stands, then set out for the Big Pineapple. We then set up to play there and had lunch. After lunch we performed and it was fun.

Over the next few days we performed again at various places including shopping centres and Dreamworld. After we performed at Dreamworld we got to go around on the rides. I went on several rides including The Buzzsaw, The Claw, The Shockwave and the Motorcoaster.

As well as performing, we participated in music workshops with other schools. A workshop is when two schools learn a piece of music that neither have performed yet. We did three workshops with these schools: Nambour Christian College, Matthew Flinders Anglican College and St Andrews Anglican College. After we did our last workshop with St Andrews on Friday, we drove to the airport. At the airport, we had dinner and waited to board the plane. The plane was delayed and day-light-saving cost us an extra hour.

This meant that we landed in Sydney at 10.40 pm. By the time we arrived at our house, it was midnight.

I had a very good time and learnt a lot from it. I have improved my trumpet playing, and have seen some other amazing trumpeters. Some of the schools we visited had awesome music programmes. Matthew Flinders Anglican College has a Concert Band with 100 musicians. That’s a lot of instruments! It was fun hanging out with other people who love music like I do.
**Sport: Prep**

Prep are continuing to develop their gross motor skills. This term we will be concentrating on foot eye coordination and development. However, as a treat from Mr. Beggs, the first week we played games with the big parachute, which included making a ball move around the parachute by creating a wave; getting the ball in the hole; and running under the parachute whilst the remainder of the class made waves. We had great fun and everyone got to have a go!

**Sport: Kindergarten - Year 2**

K-2 participated in our first swimming lesson at Atlantis Swimming Centre in Smeaton Grange. As this was our first week we were put into groups and our lesson lasted for 50 minutes. It was a lot of fun and all the children really enjoyed their first swimming lesson. We can't wait for the next one!

**Sport: Years 3 - 6**

**IPSSO Sport**

**Wednesday, 23 October 2013** vs All Saints Grammar

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**Wednesday, 30 October 2013** vs Georges River Grammar

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**West Tigers Special Assembly**

On Thursday, 10 September, 5 members of the West Tigers came to visit the College. The College entered into the 'Score a try for your School' competition run by Wests Tigers during the 2013 season – every time the Tigers scored a try, West’s Leagues Club would donate $1000 to a School. Fortunately, Oran Park Anglican College came up during an early round home game.

This donation went towards the purchase of our athletics uniform which the students wore at the NASSA Junior Athletics Carnival. The College is extremely grateful to Wests Tigers for their donation.

David Nofoaluma presented the uniform to Luke Barlow and Claudia Howard of Year 6.
Live Life Well @ School

Strawbery Hotcakes with Three Fruit Salad

Ingredients

Makes 12

1 cup self-raising flour
3/4 cup Australian reduced-fat milk
1 egg
1 teaspoon vanilla essence
1 cup Australian reduced-fat strawberry yogurt
Dairy blend
2 cups finely chopped fresh seasonal fruit, for serving (eg kiwifruit, strawberries, mango)

Method

Step 1  Place flour in a bowl and make a well in the centre. Combine milk, egg, vanilla and half the yoghurt together then whisk into the flour to make a smooth batter. Rest for 5 minutes.

Step 2  Melt dairy blend in a non stick frypan. Pour one third of the batter into the frypan and cook for 2 minutes until bubbles appear on the surface. Turn and cook until golden, then repeat with remaining mixture. Use a star shaped biscuit cutter to cut star shapes out of the hotcakes.

Step 3  To serve, top each hotcake with a dollop of remaining strawberry yogurt and sprinkle with fruit salad.

Healthy Lunch boxes…Need some ideas?

We would love to offer parents the opportunity to swap healthy recipes through The Life. This is a great chance to help one another develop healthy eating habits in our children. If you have a recipe that you would like to share please email Miss Edwards at kedwards@opac.nsw.edu.au or hand a hard copy into the Office before Wednesday each week. Check out some of the great ideas already sent in.
2013 Dates For Your Diary

Term 4

Prep - Year 6 2014 Orientation Day  Monday, 28 October
K - 4 Excursion  Thursday, 31 October
Full College Photo  Wednesday, 6 November
Y5/6 Camp  Thurs, 7 - Friday, 8 November
Mid-Term Break - Students Only  Monday, 11 November
West Tigers Gala Day  Friday, 15 November
K - 6 Bike Day  Tuesday, 19 November
Parent Helper Morning Tea (10.30 am)  Friday, 22 November
OPAC Family Service (4 pm)  Sunday, 24 November
Y6 Dinner  Friday, 29 November
Celebration Assembly (5 - 6.30 pm)  Monday, 2 December
K - 6 Excursion  Thursday, 5 December
Mufti Day  Thursday, 5 December
Last Day Term 4  Thursday, 5 December

K-4 Excursion

Students will be attending an excursion to The Oaks Heritage Centre.

Students will have an opportunity to purchase souvenirs from the Heritage Centre.

Limit of $6.00 per student. Sales of souvenirs greatly help with the funding of the centre.

Prep - Year 6 Assembly

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

Principal Awards will be handed out Term 4, Week 5.

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

Class leading
Week 3  3/4W
Week 4  1/2B
Week 5  KE

Student Banking

Banking day is Monday.

Students are to bring their completed bank book to their class teacher.

Public Holiday
Monday, please bring to College on Tuesday.

Scholastic Bookclub

Next Issue will be handed out shortly.

If you have any queries, please contact the Office.
Parents’ & Friends’
Association

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

Next Meeting
Thursday, 7 Nov
7.00 pm
Everyone welcome.

P&F Email Contact
pandf@opac.nsw.edu.au

P&F Webpage
http://www.opac.nsw.edu.au/pandf

P&F Business Advertising

From the Parents’ & Friends’ Association

Fundraising Portrait Offer

The P&F Committee has organised a great portrait offer with Don Shiel Photography for you and your family just in time for Christmas. This offer involves you purchasing a $20 portrait voucher to be used within a 2 month period. All sales will be retained by the P&F as part of our ongoing fundraising activities. This is genuine offer with a value of $220. Further details to come shortly.

Are you interesting in joining the Parents and Friends Committee

The following positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary will shortly be vacated by the current holders. We are seeking people who are interested in holding an elected position to come along to the AGM and nominate yourself for a role.

Even if you don’t want to hold an elected position, then perhaps you can join the Members Committee that supports the Executive. We always need extra people and new ideas for fundraising activities. The committee meets once per month during the College term. Join a team that is dedicated and committed to making a difference to each student’s life at OPAC.

Further information about the P&F, please go to the P&F section on the College website.

Do you have any College clothing items that you no longer need!

Have your children outgrown their College uniforms or sports uniform and don’t know what you do?

Have you considered donating their outgrown uniform to our 2nd hand Clothing Store?

We are currently sourcing stock for our Clothing Store to be sold to current and new parents below the recommended retail price.

Should you have items that you no longer need and wish to donate to the College, please leave the washed items at the College Office. All items sold by the 2nd hand Clothing Store will be used to fund valuable resources and equipment for the College.

Seeking new Fundraising Ideas and Family Events for 2014

We are currently developing a calendar of events and fundraising activities for 2014 to build on the fabulous fundraising work to date with new ideas and activities.

Do you have an idea that you would like to share? If so, please email your ideas to pandf@opac.nsw.edu.au
Dear Parents,

Our P&F Committee has organised a great portrait offer for you and your family as a fundraising opportunity for our College.

From now and until Thursday October 31 2013, portrait vouchers will be available for purchase and will entitle you to receive a designer portrait session with Don Shiel Photography, plus a beautiful 7x10" enlargement of your choice, matted and ready to frame – all for only $20!

ALL proceeds raised from the sale of each portrait voucher will be kindly donated by Don Shiel Photography to Oran Park Anglican College.

How it works.
Don Shiel Photography will supply our College with portrait vouchers for sale. If you wish to take advantage of this great offer and purchase a voucher, please return the completed slip below with full payment to Mrs Corina Lynch at the College Office before Thursday October 31 2013. You will then be provided with your voucher and your details will be forwarded to Don Shiel Photography who, in turn, will contact you to make your booking. Please note, only one portrait offer is available per family. These vouchers are valid for 2 months and can not be used in conjunction with any other offer.

This is a very genuine offer with a real value of $220. You are under no obligation to purchase anything further and will receive your 7x10" enlargement, matted and ready to frame. However, if you are after more than just this, Don Shiel Photography is also extending to you a great variety of products at special package prices to complement this offer.

Take advantage of this special offer right now, just in time for Christmas and help support our College in the process! You are also more than welcome to extend this special offer to relatives and friends outside of our College.

About Don Shiel Photography.
Don Shiel Photography is an upmarket photography studio that was established in 1998. The studio has earned a high reputation for quality and service and believes in exceeding their customers’ expectations. Don Shiel was the exclusive newborn photographer at Sydney Southwest Private Hospital for over 10 years and during this time has photographed over 4000 babies. Don Shiel Photography specialise in Family, Children, Pregnancy and Newborn portraits. For more information you can visit their website at www.donshielphotography.com.au

We hope you enjoy this great portrait offer and thank you for your continued and kind support.

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Please complete this form and return with your $20 donation to the "College Office" before Thursday October 31 2013

Date / /  How many Adults  and Children  would you like photographed?

First Name: ___________________________  Surname: ___________________________

Phone (H): ___________________________  Phone (M): ___________________________

Email: _______________________________  Subscribe to our monthly eNews & offers? Y / N

What type of portrait shoot are you interested in?  STUDIO  OUTDOORS  CHILDREN  FAMILY

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CHRISTMAS
THANKSGIVING & CELEBRATION
SERVICE

It’s our end of year celebration and thanksgiving service and you & your family are invited.

Sid the puppet

BBQ to follow

24 NOV   SUNDAY   4-6PM
Shoes play such an important role in everyone’s lives. Can you imagine not owning a pair? Many people have nothing to keep their feet warm and clean. As a community, we can do our little bit to help those less fortunate than ourselves. These shoes will be distributed by Shoes for Planet Earth to people in need within Australia or even overseas.

1. Only Running Shoes / Sneakers (all sizes) are accepted. Please clean the shoes by hand with some soap and a scrubbing brush or in your washing machine, say 5 pairs at a time. Hang them on the line to dry (make sure they are completely dry before donating).

2. Please tie them together in matching pairs so we can find the other half amongst all the hundreds of shoes we have.

3. Ensure there are no holes and good soles. It is not worth shipping shoes to people if they are broken and are only going to last 2 months. We want to send shoes that will last a whole season.

4. We also need any spare inner soles and shoe laces as many shoes come without either. If your shoes are damaged, please donate the inner soles or laces for us instead. Tie laces together in pairs.

5. We have organised a range of locations where you can drop off as many pairs as you can spare, between Friday 1st November - Sunday 17th November 2013 during their regular business hours only.

* OPT Sales & Information Centre (Cnr Oran Park & Peter Brock Drs, OPT)
* Oran Park Anglican College (Peter Brock Dr, OPT)
* Chesalon Living Retirement Village (Clubhouse, 2 Grice St, OPT)
* Camden Uniting Church (Cnr John & Mitchell Street, Camden)
  Phone first to confirm office hours: 02 4655 9303

For more information, please contact Mel Frank - Community Facilitator
mobile: 0416 871 668 email: mfrank@oranparktown.com.au

To find out where our shoes end up - keep an eye on our website.
Christmas Art & Craft Market

Saturday 30th November 2013 - 10 am to 3 pm
Temporary Park
Cnr Oran Park & Peter Brock Drives,
Oran Park Town

Join us on 30th November to meet a group of talented artisans who will be selling their work just in time for Christmas. It’s a great chance to buy unique and inexpensive Christmas gifts. There will be stalls with paintings, candles, leather and wood work, clothing, cards, food, ceramics and glass art, jewellery, paper and textile crafts.

For more information or to register for a market stall please contact:
Robin Hill, OPT Community Programs Manager on 0414 980 700

The “Moonshiners” will be back to entertain everyone with their Australian and Irish music.

Activities for kids include clowns, face painting, drawing and balloons!
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, painting or photograph. The competition is open to all ages so we encourage everyone to enter!

All entries must be submitted digitally via email 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 here:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/OPTChristmasComp2013

All entries must be submitted digitally via email. The entry form outlines all the terms and conditions as well as how to submit your artwork. Entries close 5pm Friday 8th November 2013.

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

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