From the Principal and Campus Coordinator

The students of Oran Park Anglican College continue to impress. You may have heard mention of the wonderful comments made recently by Taronga Zoo staff, who deal with visiting schools every day. The whole College visited Taronga Zoo on 18 October and staff there pointed out how well behaved the students were, the great manners that they had, the fact that they looked impressive in their uniform and their wonderful knowledge of animal habitats and the animals themselves. Upon leaving the workshop the final comment was, “You should be very proud”.

This behaviour wasn’t just a single occurrence either. On Thursday, 31 October Kindergarten to Year 4 visited The Oaks Heritage Centre to learn more about our local history. Teachers expressed how beautifully behaved the students were and the wonderful way in which they represented the College. It is reassuring to know that the students understand the responsibility that they have when visiting public venues. Excursions are a great way to add more meaning to the students’ understanding of what they have learnt.

Orientation Day has become a very important day, not only in the life of our College, but also an important day for those students who are joining the College next year. We would like to thank the staff and students who made our new students feel so welcome.

Term 4 is always a busy term both in finalising assessments and reports for the current year and planning for the year ahead. The P-6 staff will be using the mid term break on Monday, 11 November to prepare the reports. This day will also be our inaugural Year 7 Orientation Day which promises to be jam packed with fun lessons and activities.

We think of those Year 12 students, particularly at Thomas Hassall, who are doing their HSC examinations and we continue to wish them well. Please remember them as you think about them and pray for Thomas Hassall. It is exciting to think that plans and activities are well under way for our own graduating class of 2019. The vision and growth of the College remains strong; how different we will be in just six short years.

For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Colossians 1: 13-14

Mr Ross Whelan
Principal

Mr Jonathan Beggs
Campus Coordinator
Orientation Day: Prep - Year 6 2014
Last Monday, over 40 students attended Orientation Day. If you attended and have any other questions regarding the College, please contact the College Office.

Full College Photo
As we were unable to take a full College photo on our original photo day, the photographer will be coming to the College on Wednesday, 6 November 2013 at 9.30 am. Students are to wear full summer uniform to College and 3-6 students are to change in to their sports uniform.

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
- Swimming helper

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 completed 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 or email a copy to the College Office. You are also required to complete a SASC Volunteer Undertaking form available at the College Office.

Enrolments 2015
Early next year we will commence interviews for 2015 enrolments. The Office has taken a number of Prep and Kindergarten 2015 applications already, with Prep being over half full for the first class.

Parents are reminded, if you are intending to enrol your child in 2015, applications must be submitted to the College Office by the end of January 2014 to be included in the priority waitlist.

We would like to encourage all parents who are intending to enrol their child to complete an application as soon as possible.

Oran Park Town Family Service
Date       Sunday, 24 November 2013
Time       4.00 pm—6.00 pm (A BBQ will follow the service)
Venue      Oran Park Anglican College

This is an important event on the College calendar, the College would appreciate all students in attendance.
**Bike Day: Kindergarten - Year 6**
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, 19 November 2013

**Program**
Education
Bike and helmet check
Skills and practical session

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**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**
  Neatly line their bikes up facing the wall closest to the canteen.
- **Year 3 - Year 6**
  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.

**Celebration Assembly**

**Date**
Monday, 2 December 2013

**Time**
5.00 pm - 6.30 pm

**Venue**
Camden Civic Centre, Oxley Street, Camden

All students will be performing on the night and **students are required at the venue by 4.30 pm** in their costume, ready to perform.

Students must bring their full summer uniform to change into. No hat or jumper is required. Please label ALL your child’s belongings including shoes.

**Celebration Assembly Rehearsal**

**Date**
Monday, 25 November 2013

**Time**
9.00 am - 3.20 pm (approx.)

**Venue**
Camden Civic Centre

Students are required to have their full costume for rehearsal. Teachers will send home details of costumes this week.
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
In the Classroom with Mrs Blake and 1/2B

This term in 1/2B we have been picking up our needles and threads and learning to French knit and sew as part of the textiles focus in Visual Arts. We have been working on our fine motor skills and creating colourful patterns using wool. We have discovered that the hardest part about French knitting and sewing is the start and that once we practise it is quite simple! Our favourite part about French knitting was watching our creation ‘grow’ and appear out the end of the spool. 1/2B have just started sewing this week and are excited about watching the rainbows, stars and animals come to life.
**In the Classroom with Mrs Worthington and 3/4W**

3/4W have had a busy and fun week with lots of research, drama and craft being done. Our paper-mâché giants are coming along well and will be very scary, just like the mean giants in the book The BFG by Roald Dahl.
**Prep Farm Excursion**

On Wednesday, 23 October, Prep went Calmsley Hill City Farm. There was lots of excitement as we boarded the bus for our farm adventure. The students were greeted by our farm guide who took us on a tour of all the farm highlights. The children were given the opportunity to pat a rabbit and duck and were even able to milk a cow. We had a lot of fun in the animal nursery getting up close and personal with some baby sheep and goats. After our tour we were able to explore the rest of the farm. We went on a nature walk and discovered some kangaroos and emus then finished the day with a visit to the Koalas. Overall we had a great day which was made possible by our fantastic parent helpers. A big thankyou to all of you.
K-4 Heritage Centre Excursion

On Thursday, 31 October, Kindergarten, 1/2B and 3/4W visited the Oaks Heritage Centre to learn more about our past and the changes in our local environment. We had the opportunity to experience what life was like before electricity and how hard it was to do the washing, cooking, farming and mining without our modern technology. We found out how different the schools were and how hard the chores were that the children had to do before and after school. It was a great trip and we saw and learnt a lot about our history and the changes that have taken place.
**Sport: Prep**

Prep continue to enjoy fundamental gross motor skill development, in particular hand foot co-ordination. We have been dribbling echidna balls trying numerous things such as keeping the ball close, using both feet (which has been great fun!) and stopping the ball when we need to. We also have passed the ball back and forth with a partner, again trying to use both feet. This has enabled us to develop the skill of watching the ball and knowing where to place our foot to control it. Not an easy task to master! We continue to enjoy our Sport lesson every Friday.

**Sport: Kindergarten - Year 2**

Swimming, Swimming, Swimming!

It is wonderful to see the improvement in our K-2 students as they continue with their Learn To Swim program. Swimming is an important part of the Australian culture and it is fantastic that the College can assist in the provision of developing this important skill. Check out the photos of the students in action! They are really enjoying their swimming lessons, especially as the weather heats up!

**Sport: Years 3 - 6**

**IPSSO Sport**

- Wednesday, 6 November 2013  **BYE**
- Wednesday, 13 November 2013  **Wet Weather Back Up**

**Evacuation Drill**

The College held an evacuation drill on Friday, 1 November 2013. All students behaved in a responsible manner.

If your child has any questions, please contact the Class Teacher.
**Live Life Well @ School**

**Chickadee Meatball Pops with Tropical Dunking Sauce**

**Ingredients**

Serves 6

- 250g lean minced chicken
- 1/4 cup wholegrain breadcrumbs
- 1/3 cup grated Australian reduced-fat cheddar cheese
- 1/2 onion, finely chopped
- 1 clove garlic, crushed
- 2 tablespoons grated Australian parmesan cheese
- 1/3 cup polenta
- Freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- 12 icy-pole sticks
- 1 cup Australian reduced-fat natural yoghurt
- 1/4 cup (50g) finely chopped mango
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh herbs (parsley, mint, chives etc)

**Method**

Step 1  Combine chicken, breadcrumbs, cheddar, onion, 2 tablespoons parsley, garlic and 1 tablespoon parmesan together.

Step 2  Using wet hands, roll chicken into walnut sized balls. Roll chicken balls in combined polenta, pepper, remaining parsley and parmesan. Place balls on a lined baking sheet. Bake at 180 degrees for 25-30 minutes or until coating is lightly browned. Then press an icy-pole stick into each, while still warm.

Step 3  For sauce, combine yogurt, mango and herbs. Serve chicken meatballs warm with sauce.

**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.
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 6.

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

Class leading
Week 5 KE
Week 6 Prep
Week 7 JB

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
Thank you for your orders.

If you have any queries, please contact the Office.

2013 Dates For Your Diary

Term 4

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 - Y6 Bike Day
Tuesday, 19 November

Helper Morning Tea (10.30 am)
Friday, 22 November

OPAC Family Service (4 pm)
Sunday, 24 November

Sport Serve (K-5)
Friday, 29 November

Y6 Excursion (replaces dinner)
Friday, 29 November

Celebration Assembly (5 - 6.30 pm)
Monday, 2 December

K - Y6 Excursion
Thursday, 5 December

Mufti Day
Thursday, 5 December

Last Day Term 4
Thursday, 5 December

Volunteer Helpers Morning Tea

Date Friday, 22 November 2013
Time 10.30 am
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 morning tea.

Babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers are welcome.

RSVP to the College Office by Wednesday, 20 November.
From the Parents’ & Friends’ Association

Fundraising Portrait Offer – Limited time offer!!!

The P&F Committee has organised a great portrait offer in conjunction 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.

OFFER ONLY VALID UNTIL FRIDAY, 8 NOVEMBER 2013.
PAYMENT MADE TO THE COLLEGE OFFICE.

Want to make a difference to our College? Join the Parents and Friends Committee

Can you spare a little bit of your time to come along to a meeting once a month during term or volunteer for an event such as a Sausage Sizzle and meet other parents?

The P&F always need extra parents, friends, grandparents and new ideas for fundraising activities.

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 College website and Click on P&F.

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?

What about 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.

SECOND HAND ITEMS ARE FOR SALE
AT THE COLLEGE OFFICE.
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 Friday November 8 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 Cran 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 Friday November 8 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 1996. 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 18 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.

Please complete this form and return with your $20 donation to the "College Office" before Friday November 8 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 shot are you interested in? STUDIO OUTDOORS CHILDREN FAMILY
Community and Business Advertising

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FAMILY 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
**Bushfire Appeal**

As you would be aware NSW has seen it's worst bushfire season since 2001.

In light of this, Oran Park Anglican College would like to make a donation to the Blue Mountains City Council Mayoral Relief Fund. We specifically think of those that may have lost loved ones and/or property in the fires as well as the communities that have been so tragically impacted.

We continue to pray for these communities and those that so bravely continue to fight the fires.

If you would like to contribute to our donation please drop your contribution in at the Office.

We will donate the funds on Friday, 22 November 2013.

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**Want an interesting Pet?**

*Stick Insects for Sale*  
*All proceeds will go to the Bushfire Appeal*

- Spiny Leaf
- Wuelfingi

- They eat gum leaves
- Live in a fish tank
- No mess
- No barking
- Easy care

Contact Jodie Woods for more details

[jods1@live.com.au](mailto:jods1@live.com.au)

0410528095

Prices between $5 and $10 each
**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 Friday, 29 November 2013.
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:


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