From the Principal and Campus Coordinator

As the end of our second year rapidly approaches we would like to reflect on the amazing year we have had at the College both in the classroom and beyond. It has been a significant year in the development of Oran Park Anglican College. Planning and development continues with the promise of two hard courts with lighting and the next permanent building to begin construction in early 2014. Over the school holidays the new demountable buildings will be installed for Years 3-7 classes. We will be up and functional before the new term commences.

As we reflect over the year, it has continued to be a time of building toward the next phase:

- the confirmation of Year 7 commencing in 2014,
- our first Year 6 cohort completing their primary education and progressing now to our first Year 7 and,
- the continued growth in our College community which sees two Kindergarten classes commencing for the first time next year.

We also delight in the fact that we had our first Stage 3 camp to Wedderburn, which was a valuable, outdoor educational experience, not to mention a challenging one!

We hope you enjoy reading the reports from each class about what’s been happening in their classrooms as some reflect on their learning this year.

We recently had the opportunity to thank the parent volunteers who assist in a range of ways to enhance our College life. Please know that we are truly grateful for your willingness to help and we appreciate your effort and time in service of our students.

Special mention needs to go to the committed members of the Parents and Friends Executive, who have organised a number of events through the year and raised a significant sum of money for our College. The shade structure over the playground is looking closer and closer.

No doubt parents and students are looking forward in great anticipation to our end of year ‘Celebration’. Last year it proved to be an enjoyable time celebrating Christmas and reflecting on the students efforts throughout the year. This year’s ‘production’ promises to be just as exciting.

As we look forward to 2014 and the subsequent years, our thoughts need to be on continuing to build on our learning culture. This is especially significant with the beginning of Year 7.

We would also like to take this opportunity to wish every family and child associated with the College a very blessed and Holy Christmas. We pray that your family enjoys the holiday break as well as reflects on the reason for this Christmas season - the celebration of the birth of our Saviour.

“For to us a son is given and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”

Isaiah 9:6

Mr Ross Whelan          Mr Jonathan Beggs
Principal               Campus Coordinator
Year 7 2014: Twilight BBQ

Year 7 students and their families are invited to a welcome BBQ.

Date       Wednesday, 22 January 2014  
Time       6.00 pm - 8.00 pm  
Venue       Oran Park Anglican College

Please RSVP to the College Office for catering purposes by the end of term.

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.

Mufti Day

Date       Thursday, 5 December 2013

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)

Enrolments 2015

Applications are being accepted for 2015. Please contact the College Office if you have any questions.

Staff Professional Development

Staff attended the following Professional Development during Term 4.

Mrs Blake       ICT Integration Conference: We teach kids not technology
Mrs Grant       Familiarisation with Science: K-6 Australian Curriculum
Mrs Worthington Familiarisation with Science: K-6 Australian Curriculum
Miss Edwards    Familiarisation with Science: K-6 Australian Curriculum
**Messages from the College Office**

**Medication**

If the Office has your child’s medication and you require it over the holidays, please remember to pick it up prior to the end of term.

ALL students are required to complete a new ‘Permission to administer medication’ form in 2014. Please contact the College Office if you require a form.

**Fees**

All families should receive their Term 1 2014 invoice during the holiday period.

If you have **not** arranged a direct debit, full payment of fees is due by the end of Week 1, Term 1.

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

**Office hours during the holiday period**

During the College holiday period, the College Office will be opened **8.00 am - 3.00 pm**. On some days the Office will be closed so it is advisable to call before if you intend coming to the College during this period.

**Entering the College Office**

Due to privacy related issues, all parents/guardians are reminded to enter the College Office through the front door.

Staff and students are only allowed to enter using the back door.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

**OPT Family Service**

Thank you to all the families who attended the Family Service last Sunday. It was a fabulous time to celebrate the growth and blessings our College has received this year.

**Parent Helpers Morning Tea**

Thank you once again to all our wonderful Parent Helpers throughout the year. Your help in the classroom and on excursion is invaluable.

**Toys and Tucker**

Thank you to all families who have kindly donated toys and food to go towards Toys and Tucker.
In the Classroom with Mrs Finlay and Prep

Wow, where has this year gone? I cannot believe that we have reached the end of our year in Prep. We have had a fantastic year and have had lots of fun getting to know each other, learning the routine of school and developing our school readiness skills. Some students have learnt to write their name and we have really enjoyed learning the alphabet using the Ants in the Apple song.

I decided that a good way to finish the year was to ask the students about their favourite thing from Prep.

Paige  playing outside
Hunter  playing with the Lego
Michael  the craft
Riley  building with the duplicate
Isabelle  playing with the blocks
Tilly  colouring in
Lachlan  playing with the duplo
Lincoln  lego
Daniel  playing with the green race car
Aidan  I like drawing
Angelina  painting and drawing and Lego
Tyler  playing cars
Jack  decorating the Christmas tree
Jaslyn  my friends
Noah  having news and putting up the Christmas tree
Max  playing with the cars
Ellie  when we put up the Christmas tree
Alex  showing everyone things at show and tell

We would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every parent for allowing us to teach your children. It has been an absolute privilege to have each child in our class. We wish them all the best for next year and look forward to seeing them grow as they move through their school years.

Have a fantastic Christmas.

Mrs Finlay and Ms Smith
Kindergarten 2013

Kindergarten have had a very busy year learning lots of new skills and interesting things.

40 weeks ago we couldn’t read or write a story, we needed help to add and subtract but now we are all independent young learners ready to take on the world...

SO bring on YEAR 1!!

I liked going to the zoo... Fred
I like the playground... Devesh
I like colouring... Ella
I like making friends... Lucas
I like drawing... Dylan
I like inventing... Jayden
I like excursions... Cooper
I like computers... Ben
I like mobile... Marko

I like inventing... Bailey
I like colouring... Noah
I like handball... Charise
I like playing with blocks... Liam
I like playing... Maliyah
I like drawing... Alec
I like craft... Ruby
I loved the chickens... Isabelle
In the Classroom with Mrs Blake and 1/2B

Christmas has come to 1/2B

Christmas has come to 1/2B with Christmas cards, candy canes, reindeers, three wise men, mangers and even Christmas coloured pots all being created in our classroom! During our morning devotions we have been reading about the story of Jesus being born and have been learning about the different characters in the story. For art and craft we have been making some of the characters from the Christmas story, as well as other Christmas symbols such as wreaths, stars and stockings.

Students in 1/2B also received a letter from Santa this week explaining that his reindeer had gone on strike! We then had the important task of writing a letter back suggesting another animal that Santa could use to pull his sleigh and convincing him of all the benefits of this animal. We took this task very seriously. We have had a fantastic year of learning!

In the Classroom with Mrs Worthington and 3/4W

What a fantastic year 3/4W have had! We have had lots of fun, learnt lots of new things and built great friendships.

Have a fantastic holiday!
In the Classroom with Mrs Grant and 5/6G

Thank you to all students and parents who baked and brought sweets for our bake Sale, especially those from Year 5. Year 6 raised over $160 towards their excursion to Jamberoo.

Year 5/6 students have been busy wrapping up the year’s learning. We have had fun experimenting with different art techniques and shared lots of laughs comparing today’s language with that written by William Shakespeare.

This week we say farewell to the College’s first Year 6 students. We had a great day at Jamberoo last Friday despite the freezing weather in the morning! We will be praying for all our Year 6 friends as they move on to Secondary School.

In the Classroom with Mrs Humphreys

What a fabulous year we have had in Learning Support this year. What a joy it is to see students achieving great things and being so proud of their new skills. Much progress has been made with Reading, Writing and Mathematics. Many students have come on in leaps and bounds, adding to their skills in each of these areas. Students have enjoyed participating in the Move to Learn program where brains and bodies are working in harmony to promote great learning. This is always a fun way to start the day and to get our brains in gear.

Many students have worked through and completed the Multi Lit reading program, while others have just started on their Multi Lit journey. Thank you to the wonderful volunteer helpers who have kept this program chugging along. We couldn't have done it without you! We will be looking for more helpers in the New Year to help more students take off with their reading.
The College will be a part of the Active After-school Communities (AASC) program in 2014. This program is an Australian Government initiative that provides primary school children with free sport and other structured physical activity programs after College.

Mrs Blake will be coordinating the program which will run for 7 weeks each term.

Mrs Blake will choose a sport and the College will be provided with equipment for students to use.

An outside coach will be provided and a staff member will be assisting.

- Days: Wednesday and Thursday
- Time: 3.30 pm - 4.30 pm
- Venue: Wayne Gardner Reserve
- Other: Students will be provided with a healthy snack.
- Maximum 30 students per session.

Permission notes will be available at the College Office in Week 1, Term 1 and the program will commence in Week 3 approximately.
Congratulations Leah Veld

Leah Veld

Dear Leah,

I'd like to congratulate you on your success in your school's public speaking competition in September.

I've just finished proof-reading the next issue of our society's journal, *The Passengers' Log*, which contains your speech, "The Real Sherlock Holmes". I like your speech very much. It shows that you've done the proper research and have presented your talking points in a clear and logical fashion. I'm proud that we have been able to publish your speech in our journal. Copies of it go to our members all over Australia, and in England, America, Canada, France, New Zealand, Japan, Italy and the Czech Republic, so Sherlockians in all those countries will read your speech.

Your Dad's report says you presented your speech very well – you spoke clearly and you did it with confidence. These are important things to be able to do when speaking in public because the audience understands a speech so much better when they can hear every word and the person speaking shows that they aren't worried about talking to a large group of people.

I look forward to hearing about any more successes you have in writing and public speaking.

Kind regards,

Bill Barnes
‘Captain’ (president)
The Great Wall Of Dairy

On Friday, 25 November 2013, 16 students from Kindergarten to Year 6 represented our College at the Great Wall of Dairy Presentation day.

It was great to see the work of all students on display and pride in our project.

At the presentation students enjoyed working in teams to create dairy farms, racing to be the first to finish a cow milking game and setting up our display for children and teachers from other schools to see.

We had a great day!
K-6 Bike Day

The College would like to thank Michelle Kramer from Camden Council and Senior Constable Mark Scambary from Camden Local Area Command for organising our bike day again this year.
Sport: Prep

Prep have been able to put their skill development into practice as they played their first game of soccer (at College) last week. It was wonderful to see the students attempting to kick a moving target, some with both feet. Please enjoy the photos of our Prep students in action.

Sport: Kindergarten - Year 2

This week saw K-2 students participate in the final week of swimming lessons. Atlantis held 'safety week' which incorporated lessons on what to do if you fall into the water with clothes on; Safe and unsafe practice around a swimming pool and at the beach; and even how to save a friend in need by using objects out of their surroundings. The students have enjoyed participating in the lessons throughout the term and the confidence that they have gained is clearly evident. Thanks so much to the instructors at Atlantis for their efforts with K – 2 during this term.

West Tigers Gala Day

Inflatable Obstacle Course

Date  Thursday, 5 December 2013
Time  1.30 pm – 3.20 pm

Kindergarten - Year 6 students will be participating in an inflatable obstacle course on the last day of term. This day is also mufti day, please dress appropriately.
Christmas Time is HERE!!

As the Christmas season approaches the temptation to eat all our favourite foods increases. Although sugar is an important part of our diet it is important to get its goodness from sources that also contain other essential vitamins and minerals.

Here are some alternative ideas to the traditional sweet and sugary Christmas treats.

- Mini Pizzas  - Frozen Oranges
- Pretzels  - Home made Muffins
- Watermelon  - Lebanese Bread instead of corn chips
- Pineapple  - Vegetable sticks and Rice Crackers
- Cherries  - Dried Fruit
- Grapes  - Fruit skewers
- Fresh Berries  - Fruit Jelly
- Popcorn

Healthy party drink idea

Fruit spritzers are a fun alternative to soft drink for parties and social events, and so easy to make! Just mix ½ fruit juice and ½ soda water!

Or why not freeze juice in ice cube trays to add to mineral or still water for a nice fruity taste

Why not try something new this week!

OPAC is part of the national CRUNCH and SIP program. This program encourages students to consume part of their daily-required fruit and vegetables as well as water at school. Please pack a REAL fruit or Vegetable option in your child’s lunch box each day as well as a drink bottle with WATER in it.

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.
**Crunchy Rainbow Coleslaw**

**Cheddar Chicken Coleslaw**

Serves 4

**Ingredients**

- 3/4 cup Australian reduced-fat natural yogurt
- 2 tablespoons reduced-fat mayonnaise—98% fat free
- 1 tablespoon toasted sesame seeds
- 1 teaspoon finely grated lemon rind
- Freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- 1 1/2 cups shredded cooked lean chicken
- 100g red cabbage, finely shredded
- 100g green or Chinese cabbage, finely shredded
- 1 large carrot, peeled and grated
- 1 Lebanese cucumber, cut into thin strips
- 1/2 cup flat-leaf parsley leaves, chopped
- 1/3 cup grated Australian reduced-fat cheddar cheese

**Method**

**Step 1**  Combine yogurt, mayonnaise, sesame seeds, lemon rind and pepper to make a dressing.

**Step 2**  Combine remaining ingredients in a large bowl. Pour over dressing and toss well to combine.

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**Apricot Balls**

**Ingredients**

- 2 cups toasted muesli
- 1 cup dried apricots
- 1/4 cup honey
- 60 g butter, melted
- 3/4 cup shredded coconut

**Method**

**Step 1**  Place muesli, apricots, honey and warm, melted butter in a food processor. Process for 2 to 3 minutes or until well combined.

**Step 2**  Place coconut in a shallow dish. Roll tablespoons of muesli mixture into balls. Coat balls in coconut. Set aside to cool for 15 minutes before serving.

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*Don’t forget to keep active!!
See you next year.*
Go4Fun healthy kids program

swslhd.nsw.gov.au/GO4FUN

FREE program for kids 7-13 above healthy weight and their families
Fun games and activities to boost family physical activity
Learning healthy eating and good food choices
After school during term in many areas across NSW
Be a 'food detective' at the fun supermarket tour
Families encouraged to register and get involved!

Go4Fun in south west Sydney Term 1 2014

**Airds**
- Airds Bradbury Central
- 52 Riverside Drive Airds 2560
- Days and times to be confirmed

**Bankstown**
- Bankstown PCYC
- Cnr Meredith St & French Ave, Bankstown 2200
- Wednesdays 4:30pm – 6:30pm

**Bowral**
- Bowral – Highlands Family Centre
- 2 Holmhaie St, Bowral, 2567
- Wednesdays 4:00pm – 6:00pm

**Campbelltown**
- Aquafit Fitness and Leisure
- Old Menangle Road Campbelltown 2560
- Thursdays 4:00pm – 6:00pm

**Fairfield**
- Cabravale Leisure Centre
- 30 Broomfield St Cabramatta NSW 2166
- Wednesdays 5:00pm – 7:00pm

**Liverpool**
- Liverpool West Public School
- 79-81 Hoxton Park Road Liverpool 2170
- Mondays & Thursdays 4:30pm – 6:30pm

**Minto**
- Minto Indoor Sports Centre
- 9 Redfern Rd Minto NSW 2566
- Mondays and Thursdays 4:00pm – 6:00pm

**Wollondilly**
- Tahmoor Public School
- Bronze Wing St, Tahmoor 2573
- Tuesdays and Thursdays 4:00pm – 6:00pm

**Villawood**
- Wran Leisure Centre
- Gundaroo St, Villawood NSW 2163
- Tuesday ONLY group 4:00pm – 6:00pm
- Saturday ONLY group #1 10:00am – 12:00pm
- Saturday ONLY group #2 1:00pm – 3:00pm

REGISTER NOW | 1800 780 900 | SMS 0409 745 645
GO4FUN@sswahs.nsw.gov.au | swslhd.nsw.gov.au/GO4FUN
2013 Dates For Your Diary

**Term 4**

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

*Mufti Day*  
Thursday, 5 December

*Last Day Term 4*  
Thursday, 5 December

2014 Dates For Your Diary

**Years 1 –7 Commence**  
Tuesday, 28 January

**Kindergarten Commence**  
Wednesday, 29 January

**Prep 3 Day Commence**  
Friday, 31 January

**Prep 2 Day Commence**  
Monday, 3 February

Full 2014 Term dates are available on the College website.

Local Church Christmas Services

**NewLife Anglican Church**  
Venue  
Oran Park Anglican College

- Community Carols  
  Saturday, 21 December  5.00 pm
- Christmas Eve Service  
  Tuesday, 24 December  5.00 pm
- Christmas Day Service  
  Wednesday, 25 December  9.00 am

**Harrington Park Anglican Church**  
Venue  
Harrington Park Public School

- Christmas Eve Service  
  Tuesday, 24 December  7.00 pm
- Christmas Day Service  
  Wednesday, 25 December  9.00 am

**Narellan Anglican Church**  
Venue  
172 Richardson Road, Spring Farm

- Welcome to Christmas  
  Saturday, 21 December  5.30 pm
- Welcome to Christmas  
  Sunday, 22 December  5.30 pm
- Christmas Eve Service  
  Tuesday, 24 December  5.00 pm (followed by BBQ)
- Christmas Day Service  
  Wednesday, 25 December  9.00 am

**The Oaks Anglican Church**  
Venue  
Merlin Street, The Oaks

- Kids Christmas Service  
  Sunday, 15 December  10.00 am
- Carols Service  
  Sunday, 22 December  7.00 pm
- Christmas Eve Service  
  Tuesday, 24 December  6.00 pm
- Christmas Day Service  
  Wednesday, 25 December  9.00 am

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**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 next year.

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

**Class leading**
Week 1  
TBC

**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**
Orders will be handed out shortly.

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

**P&F Annual General Meeting – Thursday, 13 February 2014 – 7 pm**

The P&F will be holding its Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 13 February 2014 at 7 pm. The AGM will be held at the College. All current and new parents, grandparents and friends of the College are invited to attend.

The College’s P&F Association plays an important role in developing the College Community through event organisation such as the Open Day and Spring Fair as well as various fundraising activities including BBQ’s.

Everyone is encouraged to join the OPAC’s P&F Association and become active participants in the life of the College. Donations of goods, services and time are most appreciated and accepted with gratitude.

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

**What happens at the AGM?**

The AGM is a special meeting that is held annually in accordance with our Constitution and is usually held at the beginning of each year to elect the P&F Executive Committee. The OPAC P&F Executive Committee consists of the following 10 positions: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and 6 Committee Members. These positions are held for a maximum of 2 years.

In addition to the election process, a report by the outgoing P&F Committee is provided to inform those in attendance about previous and future activities as well as current financial balances.

**Are you interesting in joining the Parents and Friends Committee?**

**Come along and bring a friend to the AGM.**

**Nominate yourself or your friend for a position.**

**We hope to see you there!**

**Save the Date – Friday, 25 July 2014 - Christmas in July Event**

Don’t miss on the best night of the year. Enjoy a festive dinner with friends and family in our own dedicated function room and support our College.

Join us at the exclusive Harrington Grove Country Club for a Christmas in July dinner to be held on **Friday, 25 July 2014. Mark this event for the calendar. More details to come.**
NOTICE OF UPCOMING OPAC P&F ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date Thursday, 13 February 2014
Time 7 pm
Venue Oran Park Anglican College

All current and new parents, grandparents and friends of the College are invited to attend.

This special meeting will involve electing the 2014 OPAC P&F Committee.

There are 10 positions including President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and 6 Committee Members that require special people like you to make a difference to the College Life.

Come along and bring a friend to the AGM.

Nominate yourself or your friend for a position.

We hope to see you there!
The election of the Committee will be held at the Annual General Meeting on Thursday 13 February 2014, commencing at 7.00pm at the College.

Please complete the form if you would like to nominate for a position on the committee for 2014.

Completed forms may be left at the College Office prior to the meeting or at the meeting.

Name of person being nominated: ________________________________

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(More than one box may be ticked if you are interested in more than one position)

Name and signature of nominator: ____________________________________________

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To be completed by the person being nominated:

I accept the nomination.

Signature of nominee: ________________________________ Date: __________
The publication of advertisements in this newsletter does not imply endorsement by Oran Park Anglican College.
GIANTS HOLIDAY CAMP

THURSDAY, 23 JANUARY 2014
9am – 1pm
(registrations from 8.30am)

BIRRIWA RESERVE
Waterworth Drive, Mount Annan

AFL NSW/ACT & GWS GIANTS would like to invite all boys and girls aged 5 - 12 to attend the GIANTS Holiday Camp.

For $30, children will:
- Participate in skills & fun games
- Receive prizes and giveaways
- Be provided with morning tea and lunch
- Meet GIANTS mascot G-MAN

To register your attendance, please contact:
David Hook – david.hook@aflnswact.com.au or 8867 7405

If your call is directed to voicemail please leave your child’s details and contact number to complete registration.
Giving Tree

This year Oran Park Town has joined Camden Community Connections to bring hope and brighten the lives of less fortunate families with its Christmas Giving Tree Project. The project aims to gather gifts for people who otherwise couldn't afford them.

A Giving Tree is located in the Oran Park Town Sales Office. People can collect a tag from the tree and buy a gift that corresponds with the description on the tag and then simply return the wrapped gift to the reception desk.

Donations should be made before 6 December so they can be distributed through Camden Community Connections, Macarthur Temporary Family Care, Lifeline and Mother Hubbard’s Cupboard.

We encourage people to dig deep and help out others in the community.

For further information, please contact Josephine Roccisano, OPT Community Facilitator on 0400 743 779.