From the Head of Campus

Term 4 is always action packed and this fortnight has been no different. Kindergarten to Year 2 students participated in their annual Tabloid Carnival and enjoyed a range of activities designed to improve their gross motor and fitness skills. Year 6 students and their families baked up a storm and sold cupcakes and cookies to raise money towards their end of year excursion. Year 7 visited the live radio broadcast at Oran Park Podium and Year 2 picked the produce from their vegetable garden. Students are engaging with a full range of activities inside and outside the classroom to enhance their learning – academically, physically and socially.

I am also looking forward to our Cybersafety workshop next Tuesday night, presented by S/Cst Allan Clapham from Campbelltown Police Station. All parents are invited to attend and hear how we can support our children in the safe and appropriate use of technology.

You should also have received an invitation to a Parent Seminar on November 21st, presented by Dr Justin Coulson – ‘What Your Child Needs From You’. This seminar runs while the Junior School students are having fun at their disco.

I’m sure you will enjoy reading this issue of The Life which is bursting with examples of what’s been happening at the College so far this term.

Sing to him; yes, sing his praises. And tell of his marvelous works. Glory in his holy name; Let all rejoice who seek the Lord.
1 Chronicles 16:9-10

Mrs Naomi Wilkins
Head of Campus
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

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.

Ph. D. Survey

Does your 10-12 year old child think that popularity is linked to wearing brands? I am a PhD Student at the University of Wollongong who would like to be able to answer this question. If you would be willing to help, please email me at leanneb@uow.edu.au. Mrs Wilkins sent out information on this study last term, however if you email me, I am happy to resend the information and consent forms for your consideration. Your involvement would be 10 minutes. of your time as a parent filling out a survey and 30 mins of your child's time at school, completing a guided survey on an iPad. The children I have worked with to date have enjoyed the activity. I would really appreciate any help with this project. Kind regards, Leanne Brereton, PhD Candidate.
ATTENTION PARENTS

Cybersafety Seminar

Date	Tuesday, 4 November 2014
Time	7.00 pm
Venue	Oran Park Town Community Room

Senior Constable Allan Clapham will be speaking to parents about the importance of being vigilant when your children are using technology.

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.

SOCIAL TENNIS EVENT
FRIDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2014
4PM - 6PM TENNIS
FOLLOWED BY DINNER

*This is an adult only event

RSVP by Thursday 20 November 2014
www.opac.nsw.edu.au/tennis
The Life

Toys ‘n’ Tucker

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.

In Week 5 we are collecting Pasta Sauce and Toiletry gift packs for teenagers

In Week 6 we are collecting Long Life Custard and Gift Cards

All donations are to be new and unused, thank you!

If you have any questions, please email Mr Beggs – jbeggs@opac.nsw.edu.au
Oran Park Anglican College presents....

**DISCO FEVER**

Friday, 21 November 2014

K-2  3.30 pm – 4.30 pm
3-6  4.30 pm – 5.30 pm

OPAC students are welcome to come and join in the fun and games.

**COST**  $5 per student (max $10 per family)
A packet of chips and a popper included.

**DRESS**  Your favourite Disco outfit

**PRIZES**  Best dressed and best entertainer per class

**RSVP**  Tuesday, 18 November 2014
RSVP with payment to the College Office for catering purposes.
Parent Seminar

In conjunction with the Junior School Discos

The College would like to warmly invite parents and friends to a seminar led by Dr Justin Coulson, a positive psychology researcher, author and speaker.

Hi, I'm Dr Justin Coulson. I'm a parent of 6 children - and I speak and write about parenting. I'm excited to visit OPAC to talk with you about how you can do it ALL without messing your kids up! It's a great, fun, interactive talk, and I know you'll love it. You'll get great ideas for making your family happier, and you'll be able to practice those ideas before you've even left the school with your kids after their dance! Can't wait to see you there.

**TOPIC - What Your Child Needs From You**

*In this session, Justin will share the essential keys to get to the heart of raising a happy child and creating a connected family.*

*To see a promotional video visit:*
http://justincoulson.com/speaking/without-messing-kids/

**DATE**
Friday, 21 November 2014

**TIME**
3.30 pm OR 4.30 pm

**DURATION**
50 mins

**VENUE**
Year 1 & 2 classrooms

**RSVP**
Tuesday, 18 November 2014

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**RSVP to the College Office**

Student names ___________________________________________ Class __________

**Parent Seminar**

☐ I/We will be attending the 3.30 pm session  No. attending _____

☐ I/We will be attending the 4.30 pm session  No. attending _____

**Disco**

☐ My child/ren will be attending the K-2 Disco  No. attending _____

☐ My child/ren will be attending the 3-6 Disco  No. attending _____

Amount enclosed $_______ (Cash or Cheque payable to Oran Park Anglican College)
What’s happening in Sport

Sport: Year 7

Students have been developing their swimming skills during sport this term. Stroke technique, fitness and rescue procedures have been the focus of our Swim Program. Students are enjoying the program and I look forward to seeing their development throughout the term.

OPAC Tennis Championships

Well done to all those students who are participating in the Tennis Championship. It is running smoothly and the Tennis Captains have been doing a fantastic job!

Remember to keep checking the demountable staffroom window for details of the competition and when your matches are to be played.

Y5/6 Canberra Excursion

On Friday 12 September, Year 5 and 6 travelled to Canberra to spend the morning at Parliament House. We had been studying the history of democracy in Australia in class and our visit helped consolidate what the students had learned. After a nervous passage through the security gates, we were all amazed at the grandeur of the building and the way parliament is run. Our day concluded with a visit to Questacon, where students spent time experimenting with a range of scientific challenges. By far the most exciting experience there was the freefall slide, which really tested the students’ courage! It was a worthwhile, memorable and enjoyable day!

‘Our excursion was so much fun…I’m definitely going back to Canberra again!’ Leah

‘We looked at paintings of former Prime Ministers … I wonder if a painting of me will be on that wall when I am older..’ Gabriella

‘I wonder if the Prime Minister ever gets bored with his job ..’ Cerise
Oran Park Help Design Skate Facility

On Friday 24 October, Year 7 participated in an Oran Park Skate Facility Design Workshop. The workshop was led by Alaric Hellawell of Convic - a leading Australian skate park design company.

Students helped the team to design a futuristic local skate facility to be located at Julia Reserve on Peter Brock Drive in Oran Park Town. Year 7 students shared their ideas and creative skills, and worked in teams to build scaled models of their dream skate parks and presented their designs to the other teams and classmates.

Students provided many amazing ideas for skate features including:
- a skateable car sculpture
- a rock ramp and tunnels.

Students also suggested including other features in the space such as sports courts, a special events stage, seating and tables.

Using the ideas from school students and the community, a concept design will be made in the coming weeks. Keep checking the website for a Community Ideas Hub in November.

The project team would like to hear from you!

Contribute your ideas for your chance to win a prize! Students, parents and residents are invited to share their ideas by leaving comments at this website: www.oranparkyouthhub.com.au

It was an awesome experience and a special thank you to Carmen Lau from GHD for organising the design workshop. We look forward to continuing to work with them and our students, teachers, parents and community on this exciting project.

Thank you to Year 7 who have shared their ideas about a skate park for Oran Park Town.
**Prep excursion to Featherdale Wildlife Park.**

On Wednesday, 22 October, Prep went to Featherdale Wildlife Park. We had a fantastic time looking at all the animals and collecting our stamps in our passports. We enjoyed learning about different animals in our talk and even got to touch some of them. They included a lizard called Mario, a snake called Dora, Tawny frogmouth called Captain Feathersword and a koala called Rueben. The children were all really well behaved and very tired on the way back to school.

We would like to thank all those parents who assisted us on the day. The extra eyes and hands helped the day run smoothly.
Public Speaking Finals

Sixteen students from Kindergarten to Year 6 were selected to participate in the Oran Park Anglican College Public Speaking Final, which was held at College at the end of last term. The calibre of each speech was a credit to the students who delivered them and all finalists spoke with confidence, expression and clarity. Congratulations to all participants, especially to Cole Jordan whose speech was most entertaining and inspiring!

First Place
Cole Jordan

Runner Up
Lachlan Manton
Cerise Bootsma

Highly Commended
Sean O’Connor
Ben Patane
Michael Beeraz
Alicia Pavone
Helena Gajda
Gabriella Russo
In the Classroom with Years 1 and 2

This term Year 1 and Year 2 have been working collaboratively to learn about Ancient Egypt. We have discovered many interesting facts. We have found out about the people of Egypt and their everyday life and compared the noblemen to the farmers. We have read about, written and created fantastic art pieces about Egyptian culture. We know that archaeologists have discovered the tombs of the Pharoahs which has allowed us to learn more about their civilisation.

This unit has given us the opportunity to follow our interests and further develop our questioning and inquiry skills.
Year 5/6 Camp

The weather was beautiful for Year 5 and 6 Camp this year, which was held at Wedderburn Christian Campsite. The students enjoyed a variety of activities - those that challenged their fears (flying fox and rock wall climbing), those that encouraged cooperation (initiative games), those that required brute strength (pool wrestling) and those that were just plain fun (BMX riding and laser skirmish)! The campers were kept very busy on the 2 day adventure. They learned more about each other and how listening skills were important for effective communication and achieving goals together. It was definitely the highlight of the year for Year 5/6 students.

‘Wedderburn Christian Campsite has everything you could wish for – delicious meals, grand accommodation and fun activities.’ Mary

‘…it’s an awesome, extreme place for your school camp!’ Daniel

‘I would love to go back and experience that moment one more time!’ Emily
**Live Life Well @ School**

This week OPAC was lucky enough to have the opportunity to participate in the AFL Giants AusKick Workshops. Students from K-6 kicked, passed, and snatched the ball in a short ‘taster’ session on Thursday.

The Giants would like to invite OPAC students to join them on Tuesday afternoons starting Tuesday, 4 November on Wayne Gardner Reserve for a community Auskick program. Please see the flyer attached for more details.

**Vegie Garden!**

Harvest Time! After a long time growing we finally have veggies. Thank you to Year 2 for growing, harvesting and sharing some very unique and exciting vegetables with us this week.

**Oran Park Podium Opening**

Four students (Jordan Fleming, Gemma Pope, Natasha Barlow and Cole Jordan) represented the College at the Oran Park Podium official opening by the Premier of NSW, Mr Michael Baird.

There has been significant collaboration between the Greenfield Developers and local and state government to ensure the infrastructure is available to the communities around Oran Park.
Vegetable and Lamb Party Pies

Makes 24

Preparation time 40 mins
Cooking time 10 mins

Ingredients

1 brown onion, finely chopped
1 garlic clove, crushed
500g mincemeat lamb
1/3 cup grated carrot
1/4 cup frozen peas
4 sheets (25cm) ready-rolled shortcrust pastry, thawed
2 large potatoes, peeled, chopped
1/3 cup milk
Tasty cheese, grated (optional)
1 tbs olive oil
1/4 cup plain flour
1 cup beef stock
2 tbs tomato paste
1 tbs barbecue sauce

Method

1. Preheat oven to 200°C. Heat the oil in a large frying pan over medium-high heat. Add the onion and garlic and cook, stirring, for 5 minutes or until onion softens. Add the mincemeat and cook, stirring with a wooden spoon to break up any lumps, for 5 minutes or until mincemeat changes colour. Add the carrot and flour and cook, stirring for 2 minutes or until well combined. Add the stock, tomato paste, barbecue sauce and peas and cook, stirring occasionally, for 5 minutes or until sauce thickens slightly. Remove from heat and set aside to cool slightly. Taste and season with salt and pepper.

2. Meanwhile, use an 8cm-round pastry cutter to cut discs from the pastry sheets. Line the base and sides of 48 mini muffin pans (30ml / 1 1/2tbs capacity). Use a fork to lightly prick the bases of pastry cases. Place in the fridge for 15 minutes to rest. Bake in oven for 15 minutes or until golden brown and crisp.

3. Place the potatoes in a large saucepan and cover with cold water. Place on a high heat and bring to the boil. Cook for 15 minutes or until tender. Drain well. Mash until smooth. Add milk and stir to combine.

4. Taste and season with salt and pepper. Spoon the lamb mixture into the pastry cases. Spoon the mashed potato over the lamb mixture. Sprinkle with tasty cheese (optional). Bake for 10 minutes or until heated through and golden brown.
2014 Dates For Your Diary

Term 4

K 2015 Orientation Day 4  Monday, 3 November
Y1-6, 8 2015 Orientation Day  Tuesday, 4 November
Cyberspace Seminar (7 pm)

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
Toys & Tucker Finish (9 am)  Monday, 1 December
Y7 Excursion  Tuesday, 2 December
Celebration Assembly

Last Day Term 4  Thursday, 4 December
P&F– Bunnings BBQ (Narellan)  Saturday, 6 December

Celebration Assembly

Date  Tuesday, 2 December 2014
Time  5.00 pm - 6.30 pm
Venue  Camden Civic Centre

This is a compulsory College event.

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.
## 2015 TERM DATES

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| Kindergarten, Year 7, Year 8 commence |
| Y1 – Year 6 commence                 |
| Prep Red (3 day) commence            |
| Prep Blue (2 day) commence           |
| Last day of Term 1                   |

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| First day of Term 4 |
| Mid Term Break - Students Only |
| Last day of Term 4     |

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**Y6 Cake Stall**

Mrs Grant and Mr Beggs would like to thanks parents who donated cookies, cakes and doughnuts for the cake stall this week.

Also, thank you to the students who purchased items from the stall, proceeds from the stall will go towards the End of Year excursion for Year 6.
From the Parents’ & Friends’ Association

The next P&F meeting will be held after a presentation about the importance of cyber safety at the home. 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 through to 7. The knowledge passed on to the kids can be very useful for parents also. On behalf of the College and the P&F, I encourage all to attend.

The 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.

Bunnings BBQ

The next Bunnings BBQ will be held Saturday, 6 December 2014. Your assistance on the day is requested and will be greatly appreciated. The P&F need 5 volunteers per shift volunteers to cover 3 shifts – 8.30 to 11.30 am, 11.30 am to 2.30 pm and 2.30 to 5.00 pm. In order for this event to run smoothly we need to organise the roster as soon as possible. If you are able to volunteer, please contact the P&F via the email – pandf@opac.nsw.edu.au. If you have a preferred shift please state in your email. If you are unable to commit to a full shift or can work between 2 shifts please contact us also as any help on the day will be greatly appreciated. It’s a fun day that assists in raising much needed funds to assist in developing the College and our children.

Clothing Pool

Recently, we have had some interest in purchasing good quality second hand uniforms. Unfortunately, due to low stock we may not be able to provide all items to all people. If you have good quality second hand items that your children have outgrown or no longer need and you would like to donate to the P&F Clothing Pool or if you want to make an enquiry about purchasing, please contact the P&F via the email address – pandf@opac.nsw.edu.au.

Partnership – Roberts Estate Agents

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 (located in the business hub of Oran Park Podium) 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.

Matthew Saliba
OPAC P&F President
LOWES

SPECIAL PROMOTION FOR

ORAN PARK ANGLICAN COLLEGE

SPECIAL SALES

DAYS x 2

AT LOWES STORE NARELLAN

Thursday 13th November and Friday 14th November 2014

RECEIVE 15% DISCOUNT

Off the regular price on all uniform items for

Oran Park Anglican College

PLUS

BONUS EZY-WAY 5% DISCOUNT

additional for Lowes Ezy-Way customers

OR 5% REWARDS

Lowes Rewards Card holders receive in-store Gift Vouchers
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PLUS

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uniform purchased in-store.
For more information contact Greg Talbot on 8867 7411 or email greg.talbot@aflnswact.com.au
FREE COMMUNITY ACTIVITY!

MAKE-A-MONSTER!

To celebrate National Recycling Week, we are holding a monster puppet workshop! We encourage residents (young and old) to come down and participate in helping us make a whole tribe!

Wed 12th November 2014
4.30pm to 6.00pm
Community Room
Cnr Peter Brock & Oran Park Drives

What to bring: Please bring along approx 20 recycled plastic bags (coloured preferably) and 4 bottle tops. We will supply the rest!

Participants may be allocated into teams, depending on numbers. All children under 5 must have full parental supervision due to small parts.

For more information, contact Mel Frank,
Community Facilitator 0418 871 868
mfrank@oranparktown.com.au

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