From the Head of Campus

I would just like to extend a very big thank you to all our families for their encouragement and support of their children at the College this year. The staff value the time they have shared with your children this year, teaching them more about the world around them and seeing them improve in a range of skills.

We have been particularly appreciative of those parents who have helped in the classrooms, provided afternoon tea for our after school sport program, assisted at events like the Autumn Fair and BBQs, along with all the other behind-the-scenes roles. Your assistance has helped enhance the College experience for others in our community.

I look forward to sharing with you in our Celebration Evening next Tuesday night. All students will be participating as we reflect on the achievements of this year. We certainly have a lot to celebrate and thank God for in 2014.

As Christmas and the holiday period approach, I would like to encourage all families to connect with their local Christian church to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. There is much pleasure at this time of year in the giving and receiving of gifts but the most important gift we can receive is one of eternal value – the forgiveness or our sins and friendship with God our heavenly Father.

I wish every family a wonderful Christmas and a safe and relaxing holiday.

But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”  Luke 2: 10-12

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.

**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.

**Fees**

All families should receive their invoice during the holiday period.

If you have not arranged a direct debit, full payment of fees is due by the end of Week 1, Term 1.

Direct debit forms are available at the College Office. Please contact the College Office if you have any questions.

**Office hours during the holiday period**

During the College holiday period, the College Office will be opened **8.00 am - 3.00 pm**. On some days the Office will be closed so it is advisable to call before if you intend coming to the College during this period.

Friday, 5 December 2014 Office hours 8.00 am - 11.00 am

**Year 1 and 2 Students**

As part of the College Celebration Assembly next Tuesday, 2 December, Year 1 and 2 will be performing their Friendly Beast item. Students are required to arrive at the Civic Centre dressed in their costumes (black pants, coloured t-shirt as per the Creative Arts Night). Students will need to bring their Summer College uniform on a coathanger, together with a labelled plastic bag, so they can change into their uniform after the performance.

If you have any queries, please contact us at College.

ablake@opac.nsw.edu.au
rworthington@opac.nsw.edu.au

Mrs Blake and Mrs Worthington
What’s it all about?

Christmas is a special time – a time to be filled with the joy of Christ and thanksgiving for Jesus’ 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.

THANK YOU

Congratulations and a huge thank you to all those students who, so unselfishly, have given many different items to the College Toys’n’Tucker drive. We have collected so much for those that are less fortunate than ourselves and these donations will certainly assist in making a difference to so many lives. THANK YOU to those parents who have helped their children donate.

Items will be collected Monday, 1 December!
What’s happening in Sport

Graham’s teeing up for the Australian Open

On Tuesday I went to the Australian Open and I saw Oliver Goss. He did a chipping clinic and I got to have a go and I got his autograph.

On Wednesday I went to the Australian Open again and I saw Adam Scott and I saw Rory Mcilroy.

By Noah Graham
**What’s happening in Sport**

**IPSSO Summer Finals - Wednesday, 19 November 2014**

On Wednesday 6 students attended the IPSSO Summer Finals.

Students were:

- **Junior Cricket**: Dylan Bootsma, Ethan Fleming and Toby Tax
- **Junior Oz Tag**: Alexander Giakoumelos and Josiah Beggs
- **Senior Oz Tag**: Gabriella Russo

Dylan, Ethan and Toby played against St Peter’s Anglican Primary School in the cricket losing narrowly, 56 runs to 49 runs and therefore not qualifying for the final. Dylan scored 5 runs, Ethan 4 and Toby 3. Ethan also got a run out. All three boys tried very hard and should be proud of their efforts.

Alexander and Josiah played their semi final against Broughton Anglican College, winning 7-2. Alexander scored two tries and Josiah scored four. This meant that they qualified for the Grand Final against St Peter's. The final score was 3-2 St Peter's way. Alexander scored one try as did Josiah. The boys played both games extremely well making a lot of good breaks and defending well. Both boys should be congratulated for their efforts during the finals.

Gabriella played her semi final against Broughton, winning 5-2. Gabriella played her part really well for the team and made a number of important tags. This meant that she qualified for the grand final against George’s River Grammar School, losing narrowly 5-4. Gabriella played an important roll in defence and attack and Gabriella should be congratulated for her efforts during the finals.
The OPAC Tennis Championships of 2014

This year marked the 1st OPAC Tennis championships! The competitions were played over Monday and Tuesday during recess and lunch. Unfortunately, the junior competition was unable to be completed due to unforeseeable circumstances and so next year will have to be the start of the junior competition. The Year 7 draw for both singles and doubles, however, had clear winners! Please congratulate the following students:

Winner - Singles  Gibson Humphreys  
Runner - Singles  Oliver Humphreys  
Winner - Doubles  O. Humphreys/G. Humphreys

Congratulations to all who participated and to Jordan Fleming and Destiny Rossi as the 2014 tennis captains who oversaw each match played. Well done.

OPAC Equestrian Team

Do you love horses but don't have one? Do you have a horse and want people to ride with? Enjoy hanging out with friends? Love the outdoors?

We have the Cocurricular activity for you!! In 2015, we are launching the OPAC Equestrian Team. We will be riding at Endeavour Park Equestrian Centre (you are welcome to bring your own horse or use a horse provided by the centre) and working towards an Equi-skills Horsemanship Certificate or a graded certificate (depending on your age and year level). If you are in Year 4 2015 or above and are interested in joining the OPAC Equestrian Team, please email Mrs Clisdell on rclisdell@opac.nsw.edu.au so that she is aware of students who are interested and can organise the first event of many to come!

Ice Blocks For Sale

Wednesday, 3 December 2014  50c per zooper dooper

Mufti Day - Themes

Date  Thursday, 4 December 2014  

A gold coin donation is required by students.

Kindergarten - Summer days  Year 1/2 - Ancient Egypt  
Year 3/4 - Country of Heritage  Year 5/6 - A bag of all sorts  
Year 7 - Space

Dress regulations
- College rules apply for jewellery.  
- Sensible clothing must be worn, any student wearing inappropriate clothing will be asked to go home.  
- NO midriff shirts, singlets or thongs (enclosed footwear is compulsory)
Bike Day

On Monday, 24 November 2014, Stage 1 participated in Bike Day. Constables Greg and Mark reminded us about the importance of bike safety and what we need to remember:

- Wear a well fitting and secure helmet
- Wear sensible clothing and footwear
- Do not ride on the road
- Make sure brakes are working properly
- Give way to pedestrians and be aware of what's happening around you

They set up a track for us to use with our bikes and scooters which was great fun!
Creativity and Performing Arts Night

Wednesday, 19 November 2014

Oh, What a Night!

There aren’t enough superlatives to describe the night of the 19th. What a fantastic, entertaining, incredible and most of all enjoyable production put on by the students of Oran Park Anglican College!

Students were beaming, parents were beaming, Mr Whelan and Mrs Wilkins were beaming and the staff were beaming!

What an amazing showcase for our College – we have come such a long way in three years to be able to present an evening like that. Congratulations to all of the students who performed throughout the night. You have certainly set the bar high for future Creative and Performing Arts nights.

Special thanks to the staff for all of their efforts and commitment in making the evening a wonderful success!

Congratulations again to all involved. Well done!
In the classroom with Year 7

Public Art Project

This term in Visual Arts Year 7 have been busy creating a public art sculpture. Each student has created a car inspired design to symbolise Oran Park’s motor racing history. These designs were transferred onto ceramic tiles using a printing method called Gocco Print. Underglazes were also painted onto the tiles to make them colourful.

The project will be finished at the end of the term. These tiles will be installed in one of Oran Park’s parklands early next year. What a wonderful opportunity Year 7 have had to show the local community their amazing talents. Congratulations to all the students involved!
In the classroom with Year 7

Year 7 has been studying the Gospel of Mark in Christian Studies this term. One of the activities within this unit was to create a pop up book that could be read to Kindergarten. On Friday, 21st November we went down to read our books to them. Kindergarten enjoyed listening to and seeing the pictures and books that Year 7 had created.

In return, Kindergarten read their books on animals to Year 7. What an opportunity to attend a College where we can share our learning, no matter what age!
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.
Mini Choc Honey Hotcakes

Makes 14

Preparation time 10 mins
Cooking time 20 mins

Ingredients

2 large eggs
1 cup buttermilk
2 tsp honey
1 tsp vanilla essence
1 cup self-raising flour
1 tbs cocoa powder
Canola or olive oil cooking spray
250g punnet strawberries, halved
1 tbs maple syrup
Reduced fat vanilla yoghurt or ice-cream, to serve

Directions

1. Whisk the eggs with buttermilk, honey and vanilla.

2. Sift flour and cocoa into a large bowl. Make a well in the centre, add buttermilk mixture and whisk to combine ingredients and produce a smooth batter.

3. Heat a large non-stick frying pan and lightly grease with cooking spray. Drop tablespoons of the batter into hot pan, allowing room for spreading.

4. Cook over a medium heat until bubbles start to appear on the surface of batter. Turn hotcakes and cook other side until golden. Remove from pan and keep warm.

5. Continue with remaining batter, re-greasing pan with cooking spray as necessary.

6. Mix strawberries with maple syrup.

7. Serve warm hotcakes topped with strawberries and yoghurt or ice-cream.
Prep - Year 6 Assembly

Parents are invited to attend the College weekly assembly held on Fridays at 2.30 pm.

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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**2014 Dates For Your Diary**

**Term 4**

**Y7 Excursion**
Tuesday, 2 December

**Celebration Assembly**

**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

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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**2015 Dates For Your Diary**

**Term 1**

**K, Y7, Y8 Commence**
Wednesday, 28 January

**Y1 - 6 Commence**
Thursday, 29 January

**Prep Red (3 day) Commence**
Monday, 2 February

**Prep Blue (2 day) Commence**
Tuesday, 3 February

**College Swimming Carnival**
Tuesday, 3 February

**Y7 - 8 Camp**
Wed, 4 - Fri 6 February

**THAC Jnr Swimming Carnival**
Friday, 13 February

**Y7 Immunisation 1**
Friday, 13 February

**Y5 - 6 Camp**
Mon, 23 - Tues, 24 February
## 2015 TERM DATES

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### NO STOPPING SIGNS

Please make yourself aware of the No Stopping signs around the College.

The Office has received complaints from the community about cars stopping and waiting in these zones.

Please only drop off and pick up in the areas provided to make sure all children are safe coming to and from the College.
From the Parents’ & Friends’ Association

Bunnings BBQ

The next Bunnings BBQ will be held Saturday, 6 December 2014. The P&F are still seeking volunteers for the day. We need volunteers to cover the 11:30am to 2:30pm and 2:30 to 5:00pm shifts. If you are able to assist or know of someone that is available for a couple of hours, please let us know. You can contact the P&F via email – pandf@opac.nsw.edu.au. Any assistance is greatly appreciated and all money raised goes toward the ongoing development of the College.

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.

Next Meeting – 2015 AGM

The next P&F meeting will be the AGM to be held on Thursday, 12 February 2015. At the AGM we will be taking nominations and voting on the P&F executive committee. The positions of secretary and treasurer will be open for nominations as the current office bearers have vacated these positions. I’d like to take this opportunity to thank Janine and Karen for the time and effort they applied to their roles throughout 2014.

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.

Warm Regards,
Matthew Saliba
OPAC P&F President

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.
Cinema Under the Stars

7.30pm Saturday 6th December
Grand Prix Park
(Cnr Peter Brock Drive & Atlee Street) Oran Park Town

Pack a picnic dinner, bring something to sit on and enjoy the FREE outdoor screening of Mr Peabody and Sherman on the huge 7m outdoor screen!

To complete the movie experience, popcorn and ice cream will be available for purchase. At the end of the movie join us for more fun with PlayStation 3 games.

For more information, please contact:
Josephine on 0400 743 779 or jroccisano@oranparktown.com.au

The movie is rated PG and will start at sundown, approximately 7.45pm. In the event of bad weather the event will be postponed to 13 December 2014.