From the Head of Campus

Welcome back to our final term for the year. We are very excited about the range of activities planned for this term, both in and outside the classroom. Year 5 and 6 students return today from their two day camp where they have been challenged to work together in a variety of fun and exciting activities.

Our Flying Start Kindergarten orientation program has commenced and despite a couple of tears in the beginning, all our new and continuing students enjoyed a good afternoon sharing in a story time and craft activity about *Going on a Bear Hunt*.

We welcome our new Year 7 students to the College next Friday for their orientation program where they will meet the current staff and students and experience a day in the life of Senior School.

It has been exciting to see the frame appearing on our new building and we expect to see the roof on over the coming weeks. The growth of the College continues and our vision for a P-12 College of a thousand students is not too far over the horizon. Our current students are the pioneers, the first to experience and establish the culture of learning here. These are exciting times to be part of a new school, but as with all new things there are growing pains and as we experience challenging situations, we learn from them to improve in the future. We also learn patience as we wait for the right time and resources to implement programs and activities.

*I waited patiently for the Lord; he turned to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear the Lord and put their trust in him.*

*Psalm 40:1-3*

Mrs Naomi Wilkins
Head of Campus
**Professional Development**

On Tuesday, 7 October, all staff undertook the following Professional Development:

What is the vision for the College?
Expanding Teachers’ Behaviour Management Toolkit with Steve Kenny.

**2015 and 2016 Enrolments**

Applications are being accepted for students commencing at the College in 2015 and 2016.

Sibling applications have priority if received prior to 30 January the year prior to commencement. If you have an application for 2016, please complete by the end of term.

Interviews for 2016 will commence in Term 1, 2015.

**Mid-Term Break**

**Student Free Day**—Staff will be undertaking Professional Development.

Date  Monday, 10 November 2014

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**Volunteer Helpers Morning Tea**

Date  Friday, 21 November 2014
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, 19 November.
ATTENTION PARENTS

Cyberspace Seminar

Date      Tuesday, 4 November 2014
Time      7.00 pm
Venue     Oran Park Anglican College

Senior Constable Alan Claphan will be speaking to parents about the importance of being vigilant when your children are using social media.

This is an important topic and all parents are welcome to attend.

Creative Arts Night

Date      Wednesday, 19 November 2014
Time      5.30 pm  Artwork Display
           6.00 pm  Stage performances commence
Venue     Camden Civic Centre

All students (K-7) will be performing at this event.

Students must be at the venue by 5.30 pm dressed in their performance attire.
What’s it all about?

Christmas is a special time – a time to be filled with the joy of Christ and thanksgiving for his birth. Toys ‘n’ Tucker, an initiative of Anglicare Sydney, aims to share the joy of Christmas by providing food and gifts for those who would otherwise go without. We believe that Christmas is a time to give, to share and to be a blessing to those in our community who need it most.

Where does it go?

All donations go straight to the Anglicare Warehouse where they are sorted and packed, ready to be distributed. The sorting and packing process is carried out by teams of dedicated volunteers from churches, schools and businesses. The food hampers and gift parcels are then distributed through Anglicare’s Emergency Relief and Family Support programs which assist thousands in our community who would otherwise go without.

Here’s what you can give:

**Christmas food for festive meals**
- Long life custard
- Pasta sauce
- Tinned tuna/salmon/ham
- Christmas cake & puddings
- Small packs of biscuits
- Small packs of lollies

**Gifts for babies, children and teenagers**
- Toys for all ages
- Gift cards
- Toiletry gift packs for teenagers
- Sports equipment
- Family games
- Books for all ages

Just wrap your gift (if not food) and give it to your teacher for your class collection.

All donations are to be new and unused, thank you!
What’s happening in Sport

Sport: Year 3 - Year 6

Winter IPSSO Finals 2014

On Wednesday, 17 September, the Winter IPSSO Finals were held at Thomas Hassall Anglican College, Hoxton Park Reserve and William Carey Christian School.

Oran Park Anglican College had four students representing Oran Park Anglican College and Thomas Hassall Anglican College in the finals.

Emily Alden and Alexander Giakoumelos – Junior AFL
Dylan Bootsma and Josiah Beggs – Junior Soccer.

All four students gave an excellent account of themselves and their respective teams won their semi finals, thus qualifying for the final.

Both finals were hard fought, the Junior AFL team were narrowly defeated by 4 points, however the Junior Soccer team won their final convincingly 9-0.

Congratulations to all four students on a successful IPSSO season.

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 and promote community spirit amongst the schools in Oran Park.

It will be a non-contact day with tackle bags, obstacle courses and goal kicking. There will also be an assembly on healthy lifestyle.
**Sport: Year 7**

**Year 7 Sport for Term 4**

This week was Year 7’s first lesson of the Aquatics Program at Atlantis Aquatic Centre, Smeaton Grange. The students had a ball and really enjoyed the teaching. As water safety is an important part of the PDHPE syllabus, as well as the Australian culture, this is an integral part of sport. We are looking forward to developing our skills through this program.

**OPAC Tennis Championships**

Our OPAC tennis championships kicked off this week.

Due to the weather, the Junior games are still in progress.

In the senior draw, the results are:
- O. Humphreys def. A. Huisman
- G. Humphreys def. J. Fleming
- L. Furchtman def. A. Huisman

Well done to all those students participating.

Keep checking the C Block staffroom window for details on the competition.
**Sports Facility of the Year 2014**

Oran Park Anglican College’s multipurpose courts have won this award from the Sports Contractors Association which recognises the best sports complex in Australasia.

Our entry, made by Recreational Surfacing who undertook the project, supplied plans and photographs which were judged by a panel of architects. They were particularly impressed by the breadth of the project which included bulk excavation, retaining walls, drainage, pathways, fencing, lighting, surfacing and accessories. The staff and students are thrilled that our courts have been recognised for this award.

Following on from College sport programs in Tennis during Terms 2 and 3, this term has seen the inaugural Tennis Championships being played on Monday and Tuesday lunchtimes. The College Tennis Captains are Jordan Fleming and Destiny Rossi who are responsible for the daily organisation and record keeping of game results. Over twenty students have signed up for the Championships and are playing a combination of singles and doubles matches.

In addition to the students’ competition we would like to host an Oran Park Town Tennis competition and are seeking expressions of interest from parents or friends of the College who would like to take part in a tennis friendly match on a Friday afternoon/evening later this term. If you are interested in getting involved then please contact the College office ([admin@opac.nsw.edu.au](mailto:admin@opac.nsw.edu.au)) and let us know so we can organise this event.
**Walkathon: Prep - Year 7 Students**

On Monday, 15 September, all Oran Park Anglican College students from Prep through to Year 7 participated in this year’s Walkathon. We walked to raise money for co-curricular resources for the College.

Students participated in walking up to 6km for the event. Prep and Kindergarten students were even able to attempt an obstacle course!

Once they completed their walk, students were able to replenish their energy with a Hot Dog, chips and a bottle of water supplied by the P and F. So far we have raised $3000 and we thank all students for their continued commitment to our College.
This term, Prep students are working very hard to refine what they have learnt in preparation for Kindergarten next year. We have been practising our name writing and having fun creating patterns. Last term we looked at healthy eating in Science and enjoyed learning about good food and not so good food. This term we are studying animals and will be looking at where different animals live. We are looking forward to our excursion to Featherdale Wildlife Park next Wednesday.
**Year 7 Technology Excursion**

**HOPE 103.2 & CHANNEL 9**

Year 7 students recently went on an action packed excursion to the Christian Radio station at Seven Hills called HOPE 103.2. This excursion was part of their Media Studies unit. They spent the morning at Hope 103.2 learning all about radio broadcasting, from how advertisements are created, editing pre-recorded interviews; the types of technology utilised and an overview of how to be a host on a radio show. Several students even had an opportunity to act as a ‘radio presenters’ and we had lots of fun with Dan in helping host his show.

The students also visited the Channel 9 Studios at Willoughby and got some insights and further knowledge into how television broadcasting occurs. This visit included a tour behind the scenes and a tour of the operation rooms where they observed how they remotely control various cameras and audio. They also met a famous news presenter who was kind enough to take the time out to chat with the students about career opportunities, the importance of public speaking and other helpful information. We got to be broadcasted live as part of the Channel 9 news background. Students had a fun, informative and educational day of learning outside of the classroom.
**Carrot and Sultana Muffins**

Makes 12

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**Ingredients**

- 2 carrots
- 1 egg
- 1/4 cup canola oil
- 1/4 cup honey
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 1/3 cup sultanas
- 1/4 cup reduced fat milk
- 1 cup white self-raising flour
- 3/4 cup wholemeal self-raising flour
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

**Method**

Step 1  Preheat oven to 200°C. Brush a little oil (or place paper cases) in the muffin pan.

Step 2  Wash the carrots and pat dry with paper towels. Grate and put in the mixing bowl.

Step 3  Break the egg into the cup or small bowl and beat lightly with a fork.

Step 4  Add the egg to the carrots with the oil, honey, brown sugar, sultanas and milk.

Step 5  Mix all the ingredients with a wooden spoon.

Step 6  Stir in the flours and cinnamon and stir into the carrot mixture until just combined.

Step 7  Use a metal dessert spoon to spoon the mixture into the prepared muffin pans.

Step 8  Bake until risen, cooked through and golden brown (about 20 minutes).
2014 Dates For Your Diary

Term 4

**K 2015 Orientation Day 2**  
**West Tigers Fun Day**  
Monday, 20 October

**Prep Excursion**  
Wednesday, 22 October

**Y7 2015 Orientation Day**  
**Skate Park Design Workshop (Y7)**  
Friday, 24 October

**K 2015 Orientation Day 3**  
Monday, 27 October

**P-2 Tabloid Carnival**  
Wednesday, 29 October

**Y7 Vaccination 3**  
Thursday, 30 October

**K 2015 Orientation Day 4**  
Monday, 3 November

**Y1-6 2015 Orientation Day**  
**Cyberspace Seminar (7 pm)**  
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 (5.30 pm)**  
Wednesday, 19 November

**Parent Helper Morning Tea (10.30 am)**  
Friday, 21 November

**K-6 Disco and Happy Families Seminar**

**Bike Day - Years 1 and 2 (9 am)**  
Monday, 24 November

**Y7 Excursion**  
**Celebration Assembly**  
Tuesday, 2 December

**Last Day Term 4**  
Thursday, 4 December

**P&F– Bunnings BBQ (Narellan)**  
Saturday, 6 December

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**Celebration Assembly**

**Date**  
Tuesday, 2 December 2014

**Time**  
5.00 pm - 6.30 pm

**Venue**  
Camden Civic Centre
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From the Parents’ & Friends’ Association

Welcome back for the final term of 2014. I trust everyone had a pleasant holiday break. We have only 8 weeks until the end of the year. The P&F have one fundraising event left for 2014.

The next Bunnings BBQ will be held Saturday, 6 December 2014. This is the first Saturday after the end of Term. The P&F are asking for volunteers to cover 3 shifts – 8:30 am to 11:30 am, 11:30 am to 2:30 pm and 2:30 pm to 5:00 pm. We need 5 people per shift. If you are able to volunteer, you can contact the P&F via the email – pandf@opac.nsw.edu.au and please state your preferred shift if you have one. If you can't commit to a full shift but still wish to volunteer, please contact us also because any help on the day would be greatly appreciated. It's a great day that raises much needed funds to assist with the ongoing needs of the college.

In the previous newsletter article the P&F announced a partnership with Roberts Estate Agents & Property Managers (soon to be located in Oran Park Town Centre). They cater to all property needs and offer a friendly, professional service. If any staff, parent, family or friend of the OPAC community is thinking of selling property and decides to sell with Roberts Estate Agents & Property Managers a total of $1200 will be donated to the P&F for every 3 properties sold under this agreement, that's $2000 for every 5 properties or $4000 for every ten. For every property that is managed under the OPAC partnership a donation of $100 will be made to the P&F. Why not give them a call on 02 4622 1184 and don't forget to mention Oran Park Anglican College.

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 that he recently discussed with students from Years 5 through to 7. The wealth of knowledge he passed on to the kids 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.

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. Stock is currently limited and we welcome all enquiries.

Matthew Saliba
OPAC P&F President
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