From the Principal and Head of Campus

The ancient proverb “it takes a village to raise a child” was made popular by Hillary Clinton in 1996 and reminds us of the impact individuals and groups outside the family have on a child’s well-being. Schools are part of the expanding “village” of influence that children experience. At Oran Park Anglican College we are conscious of this important role and see ourselves as partnering with parents in raising children to be responsible citizens who are able to make a positive contribution to society.

John Hattie’s research from his book Visible Learning describes the varying degrees of influence the different groups have on a child’s achievement in learning at school. Hattie states that the child brings 50% of the impact on their learning outcomes, much of which is shaped by the parents at home. Teachers contribute a 30% influence to student learning. So we can see that teachers and parents have much to share and discuss in shaping the educational interests of each child.

Thank you to all the parents who attended this week’s parent teacher interviews. This was one window of opportunity to open up the discussion between parents and teachers about the progress and expectations we have for our students’ learning. Please foster this discussion by following up on any recommendations with your child and keep the lines of communication open with their class teacher so that the College is kept up to date with any issues.

In Year 7 students joined in the conversation and were able to reflect on their progress and renew their learning goals for the rest of the semester.

Thank you also to the parents who joined our classes today to celebrate Harmony Day. The children were given a “taste” of another culture and are developing an appreciation for the diverse backgrounds of people who call Australia home. Kindergarten led our Assembly in a Hello song which used greetings from many different languages.

Just a reminder that we will be running a Twilight Tours information night on Tuesday 25th March. Many of the new families coming to our College find out about us from our current families. If you know of interested families please let them know about this event. There is no need to book and they can drop in anytime between 4-6pm to tour the College and receive further information. At 5.30pm we will run a Year 7 Information session for current Year 6 and prospective Year 7 families.

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” John 13:34-35

Mr Ross Whelan          Mrs Naomi Wilkins
Principal               Head of Campus
**College Website**
Parents/Guardians are encouraged to go to the College website to access the Parent Portal and also Student Forms which allows you to print the following forms: Administer Medication, Absence request from College, Direct Debit and Peripatetic Music Lesson Information.

**Twilight Tours and Y7 2015 Information Session**
**Date** Tuesday, 25 March 2014

**Twilight tours – 4.00 pm - 6.00 pm**
- open to the public to ask questions about P-8
- tour the facilities
- no bookings required

**Year 7 Information Session – 5.30 pm - 6.00 pm**
- open to current Year 6 families and prospective Year 7 families
- presentation of the curriculum and resources
- forum to ask questions
- no bookings required

**ANZAC Day March**
The College would like to invite students to represent the College at the Camden ANZAC Day March. Last year we had 15 students walk, we would love to double that this year.

**Date** Friday, 25 April 2014

**Meeting Time** 9.45 am

**Meeting Place** Outside Beaurepaires, Elizabeth Street, Camden

**Teacher** Mr Beggs

**Dress** Full College Summer Uniform including hat

**March Assemble** 10.00 am

**March Commences** 10.30 am

**ANZAC Day Service** 10.45 am
Camden Bicentennial Equestrian Park (opposite Camden RSL)

Please register your attendance at the College Office prior to the end of term.

**Mufti Day**
A gold coin donation is required by students which will be donated to Anglican Aid.

**Date** Friday, 12 April 2013

**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)
1 March, 2014

RSL ANZAC DAY ESSAY COMPETITION

The Returned and Services League of Australia (Camden Branch) is conducting a competition entitled:

“WHAT ANZAC DAY MEANS TO ME”

The aim of the competition is to encourage school students to express their thoughts in their own way – be it an essay, poem or poster. Schools are asked to submit the best submissions from their students but this is not restricted to only one entry from each section.

All entries should reach the Camden RSL Sub Branch, PO Box 149, CAMDEN NSW 2570 or 23 Cawdor Road, Camden NSW, NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 18 APRIL, 2014 AT 5PM

The format for the competition is as follows:
- Primary – Grade 1 to Grade 6
- Senior – Grade 7 to Year 12

The winner from each section will receive the Camden RSL Anzac Day Award.

The top four entries will be forwarded by the Camden RSL Sub Branch to the State Final where the prizes to the students and schools total $1000’s of dollars.

The winning school will be notified by TUESDAY 22 April, 2014 and the author(s) of the best essay will be invited to read their entry during the ANZAC DAY Commemoration Service in Camden Bicentennial Equestrian Park Memorial on Friday 25 April, 2014 at 10.45am. Only two essays, one from the primary and the other from the Secondary divisions will be read at the service.

Yours faithfully,
Iain Richard-Evan
President
0419925294
beauley@bigpond.net.au
Prep – Year 6

Easter Hat Parade
And
Easter Egg Hunt

Monday, 7 April 2014
2.30 pm

Parents and Friends are invited to enjoy the spectacular display of craftsmanship as students parade around the quadrangle.

Parents and Friends are also welcome to wear their own special hat.

Students are required to make their hat at home and bring to College on Monday.
In the classroom with Mrs Humphreys and Learning Support

Learning Support is settling into a regular routine as groups and programs are taking shape.

This term students from K-6 are participating in Move to Learn sessions where brains are being engaged ready for learning and new skills are being practised. These sessions encourage children to move their bodies in ways that encourage brain stimulation and body coordination, all while having lots of fun.

Literacy and Maths groups have begun with students acquiring the necessary skills to promote learning across all areas of the curriculum.

Our MULTILIT program has kicked off again, teaching students word attack skills, sight words and reading. A BIG thank you to those who came along to the MULTILIT training session to hear about the program. Another BIG thank you to those who are volunteering to run MULTILIT sessions for our students. The students love having our volunteers visit and being able to show off their reading skills.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you'd like to know more about the Learning Support offered in our college.

Local Easter Services

Harrington Park Anglican Church
Harrington Park Public School, Sir Warwick Fairfax Drive, Harrington Park

Good Friday - 18 April 10.00 am
Easter Sunday - 20 April 10.00 am and 6.00 pm
Y3/4 Excursion—Hyde Park Barracks

On Thursday, 6 March 2014, as part of our theme of British Colonisation, 3-4 Red went on an excursion to Hyde Park Barracks. It was a wonderful day.

We first had lunch at Hyde Park and saw many monuments built in honour of people who made a difference in Australia’s history.

We then had a convict tour and were able to see and experience many aspects of what life was like as a convict. It was very pleasing to see the students engage with the tour and ask many informative questions as well as surprise the guide with their well thought answers.

The students learnt many facts and this has been seen in later activities of a letter back to England from a convict perspective as well as a daily diary of a convict that has been completed in class both before and after the excursion.

Special thanks go to Mrs Buterin and Mrs Henderson for their help on the excursion.
Native Flower Drawings by 3/4R

In Visual Arts, 3/4R examined the Native Australian Flower paintings by Colonial artist Sydney Parkinson, then they produced textured crayon drawings. Rubbing plates were placed under the paper and students made impressions with crayons, adding areas of detail with coloured pencils.
What's happening in Sport

Sport: Prep - Year 2

ZUMBA, ZUMBA, ZUMBA

K-2 have been having a great time participating in Zumba each week. We have really enjoyed developing our coordination and dancing skills. Have a look at us in action.

Sport: Year 3 - Year 6

IPSSO

Wednesday, 26 March
1.00 pm - 2.20 pm  Training

Wednesday, 2 April
11.55 am - 1.45 pm  vs All Saints Grammar School

Parents are welcome to support their child. Please collect venue information from the Office.

Currently there are 8 students who represent Oran Park and Thomas Hassall in the Summer IPSSO competition. With the Winter trials now over we congratulate the following 5 students for making it into a Winter IPSSO team:

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Those remaining students at OPAC will have the fantastic opportunity of being coached by Wanderers Coaching Staff or participating in College Sport. Look out for the selection note next week as numbers will be limited.

Sport: Year 7

Year 7 has settled in well and is enjoying participating on Tuesday Afternoon Sport.

We travel to Thomas Hassall Anglican College where we are learning the skills of Cricket and AFL. The students are eager to further develop their skills and knowledge of the games.

It is wonderful to see them wanting to participate, lead each other and work together as a team.

We look forward to the rest of a fun-filled and fit sporting year!
Who do we sing for? We sing for Wanderers!

It is with great pleasure that we announce the partnership between Oran Park Anglican College and the Western Sydney Wanderers. On Thursday, 3 April we will “kick off” our association with a SIS program which will involve K-2 students.

This is a skills based program which involves qualified coaching staff visiting schools to develop fun and participation in football.

The partnership develops further in Term 2, when the Wanderers continue the Grass Roots Football clinics with K-2 and students in 3-6 get the opportunity to participate in a similar program during regular sport time.

The most exciting information, however, is that the Western Sydney Wanderers are beginning a Skills Intensive Program on Monday afternoons from 3.30 pm – 5.00 pm. These sessions will be open to the public, although Oran Park Anglican students will receive 20% off the cost.

The program will last for 8 weeks commencing on Monday, 4 May. Keep an eye out for more information as places will be limited.

This is an exciting time in the growth of our College and gives our vision of a sports and performing arts College a fabulous start.

Who do we sing for? We sing for Wanderers!

Jonathan Beggs
Junior School Coordinator

Y7 Cross Country
Date Friday, 28 March 2014

3-6 Cross Country
Date Monday, 31 March 2014

Students are encouraged to start training now.
K-2 Wild Animal Encounter
ABOUT PROJECT LUNCHBOX
Camden Council’s Project Lunchbox aims to raise awareness of the impact of food waste and encourage the local community to reduce how much ‘good’ food we waste. Project Lunchbox has been funded under the NSW Environment Protection Authority’s (EPA) Love Food Hate Waste (LFHW) grant program.

THE STORY OF FOOD WASTE
Food waste results from preparing and cooking food. It is the food we throw in the bin, we feed to our pets or toss in the compost or worm farm. It’s the food we bought to eat but then threw away. There are two types of food waste: ‘avoidable’ and ‘unavoidable’ food waste.

The NSW EPA’s Love Food Hate Waste (LFHW) Program focuses on ‘avoidable’ food waste. This includes food that:
- gets wasted because we buy more than we need;
- is out of date before we use it; and
- gets wasted because we cook more than we need.

‘Unavoidable’ food waste is food waste that can not usually be eaten eg pineapple skins, tea bags and fruit and vegetable peelings. It is the food waste we can not really do anything further with apart from composting it or putting it in the bin.

THE COMPETITION
Camden Council is inviting all aspiring authors from the Camden LGA to write an original and inspiring story for children aged 3-7 years about reducing food waste! Include your best food saving tip or recipe either as part of the story or with your story!

Look in your fridge, pantry or even your child’s lunchbox! Is there a sad squishy tomato or whiffy wedge of cheese that will inspire your story?

Tip! It’s not just about feeding leftovers to your dog or worms! You can also visit www.lovefoodhatewaste.nsw.gov.au for food ideas, tips and recipes or to become a Food Lover!

The competition includes three age categories*:
- Open (18 years and over)
- Young People (11–18 years)
- Children (5–11 years)

*based on your age at 1 March 2014

lovefoodhatewaste.nsw.gov.au
waste less food, save money and our environment

Another Great Camden Council Event!
Live Life Well @ School

Keeping with the spirit of Harmony Day, it’s a great time to encourage our students and your children to explore different food cultures. Many children don’t enjoy trying new food, especially vegetables, so take the opportunity today to try something that’s not only new to your children but new to you too!

There are a number of great websites available, but if you don’t want to ‘Google’ here is one you can try, http://recipes.sparkpeople.com/great-recipes.asp?food=multicultural+recipes+for+kids

Vegie Garden Update…

Bunnings at Narellan have very kindly agreed to donate supplies to develop our Vegetable Garden. This is very exciting news for us as Bunnings have also offered to involved our students in the developing and planting process.

We are looking forward to including the Vegetable Garden in a variety of programs across the College next term!
Fruit Salad Yo-Pops
Fruit Salad and Yogurt Icy Poles

Makes 12

Ingredients

125g strawberries, hulled
1 medium banana, peeled and chopped
200g canned fruit salad in natural juice, drained
2 tablespoons juice reserved
1 mango, peeled and chopped
250g Australian reduced-fat natural yoghurt
12 icy pole sticks

Method

Step 1  Process strawberries with 2 teaspoons water in a blender until smooth. Remove and reserve.

Step 2  Place remaining ingredients in blender and process until smooth.

Step 3  Layer tablespoons of fruit salad puree with teaspoons of strawberry puree in icy pole moulds until full. Insert icy pole sticks and freeze until firm.
2014 Dates For Your Diary

Term 1

Twilight Tours (4 pm - 6 pm) Tuesday, 25 March
Y7 2015 Information Session (5.30 pm)

CIS Swimming (3-6) Wednesday, 26 March
Cross Country (Y7) Friday, 28 March
P&F Bunnings BBQ Saturday, 29 March
Cross Country (3-6) Monday, 31 March
P&F Meeting Thursday, 3 April
Camden Show Fri, 4 - Sat 5 April
Easter Hat Parade Monday, 7 April
Mufti Day Friday, 11 April
Last Day of Term 1 Friday, 11 April
ANZAC Day March (Camden) Friday, 25 April

Term 2

First Day Term 2 Tuesday, 29 April
Mother's Day Stall Wednesday, 7 May
Mother's Day Breakfast (7.30 am) Friday, 9 May

Full 2014 Term dates are available on the College website.

Scholastic Bookclub

Did you know?

A percentage of the total amount purchased each issue of Bookclub goes directly to extra resources for our students.

Resources include big books, numeracy resources, sporting resources and literacy resources.

Thank you to all who have purchased Bookclub orders from the College.
From the Parents’ & Friends’ Association

**Bunnings BBQ**
Date: Saturday, 29 March 2014

We are 2 weeks away from our first fund raising event of the year – **Bunnings BBQ**. We have filled most of the positions for volunteers for the day, if you are able to offer further assistance please contact us via the P&F email – pandf@opac.nsw.edu.au

Come down and visit us on the day for a sausage sandwich. We’d love to see you there.

**Camden Show**
Date: Friday, 4 and Saturday, 5 April 2014

The College has a stall both days and we’re looking for parents to volunteer their time to help out. Volunteers will be handing out balloons and information packs as well as talking to potential parents about OPAC. If you can spare a couple of hours between 8 am and 6 pm on the Friday or 9 am and 6 pm on the Saturday please email the P&F.

**OPAC Autumn Fair and Open Day**
Date: Saturday, 24 May 2014

We are also looking for volunteers and donations for the **Annual OPAC Fair**. If you are able to assist on the day by setting up or packing up, working at the Canteen, Cake Stall or Silent Auction please let us know via the email.

We are also looking for donations for the cake stall and silent auction. If you are able to help in any way or have further questions about the fair please contact us via the P&F email. It is sure to be an exciting day and I encourage every family to attend.

**Second Hand Uniforms**
Is your child out growing their uniform? The P&F is in the process of setting up a Clothing Pool. If you have a uniform that doesn’t fit and you’d like to donate or are looking to replace a uniform at a discounted rate, contact the P&F email. Please note – if you wish to purchase, current stock is limited.

Our next P&F meeting will be held Thursday, 3 April at the College Staffroom at 7 pm. You are encouraged and most welcome to attend. We look forward to seeing you there.

If you have any fundraising ideas or you have any questions for the P&F please feel free to contact us through the email – pandf@opac.nsw.edu.au

Kind Regards,
Matthew Saliba
OPAC P&F President
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Neighbour Day
Friday 28 March 2014

4pm to 7pm
Bridge Park
Ambrose Street
Oran Park Town

Craft - Face painting - Jumping castle
Games for kids & adults - Free BBQ dinner!

Let’s celebrate our wonderful community this Neighbour Day. Bring your picnic blanket and join in the free activities! Spend an afternoon getting to know your neighbours and say ‘Welcome” to our newer members of the community!

Nominate your neighbour for the OPT Neighbour Competition!
Share with us a story about your neighbour and you could both win a hamper of goodies.
Send your story to jroccisano@oranparktown.com.au or drop your entry in to the Sales Office. Competition closes 4 April 2014.

For more information, please contact Josephine Roccisano, OPT Community Facilitator
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