A Winter’s break
What a wonderful term it has been at Oran Park Anglican College, full of many fun filled and educational experiences for the students. Our most recent experience was only last week when we were visited by Christine Moroney, the author of “Alex Cottle Axolotl”. Mrs Moroney spoke to us about the inspiration behind her book, completed the story for us, and even brought in Alexandra, her own axolotl. We were enthralled by Mrs. Moroney and Alexandra. The students, and staff, ‘learnt a lot’ about stem cell research and the amazing progress made in that field.

We also had our second visit from Chesalon residents. Some different faces, but enthusiastic listeners none-the-less. It was a great time for students and visitors alike and we will continue to cherish this valuable time with these important members of our community.

Academic reports for the first half of the year have been completed and will be distributed next week. Parent Teacher interviews for the College will be held on Wednesday, 1 August. As always, if you have any concerns whatsoever please don’t hesitate to contact your child’s teacher or the College earlier if required.

As we enter the Winter vacation period for 3 weeks, the College staff will be undertaking a 3 day training program from Monday 25th to Wednesday 27th June on site as well as at Thomas Hassall Anglican College. There will be a focus on Technology and its place in the classroom, as well as a session on Christian perspectives. It will be a productive time for the staff.

It is with great sadness that we continue to hold Thomas Hassall in our prayers this week. With the loss of a beloved Year 4 student and friend, Olivia, we ask for God’s comforting hand to be upon the family and Thomas Hassall at this time. “The College Community is strengthened in the knowledge that she loved the Lord Jesus as do her family” (Jim Dayhew).

As we draw closer to the end of another eventful term we can thank God for His loving mercies that He has shown to us throughout the Term.

Wishing each family an enjoyable time over the holiday break.

“And the peace of God which transcends all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus”. Philippians 4:7

Mr Ross Whelan
College Principal

Mr Jonathan Beggs
Campus Co-ordinator
**Private Vehicle Subsidy**

Transport for NSW administers the Private Vehicle Conveyance (PVC) subsidy.

The subsidy is available to NSW residents where there is no public transport (government or private operators) available to transport an eligible student for all or part of the journey to school.

The PVC subsidy is only intended to offset the cost of using a private vehicle to drive the eligible student and is not intended to cover all costs.

For more information please go to http://www.transport.nsw.gov.au/content/private-vehicle-conveyance-subsidy-pvc

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**Prep Sport**

Last week, students played learnt tricks and fun games using hula hoops whilst this week was spent playing inside games due to the rain.

**Kindergarten - Year 2 Sport**

Students played games that incorporated gross motor development through hand eye and foot eye co-ordination. Games such as soccer softball, stilt races, tunnel ball and captain ball.

**Years 3 - 5 Sport**

Students continued with their chosen sport.

**IPSSO Sport**

**Wednesday, 20 June** vs All Saints Grammar

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**Wednesday, 18 July** Training

- All Saints Grammar 13-17 Cecilia Street, Belmore
- Parry Park Punchbowl Road, Lakemba

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**Mufti Day is on MONDAY**

A gold coin donation is required by students which will be donated to Anglican Aid, Projek Bali Kids.

**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).

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**College Office**

Please welcome Mrs Jeanette Merrett to the College Office next Wednesday to cover Mrs Lynch until the end of Week 1 Term 3 whilst she is on holidays.

The College Office will be closed over the holiday break.

Please contact Thomas Hassall Anglican College on 02 9608 0033 for any queries.
On Tuesday, 5 June Oran Park Anglican College was privileged to host Christine Moroney, author of 'Alex Cottle Axolotl'. This delightful chapter book is about an amphibian on the critically endangered species list.

Christine spent time with Kindergarten to Year 5 students talking about her first published children’s book as well as stem cell research. The book is the only one of its kind in the world and the students were enthralled as Christine finished off the story for them, (their teachers had read up to the last chapter) and talked to them about caring for God’s animals and taking the responsibility of owning a pet seriously. Christine also spoke to our Years 3, 4 and 5 about the amazing progress that is being made worldwide with stem cell research and the fact that it is all tied into the amazing regenerating powers of the axolotl.

Campus Co-ordinator, Jonathan Beggs said, “It was wonderful to watch the awe on the students faces as Mrs Moroney showed them an axolotl! I wouldn’t be surprised if the pet shops are now inundated with orders for axolotls! It is a delightful children’s book, which carries a clear message about responsibility for the animals that God has placed in our care. A lesson to us all.”
2012 Dates For Your Diary

Term 2
Mufti Day
Monday, 18 June
Last Day of Term 2
Friday, 22 June

Term 3
First Day of Term 3
Monday, 16 July
Bookweek/Bookfair
Tues, 21 - Fri, 24 August
Grandparent’s Day
Friday, 24 August
Father’s and Literacy Morning
Grandfather’s welcome
Friday, 31 August
(9.00 am – 10.40 am)

PLEASE NOTE:
Oran Park Family Service
No service in Terms 2 and 3

Important Sport Dates

Term 3
Athletics Carnival (Year 3 - Year 5)
Friday, 3 August
NASSA Athletics Carnival
Tuesday, 4 September

Please refer to our College website www.opac.nsw.edu.au and the College Newsletter ‘The Life’ for main events, information and dates published during the year.

Competition

The search begins to find Australia’s Greatest Reading Super Hero. All students have to do is tell Scholastic in 25 words or less who their Reading Super Hero is.

Students could win Apple products for themselves and the College.

If your child would like to enter this competition, please go to www.scholastic.com.au/readingsuperhero for further information.
From the Parents’ & Friends’ Association

Update on Slice Drive

Thank you to all who purchased the yummy slices and treats from our Supa Slice Drive. We are pleased to announce that our sales were in excess of $3200. This is a wonderful effort for our school community.

High Tea

As part of our fundraising events, we are looking at holding a High Tea event in August 2012. A tentative date of 18 August 2012 has been made with Harrington Grove Country Club. Places will be limited to 50 guests. More information will be sent out when details have been confirmed.

Business Advertising

Do you have a successful business or know someone who does?

Then why not advertise with us to reach new customers and at the same time support our school fundraising goal. Paid advertising space is now available at the back of the school’s newsletter. If you are interested in promoting your business, we have affordable packages available for one off, quarterly or yearly campaigns. More information can be found at the back of this newsletter.

Reminder: Christmas in July Dinner

Date: Friday, 20 July 2012
Time: 7 pm
Where: Camden Valley Inn
Adult price: $50 per person
Child price: $25 per person (2-12yrs)

We have had a fantastic response with 66 people to RSVP. Don’t forget that final numbers and payments are required by Wednesday, 20 June 2012.

Future fundraising events – Dates for your diary

A number of events have been confirmed:

**Father’s Day Stall**

Prep - Mon, 27 August
K-5 - Wed, 29 August

**Father’s Day Breakfast**

Fri, 31 August

**Bunnings Narellan Sausage Sizzle**

Sat, 8 September

**Masters Gregory Hills Sausage Sizzle**

Sat, 27 October

Note: If you can assist in volunteering your time with these future events, please contact us via our email address.

Gifts for sale

Please note that there are a number of beautiful gifts from the Mother’s Day Stall that can be purchased for birthdays etc. Please see Mrs Lynch if you are interested in seeing and purchasing the wide range of available gifts. Items are priced between $1 to $10.
ADVERTISE WITH US AND SUPPORT OUR COLLEGE

We are looking for companies large, small or family owned to advertise their business, products, services or a community event while at the same time support our College by purchasing advertising space in our school newsletters.

Many businesses advertise through their school community as a way of promoting their products, services or to announce a community event. Our newsletter is published fortnightly throughout the school year and is emailed to parents/carers and the extended OPAC family. It is also accessible to the wider community to download via the school's website www.opac.nsw.edu.au.

Email us at pandf@opac.nsw.edu.au if you have any questions or would like to get started today.

TERM 2 2012 ADVERTISING RATES

BUSINESS / PROMOTIONAL AD PUBLISHED IN THE NEWSLETTER

Choose one of following options or a combination of options to suit your advertising needs.

**SILVER (ONE OFF ADVERTISING)** $40*
1 ad – ideal for a promotional event or to test your market

**GOLD (QUARTERLY ADVERTISING)** $100* per term
Fortnightly throughout the College term

**PLATINUM (YEARLY ADVERTISING)** $350* per year
Fortnightly throughout the College year

* All subject to change and re-evaluation at the beginning of each school term

** Please note that advertising space is limited to a business card size

*** The publication of advertisements in this newsletter does not imply endorsement by Oran Park Anglican College.

All correspondence should be directed to pandf@opac.nsw.edu.au.
HO HO HO
COME AND JOIN US FOR A CHRISTMAS IN JULY DINNER

Enjoy eggnog on arrival followed by a 2 course buffet and entertainment. A portion of tickets sales will go directly to our fundraising goal.

Friday 20th July 2012 @ 7pm
CAMDEN VALLEY INN

Adults $50 pp
Children 2-12 yrs $25 pp

Limited to 100 guests

Payments can be made by cash to Corina at the front desk.

To secure your place, please complete your details below and return with your payment by 20th June 2012

Student’s name________ Class_____
No. of tickets Adults _____ Children_____

Payment method Cash.