Prayer Points

Praise for

- Enrolment applications being received.

Prayer for

- The building of new classrooms.
- Enrolments for 2015 and beyond.

Instruct the wise and they will be wiser still; teach the righteous and they will add to their learning. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding. Proverbs 9:9 -10

From the Principal and Head of Campus

Congratulations to our whole community for coming and sharing in our Open Day and Fair two weeks ago. It was a wonderful day and everyone we talked to was happy to be here, serving and having fun together. We are very thankful to the P&F and staff who worked hard to make the day such a success. We were spoilt for choice with the range of market stalls, rides and activities. The College band, choir and dance groups all put on very encouraging performances. The College staff’s heads were left spinning following their impromptu ride on the “Storm”. It is events like this that bring the community together and help us foster good relationships.

A core responsibility of the College is to encourage regular attendance at school. Regular attendance at school is essential to assist students to maximise their potential. Parents have a duty to comply with the compulsory education requirements in the Education Act 1990. Up to 15 days per year may be granted by the Principal for “Leave” for such things as illness or misadventure, participation in non-school special events and attendance at funerals. Parents are required to logon to Edumate to explain absences within seven days of the absence. Certificates of Exemption from the compulsory education requirements of the Act may be granted by the Principal when it has been clearly demonstrated by the applicant that an exemption is in the student’s best interests in the short and long term and that alternatives to exemption have been considered. The Principal can only approve up to 100 days in a 12 month period for any one student. The Application for Exemption can be found on the College website and should be submitted at least two weeks prior to the leave.

We would like to encourage parents in their responsibilities to ensure their children are punctual and attend school every day they are fit and able to so. Lateness and early pickups should be in extraordinary circumstances. It is disruptive to the learning of the student and their class when students arrive late or need to leave early. Especially as students reach the Senior School they need to take responsibility for their punctuality as we are training them for the workplace where tardiness is not tolerated. You will notice on the Semester 1 reports this year that both full day and partial absences have been recorded along with a comment on punctuality.

Term 2 is racing by with so many different learning projects happening. Here is a snapshot of some of the exciting activities happening at the College:

We’ve had visitors from the Fire and Police Departments.

Our new vegetable garden is growing nicely and enjoying these recent drops of rain.

The Western Sydney Wanderers’ coaches have been assisting many students to develop their football skills.

We have purchased some new music equipment and are waiting to hear our Senior students perform.

A number of students from each Junior School class are taking part in an extension group which is expanding their understanding of class work in a way that challenges their thinking and skills.
**Student Reports and Portfolios**

Staff have been working hard to complete student reports and portfolios. Students will be given their portfolio in Week 9 to take home.

Please return the portfolio by Week 2, Term 3 to the Class Teacher.

**Last Day of Term**

There will **not** be a mufti-day at the end of Term 2 or 3 this year. Students will be required to wear their College uniform on the last day of term.

Relaxing the dress code on a normal school day sends a message to students that the day is different and their attitude and application to the teaching and learning activities is often more relaxed as well.

We want to be teaching right up to the last bell of term and want to encourage students to come to school prepared to learn. Wearing their uniform does assist in this.

**Photos from the College Fair and Open Day**
In the Classroom with Mr Chapman and 3/4Red

Science In 3/4 Red

3/4 Red have been learning about materials this term. Last week we had Mrs Wilkins (our Science expert) join us to help show us how insulation works. We put ice in cold water and had students place their hand inside a sandwich bag to verify that it was cold. The water was then measured at 4 degrees with a thermometer!

Students then filled a different sandwich bag with lard and placed their hand inside another plastic bag (not touching the lard) and returned their hands to the cold 4 degree water and discovered that their hand wasn’t cold! The temperature was still at 4 degrees but the insulation had worked. A big thanks to Mrs Wilkins for helping us with this Science experiment!
CSIRO’s Double Helix Science Club

Be catapulted into a world of scientific wonder, where the activities, stories, competitions and events are in abundance, where the possibilities are endless, where ideas are always nurtured and where experimentation runs wild!

*Love science? Join the club!*

CSIRO's Double Helix Science Club is open to anyone of any age, anywhere in the world. Membership benefits include one of two science magazines with six issues per year, regular email newsletters, invitations to member events and a range of discounts.

**Scientirffic: a science magazine for kids**

This magazine is extremely popular with lower to middle primary students (seven years old and above), and is an excellent introduction to science. It introduces fundamental science concepts in a fun way that encourages kids to be inquisitive about the world around them. Every issue includes interesting feature articles, real life stories, hands-on activities and heaps of giveaways.

**The Helix: a science magazine for teens**

This magazine is perfect for teens with an interest in science and who want to learn more. *The Helix* spans the sciences from astronomy and the environment to chemistry and cutting-edge technology. Every issue includes interesting feature articles, real life stories, hands-on activities, puzzles and giveaways.

To join or find out more information go to [http://www.csiro.au/Portals/Education/Programs/Double-Helix-Science-Club.aspx](http://www.csiro.au/Portals/Education/Programs/Double-Helix-Science-Club.aspx)
In the Classroom with Mrs Low

Year 5/6 Visual Arts

Stocking and Wire Sculptures

Emily Buterin

Christina Kumar

Jonathon Marcusson

Gabby Coleman
Co-curricular

Peripatetic Music Lessons

The College offers Peripatetic music lessons in the following and spaces are still available for:

- Clarinet
- Saxophone
- Flute
- Beginner brass (trombone, trumpet, french horn)
- Guitar
- Vocal
- Keyboard

On Friday, the College welcomed Mrs Lauren Zucchi to the College as the Keyboard and Vocal Tutor. Mrs Zucchi will be filling in for Mrs Bennison whilst she is on maternity leave.

Lauren began singing at the age of 11 years old in her church band and has an ever growing passion to sing and to teach others to sing. Lauren is a professional and educated singer/songwriter and teacher from Sydney’s South West region.

Lauren completed her Bachelor of Music - Majoring in Vocal Performance at the Wesley Institute College in 2009. Lauren is into her 9th year of teaching private lessons with experience in teaching at specialised music schools. Currently, Lauren holds lessons at various high schools and tuition schools and from her home studio.

Lauren teaches from a modern perspective and always aims to improve the sound of the students' unique voice. The focus during any singing lesson is always to maintain vocal health while achieving great results and enjoying every minute of it. Lessons include warm-ups, technique instructions which also include exercises to improve aspects such as pitch, tone and breath, repertoire, accompaniment and lesson recordings are also available.

Term 3 Wanderers Clinic

The Wanderers Clinic on a Monday afternoon will be continue in Term 3. If you would like your child to participate in these sessions, please complete the registration form and return it to the College Office.

If your child attended the clinic in Term 2, you should have received an email from Mr Beggs early this week.

College Dance, Band and Choir

Congratulations to the students involved in the College Dance, Band and Choir for their performances at the College Fair and Open Day.
Registration for Western Sydney Wanderers Skills Intensive Program

This program is hosted by:
Oran Park Anglican College  Central Ave & Peter Brock Drive Oran Park

Day  Monday
Start date  21st July 2014
Finish date  15th September 2014

Cost  $225.00 ($25 per session, 10% off for every subsequent family member registration)
Oran Park Anglican College students will receive 20% discount.
Price after discount - $180.00
Please note: Registration is required for all nine sessions.

Payment methods:  Cash or cheque to the College Office before Friday, 18th July 2014 unless maximum participants reached prior. Cheques are made to Oran Park Anglican College.

Terms and Conditions:  Any sessions postponed due to wet weather will be rescheduled.
Any missed session by the participant will not be able to be refunded.

Session 1
Maximum participants:  20
Age group:  5 - 8 years [Kindergarten - Year 2]
Time:  3.25 pm - 4.25 pm

Session 2
Maximum participants:  20
Age group:  9 - 13 years [Year 3 - Year 7]
Time:  4.30 pm - 5.30 pm

Registration for Western Sydney Wanderers Skills Intensive Program
REGISTRATION FORM

Child’s name ___________________________________________________________ Age ______________________

Child’s school ____________________________________________________________

I wish to register my child for the following session:

☐ Session 1:  5 - 8 years (Kindergarten - Year 2)  ☐ Session 2:  9 - 13 years (Year 3 - Year 7)

I have enclosed $ ______________ in cash/cheque made payable to Oran Park Anglican College.

Health conditions/allergies/special requirements:

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In case of emergency contact:

Name ___________________________________________________________ Phone No. ______________________

☐ I authorise the College to seek medical assistance or to call an ambulance for my child if this is deemed to be necessary.

Parent/Guardian signature ___________________________________________ Date: ______________________

Print name _________________________________________________________ Email ________________________

Address ____________________________________________________________
What’s happening in Sport
Sport: Year 3 - Year 6

IPSSO
Wednesday, 11 June    vs St Mary’s
Wednesday, 18 June    vs ASG
Wednesday, 25 June    vs WWCS

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

Dates for the diary for upcoming sporting events are:

NSWCIS Athletics Carnival    Thursday, 12 June 2014
Senior School Athletics Carnival    Wednesday, 18 June 2014
Junior School Athletics Carnival    Thursday, 19 June 2014

NASSA Junior Cross Country

On Friday, 30 May 2014 NASSA Junior held their 12th Annual Cross Country Carnival in the grounds of Macarthur Anglican School. Oran Park Anglican College had five representatives compete. Dylan Bootsma, Hayley Rodgers, Josiah Beggs, Cerise Bootsma and Joshua Turner represented the College admirably. During each age event there were over 70 competitors. All students did a wonderful job.

The College is extremely proud of the students and their efforts.

A special congratulations to Josiah Beggs (5th) and Cerise Bootsma (16th) who have qualified for the Combined Independent Schools Cross Country Carnival held at Eastern Creek on Thursday, 12 June. We wish them all the best.
**Live Life Well @ School**

Our bodies are made up of 50-60% water; in children this percentage is much higher. Our brains are 85% water but have no way of storing this water and for this reason we can become dehydrated very quickly if we don’t drink enough essential fluids. Our brains rely heavily on water to function properly. Please make sure your child has a drink bottle with them each day at school and encourage them to drink water at home as much as possible.

http://www.secondchances4u.com/water--the-brain.html

**How much water do children need?**

The amount of fluid that children need varies between individual children. The older the child, the more fluid they need. Children should drink approximately 1–1½ litres of fluid a day. Children will need more when they are physically active and on hot and humid days. Water is the best drink – for both children and adults – in all situations.

**Stage 3 Challenge!**

The Q4: H2O challenge is a competition for Years 5 and 6 students only.

Your child will receive a recording card to keep track of the number of drinks they have in a week. At the end of the challenge the student who has the most points will receive a very exciting prize!

Parents will need to sign off each week to ensure student records are accurate.

Keep an eye on this space for more information, including competition dates.

**Vegie Garden Competition!**

Thank you to all those parents who have offered to help with the Vegie Garden Project. We will begin College Vegie Garden officially in Term 3. In the mean time, let’s get creative with our Vegie Garden Club name. There are a number of groups and clubs that run through the College with catchy names. If you have an idea for a catchy vegie garden name please send it through to Miss Edwards at kedwards@opac.nsw.edu.au, the winning name will receive mini vegie garden of their own.
Cheesy Crusted Fish with Mash and Salsa
Lemon and Cheese Crusted Fish Fillets with Squashed Pea Mash and Cherry Tomato Salsa

Serves 4

Ingredients

1/2 onion, finely chopped
2 teaspoons water
750g potatoes, peeled and roughly chopped
1 cup frozen peas
1/2 cup hot Australian reduced-fat milk
2 tablespoons grated Australian reduced-fat cheddar cheese
White pepper, to taste
1 tablespoon plain flour
1 teaspoon sweet paprika
2 tablespoons chopped fresh herbs (parsley, chives, basil, mint etc)
2 teaspoons finely grated lemon rind
2 tablespoons grated Australian parmesan cheese
4 x 125g skinless and boneless white fish fillets, cut into portions
Olive oil spray

Cherry Tomato Salsa

1 punnet (250g) cherry tomatoes, quartered
1 small Lebanese cucumber, diced
1/2 small red onion, finely chopped
1 tablespoon shredded basil leaves
1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar
1 teaspoon extra virgin olive oil
Freshly ground black pepper, to taste

Method

Step 1  Combine cherry tomato salsa ingredients and allow to stand.

Step 2  Cook onion with 2 teaspoons water in a large non-stick saucepan, until softened. Add potatoes and enough water to cover. Bring to the boil, cover and simmer until potatoes are tender. Add peas and simmer for 2-3 minutes. Drain and return potato mixture to saucepan over low heat. Add hot milk, mash, mix in cheddar cheese and season with pepper. Keep warm.

Step 3  Combine flour, paprika, herbs, lemon rind and parmesan cheese. Press onto one side of each fish fillet. Refrigerate for 5 minutes.

Step 4  Preheat a non-stick frypan over high heat. Lightly spray with oil. Cook fish 2 minutes on each side, beginning with the coated side.

Step 5  To serve, divide mash between serving plates, place cooked fish on top and serve with cherry tomato salsa.
Prep - Year 6 Assembly

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

Class leading
- Week 7: KRed
- Week 8: Y3
- Week 9: KBlue

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.

Scholastic Bookclub
Orders will be handed out shortly.

If you have any queries, please contact the Office.

2014 Dates For Your Diary

Term 2

Public Holiday
Monday, 9 June

CIS Cross Country
Thursday, 12 June

Y2 Excursion
Thursday, 12 June

Writing Competition
Week 8

Spelling Competition
Tuesday, 17 June

Senior School Athletics Carnival
Wednesday, 18 June

Junior School Athletics Carnival (3-6)
Thursday, 19 June

Last Day of Term 2
Friday, 27 June

Staff Professional Development
Wed, 16 - Fri, 18 July

Term 3

First Day of Term 3
Monday, 21 July

Y3/4 Day Camp
Monday, 28 July

English Competition
Tuesday, 29 July

Parent/Teacher Interviews
Tuesday, 29 July

Mid Term Break - Staff and Students
Monday, 11 August

Mathematics Competition
Tuesday, 12 August

Bookweek
Mon, 18 - Fri, 22 August

Bookfair
Friday, 22 August

Grandparent’s Day
Friday, 22 August

Prep Vision Testing
Wednesday, 27 August

Y7 Excursion
Monday, 1 September

Father’s Day Stall
Wednesday, 3 September

Father’s Day Breakfast
Friday, 5 September

P-8 2015 Information Night
Tuesday, 9 September

Last Day Term 3
Friday, 19 September
From the Parents’ & Friends’ Association

On Saturday, 25 May we held the Annual OPAC Fair and Open Day. The weather couldn’t have been better and was attended by an estimated 600-700 people. This support enabled the P&F to raise in excess of $5000 for the college.

I’d like to thank all the volunteers and OPAC staff for their assistance in the lead up to the event and on the day, ensuring a smooth operation.

Thank you to the vendors and stall holders for their support of OPAC and I look forward to continuing relationships with them at events in the future.

Finally, I’d like to thank all the children, parents and relatives for attending the Fair. Without your support and attendance, this day would not have been as big a success as it was.

The OPAC Fair has grown over the years and 2015 will be bigger and better than ever.

Save The Date

Christmas in July – Saturday, 26 July at 7pm.

This year the event will be held at Trattoria La Vigna in Camden. This event is for adults only event at a cost of $49 per head, plus drinks purchased on the night. This will be an excellent opportunity to mingle with parents and staff away from the school environment. As details become available a flyer for the event will be distributed. The P&F look forward to seeing you there.

There are more events planned to be held this year and details of these will be disclosed as soon as information comes to hand.

Clothing Pool

If you require, or have used uniform items, you can contact the P&F through pandf@opac.nsw.edu.au. Currently, there are mostly summer uniform items in stock. The P&F plans to have a clothing pool stall set up at the college after assembly on a Friday late in Term 3 for parents to purchase ahead of Term 4.

Coming Up

Our next P&F meeting will be held on Thursday, 7 August. All are welcome to attend. Any enquiries can be directed to the P&F via email to pandf@opac.nsw.edu.au

Kind Regards,

Matthew Saliba