From the Head of Campus

It has been a pleasure to visit classrooms across the whole College recently and see the range of learning activities that children are engaged in. From learning about life on a farm, to life in Ancient Egypt, to where life begins as a single cell, students are investigating the world around them past and present. Year 1 learnt about recycling and composting on their excursion to the Mt Annan Botanical Gardens which is very relevant in helping us deal with waste in a sustainable way. It is not just the wealth of knowledge that we want to instil in our students but also the skills to access this knowledge for themselves and to make informed decisions as they mature into adulthood.

We would like to invite all parents and guardians to visit the College this week at either or both of our open classroom events. Year 7 on Show is this Thursday evening and Preparatory – Year 6 Open Classrooms is Friday morning. These events allow parents to see first-hand what and how their children are learning at the College and for students to show their parents some of their learning achievements. We are also hosting Twilight Tours on Thursday afternoon so if you know of any families interested in our College please let them know about this opportunity to walk through our facilities and ask questions.

But let all who take refuge in you be glad; let them ever sing for joy. Spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may rejoice in you.

Mrs Naomi Wilkins
Head of Campus
**College Tours**

The College will be holding tours at the following times if you have any family or friends interested in attending the College. No booking required.

Thursday, 21 August 2014  4.00 pm - 6.00 pm

To attend a tour outside these times, please contact the College Office to arrange an appointment.

**Prep Vision Testing**

Date       Wednesday, 27 August 2014
Time       Approx. 9.30 am

Parents should have received a handout with information about this program.

**Whole College Photo**

The Whole College photo will be held at 11 am on Friday, 22 August 2014.

We apologise to Prep 2 day students but this was the only available date.

Prep 2 day students are welcome to come to College dressed in their uniform at 11 am to join in the photo.

**Students Signing In**

If your child arrives at College after 8.35 am (Senior), 8.55 am (Junior) and 9.00 am (Prep), the following procedures for late entry to the College will come into effect from Monday, 18 August 2014.

1. Parent/Guardian to escort student **with their bag** to the College Office and complete the sign in form.
2. Students will receive their late arrival slip, say goodbye to their parent/guardian and use the back door of the College Office to go to their class.

Please note: Students **are not** permitted to proceed to their classroom without a late arrival slip.

**Adults Signing In**

Any parent visiting the College during the school day must not enter the playground or classrooms without reporting to the Office and signing in. Once signed in, you must wear a visible visitors badge at all times.
Year 7 On Show

Wouldn't it be wonderful to see what your child is doing in the classroom, to see their different gifts and abilities, to view things that you don't generally get to see, such as music performances, persuasive speeches, art work, cooking??!!!

Well here is your opportunity!

On Thursday night, 21 August, Year 7 On Show is being held at the College, located in the Secondary buildings. Starting at 5 pm, you will have the opportunity to view some of your child's work, such as sewing, art and even Science experiments. During this time, students will be serving finger food made during Food Technology.

From 6 pm, there are performances involving music, Christian Studies, persuasive speaking and many more! We also have a few surprise performers from Thomas Hassall Anglican College coming as well.

If you are a parent of a Year 7 student, your child is in the current Year 6 and would like to view Year 7 work or you are simply curious, please RSVP to the College Office by 19 August.
The College will be celebrating book week this term. The celebration will culminate with our Grandparents Day and Book Week Parade (details following).

During the week the Book Fair will be open for students and parents to visit and where students can make their wish lists for their parents and grandparents.

**Author Visit**

We are excited to host Jo Oliver, an award-winning children’s book author and illustrator as part of our Book Week events.

Jo has worked as a children’s librarian for many years and feels privileged to have shared hundreds of books with children.

Jo will run workshops for all K-6 students on Thursday, 21 August where they will explore her books, writing and illustrating.

More information about Jo can be found on the Lateral Learning Site.

**Colouring In Competition**

All students will have the opportunity to participate in the Book Week colouring in competition.

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**Guessing Competition**

A gold coin donation per guess to go towards purchasing library books will be required at the guess how many lollies in the jar competition.

The guessing competition will be held at the cashier table at the Book Fair.

The competition will commence on Friday, 22 August at 8.30 am and finish on Monday at 12.00 pm.

The winner will be announced at the dismissal assembly on Monday.
Helpers Required

If you are available to help sell books at the Book Fair could you please contact the Office.

Helpers are required on:

Friday, 22 August 8.30 am - 11.00 am
Monday, 25 August 8.30 am - 1.30 pm (Part day is an option)

Donations

Students may wish to donate a library book to the College. A classroom wish list of books will be available at the book fair.

Payment Options

Cash, Cheque (made payable to Oran Park Anglican College), Visa or Mastercard.

Pre-payments slips are to be brought to the College Office on Friday, 22 August 2014 by 9 am. As limited copies of books are sent to the College, this will hopefully allow you to take your books home and not have to reorder.

Book Week Parade – Monday, 25 August 2014

Students are asked to dress up as their favourite book character. Students may wear their outfit to and from the College.
Attention all Parents and Guardians

Parents and friends of students in the College are invited to visit the classrooms and join in the morning programs with the children.

**Date**  Friday, 22 August 2014

**Time**  9.00 - 10.30 am

This also coincides with our Book Fair week and you are welcome to take your child to purchase from the bookstall during the morning.

We are looking forward to an opportunity for you to view your child's classroom, watch them work and learn a little more about what our students do during the day.

Please put this date in your diaries so that you can plan to come along and RSVP on the form following.
Attention all Grandparents and Grandfriends

Grandparents should have received an invitation from their grandchild for Oran Park Anglican College’s annual Grandparents Day.

Date  
Monday, 25 August 2014

Time  
10.30 am - 1.30 pm

Program

10.30 am  
Welcome Morning Tea

11.00 am  
Classroom activities

12.00 pm  
Assembly including Book Week Parade and class performances

12.45 pm  
Lunch provided by the College

The Book Fair is available from 10.30 am - 1.30 pm.

Grandparents are able to take their grandchildren home at the conclusion of lunch and enjoy the remainder of the day together.

Please RSVP on the form following.
RSVP

Please respond by Tuesday, 19 August 2014.

Child/ren’s Name/s
__________________________________________________________

Class/es
__________________________________________________________

Please do not include OPAC students involved in the event in number attending. We will cater for all students.

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Event P-6 Open Classrooms

Date Friday, 22 August 2014

Number attending

__________________________________________________________

Event P-6 Grandparent’s Day

Date Monday, 25 August 2014

For catering purposes
Grandparent’s Morning Tea - Number attending

Grandparent’s Sausage Sizzle - Number attending


In 1Red this term we have been learning about protecting our planet. We have discovered that it is very important to protect our environment because it provides so many resources for us, and that we need to reduce, reuse and recycle.

One of the resources our environment provides is food. We shared food that came from the earth and found that fruit is something that we eat everyday which comes from the Earth. With this in mind we decided to make a fruit salad. This was very exciting because we got to go into the Senior School kitchen and work at the big benches.

We loved making the fruit salad, but our favourite part was eating it!
In the Classroom with Mrs Worthington and 2Blue

Year 2 have been very busy this term.

We have been learning to write expositions and are becoming very good at backing up our opinions with strong reasons. Our writing skills are being further developed during Writing Groups, which has been lots of fun.

During Number Groups we are practising our multiplication facts, written problems and place value. We are getting very good at working out number facts!

In Art and Drama we have been using our imagination to complete activities based on the Alison Lester book 'The Magic Beach'. In Music we have been using percussion instruments and household items to identify different sounds.

Through our natural resource Science investigations we have had the opportunity to use magnifying glasses to compare sand and soil. This is part of our unit of work on needs and wants. We know that our Earth provides resources for us and that we also use man made resources. There are people who also provide us with our needs and wants and we are looking forward to chatting with some of these community members and asking them some important questions.

2 Blue have also had a special visitor in the room. Miss Busutel is in her final semester of university study and will be with us for Term 3. She has brought lots of enthusiasm and great ideas to our class.
**Year 7 Food Technology**

Year 7 commenced their Food Technology programme at the start of Term 3 utilising the new Senior School technology kitchen. They have already produced some amazing food and are off to a great start. The students have been learning a variety of cooking techniques and have also been having fun with experimenting and taste testing a range of new recipes.

They are also busy planning an event next week called ‘Year 7 On Show’. It will be held on Thursday, 21 August 5 to 7 pm and students have created a menu to cater for around 100 guests.
The Life

**OPAC World Cup Soccer**

On Friday, 8 August, the final of a 3-week tournament came to an end. Year 7 had defeated other teams from Primary and High School during the tournament including a final against a side from 3-4 Red and now wanted to overcome an undefeated teacher's side.

With the College watching, the pressure was on. Year 7 made the more promising start with an opening goal that was equalised by the teachers. At half time it was 1-1 and the teachers knew that they were in for a match. The students were to take the lead again with the teachers responding again. During the second half, the teachers were running out of breath and were being overrun by an energetic and spirited Year 7 side. Another goal to Year 7 to make it 3-2 all pointed to a Year 7 win. It appeared that the students would bring to an end to the teachers undefeated run.

Year 7 though did not have the goalkeeper that the teachers had and Mrs Grant pulled off a series of game changing saves that would award her the player of the match. It was highly deserved and proved to be the difference between the two sides. A penalty and an own goal meant that the final was going to go the way of the teachers. Year 7 had been brave, but not finishing off their chances was to prove costly.

The teachers in the end were worthy winners and Year 7 was left thinking about what could’ve been. A rivalry has been born at the College and Year 7 are determined to reverse this loss suffered at the hands of the teachers next year!

A big thank you goes to Matthew Beky and Rhys Cook for referring the match as well as their hard work and leadership in organising and running the tournament over lunchtime during the past 3 weeks. A special thank you to the Cook family for the donation of trophies for the tournament.

**Junior Champions**  
Italy (From 3-4 Red)

**Senior Champions**  
Argentina (From Year 7)

**OPAC World Cup Champions**  
OPAC Teachers

Mr Chapman
What’s happening in Sport

Sport: Year 7

Year 7 are LOVING the AFL clinic that is running on Tuesdays, during sport. All students are participating with enthusiasm. Skills are developing and a love of the sport is growing! See below some pictures to show how much they are loving it!

Athletics Age Champions

Well done to all of our Year 7 Students for participating in the College Athletics Carnival at the end of last term. A special congratulations goes to the following students who are this year Age Champions:

April Huisman  13 year Girls Age Champion
Matthew Beky  12 year Boys Age Champion
Lachlan Roberts  13 year Boys Age Champion

NASSA Athletics Championships

Congratulations to the following students who are representing the College at the NASSA Athletics Championships next Wednesday, 20 August 2014.

Lachlan Roberts (13yrs 100m, 200m, Relay)
April Huisman (Junior 1500m)
Joshua Sharkawy (13yrs Discus)

Well done! Represent the College with determination, enthusiasm and excellent sportsmanship!
Live Life Well @ School

Term 3 Active After College Communities

Term 3 After College sport started last week. This term students are learning the skills to play cricket and touch football. In cricket on Wednesday we learnt how to catch the ball without letting it touch the ground and how to run fast with the cricket bat. In touch football students have been learning how to pass the ball to their team, dodge and tag safety. The oranges for afternoon tea were also a big hit!

Spaces are still available on both Wednesday and Thursday afternoons.
Double Decker Yogurt Cups
Strawberry Yogurt and Jelly Dessert Cups

Serves 4

Ingredients

250g punnet strawberries, washed, hulled and sliced
2 cups Australian reduced-fat vanilla yogurt
2 teaspoons gelatin dissolved in 2 tablespoons boiling water
1 sachet natural strawberry or raspberry flavoured jelly crystals

Method

Step 1  Combine 3/4 of the strawberries with yogurt and dissolved gelatine. Pour into the base of 4 glasses or disposable cups. Refrigerate until set.

Step 2  Dissolve jelly crystals with 1 cup boiling water then cool to room temperature.

Step 3  Arrange remaining strawberries over the yoghurt and carefully pour in cooled jelly to fill each cup. Cover and refrigerate until set.

Walkathon: Prep - Year 7 Students

Oran Park Anglican College will be holding a Walkathon for Kindergarten to Year 7 students to raise money for much needed co-curricular resources.

Students are asked to seek sponsorship from family, friends and neighbours.

Date  Monday, 15 September 2014

Time  11.00 am - 1.00 pm

Venue  Wayne Gardner Reserve
Prep/Kindergarten students will complete a course in the middle of the oval.
Years 1-6 students will be walking along the concreted path around the reserve.
Year 7 will walk several kilometres around Oran Park Town.

Sponsorship forms will be available shortly.
2014 Dates For Your Diary

**Term 3**

**THAC Festival**
Saturday, 16 August

**Y7 English Rehearsal (3.30 - 4.30 pm)**
Monday, 18 August

**NASSA Senior Athletics**
Wednesday, 20 August

**Book Week**
Wed 20 - Tues 26 August

**NASSA Junior Athletics**

**K-6 Author Visit**

**Y7 On Show**

**Twilight Tours**

**P-6 Open Classroom**
Friday, 22 August

**Book Fair**

**Full College Photo (11 am)**

**Grandparent’s Day**
Monday, 25 August

**Book Fair**

**Prep Vision Testing**
Wednesday, 27 August

**Y7 Zoo Excursion**
Monday, 1 September

**Father’s Day Stall**
Wednesday, 3 September

**AASS - Cricket @ Raby Sports Complex**

**P&F Meeting**
Thursday, 4 September

**Father’s Day Breakfast**
Friday, 5 September

**Y5/6 Canberra Excursion**
Friday, 12 September

**Walkathon**
Monday, 15 September

**P-6 Public Speaking Championships**
Tuesday, 16 September

**Last Day Term 3**
Friday, 19 September

**P&F– Bunnings BBQ (Narellan)**
Saturday, 4 October

**Term 4**

**Public Holiday**
Monday, 6 October

**Professional Development (Staff)**
Tuesday, 7 October

**First Day Term 4**
Wednesday, 8 October
From the Parents’ & Friends’ Association

Term 3 is moving along quickly and the P&F are heading into a busy period in the calendar. Recently we held the Slice Drive and raised in excess of $600 for the College. Thank you to all who participated.

Book Week

As part of our continued support, the P&F will be buying books for the classroom libraries. This is a chance for all to get involved. If you’re planning to visit the College during Book Week and purchase books for your children/grandchildren or to donate to the College, the P&F will match dollar-for-dollar, the total sale of books up to an amount of $3000.

Other Events

The Fathers’ Day Stall will be held on Wednesday, 3 September. The children will have an opportunity to purchase gifts for their Dads during the day.

The Fathers’ Day Breakfast will be held Friday, 5 September from 7.30 am. Dads will have a chance to enjoy a BBQ breakfast with their children at school. There will be a coffee van selling hot beverages at the college between 7.30 - 8.00am. The P&F are asking for Mums to volunteer their time to serve at the BBQ. If you are available, please let us know via the P&F email – pandf@opac.nsw.edu.au

The College Walkathon is to be held Monday, 15 September between recess and lunch. The College has asked the P&F to run the canteen at Gardner Reserve for the day and require some volunteers to help prepare lunches. For those who wish to buy lunch, an order form will be sent out for students to pre-order ahead of the event. Lunches will include a hot dog, a drink and a packet of chips or chocolate bar. Order forms will be out to families soon. Upon return to the College all children will receive a Zooper Dooper ice block.

The P&F will be holding a Bunnings BBQ – Saturday, 4 October. We require a total of 15 volunteers (5 per shift) to cover 3 shifts, 8.30 -11.30 am, 11.30 am - 2.30 pm and 2.30 - 5.30 pm. If you are able to volunteer some time on the day, it will be greatly appreciated. This event raises much needed funds that assist with future growth of the College. Please let us know your availability via the P&F email – pandf@opac.nsw.edu.au

Our next P&F meeting will be held in the College Staffroom at 7 pm, Thursday, 4 September. All are welcome to attend and we look forward to seeing you there.

Kind Regards,

Matthew Saliba
OPAC P&F President
Macarthur CDC’s Speech Pathologists are offering FREE screening services for children whose parents or teachers think they may have some difficulties with their speech, language or literacy skills but are not 100% sure!

This service is offered in term 3 on Thursday afternoons between 2.00pm -3.00pm. Bookings are essential as places are limited.

All parents and teachers will be asked to fill out questionnaires and consent forms prior to the child’s appointment.

Macarthur CDC’s speech pathologists will advise if further formalised assessment is required or refer to appropriate services.

Please contact us at

P: 02 4648 0837
E: admin@macarthurcdc.com.au
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