Welcome back to Term 3! We are looking forward to an array of activities both in and outside the classroom that will see students engaging more deeply in their learning and presenting this in a number of different formats. Keep reading The Life to be informed of when and where these events are happening.

Last week I presented at Assembly about my trip to Kenya in the holidays. The purpose of this trip was to visit projects of Compassion and our sponsor children. We visited some of the homes of the poorest people in Kenya and were confronted with the difference in their living conditions compared to our own – no running water, electricity or your own bedroom. I was confronted by the reality of poverty and shocked that human beings loved and treasured by God live in sometimes putrid conditions without the means to send their children to school or sufficiently feed them. My first visit to a home in a slum is imprinted on my mind…. the smell may fade but my shock that such conditions exist in the 21st century linger. These children still have dreams to be pilots, doctors, teachers and lawyers. Through the sponsorship program they will be able to attend school and be given extra tuition and assistance as necessary – they can break out of poverty! On top of all of that I was amazed by my visit to the Masai Mara National Park where I saw, up close and personal, such abundance of God's creation in the animal life of Africa. I felt like I was in the Lion King!

Our students raised money for the Compassion Education Appeal at the end of last term and I can assure them that their generosity will make a difference to a child living in poverty.

O Lord, our Lord, your greatness is seen in all the world! When I look at the sky, which you have made, at the moon and the stars, which you set in their places — what are human beings, that you think of them; mere mortals, that you care for them? Yet you made them inferior only to yourself; you crowned them with glory and honour. Psalm 8:1,3-5
Oran Park Anglican Art Competition

The theme for the competition is ‘the colour blue’. You could include blue objects in your artwork or create your entire image using shades of blue.

Any drawing, painting, collage media is acceptable to use. Artworks are to be no larger than A3 size on either paper or cardboard (no canvases or sculptures).

Try to use more than one material in your artwork.

Alternatively, you could take a photograph of blue things and enhance it with blue filters on your computer or iPad. Photographs will need to be printed.

The competition is open to all students from Prep to Year 8.

Prizes will be awarded for the best entry in each year. Highly commended artworks will receive a certificate. Place winners and highly commended submissions will be recognised at assembly and published in the newsletter.

All artworks entered will be displayed during Book Week.

Entries close: Thursday, 13 August 2015.

Mrs Nicole Low
**Junior School**

Students in Junior School have had a very busy start to the term. Classes began smoothly after our July holidays and we welcomed several new students across the College. Kindergarten and Years 1 and 2 began tennis lessons during Sport time and all students from Kindergarten to Year 6 were invited to participate in an AFL workshop last Monday during the lunch break. It is good to see the children enjoying physical activity so much and learning new skills.

Yesterday, the Junior and Senior girls IPSSO Netball teams, together with a team from Years 7 and 8, took part in the SASC Netball Gala Day. The girls all played very well against some tough opposition and benefited greatly from the opportunity to play against other schools. Each game saw improvement in both individual and team skills and the girls were all worthy ambassadors for our College – congratulations girls!

In the classroom, 18 students from Kindergarten to Year 6 have been polishing their speeches in preparation for the Public Speaking Final on Tuesday, 11 August. There are some very eloquent and promising speakers in our midst and the Final should prove to be an entertaining evening!

All Junior School students have been rehearsing for our Creative Arts Night which will be held on Wednesday, 16 September – please put this date in your diaries and keep watch on The Life for further details.

Some other important diary dates we are looking forward to are our Book Parade and Open classrooms on Friday, 21 August and Grandparents Day on Thursday, 10 September.

On the last day of Term 2 at our House Sports Fun Day, we raised $1000 to be sent to Compassion. This was a fabulous effort and the day was a fun family event to finish the term! Thank you to all those who contributed.

Mrs Cathy Grant  
Junior School Coordinator

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**Sporting Schools: Australian Sporting Commission Initiative**

This term we will be running after school sporting programs again. Keep an eye on your emails to ensure you don’t miss out on the opportunity for free specialist coaching offers!

Ms Kristy Edwards
Creative Arts Night

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected for performances at Creative Arts Night.

Ashley Twemlow    Natasha Barlow  
Taneisha- Lee Fitzhenry    Leah Veld  
Jasmine Carpenter    Phetmanee Vongpoothorn  
Daniel Squire    Charlie Cowlishaw  
Isabelle Cook

Well done and keep practising!

Live Life Well At School

OPAC is a Crunch and Sip School.

Research suggests that for our childrens’ brains to operate effectively at school they need to have a well-balanced diet and lifestyle.

Please help us help your children by packing them food that encourages their brain to function and grow properly.

Ms Kristy Edwards
SASC Netball Gala Day
Kindergarten Art Club

This term it is Kindergarten’s turn to come along to Art Club. The first artwork they made was a mosaic using play dough.

Mrs Nicole Low
Kindergarten Art Club
Kindergarten Blue have been excited to be back in the classroom this term. We have been busy starting our unit about farms and talking about the animals that we may see on a farm. We have been learning about needs and wants and later in the term will be exploring how some of the animals on farms can meet our needs and wants. Kindergarten have also been learning about our bodies and how we can care for and look after our bodies. We have lots of fun activities to look forward to this term.
IPSSO Sport

Term 3

Start and finish times for IPSSO games are approximate. Parents are welcome to come and watch. Juniors (Y3/4) play first, followed by Seniors (Y5/6).

Students will represent the College in Boys Football and Girls Netball.

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**Training**

- Wednesday Football on the field 8.10 am Mr Chapman
- Wednesday Netball on the courts 8.10 am Miss Edwards

Football representatives require shin pads and College football socks (compulsory) and moulded boots are recommended.

Milo T 20 Blast School Cup

Exciting News!

On Monday, 7 September 2015, OPAC students from Years 3-6 will have the opportunity to participate in a cricket competition for the very first time called Milo T20 Blast School Cup.

The cup is a fun day with girls and boys teams competing with other schools in a participation based format. Squads are rotated to ensure maximum participation and all equipment is supplied by Cricket NSW.

Squad places are limited, so it is advisable to register as soon as possible. To help encourage participation in team sport, students who have not had the opportunity to play in an IPSSO sport team will be given priority in this event.

In preparation for the event, there will be skill sessions for students in both College sport and during PE time. This will include 2 visits from Cricket NSW staff members.

Mr Anthony Chapman
2015 Dates For Your Diary

Term 3
P&F Meeting
Public Speaking Finals
NASSA Junior School Athletics
Bookfair 2
P-6 Bookweek Parade
P-6 Open Classrooms (NEW DATE)
Y7 Immunisation 3
P&F Meeting
Father’s Day Breakfast
Milo T20 Blast School Cup
CIS Junior School Athletics
Grandparents Day
Creative Arts Night Rehearsal
Creative Arts Night
Last Day Term 3

Thursday, 6 August
Tuesday, 11 August
Thursday, 20 August
Friday, 21 August
Friday, 21 August
Friday, 21 August
Friday, 28 August
Thursday, 3 September
Friday, 4 September
Monday, 7 September
Wednesday, 9 September
Thursday, 10 September
Friday, 11 September
Wednesday, 16 September
Friday, 18 September

Friday Assembly

Parents are welcome to attend the following afternoons at NewLife Anglican Church commencing at 2.20 pm.

Prep - Year 8
Prep - Year 6 (Item by Year 6)
Prep - Year 6 (Item by Year 4)
Prep - Year 8

Friday, 14 August
Friday, 21 August
Friday, 4 September
Friday, 11 September

Year 6 students will lead the P-6 assemblies.

Other afternoons, K-6 students will be involved in House meetings.

Principal’s Awards will be handed out at the P-8 Assembly. Invitations will be given to parents to let you know that your child will be receiving a Principal's Award.

Scholastic Book Fair

The College will host our second book fair of the year during Book Week. The fair will only be open on one day, Friday, 21 August 2015 from 10.30 am - 3.30 pm.

Helpers are required, if you are available to volunteer all or part of the time, please contact Mrs Lynch.
## 2016 Term Dates

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From the Parents’ & Friends’ Association

Welcome back for Term 3 of 2015. The P&F hope all students and staff had a safe and enjoyable winter break with their families.

Fathers’ Day Stall - Wednesday, 2 September

As a result of feedback received by the College and P&F after Mothers’ Day this year, the P&F have made a decision to change the gifts available for Fathers’ Day and have opted to return to a Fathers’ Day Stall. This offers students the opportunity to purchase from a range of small gifts for their Dads and Granddads.

Students will be able to purchase gift packs for $2, $5 or $10 on the day. The P&F wish to inform that there are enough gift packs for all students to make a purchase, however there are a limited number of gift packs in each price bracket. Students are encouraged to bring money to school on the day as only cash will be accepted for purchases.

The P&F seek volunteers to assist with setting up and running the Fathers’ Day Stall on the 2 September. If you are available between approximately 8.30 am to 12 pm, could you please notify the P&F via email – pandf@opac.nsw.edu.au.

Fathers’ Day BBQ Breakfast - Friday, 4 September 2015 from 7.30 am

All fathers and grandfathers are welcome to come and enjoy a BBQ breakfast with their children before school. The College has asked the P&F to organise volunteers to assist with the BBQ on the morning. The College would prefer if mums volunteered so that dad’s can enjoy the BBQ, if you are available on the morning could you please contact the P&F via email – pandf@opac.nsw.edu.au.

Clothing Pool

If you require uniform items or have some good quality second hand uniform items you no longer require and would like to donate, you can contact the Clothing Pool Coordinator via email – pandf@opac.nsw.edu.au. The P&F regret to inform that some items are in limited stock or unavailable and apologise for any inconvenience.

Roberts Estate Agents

Do you, your family or friends have any real estate and property needs? Why not give Roberts Estate Agents a call and ask them how contracting their services can support OPAC. They can be contacted on 1300 476 534. Remember to mention Oran Park Anglican College.

P&F Meeting

The next P&F meeting will be held Thursday, 6 August 2015 at the Administration Staffroom from 6.45 pm. Mrs Wilkins has been holding a discussion at each meeting this year and August’s discussion topic will be “Cocurricular opportunities’ at the College. The P&F welcomes all to attend.

The P&F welcome your feedback, suggestions and offers of assistance in the planning and running of future events and fundraisers and can be contacted by email – pandf@opac.nsw.edu.au.

Our students are the beneficiaries of the generous support given by family, friends and the community. The P&F are appreciative of this generous support and the ways it can assist in the continued growth and development of our College.

Regards
Matthew Saliba
P&F President
Art & Craft Markets

Saturday 22 August 2015
9am to 2pm
Oran Park Podium
351 Oran Park Drive, Oran Park Town

Join us at our next market and pick up a unique hand made gift for dad this Father’s Day. Browse through the stalls, grab something from Eat Street and do your shopping all in the one place!

Kids activities and entertainment provided.

To register for a stall visit oranparktown.com.au/art-crafts-market

For more information, please contact Josephine Roccisano, OPT Community Development Manager on 0427 723 967.