From the Head of Campus

The end of an action-packed, learning-filled term is drawing to a close! Students have been involved in a range of learning experiences both at the College and on excursions. Students are learning through collaboration with their teachers and with each other. Skills are developing and being applied; questions are being asked and solutions discovered.

There is another opportunity this week to see students demonstrating their skills at our Public Speaking Competition Finals. All families are invited to come along and support our finalists from K-6 on Tuesday evening from 6.30 pm.

I would like to encourage parents to keep asking their children questions about what they are learning. I enjoyed my time this morning teaching Kindergarten the Macarena dance – it was a great workout! Encouraging your children to recall what they have been learning helps them to remember and further questioning can help them deepen their understanding.

The students have worked hard this week, I hope they have an enjoyable break during the holiday period.

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28

Mrs Naomi Wilkins
Head of Campus
Uniform Transition

As students transition to the Summer Uniform can parents please ensure their children are wearing the uniform correctly. Particular items to note:

- Girls dress length should cover the knees – particularly important when carrying the College bag on their back so the dress doesn’t rise up.
- Bomber jacket/Blazer is the outer layer to and from the College NOT the jumper or sloppy joe. As the weather warms up students do not have to wear the jacket/blazer.
- Junior School boys socks are navy and Senior School boys socks are grey, except with the Sport uniform which is white.
- The broad brimmed hat is to be worn to and from the College.
- Hair styles should not cover the eye brows or ears, be an unnatural colour or have artificial streaking.
- Girls’ hair should be tied back from the face including long fringes.
- Boys’ hair should not be shorter than a number 3 razer or longer than their collar.

Summer Uniform

Students must be dressed in Full Summer Uniform in Term 4.

**Prep Summer Uniform**
- Shirt: Polo with embroidery
- Shorts: Navy with embroidery
- Socks: White
- Shoes: White joggers
- Cap: Navy/red/white with embroidery

**K-6 Girls Summer Uniform**
- Dress: Blue and white check
- Slopping Joe: Navy with embroidery
- Bomber Jacket: Navy with stripes and crest
- Socks: White
- Shoes: Black leather lace up
- Hat: Navy with embroidery
- Hair Ties: Plain red

**K-6 Boys Summer Uniform**
- Shirt: Sky blue with embroidery
- Shorts: Navy
- Sloppy Joe: Navy
- Bomber Jacket: Navy with stripes
- Socks: Navy
- Shoes: Black leather lace up
- Hat: Navy

**Y7 Girls Summer Uniform**
- Dress: Blue/white check
- Socks: White ankle style
- Shoes: Black leather lace up
- Hat: Navy Natasha with tartan band
- Hair Ties: Plain navy

**Y7 Boys Summer Uniform**
- Shirt: Sky blue s/s with emblem
- Trousers: Grey
- Tie: Navy with red/white stripes
- Socks: Grey Ankle style
- Shoes: Black leather lace up
- Hat: Akubra (avail at College)
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.

Office hours during the holiday period

During the College holiday period, Mrs Lynch will be taking annual leave. Mrs Wilkins and Mr Beggs will be at the College on various days. Please leave a message on the answering machine and Mrs Wilkins will endeavour to return your call as soon as possible.

Feedback and Concerns

If you have any feedback for the following events please email:

- Y7 On Show: smoynan@opac.nsw.edu.au
- Parent Open Classrooms: cgrant@opac.nsw.edu.au
- Book Fair: clynch@opac.nsw.edu.au
- Grandparent’s Day/Book Parade: jbeggs@opac.nsw.edu.au
- Father’s Day Stall: pandf@opac.nsw.edu.au
- Father’s Day Breakfast: jbeggs@opac.nsw.edu.au
- Public Speaking Night: cgrant@opac.nsw.edu.au

If you have any other feedback or concerns, please don’t hesitate to email your child’s class teacher or Mrs Wilkins (admin@opac.nsw.edu.au).

Scholastic

Here are some of the products the College was able to purchase with Scholastic Rewards from Book Club and Book Fair as well as the donated books from Book Fair.

More products are still to come.

Thank you for your contribution.

Orientation Day

If your child will be commencing at the College in 2015, Orientation Day invitations have been sent to your home. If you have not received your invitation, please contact the College Office.
Year 7 Excursion

Why Have Zoos?

Year 7 students were set this question as part of an assessment task based on a trip to Symbio Wildlife Park. Are zoos just an entertainment and educational venue or do they have a role to play in the conservation of many of our world’s endangered species?

This is what some of the students had to say before they went to Symbio Wildlife Park:

*No, we should not have zoos because they contain animals which have a right to have more space and freedom and they are only used for entertainment in zoos.* – April Huisman

*Zoos are good for animals that are endangered because this can help protect and help increase the population of the species.* – Jackson McCabe

*Zoos have their pros and cons. Zoos can help save endangered animals but they cage the animals in small spaces and make them perform for people.* – Joel Kramer

*I strongly believe we should have zoos in the world. It helps animals that are endangered to breed so there numbers increase. Also it is used for money for the economy. For example Taronga Zoo makes 6 million dollars and it costs 2 million to run it. That's 4 million dollars going towards conservation programs.* – Oliver Humphreys

Whilst on the excursion, students heard about the international breeding programs the Park is involved in for a number of animals, including the Sumatran tiger. They also learnt about ambassador species, like the Tasmanian Devil, who they don’t have the resources to run a breeding program for, but keep in order to raise awareness of its endangered status.

By far the most enjoyable part of the day was feeding the kangaroos, who often helped themselves to the bag of food and allowed the students to pat them. It was a hard choice deciding between the meerkats and the marmoset monkeys as to which was the cutest animal.

Students had a wonderful day out of the classroom exploring God’s creation and applying their scientific skills to justify the existence of zoos.
Cybersafety Seminar

On Tuesday, 2 September Year 5-7 students were visited by Senior Constable Clapham and Senior Constable Scatters who spoke on the importance of being vigilant when using social media. He also pointed out the age restrictions for social media tools and how some students could get into serious trouble with the police for using social media at their age! It was an extremely informative presentation and Mr Moynan and Mr Beggs certainly learnt some new things as well. Cyber bullying has become one of the most common types of bullying and both Senior Constables gave wonderful advice on how to deal with it. They also suggested that life around us is a lot more important than life on the screen! We appreciate their time and efforts and I know that they are presenting a talk for parents at an upcoming P&F meeting. Definitely one to attend!

Tips

Are they my friends in real life?

- When chatting to friends using social networking, you should always keep in mind that there are some risks meeting people online, especially if you don’t know them in real life. When you share things online you may be sharing with other people you do not know or trust.
- Once a message, photo or video has been shared, you won’t be able to control where it goes.
- Know the basics of safe social networking.
- Limit your friend list—don’t ‘friend’ random people.
- Protect your privacy—don’t share your password and set your profile to private.
- Your personal details are valuable—don’t share them.
- Protect your reputation—keep it clean and ask yourself: would you want others to see what you upload?
- Be careful who you trust—a person can pretend to be someone they are not.
- Don’t use a webcam with people you do not know.
- Think before you post, chat, upload or download.
- Meeting online friends in the real world—do you know who you’re really meeting? Never agree to meet someone in person.
- Switch off your location settings to prevent ‘geotagging’.

Platforms you should know about:

Instagram 13 years is the minimum user age.

Facebook 13 years is the minimum user age.

Twitter 13 years is the minimum user age.

kik states that users must be 17 years or older.

Tumblr, ask.fm, Qooh.me, Snapchat, Minecraft

For more information visit…www.cybersmart.gov.au

S/C Clapham will be holding a Parent Cybersafety seminar at OPT Community Centre on Tuesday, 4 November 2014 at 7 pm.
Art Competition Winners

The following picture was incorrect in the last newsletter.

Congratulations
Ryan Vetrano
Year 2 - First Place

Art Excursion - Casula Powerhouse

On Thursday, 4 September the prize winners from our Art Competition went on an excursion to Casula Powerhouse. The students has a great time viewing and making artworks. Check out some of the pictures from the day.

Firstly we admired some of the public art in the Powerhouse gardens.

The students really enjoyed the graffiti decorating the old water tanks.

We examined some of the artworks on display in the Gallery.

We gathered natural Materials to use in our artworks.
Art Excursion - Casula Powerhouse

Students made two artworks. For the first one they drew objects with wool. The second one involved printing with the leaves and flowers they gathered outside.

Here are some of the finished artworks.
Father’s Day Breakfast

On Friday, 5 September, the College celebrated it’s 3rd Annual Father’s Day Breakfast. It was an opportunity for students to thank their Fathers and recognise the important role that they play in each of their lives. It is also an opportunity for the College to recognise and appreciate the contribution that Fathers of our College make to our community.

Fathers enjoyed a relaxed atmosphere, participating in different activities and enjoying a hearty breakfast prepared by mothers of the P&F and staff of the College.

Matthew Payne, associate pastor of New Life Anglican, shared what fatherhood means to him and his faith in his eternal father.

It was our hope and prayer that the College fathers had an enjoyable day last Sunday.
What’s happening in Sport

Sport: Prep - Kindergarten

This term in sport, Prep and Kindergarten have been learning gymnastics. They learned how to rock’n’roll, land on a motorbike, bunny hop and fall safely. They had lots of fun practising their skills on different equipment and became skilled at walking on a balance beam. Their favourite parts by far were learning how to do a forward roll and getting a chance to swing on the monkey bars.

Sport: Year 3 - Year 6

Anyone for Cricket?

If you are in Years 3-6, why not try cricket as a Sport elective for Term 4. Specialist coaches from NSW Cricket will be visiting the College during Wednesday afternoon sport in Term 4 and will be conducting clinic sessions for an hour and a half. Each session will cost $5 which can only be described as a bargain! Make sure you don’t miss out and get your note into Mr Beggs next week.

Sport Term 4

It is shaping up to be another busy term in sport at the College.

Kindergarten     Tennis
Year 1/2          Gymnastics
Year 3-6         IPSSO; Cricket; College Sport

Rugby League Fun Day

On Monday, 20 October, Wests Tigers will be holding a Rugby League fun day for students from the College as well as students from St Justin’s Catholic School and Oran Park Public School. All 3 schools have participated in Rugby League programs throughout the year. This will be a great reward for the students and allow them to do something different to what is normal in a school visit.

It will be a non-contact day with tackle bags, obstacle courses and goal kicking. There will also be an assembly on healthy lifestyle. This helps to promote a community spirit amongst the Schools in Oran Park.
What’s happening in Sport

Sport: Year 7

Next term, Year 7 will be heading off-campus during College sport to participate in an aquatic program at Atlantis Aquatic Centre, Smeaton Grange. The students will be leaving College at 1.15 pm (second half of lunch) and will be returning to College by 3.15 pm. This is an exciting program and we are looking forward to it!

NASSA Athletics Carnival - Senior

Well done to the following students who represented the College at the NASSA Athletics Championships on Wednesday, 20 August 2014. Joshua Sharkawy participated in the 13yrs Discus, and came 5th overall. Well done on your excellent achievement. April Huisman ran in the Junior 1500m with strength and determination. Unfortunately, Lachlan Roberts was unable to compete due to an ankle injury. However, well done for being selected and we are looking forward to next year!

OPAC Tennis Championships

Next term, we are having the 1st Annual Oran Park Anglican College Tennis Championships. The competition will be held here at College on our very own courts.

The divisions are Years 3-5 and Years 6-7. Sign up sheets are on the window outside the demountable staffroom. Please write your name on the sign up sheets. There will be both doubles and singles. If you would like to play doubles write your name AND your partners name on the doubles sign up sheet.

This is an exciting venture and we are looking forward to the start of the competition!
**Walkathon: Prep - Year 7 Students**

The College Walkathon is on Monday, 15 September – it is not too late to get more sponsors! It promises to be a great day with Prep to Year 7 getting involved. The day includes obstacle courses, laps of the oval and even a tour (walking of course!) of Oran Park Town. Keep hunting for those donations to assist the College in purchasing cocurricular equipment.

**Active After-School Communities Program**

In Term 4, the College will be offering basketball and baseball for students to participate in on a Wednesday or Thursday afternoon. A note has been emailed home to parents and is due back by Friday Week 1 Term 4.

**Creative Arts Night - Performance Auditions**

*Imagine…Create…Grow*

Next term the College is hosting its inaugural Creative Arts Night. All students will be part of the performance and parents are advised to mark the following details in their diaries:

- **Date**: Wednesday, 19 November 2014
- **Time**: 5.30 pm - 7.30 pm
- **Venue**: Camden Civic Centre

There will be a static display of students work from 5:30pm with the stage performances starting at 6pm.

In addition to College class and group performances, students can audition to perform as an individual or small group. Students who have private dancing, singing or instrumental lessons are encouraged to practice an item over the holidays in preparation for auditions next term.

**Audition details:**

- **When**: Week 2, Term 4
- **Sign up**: By the end of Week 1, Term 4
- **Who to**: Mr Beggs

It promises to be a wonderful evening as our students take to the stage and treat us to a celebration of the Creative Arts.
**In the Classroom with Mrs Grant, Mr Beggs and 5/6Blue**

Students in Year 5/6B have been looking at human rights and democracy this term. We have studied the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights and considered the impact of the Stolen Generation on indigenous Australians.

In Science, we have learned about robotics, designing a production line for the meat pie from combining the mince and pastry right through to wrapping and being ready for sale. It is amazing to see the robotic creations that are already in the world today and the way that robotics have reshaped manufacturing as we know it.

Students have also been involved in some fun, hands on scientific experiments. Students have created their own parachutes and discussed how to slow the fall of an object. They have conducted experiments about the transfer of kinetic energy from one object to another and enjoyed spending some time in the Senior School Science laboratory.

We are looking forward to our excursion to Parliament House and Questacon, Canberra.

**Live Life Well @ School**

Towards the end of Term 2, Stage 3 participated in a physical activity challenge where they were encouraged to move away from electronic entertainment and play outside. Points were collected for healthy eating/drinking and activity levels.

**Congratulations to Christina Kumar**, for achieving the most points for Living Outside the Box.

**Stage 2 Q4:H2O Challenge**


The Q4:H2O activity is a one week school/family based project to promote the concept of healthy drinks to children and their parents/carers and to support teachers getting healthy drink messages to families. Students are encouraged to choose water and reduced fat milk to meet their fluid requirements. We will be enlisting the help of a well-known personality to help us do this, so keep an eye out for some exciting visitors in our College next week.

**Check out these websites**

Mini Savoury Croissants

Makes 24

Preparation time 15 minutes
Cooking time 30 minutes

Ingredients

1 tbs light olive oil
1 small brown onion, finely chopped
200g minced beef
1 egg
1/2 cup breadcrumbs
1 tbs chopped parsley
2 tbs milk
3 sheets frozen puff pastry (24 x 24 cm), just thawed
1 egg, beaten, to glaze
tomato sauce, to serve

Method

Step 1  Heat a frying pan over medium heat. Add half of the oil and the onion and cook for about 5 minutes until soft and golden. Transfer to a large bowl.

Step 2  Add the remaining oil and the beef to the frypan and cook for about 5 minutes until the mince has browned. Strain off excess liquid and transfer to the bowl with the onion. Add the egg, breadcrumbs, parsley and half of the milk and stir to combine. Set aside to cool.

Step 3  Preheat the oven to 180°C. Line two baking trays with baking paper.

Step 4  Place one pastry sheet on to a chopping board and cut in half. Cut each half strip into 4 even triangles, discarding the half triangles at each end. Repeat with the remaining pastry sheets.

Step 5  Place two teaspoons of the beef mixture in the centre of each triangle and roll from the base to the point to make mini croissants. Place on the baking trays. Combine the beaten egg with the remaining milk. Glaze the croissants with the egg mixture. Cook for 15-20 minutes or until golden.
2014 Dates For Your Diary

**Term 3**
- Y5/6 Canberra Excursion: Friday, 12 September
- Walkathon: Monday, 15 September
- K-6 Public Speaking Championships: Tuesday, 16 September
- Last Day Term 3: Friday, 19 September

**Term 4**
- Public Holiday: Monday, 6 October
- Professional Development (Staff): Tuesday, 7 October
- First Day Term 4: Wednesday, 8 October
- K 2015 Orientation Day 1: Monday, 13 October
- Y5/6 Camp: Thurs, 16 - Fri, 17 October
- K 2015 Orientation Day 2: Monday, 20 October
- West Tigers Fun Day: Monday, 27 October
- Prep Excursion: Wednesday, 29 October
- Y7 Vaccination 3: Thursday, 30 October
- K 2015 Orientation Day 3: Monday, 3 November
- P-2 Tabloid Carnival: Wednesday, 5 November
- Y1-6 2015 Orientation Day: Tuesday, 4 November
- Creative Arts Night Rehearsal: Thursday, 6 November
- Prep 2015 Orientation Day: Friday, 7 November
- Mid-Term Break (Students only): Monday, 10 November
- Creative Arts Night: Wednesday, 19 November
- Parent Helper Morning Tea: Friday, 21 November
- Celebration Assembly: Tuesday, 2 December
- Last Day Term 4: Thursday, 4 December
- P&F– Bunnings BBQ (Narellan): Saturday, 6 December

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**Prep - Year 6 Assembly**
Parents are invited to attend the College weekly assembly held on Fridays at 2.30 pm.

**Class leading**
- Week 9: Y6 / KB
- Week 1: Y3
- Week 2: Y7
- Week 3: Prep

**Prep - Year 6 Assembly**

**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.

No penguin key rings available as prizes.

**Scholastic Book Club**
If you have any queries, please contact the Office.
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| **TERM 2**      |
| Tuesday, 21 April | First day of Term 2 |
| Monday, 8 June   | Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday |
| Friday, 26 June  | Last day of Term 2 |

| **TERM 3**      |
| Monday, 20 July  | First day of Term 3 |
| Friday, 18 September | Last day of Term 3 |

| **TERM 4**      |
| Tuesday, 6 October | First day of Term 4 |
| Monday, 9 November | Mid Term Break - Students Only |
| Friday, 4 December | Last day of Term 4 |

**Principal’s Award**

Due to the Year 12 graduation at Thomas Hassall Anglican College, Mr Whelan is unable to attend the assembly on Friday, 19 September 2014.

Principal’s Awards will be held over until early Term 4.

**Enrolments**

**A reminder to anyone thinking of leaving the College at the end of the year**

Parents are reminded that the agreement you signed on enrolment asks you to give us a full term’s notice before leaving – not just a notice during the final term. If notice is not given, then the agreement is that you will pay a term’s fee in lieu of notice. If you are planning to leave the College at the end of the year the notice needs to be in writing to Mrs Wilkins.
Parents’ & Friends’ Association

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

Next Meeting

Tuesday, 4 Nov 7pm at OPT Hall. Everyone welcome.

P&F Email Contact

pandf@opac.nsw.edu.au

P&F Webpage

http://www.opac.nsw.edu.au/pandf

Supporting Our Families

If your family or you know of a College family who is need of support or would like to offer assistance in preparing meals, please contact Mrs Lynch at the College Office.

Confidentiality will be respected when requested.

From the Parents’ & Friends’ Association

From The P&F President

Thank you to all parents who recently volunteered at the Fathers’ Day events.

The Fathers’ Day Stall gave the kids a chance to purchase a small gift for Dad. It also helped the P&F raise further funds to assist with our growing College. The Fathers’ Day Breakfast gave the College an opportunity to give thanks to the Dads for the role they play in the lives of their children. This event was enjoyed by all who attended.

On behalf of the P&F, I’d like to extend thanks and appreciation to Bunnings, Narellan - for their donation of the Large 6 Burner BBQ which was used at the Fathers’ Day Breakfast. I cannot express how grateful we are for this generous donation and will be a very useful addition at many future College events. This photo shows it being put to good use already. Thankyou Bunnings.

The P&F are pleased to announce a partnership with Roberts Estate Agents & Property Managers (located in Oran Park Town Centre). They cater to all property needs and offer a friendly, professional service. If you, your family or friends are thinking of selling property why not give them a call on 02 4622 1184. When Oran Park Anglican College is mentioned, the sale of the property entitles the P&F to a donation from Roberts Estate Agents. This agreement is an opportunity for the P&F to raise further funds and ultimately benefit our children.

Upcoming Events

The College Walkathon is to be held Monday, 15 September from 11 am. The P&F will run the OPAC canteen on the day. If you haven’t already returned your order form, I regret to inform that hotdogs will not be available for purchase on the day. However, snacks such as packets of chips, chocolate bars and drinks will be available for individual purchase. At the conclusion of the day all students will receive a Zooper Dooper ice block.

The Bunnings BBQ will be held Saturday, 6 December 2014. This is the day after the end of Term 4. The P&F require 15 volunteers to cover 3 shifts throughout the day. If you are available to assist at any time please contact the P&F via the email – pandf@opac.nsw.edu.au.

November, 4 P&F Meeting – Guest Speaker

Senior Constable Allan Clapham, a School Liaison Officer with the NSW Police will be conducting a talk on Cyber Safety and Cyber Bullying. This is an issue he recently discussed with students from Years 5 - 7. The wealth of knowledge he passed on to the students is just as important for parents to know and understand, especially relating to social media in today’s world. On behalf of the College and the P&F, I encourage all to attend.

In anticipation of a big attendance the next P&F meeting will be held at Oran Park Town Centre on Tuesday, 4 November 2014 at 7 pm. I hope to see you all there for this important discussion.

Clothing Pool

With the change of seasons, do your children require new uniform items? If you wish to purchase, or would like to donate, good quality second hand uniform items, please contact the P&F via the email address – pandf@opac.nsw.edu.au. Please note that stock is currently limited.

Have a safe and enjoyable holiday break and I look forward to seeing you all in Term 4.
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Cost for non Oran Park residents is $70. Please book via the website listed above.