From the Head of Campus

We are more than half way through the term and as most assessments have been completed we are starting to prepare for end of term events.

There is a lot of excitement for our first Creative Arts Night next week. Our theme is ‘Imagine, Create, Grow’ and the students are enjoying working together, learning songs and dance routines to entertain their parents and friends.

Next week we will also host the Junior School Disco and Happy Families Parent Seminar. See further details later in this newsletter.

Oran Park Anglican College has a vision to be involved in our community and our Social Tennis Event on 28 November is one way in which we see this happening. Our courts are the only tennis facilities in Oran Park Town and we are happy to share them.

Term 4 is a busy time for everybody in our College community, but I am particularly conscious of the effort of our staff who go above and beyond to ensure teaching and learning is continuing right until the end of term. Our planning for next year is also underway and there are some exciting new initiatives that will be implemented that students will learn about later in the term – watch this space!

Being part of a small, growing school is exciting and challenging. Our core business is to grow and nurture students academically, physically and pastorally to ensure they develop their skills and abilities to go out and make a difference in their family, community and world. It is a pleasure to welcome new families into this community and I pray that everyone can enjoy the wonderful learning environment we are creating here.

Jesus said: “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke on you and learn from me, because I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy to bear, and my load is not hard to carry.” Matthew 11:28-30

N. Wilkins
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.

College Hours Review

From time to time the College Executive will review processes and procedures to ensure they are supporting the best learning environment for our students. In 2014 we have noticed an increase in the number of students arriving before 8:30am and some as early as 8:00am. This has caused us to consider revising the College hours to start and finish earlier.

Proposal for College Hours in 2015:

- Junior School: Start 8:30 AM  Finish 3:00 PM
- Senior School: Start 8:30 AM  Finish 3:20 PM (no change)

Another advantage to an earlier start time is that we can maximise student engagement in a longer morning session when the students are most responsive. An earlier finish to the day allows for students to get to after school activities and appointments without disrupting the end of day procedures.

The fine detail has not be determined and this is currently a proposal for which we are seeking feedback at this stage. Mrs Wilkins is happy to receive your feedback in person or via email (nwilkins@opac.nsw.edu.au). A decision will be made before the end of term.

Years 1 and 2 Bike Day

Date  Monday, 24 November 2014
Time  9.00 am – 10.30 am
Uniform  Sport Uniform

Stage 1 will be participating in a Bike Day program run by the New South Wales Police Force. This program is designed to assist and develop student knowledge of bikes and in particular, their use on the road.

The program will involve a theory session in the classroom and a practical session throughout the College grounds.

Students are asked to bring their bikes and helmets to College on the morning and line them up along the edge of the path near the bike rack. Students may use training wheels if required.

If students do not have a bike, they can still participate in the theory session in the classroom.
ATTENTION PARENTS

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.

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.
Toys ‘n’ Tucker

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.

Week 7 we are collecting Small Packs of Biscuits and Family Games

Week 8 we are collecting Christmas cake & Puddings and Books for all ages

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

Donations must be received by Friday, 28 November 2014.
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

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 3 - Year 6

IPSSO Sport

On Wednesday, 19 November the Summer IPSSO finals will be played at Macarthur Anglican School (Oz Tag, Softball) and Broughton Anglican College (Basketball, Cricket and Girls Soccer).

This season Oran Park Anglican College has 8 representatives:

Emily Alden   Year 4   Girls’ Soccer
Cerise Bootsma Year 6   Girls’ Soccer
Gabriella Russo Year 6   Oz Tag
Ethan Fleming Year 4   Cricket
Toby Tax      Year 4   Cricket
Dylan Bootsma Year 3   Cricket
Alexander Giakoumelos Year 4   Oz Tag
Josiah Beggs  Year 4   Oz Tag

All teams, excluding the girls soccer teams qualified for the IPSSO finals. We wish all our representatives the best as they compete next Wednesday to become IPSSO Champions for 2014.
**Oran Park Skate Facility**

**The Draft Concept Design has been prepared!**

The Oran Park development team is excited to announce that the draft concept design for the Oran Park skate facility has been prepared! The draft design was finalised by skate park design company, Convic, following design workshops with Oran Park Anglican College’s Year 7 class, other local school groups and the community. We are inviting students, parents and community members to have their say about the draft design at two upcoming events and the Oran Park Youth Hub online forum:

**Community Ideas Hub**
Oran Park Markets, Oran Park Podium, Oran Park Town
23 November 10 am – 12 pm

**Free skate clinic and workshop**
Kirkham Skate Park
29 November 10 am – 12 pm


Not a skater? We’d still like to hear your ideas about social spaces and public art as part of this exciting facility!

The next stage for the team is to prepare the final concept design and invite community feedback in February next year. Until then, we would love to continue to hear your ideas and comments on our online forum (www.oranparkyouthhub.com.au) and don’t forget to follow us on our Instagram, [@oranparkyouthhub](https://www.instagram.com/oranparkyouthhub).
HAVE YOUR SAY

Our skate park designers have produced a concept design of the future Oran Park Skate facility.

WE WANT TO HEAR WHAT YOU THINK!

Community Ideas Hub
Oran Park Markets, Oran Park Podium, Oran Park Town
23 November 10 am – 12 pm

OR

Kirkham Skate Park
Hilder Street, Elderslie
29 November from 10am to 12pm
For a free learn to skate clinic and workshop

Co-curricular

Although we may be nearing the end of the College year, there are still many co-curricular events still happening. Next week, on the evening of Wednesday 19, our inaugural Creative and Performing Arts Night is taking place. The evening promises to be a fantastic night with students and staff working hard to ensure that it is an enjoyable night for all who attend.

On Friday, 21 November K-6 are having their disco, with time for dancing, prizes and an opportunity for students to socialise together out of the classroom and playground. Please refer to the following pages for further information.

On Monday, 24 November Year 1 and 2 students will be participating in the Stage 1 Bike Day during the morning session. With the guidance of Sargent Scambury from the NSW Police Force, the students will learn all about bike and road safety and put that knowledge to the test on a specially designed course in the College grounds.

Peripatetic lessons still continue right up until the end of the year and it is wonderful to see so many students now taking advantage of learning a musical instrument here at College.

Active After School Sports continues on Wednesdays and Thursdays (excluding Wednesday, 19 November) with the development of basketball and baseball skills.

Our Celebration Evening which celebrates the end of our third year, one of great growth and development, is on Tuesday, 2 December and Year 6 will visit Jamberoo on Wednesday, 3 December to mark the end of their Primary School years.

In the classroom with Mrs Humphreys

Did you know that when students don’t read over the long summer break they are likely to fall behind when they return to school in the New Year? Scholastic calls it the ‘Summer Slide’. A proven way to prevent this is to read for just 10 minutes a day.

Register at www.scholastic.com.au/summer and log your reading minutes. There are prizes to be won!

The Enrichment Program

This semester, the focus on enrichment for students from Prep to Year 6 has been strong in the classroom. Some Prep students are really interested in writing and spelling, so they have been using magnets to create words and copying words to make sentences. Those Kindergarten students who have made significant gains in learning across many subject areas, have been using their thinking skills to solve more difficult problems. Year 1 and 2 have been working on writing poetry using descriptive language and have discovered some amazing facts in their study of Ancient Egypt. Students in Years 3-6 have been challenged to research a topic they are passionate about and had some mind stretching moments when they formulated their own questions to base their research on. It has been good to see so many students excited to learn and discover new things about the world around them.
It’s hard to really begin turning our minds to Christmas but between shops bombarding us with junk mail sales on toys and the first sprinklings of glitter and trees beginning to pop up around the place, it’s pretty unavoidable. One of the things that I’d like to put on your agenda and into your diary for the end of the year is the Oran Park Community Carols right next door to the school on Gardner Reserve.

Of course there’ll be Carols events happening right throughout the South West including one run by our friends at Harrington Park Anglican at the Primary School there. If you’re local to Oran Park or can’t make an earlier one, the Oran Park Community Carols run by the team at NewLife Anglican will be on Saturday, 20 December 2014 from 5.30 pm - 9.30 pm. Last year we had over 1000 people join us and this year we’re hoping to double that number. There’ll be free face painting, jumping castles, a climbing wall for the bigger kids and of course lots of carols, a message about Jesus as the reason for the season and a fireworks spectacular that will be worth the name.

If you’d like to keep up with the event please ‘like' it on Facebook here: www.facebook.com/oranparkcommunitycarols or drop by our church website closer to the date: www.newlifeanglican.org.au

See you at assembly - and hopefully on the oval in December!

Stuart.
Live Life Well @ School

It’s great to see most children participating in Crunch’n’Sip throughout the week and a number of students joining in the Active After School Sporting Programs. Thank you to all those parents that are supporting us in teaching your children the benefits of leading healthy active lifestyles.

Don’t forget that next week is Disco Fever!

What better way to encourage your child to get out and active than to join in on the Discoing fun. If you haven’t sent in your note and entry money yet please do so as soon as possible to ensure we can accurately cater for your child on the day.

Please note: There will be NO extra supervision provided for 3-6 students before 4.30 pm.

Homemade Muesli Bars

Makes 12

Preparation time  5 mins
Cooking time  45 mins

Ingredients
- 2 cups rolled oats
- 110g diced almonds
- 1/2 cup orange juice
- 1/2 cup shredded coconut
- 100g dried apricots, chopped
- 1/3 cup Woolworths Select Red Gum Honey
- 1 cup sultanas
- 2 egg whites, lightly whisked
- 2 cups breakfast cereal flakes, crushed (we’ve used Kelloggs Special K)

Directions
1. Preheat oven to 220 degrees celsius. Line a 28 x 18cm lamington tray with baking paper.
2. Combine oats, coconut and almonds in an ovenproof dish. Bake in the oven, stirring occasionally for 10 minutes or until lightly toasted. Transfer to a large mixing bowl. Reduce oven temperature to 180 degrees celsius.
3. Meanwhile, combine apricots, juice and honey in a small saucepan and simmer for 5 minutes or until apricots are soft and liquid forms a syrup.
4. Add cereal to bowl with sultanas and stir to combine. Add apricot mixture and egg whites and stir until all ingredients are moistened. Transfer mixture to prepared tray and press down firmly until top is smooth. Bake for 30 minutes until firm and golden. Cool completely then cut into bars. Store in an airtight container.
2014 Dates For Your Diary

Term 4

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

Celebration Assembly

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 7  KR
Week 8  Y7

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.

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Celebration Assembly

Date  Tuesday, 2 December 2014

Time  5.00 pm - 6.30 pm

Venue  Camden Civic Centre

All students (P-7) are to be dressed in their Summer College uniform.

Students will be sitting with their class teacher.

All family and friends are welcome to attend.

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Scholastic Book Club

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

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

No meeting in December.

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

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
For more information contact Greg Talbot on 8867 7411 or email greg.talbot@aflnswact.com.au