From the Head of Campus - Mrs Naomi Wilkins

At our recent Public Speaking finals, Mr Hudson shared how important this type of communication is. Too often today, people are relying on written messaging to communicate that the skills of oral language are being weakened. It was very encouraging to see some of the youngest members of our College standing in front of a large adult audience presenting their prepared speeches on a range of interesting topics. Students are to be commended for their efforts in writing and refining their speeches as well as their fine presentation skills. All those who attended commented on the high standard from all the students and were both informed and entertained. The winners are announced later in this issue of the newsletter.

Thank you to the parents who regularly come into the College and assist in a range of volunteer capacities. We currently have volunteers helping with student banking, book club, reading groups, learning support and photography. If you have the time and any special skills that could be of assistance to the College we would love to hear from you.

Next week we have an opportunity for parents to visit their child’s classroom before the Book Week Parade. This is a wonderful time to see samples of your children’s learning and interact with them in their class environment.

I hope you enjoy reading through this issue of the Life which highlights the range of learning activities and events going on throughout the College.

Real wisdom, God’s wisdom, begins with a holy life and is characterised by getting along with others. It is gentle and reasonable, overflowing with mercy and blessings, not hot one day and cold the next, not two-faced. You can develop a healthy, robust community that lives right with God and enjoy its results only if you do the hard work of getting along with each other, treating each other with dignity and honour.

James 3:17-18 (Msg)
Junior School

It has been a very eventful fortnight for Junior School students! Several athletes competed in the Thomas Hassall Athletics Carnival earlier in the term and achieved some excellent results.

The following students are to be congratulated for selection to the next level of competition, NASSA which will be held at the Campbelltown Athletics Stadium next Thursday, 20 August 2015:

Zac Emerton  Tatiana Banjas  Taneisha-Lee Fitzhenry  Alexander Giakoumelos
Hayley Rodgers  Matthew Russo  Bianca Venditti  Phetmanee Vongpoothorn
Jordan West

We wish them all the best as they prepare to compete as part of the Thomas Hassall team against students from other schools in our area.

Last Tuesday night we held our third annual Public Speaking Final. The students all spoke very well, overcoming nerves and rising to the occasion.

Congratulations to these students for the hard work they all did to be selected for the Final:

Lachlan Manton  Ella Fin  Dylan McFadden  Natalya Borg
Ben Patane  Lily Finn  Ellie Holmes  Raif Haack
Sabrina Gaibisco  Tatijana Banjas  Ethan Fleming  Alicia Pavone
Maddison Palmer  Cole Jordan  Nicholas Everett  Isabel Webster
Jahzara Filo

Mr Whelan and Mr Hudson were our adjudicators who found choosing a winner proved quite difficult! Here are the final results.

Congratulations to these students:

Highly Commended
Lachlan Manton  Dylan McFadden  Ben Patane  Lily Finn  Sabrina Gaibisco

Runner-up
Tatijana Banjas  Nicholas Everett

First Place
Alicia Pavone  Cole Jordan

Congratulations to these students who achieved a Distinction Award in the UNSW Science Competition held last week.

Lachlan Haack  Ashley Twemlow  Cole Jordan  Gabriella Russo
Our Creative Arts production, ‘Once upon an OPAC Dream, Believe, Achieve’ will be held on Wednesday 16 September. Student rehearsals are in full swing with music, drama and dance floating regularly through the doors of each classroom during the week. Students have been invited to submit a design for the program cover for the evening. Please refer to this newsletter for information on purchasing tickets.

Students who enjoy Art have been entering the College Art Competition. There have been some beautiful artworks submitted to Mrs Low who will present the winning entrants’ prizes next Friday 21 August at the Book Fair parade.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the Book Fair and Parade which will be held at College next Friday 21 August. The College will be open for you to spend some time with your child in the classroom from 9 – 10am, followed by the Book Fair Parade from 10am – 11am. You may purchase books at the Book Fair from 8:30am – 11:30am. The students are very excited about this day!

Mrs Cathy Grant
Junior School Coordinator

Creative Arts Night Cover Design Competition

Students, would you like your artwork to be used for the cover of our Creative Arts night programme? We are looking for a design … so if you would like to enter the competition, start creating!

The story is about Princess Whatsername who has lost her memory. She embarks on a journey to find out who she is and meets a number of fairy tale friends along the way before discovering her true identity!

Here are the details:
- You must include the following words: ‘Once upon an OPAC….. Dream, Believe, Achieve’
- Design size - A4 paper
- Design must be in bright, bold, colours
- Coloured pencil or textas may be used

Entries due to Mrs Grant by Monday, 24 August 2015. Have fun!

Learning Support

Last term I attended a professional development program provided by the Learning Connections group. This training has equipped me to run the Learning Connections program which ‘assists the brain to fire better signals and to reorganise what was previously disorganised’ (Learning Connections training manual). This term a group of students have begun these activities and are having lots of fun. We creep along a word mat, we learn to balance and learn ‘crocodile’ movements on the ground just to get started. All of these activities and more, challenge students to think, move and learn and to learn more effectively when they return to the classroom. Year Five are trialling some aspects of the program as a whole class group. You might see them out on the courts doing all sorts of exciting activities.

If you have any queries or would like further information I’d love to chat to you about it.

Mrs Melinda Humphreys
Creative Arts Night

Date: Wednesday, 16 September 2015

Time: 5.30 pm for 6.00 pm start

Venue: Camden Civic Centre, Oxley Street, Camden

Tickets: Due to an increase in student numbers, this year, each family will be issued 2 tickets for family members to attend on the night. (You may have young children sitting on your lap)

There will be excess tickets available to purchase on Tuesday, 1 September 2015 from 9 am. Online purchasing details will be given prior to the day.

$5 per ticket (max 2 extra tickets per family)

Costume Requirements

Prep: Dress as a favourite animal

Kindergarten Boys: Black pants, black round neck T-shirt, bling around the neck, black school shoes.

Kindergarten Girls: Black pants, sequinned T-shirt (any colour), sequinned scrunchie, bling around the neck, black school shoes.

Year 1/2: Navy blue/black jeans, plain round necked T-shirt (any colour), joggers. Girls to wear hair in 2 plaits with ribbons to match their shirts.

Year 3-4 boys: Hip hop style clothes and accessories (with a plain T-shirt, no writing on it), flat shoes

Year 3-4 girls: Bright/fluoro orange/pink/green/yellow (skirts, tutus, tights, tops – anything fun), flat shoes

Years 5 and 6: Jeans and coloured shirt, joggers, accessories (hat, sunglasses or back pack)

Junior Dance Ensemble, Dance Group, Main Characters and Individual Performer costumes are still to be confirmed. A note will be sent home by the end of Week 4.

Costumes will be required by our first dress rehearsal, Thursday, 3 September (Week 7). Please don’t hesitate to contact your class teacher or Ms Edwards if you have any queries regarding costumes.
Father's Day Breakfast

When: Friday 4th September
Where: College Junior Quad
Cost: $5 donation per father, proceeds go towards Beyond Blue payment taken on the day.

Guest Speaker will also be attending
In the Classroom with Miss McCrohon and 1/2Blue

1/2 Blue have had a fantastic and busy start to Term 3. We have been learning about the people in our community who help us, as well as learning about how our body works. We made wonderful, wacky skeletons to learn about all the different bones in our body. 1/2 Blue have enjoyed problem solving and hands-on learning in Mathematics. We are looking forward to all the exciting activities planned for the rest of this term.
International Visitors at OPAC - Year 7 Music Class

On Tuesday, 28 July 2015, Year 7 Music hosted international guests from the Casio Corporation in Tokyo. The 8 guests came from Japan, Brazil and Singapore to watch the Keyboard Evolution curriculum program that is being implemented within the classrooms at Oran Park Anglican College.

The Keyboard Evolution program gets students playing and interacting with technology from their first lesson and embraces the many fun features available on portable keyboards that are often neglected in the classroom. Additionally, students who may have already benefited from private piano or instrumental lessons are catered for with extension repertoire, which comfortably integrates with the easy repertoire designed for the beginner students. The program caters for self-based learning, group work and whole class scenarios.

MusicEDU Director, Kate Hargreaves, says she’s excited and pleased with the results at Oran Park Anglican College, after seeing first-hand the students’ performance.

“The Keyboard Evolution Program is a great fit for the College as they pride themselves on an all inclusive approach to learning. It’s really terrific to see students who have never had the opportunity to play a musical instrument before, succeeding and enjoying their music classes. It's a credit to Music teacher Mrs Clisdell, who has taken on the program whole-heartedly and embraced some new approaches to learning and technology.”

Well done Year 7 for your outstanding contribution and commitment to the subject of Music!

Mr Steve Moynan
Senior School Coordinator

Mrs Rebecca Clisdell
Teacher
Fruit & Veg Month 2015
24 August to 18 September

This year’s Fruit & Veg Month theme is ‘Let’s Go Green!’ ‘Let’s Go Green!’ is all about eating more fruit and vegetables (of course!) and about being sustainable with our food waste.

We will be having a GREEN EATING CHALLENGE at College starting in Week 6. Student will be encouraged to bring and eat fruit and vegetables that are eco-friendly. This means those which don’t need to be wrapped or are cut and put into reusable containers. Classes will be awarded points for the green things they eat and bonus points for their eco-friendliness. There will be a prize for the best green class!

Check out the website if you need some ideas for encouraging your children to eat green.

Corny jokes for kids!

There’s nothing like a good laugh to start the day off right! We will start our celebration of fruit and veg month by holding a joke competition at College.

Q: What did the lettuce say to the celery?
A: Quit stalking me!

Q: What school subject is the fruitiest?
A: History because it is full of dates!

If you have a good fruit or vegetable based joke please send it to Miss Edwards at kedwards@opac.nsw.edu.au.

The winning joke will be printed in the next Newsletter.

Sporting Schools: Australian Sporting Commission Initiative

This week you should have received an email regarding a Miniroos Football program. Places are limited, so please return your permission slip as soon as possible to avoid missing out.
On Friday, 28 August 2015, Junior School Students in Years 3-6 will have the opportunity to miss their lunch to get some kind of understanding of what it is like for so many of the world’s poor who often don’t even get to have one meal per day.

In order to make this day a success, students are being asked to:
- Miss lunch on Friday, 28 August 2015 (but still have recess).
- Raise money for Compassion from people they are in contact with from their church, sporting club, dance group, family or friends.
- Donations can be made online which goes straight to Compassion. https://give.everydayhero.com/au/opac-one-meal-one-day
- Students can also bring their sponsorship money back to the College office once it has all been collected, with all monies due back on Friday, 11 September 2015

By supporting Compassion, we are supporting an organisation that is an advocate for the world’s poorest children, to release them from their spiritual, economic, social and physical poverty and enable them to become responsible and fulfilled Christian adults.

Mr Chapman
Primary Cru Group with Mr Chapman
Crusaders Visit

Recently, Jacqueline Woods from Crusaders came and visited the Primary Cru group. She shared with us from James and how we wouldn’t forget what we look like, so we should remember to do what the Bible teaches us. To illustrate the point, she had a little competition where groups had to draw pictures of what they had seen. It made for some quite funny drawings! Students have so much fun at Cru group every Friday.

Book Week: Prep - Year 6 Students

Date    Friday, 21 August 2015
Times    9 am – 10 am Open Classrooms – Parents visit classrooms
          10 am – 11 am Book Week Parade – under shade sails
          11 am – 11.30 am Morning tea with your child/ren

Book Fair

Helpers required, please contact Office if you are available.

Date    Friday, 21 August 2015
Times    8.30 am – 11.30 am
          2.30 pm – 3.30 pm
**In the Classroom with Mr Chapman and Year 3 Blue**

3 Blue has been learning about shopping. Yes, shopping! We have been looking at which countries make our clothes as well the humanitarian cost of purchasing cheap clothing. Last week, in groups, students researched the following question: What is the true cost of cheap clothing?

Students came up with words they had seen as well as facts and questions linked to the topic. One particular group was able to identify that many of our clothes come from China and were looking at why this was the case.
**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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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 have now been filled.

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

Mr Anthony Chapman
**2015 Dates For Your Diary**

**Term 3**
- **NASSA Junior School Athletics**
- **Kindergarten Excursion**
- **Bookfair 2**
- **P-6 Bookweek Parade**
- **P-6 Open Classrooms**
- **Y7 Immunisation 3**
- **AICES Athletics**
- **CAN Tickets Available Online**
- **Father's Day Stall**
- **P&F Meeting**
- **Father's Day Breakfast**
- **Full College Photo**
- **Milo T20 Blast School Cup**
- **CIS Junior School Athletics**
- **Grandparents Day**
- **Creative Arts Night Rehearsal**
- **Creative Arts Night**
- **Last Day Term 3**

Thursday, 20 August
- Thursday, 20 August
- Friday, 21 August
- Friday, 21 August
- Friday, 28 August
- Monday, 31 August
- Tuesday, 1 September
- Wednesday, 2 September
- Thursday, 3 September
- Friday, 4 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 6 Item by Year 6**
- **Prep - Year 6 Item by Year 4**

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.

**Picking students up early**

If you must pick your child up during College hours, Parents/Guardians are asked to refrain from picking them up during recess and lunch times when students are in various playground and classroom locations.

- **Recess**
  - 10.40 am - 11.00 am
- **Lunch**
  - 12.50 pm - 1.30 pm

Also, you may like to contact the Office when you are on your way to College so we can have your child ready for pick up when you arrive.
## 2016 Term Dates

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From the Parents’ & Friends’ Association

Fathers’ Day Stall - Wednesday, 2 September 2015

Students have the opportunity to purchase from a range of small gifts for their Dads and Grandads.

Gift packs will be on sale at this year’s Fathers’s Day Stall 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 is asking for volunteers to assist with setting up and running the Fathers’ Day Stall on the 2 September 2015. If you are available between 8.30 am to 12 pm, could you please notify 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, 3 September 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 “Restorative Justice approach to Behaviour Management’ 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
Parenting in a Sex-Saturated World

Melinda Tankard Reist - Respected Australian Author, Advocate and Speaker
Melinda will unpack the way our world is impacting our children and what can be done about it.

7.30pm. Tuesday August 18.
St Peter's School Hall.
Hosted by Campbelltown Anglican Church

Tickets $10 single/$15 for two

www.mtrcampbelltown.eventzilla.net
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.
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- AFTER SCHOOL DURING TERM IN AN ENCOURAGING ENVIRONMENT

GO4FUN TERM 4 2015: SOUTH WEST SYDNEY

LIVERPOOL
Liverpool West Public School
MON 4.30pm - 6.30pm

EAGLE VALE
Eagle Vale Central Fitness and Aquatic Centre
TUES 5.00pm - 7.00pm

BANKSTOWN
Bankstown PCYC
WED 4.30pm - 6.30pm

FAIRFIELD
Fairfield Leisure Centre
THURS 4.00pm - 6.00pm

MOSS VALE
Moss Vale Aquatic Centre
MON 4.00pm - 6.00pm

TAHMOOR
Tahmoor Public School
TUES 4.00pm - 6.00pm

MACQUARIE FIELDS
Macquarie Fields Leisure Centre
THURS 4.30pm - 6.30pm

MOUNT ANNAN (CAMDEN)
Mount Annan Leisure Centre
SAT 1.00pm - 3.00pm

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