From the Head of Campus

I would like to extend a huge thank you to all the families and staff who helped organise the Oran Park Festival. Despite the grey skies it was a wonderful day where the College was able to connect with our broader community to showcase our facilities and students and share in some fun together. It was a wonderful event and I hope your family was able to enjoy the markets, rides and entertainment throughout the day.

This week students in Years 3, 5 and 7 have participated in the National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). Students showed great confidence and should be acknowledged for their positive attitude during the tests. These tests give an indication on how students are developing in their reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy skills. Results do not become available until later in Term 3.

The College also assesses students’ progress through a range of tasks and activities. In the Junior School learning samples will be reviewed to determine students’ skills and understanding across the different Key Learning Areas. In Senior School students have increasingly more examinations both of the theory and practical components in their courses. Year 7 and 8 students are encouraged to prepare for these tasks through revision of their classwork and by following up on teacher feedback from informal tasks. Feedback provides students with strategies for improvement. At Oran Park Anglican College we are encouraging students to be life-long learners and not to measure their success by a mark alone but by the progress they are making. Everyone has been created with unique gifts and abilities and we are endeavouring to foster these in our students as part of their holistic development.

For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully. Romans 12:3-8
Year 8 Visual Arts Excursion

On Thursday, 7 May 2015, Year 8 visited the Campbelltown Arts Centre to see an amazing light installation exhibition entitled *Colour Restraint*. The students were able to interact with the artworks and construct their own sculptures.
In class with Kindergarten and Mrs Humphreys

This term Kindergarten have been learning about ‘o’clock’ and how to tell the time. We had fun making our own watches and spent some time asking each other “Excuse me, what’s the time?” We have also been learning about long and short and how we can measure things. This week we measured our own foot with sticker dots and pieces of straws.
**Year 6 Minnamurra Rainforest Excursion**

Last Thursday, Year 6 travelled to Minnamurra Rainforest for the day to study the rainforest first hand. This was a great opportunity to look at the layers of the rainforest, to observe the flora and fauna that inhabits this ecosystem and to wonder at what might happen if, in future years, we do not look after our forests. The students were challenged to consider their role in sustaining the biome and thereby contributing to keeping our air clean and maintaining the habitats and resources that these beautiful forests provide. Everyone was in awe of the enormity of the forest trees and all of us managed to trek up the hill to the top of the waterfall without any casualties. It was a great day!

**ANZAC Day March**

Thank you to all families who supported the College at Camden ANZAC Day March.

We had over 40 students attend.

**Composting Workshop**

**Date**  Tuesday, 19 May 2015

Kindergarten - Year 2 students will participate in a composting workshop to help support our vegetable gardens.

This workshop will be conducted by the Macarthur Centre of Sustainability, supported by Camden Council.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Humphreys.
Stage 2 Blue Mountains Excursion

On a cold, Autumn Thursday in May years 3 and 4 went on an excursion to Wentworth Falls National Park in the Blue Mountains.

I woke up very excited because we were going to the Blue Mountains. When I got to school it was time to go.

A few minutes later we were on the bus. We were very excited. I was sitting next to Ashley. Soon we got bored and started to think of what to do so we started to draw and that made us stay busy. It took 1 hour and 20 minutes to get there.

When we got there we had recess then we headed over to where Chris, Mim and Jamie were. Chris talked to us about Aboriginal people. We learnt that Aboriginal boys were men when they were about twelve years of age. The only things they needed to make tools were stone and wood. It was very interesting. He even told us that you can drink the nectar of Banksias. The Mim took us on a bushwalk. We were looking forward to that. There were a lot of stairs that we had to go up and down but it was worth it because she took us to a WATERFALL! She took us right through the waterfall – we were very excited. I touched the water and it was very cold. We even got to climb up a rock and sit on it.

We went to another waterfall which had slime on the rocks. I liked the touch of it, it was very slimy.

After that we walked back up to the top where we started and ate lunch before heading back to school on the bus. It was a really fun day.

Written by Taneisha-Lee Fitzhenry and Dylan Bootsma
**IPSSO Sport with Mr Chapman**

**Term 2**

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**

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

College football socks can be purchased from the College Office.

**OPAC World Cup**

It's on again! The World Cup may not be around until 2018, but we have our very own OPAC World Cup in Term 2 at the College. The games are being organised by Year 8 students Matthew Beky and Rhys Cook and there is a trophy for both the Junior Champion (3-5) and Senior Champion (6-8). The overall champion will get to play the teachers in a final.

A big thank you to Rhys and Matthew for organising this great tournament to be enjoyed by Junior and Senior School students at our College.
**Winter Uniform**

**Junior School**

The winter uniform is compulsory from the week after Mother's Day, 10 May.

Students can choose to wear their full Summer or full Winter uniform from the beginning of the term depending on the weather.

The bomber jacket is to be worn as the outer layer coming to and from the College. The sloppy joe is only to be worn underneath the bomber jacket or whilst at the College.

**Senior School**

The winter uniform is compulsory from the beginning of Term 2, Tuesday, 21 April. Senior boys can wear either the long or short sleeve shirt in winter.

Jumpers are not compulsory and are not to be the outer layer coming to and from the College. The blazer is compulsory in Terms 2 and 3 as the outer layer to and from the College.

**Prep Winter Uniform**

- **Shirt**
  - Polo with embroidery
- **Sloppy Joe**
  - Navy with embroidery
- **Track Pants**
  - Navy fleece
- **Socks**
  - White
- **Shoes**
  - White joggers
- **Cap**
  - Navy/red/white with embroidery

**Junior Winter Uniform**

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Sydney CDI Equestrian Team Excursion

Friday, 8 May - a beautiful, sunny day, a day where 6 students, a parent and I embarked on a journey to Sydney International Equestrian Centre for our Equestrian Team Excursion to the Sydney CDI (Concours de Dressage International). This is the highest INTERNATIONAL Dressage competition in Australia and top riders from Asia-pacific travel to compete.

On arrival, we were met with our tour guide, Kim Thomas. Kim is from Western Australia and is an A-level Dressage Judge, a Dressage Judge Educator and a Level 1 Coach. She is also a top FEI Dressage competitor as well so her knowledge and insight into the world of both competing and judge were incredible! As we watched some tests, Kim was able to explain the movements and how the judges would score each movement, while explaining what the rider would be doing to prepare for the set movements!

Dr. Derek Major was the FEI vet who oversaw the veterinary side of the event. He came and explained to us the importance of his role at the competition, the examining of horses before competing and the swabbing of horses to make sure no performance enhancing drugs have been administered. He was extremely interesting to listen to from the medical point of view!

After watching a few dressage tests and listening to Dr. Major, Kim then took us ‘behind the scenes’ to the stables. Here we met and spoke to some of the finest athletes and drooled over the beautiful horses!!!

The first athlete we met was Hanna Dodd. She is 23 years old and is a Para-equestrian who has sacral agenesis and spina bifida. Hannah represented Australia at the 2012 Summer Paralympics on her horse Waikiwi. As she does not have the use of her legs, Hannah rides with 2 whips that signals the leg aids to her horse. An inspiration!

The second athlete we met and spoke to was Gary Lung. Gary has recently been in the United States, with his horse Winchester (Chester) training and competing under Steffen Peters and is also the High Performance Manager for Riding in Queensland. He spoke about the importance of both rider and horse being athletes and the physical preparation for both to achieve their best!

Finally, the last athlete we spoke to was Nicole Tough. She is one of Australia’s leading Dressage Coaches, judges, trainers and competitors. She is Level 2 EA NCAS Dressage Specialist Coach, National A Level Dressage Judge, Judge Educator and a highly successful dressage trainer and competitor. Nicole has coached many students from Preliminary to Grand Prix level, a number of these being selected onto QLD State Elite, Performance and Young Rider Squads and a few to International representation. She spoke to us about the passion for competing and the hard work that is required and was brilliant to listen to.

Here is what a few of the students had to say:
‘In our tour, we got to meet some riders and horses. We learnt about the horses background and got to learn how to become a champion rider like them’ – Mae Alden

‘We watched people ride and watched some para riders. It was really fun!’ – Helena Gajda

‘I enjoyed most about today was talking to the riders, trainers and groomers. I also liked watching the dressage in the main arena.’ – Ella Finn

‘Watching the dressage competitions and meeting the riders was really fun, especially when Chester smelt my hair!’ – Leah Veld

‘I learn about what it takes to be a top horse rider and how to look after your horse. What to aim for if you want to go in top competition.’ – Emily Alden

‘I liked seeing all the horses and talking to the athletes about competing.’ – Alyse-Rose Meacham
Sydney CDI Equestrian Team Excursion
2015 Dates For Your Diary

NASSA Senior Cross Country  Mon, 18 May
THAC JS Cross Country Carnival  Mon, 18 May  Change
Junior Athletics Carnival  Thursday, 21 May
NASSA Junior Cross Country  Friday, 29 May
P&F Meeting  Thursday, 4 June
Public Holiday  Monday, 8 June
College Photo Day  Tuesday, 9 June  Change
CIS Junior Cross Country  Thursday, 11 June
Y1/2 Excursion  Thursday, 18 June
THAC Junior Athletics Carnival  Friday, 19 June
P-6 Parent/Teacher Interviews  Tuesday, 23 June  Change
7-8 Parent/Teacher Interviews  Thursday, 25 June  Change
Last Day Term 2  Friday, 26 June

Friday Assembly

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

Year 6 students will lead the K-6 assemblies.

Prep - Year 8  Friday, 22 May
Kindergarten - Year 6 (Item: 1/2W)  Friday, 5 June
Kindergarten - Year 6 (Item: KR)  Friday, 12 June
Prep - Year 8  Friday, 19 June

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 Club

Thank you for purchasing books through Scholastic Book Club.

Issue 4 orders earned the College $115.00 in rewards which allows the College to purchase more resources for students.

College Photo Day

Date  Tuesday, 9 June 2015

Parents/Guardians are reminded to send in photo day envelopes by Friday, 5 June 2015.

If you require another envelope, please contact the Office.
From the Parents’ & Friends’ Association

Oran Park Festival – 2 May 2015

Thank you to all the families of OPAC for making this day a great success. Thank you to the group who assisted in planning the day and the parents who volunteered their time to assist in running stalls. You helped the day run smoothly.

Thank you to the families who made a contribution to the day through donations. This year we had donations for the BBQ, silent auction and cake stall. It is these donations that make a big difference to the funds the P&F can raise for the College and assist in its future growth and development.

Thank you to all the families who attended on the day. This event is organised to allow families the opportunity to come and enjoy a fun day at the College. This year’s event was threatened by bad weather but that didn’t spoil the atmosphere.

The children enjoyed the rides and attractions, and there was plenty of hot food and drink to keep us all warm. The photographs below show some of the fun that was had by the estimated 1500 people who attended. This event continues to grow year by year and the P&F look forward to next year’s event being bigger and better again.
Ladies High Tea – 2pm Saturday, 20 June 2015

RSVP for this event is by Friday, 5 June 2015, please ensure that you get in early as seats are limited. This event is planned to be more than just an afternoon tea, allowing the female staff, mums, aunties and grandmothers an opportunity to get to know each other in a relaxed atmosphere. The event includes a sumptuous high tea menu, a fashion show and light entertainment. The High Tea Committee have asked for some volunteers to participate in the fashion show – if you are available for this please notify the P&F and High Tea Committee via email - pandf@opac.nsw.edu.au.

Roberts Estate Agents

Do you, your family or friends have any real estate needs? Why not give Roberts Estate Agents a call and ask them how contracting their services can support OPAC. They are located in OPT Centre and will soon be at a second location in Camden. They can be contacted on (02) 4622 1184. Remember to mention Oran Park Anglican College.

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 – clothingpool@opac.nsw.edu.au.

Next P&F Meeting

The next P&F meeting will be held Thursday, 4 June 2015 at the OPAC Staffroom from 6.45pm. All are welcome to attend. The P&F look forward to your feedback and welcome your suggestions that assist in the planning of future events and fundraisers. The P&F 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 growth and development of our College.

Warm Regards,

Matthew Saliba
President OPAC P&F
High Tea
A Perfect excuse to catch up with the girls.

ORAN PARK ANGLICAN COLLEGE

High Tea includes:
Glass of Moscato on arrival. Fashion parade and lucky door prizes.

Menu Sweet:
Selection Mini Chocolate Éclair Milk or dark chocolate Florentine
Summer inspired Macaron Petite Lemon Tart. Freshly baked Scone with strawberry Jam and whipped cream.

Savoury Selection:
Fresh mini Quiche Lorraine Poached chicken, Julienne pear and Walnut sandwich, Roast Beef and nine spice Caponata relish sandwich. House made Cocktail Sausage Roll.

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When: Saturday, 20th June 2015
Where: Harrington Grove Country Club
1 Forestgrove Drive, Harrington Park
Time: 2pm
Cost: $55pp

8 People to a table so bring along a friend, family member or a neighbour.
Tickets Limited so get in early to avoid disappointment.

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RSVP: 5th June 2015
with all money in envelope addressed to the High Tea Committee. Thank You
High Tea
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ORAN PARK ANGLICAN COLLEGE
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8 People to a table so bring along a friend, family member or a neighbour
Includes: High Tea and Entertainment.
Get in early, tickets limited.

Please Return the below slip in envelope addressed to the
High Tea Committee

Thankyou

Name: .................................................................
Number of tickets: ......................................................
Cash: ........................................................................
Cheque: ....................................................................
Would like to be seated with:
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FREE fun program to help kids become fitter, healthier and happier!

Do you have children 7-13 years old?
Are you worried about their weight?

The Go4Fun Program is a free healthy lifestyle program to improve health, fitness, self-esteem and confidence in children above their ideal weight.

What happens in the Go4Fun program?

The program runs over one school term. There are 10 sessions (1 session/week, 2hrs/session). Sessions include: games, activities and swimming for kids; easy, effective ways to improve your child’s self-esteem and confidence; demonstrations, games and tips on healthy foods, label reading and portion sizes; and a fun supermarket tour!

South Western Sydney Local Health District has 15 places on the program in your local area, completely free of charge. Places are offered on a first come, first served basis. Children need to be 7-13 years old and above their ideal weight to attend. A parent or carer must accompany each child to every session.

To find out more contact 1800 780 900 or Leah Choi Tel: (02) 97802811 or visit www.go4fun.com.au where you can also register.

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Fire & Rescue NSW Open Day 2015

Fire & Rescue NSW is hosting its annual Fire Station Open Day on Saturday, 30 May 2015 between 10 am and 2 pm. Children and their parents are invited to watch fire safety demonstrations, hop aboard our station's fire truck, hold a fire hose, watch a rescue demonstration and chat with firefighters about what they do.

This is a fantastic opportunity for children and their parents to meet their local firefighters and with winter just around the corner, which is the worst time of the year for house fires, this is a great opportunity to learn as much as you can about home fire safety.

Narellan Fire Station will be teaming up with Camden Fire Station at 12 Exchange Parade Smeaton Grange for this years open day. Join us on Saturday, 30 May 2015.