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Principal's Message

Capital Projects Update

Over recent months, we have seen continued activity on the College's two most recent capital projects under the Master Plan.

Science Facilities

The extension and refurbishment of the second stage of the Senior Science facilities was completed mid-year. The only outstanding component to this project is the construction of an external pedestrian link ramp between the two buildings. This should be completed over the next three months, at which time landscaping on the western side of the buildings will be finalised. The newly-completed laboratories provide students and staff with modern, flexible learning spaces that are suited to the nature of current Science curriculum and assessment. The feedback from staff and students to date has been very positive.

Food Technology (Home Economics) Spaces

The two Food Technology spaces on the upper level of SE block were also extended and refurbished (floor coverings, surface painting, installation of new benches and some cabinets) as part of the most recent project. Into the future, these learning spaces will be relocated to a more central area of the campus as part of a project in a later phase of the College's Master Plan. As such, the extent of this current work was primarily cosmetic as opposed to a significant, functional upgrade.

Junior School Reception, Classrooms and Car Park

This multi-faceted project is progressing very well. We anticipate the new Junior School reception facility (which contains two additional classrooms) to be operational from the commencement of Term 4, allowing the transformation of the existing reception area into two more Junior School classrooms – a total of four additional classroom spaces as part of the entire project.

This project also includes enhancements to the Junior School car park to improve pedestrian access and safety. Some paths, pedestrian access points, and stormwater drains are already evident. More access points, lighting and other enhancements will be included as the project nears completion in late November.

While new facilities are wonderful for both staff and students, some inconvenience during construction is unavoidable. I extend my thanks and gratitude to all members of the WestMAC community who have exercised understanding and forbearance during the disruptions to our normal routines.

In closing, the vitally important role of donations to the Voluntary Building Fund (VBF) cannot be overstated, and I extend sincere thanks to all who have contributed. These tax-deductible donations go directly towards the College's capital projects, and are vital to the ongoing development and improvement of the College's built environment. All families and community members are warmly invited to consider donating to the VBF – every donation, big or small, makes a positive difference to our learning environment.



Whole School

WestMAC Alumni & Community Magazine



Edition 1 (2017) of the WestMAC Alumni & Community Magazine is ready for reading.... see what some of our graduates have been up to since leaving WestMAC!

Visit www.wmac.com.au/news-events/publications

Whole School

20 Year Reunion - Class of 1997

We look forward to welcoming the Class of 1997, and their partners, to the celebrate the WestMAC 20 Year Alumni Reunion.

Saturday 19 August , 2 to 4pm for Canapes and Drinks (*Selection of Beer, Wine and soft drinks*)

Staff Common Room and Garden, West Moreton Anglican College.

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Whole School

10 Year Reunion - Class of 2007

We look forward to welcoming The Class of 2007, and their partners, to celebrate the WestMAC 10 Year Alumni Reunion

Saturday 19 August, 7 to 9pm for Canapes and Drinks (*Selection of Beer, Wine and soft drinks*)

Lord Lamington Suite at the Pumpyard Brewery and Bar.

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Whole School

Student Protection

As an Anglican School, WestMAC supports the rights of children and young people, and are committed to ensuring the safety, welfare and wellbeing of our students. We are also committed to responding to allegations of student harm resulting from conduct or actions of any person, including that of employees and volunteers.

Recently we received a very valuable resource from the Queensland Family and Child Commission, Child Protection Information Kit for Parents. I encourage you to access this resource from either the Parent Lounge or via www.wmac.com.au/about/student-protection

In addition, another useful parent resource on the website is the publication by published by Anglican Schools, Child Protection Information for Parents.

Technology is now an essential part of our children's lives and can provide many positive experiences for families. Children are starting to use technology at a younger age. More and more children have 24/7 access to technology. Without parental involvement, children are left to self-regulate in a world that is not moderated. Accordingly, if you haven't already done so, I recommend that you complete the series of online courses for parents, developed by Brett Lee from Internet Education and Safety Services (INESS). Brett spent 5 years working as an undercover investigator in the online world. These courses can be accessed via <http://cybersafe.ascqld.org.au/> and the password is westmac. There is no cost to WestMAC parents to complete these courses.

cyber BYTES - Issue 2

Issue 2 of the Anglican Schools Commission newsletter, cyber BYTES is available for reading. This issue includes:

- Guidelines for parents to help with balancing screen time.
- Effects of your digital foot print and tips create a positive online reputation.

- Facebook safety tips for parents and how to access resources from the Facebook Safety Centre.
- Risks of online gaming chat, how to avoid risks and where to get more help
- App bits examines Instagram

[CLICK HERE TO ACCESS cyber BYTES \(PDF 3.7M\)](#)

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Whole School

Junior School

Courage

As we continue exploring our theme of courage we have been looking at how we need courage to help us in times of change. Sometimes opportunities come our way but we feel afraid and do not have the courage to pursue them.

Although some people try to impress others by acting as though they are not scared, everyone feels nervous or afraid sometimes. You know, that funny feeling in your tummy, sweaty palms or maybe wobbly knees. It is possible to talk ourselves through fears most of the time. Usually, focussing on what we gain once we deal with the fear, helps us to overcome it.

At Assembly recently we looked at the character Merida from the movie *Brave*. In many ways Merida is exceptionally brave – she climbs cliffs and drinks from the Fire Falls, she is an accomplished archer and horse woman. As a princess she has come to the age when it is time for her to take on more responsibility. This means that more time needs to be devoted to acting like a princess and doing various duties and there is less time to do the things she loves. This change of focus is something that she is not at all happy about. I suspect she is afraid she does not have what it takes to be the kind of princess her mother would like her to become. Perhaps she is afraid that as a result of changing she will fail and it would be easier if things just stayed the same. As the movie progresses we see that Merida uses her strengths – the things she is good at – to solve problems and face her fears.

Merida is also a great example of someone who I think shows grit. When we are faced with change sometimes it seems so much easier to just give up and leave things be. Having grit means that we can focus on what it is that we want to achieve and keep on going until we achieve our goal.

Albert Einstein was a very famous scientist. He famously said that it was not so much that he was smart but that he just stuck with problems longer than others. He kept looking at things from different angles, changing the way he looked them, until he found a solution. This is a good example of having grit and the ability to persist.

Having the ability to persist and a growth mindset can help us to face our fears, realise our dreams and become the very best people that we can be.

Ipswich Show Society Schoolwork Entries

At Assembly this week, students who were prize recipients at the this year's Ipswich Show Schoolwork Display were congratulated for their entries. The Ipswich Show Society awarded our Junior School students with five - First Place, eight - Second Place, seven - Third Place and five - Highly Commended. Well done to all our Junior School students.



Academic Assembly

On Tuesday 22 July, the Junior School celebrated the academic achievements of our students. Congratulations to all the recipients.



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Junior School

Senior School

Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC) Applications for Year 12 students

QTAC applications opened on Thursday 3 August. Year 12 students will have until the end of September to apply on time (at a cost of \$43). Students are able to apply after this date but we are encouraging all students to have their applications submitted by the end of September. At this stage students need to be considering what their desired courses (courses they want to study), back-up courses (less competitive courses they want to study) and pathway courses (courses that will help them upgrade into a course they really want) are. Each student is encouraged to use all 6 preferences in their QTAC application. Mrs Hayes and Mrs Baker are able to assist students in determining these courses.

A significant change in the QTAC process is the Offer Round Dates. A small number of students are likely to get offers starting from Friday 17 November. Offers will continue through to the major offer round on 16 January, 2018. Applicants will have 4 days to respond to this offer. If they do not respond to the offer their application will cease, and they will need to log onto their application and follow the directions of QTAC to re-activate their application. Please note the offer round dates in the current QTAC booklet (page 21).

As some courses have fixed closing dates as early as Monday 14 August, Year 12 students need to check their QTAC Booklets (page 22 to 23) and search for dates related to the courses they are interested in.

QTAC list of the fixed closing dates: www.qtac.edu.au/key-dates-fees

On Monday 14 August from 12 to 1.10pm, a representative from QTAC will be presenting information regarding the QTAC application process in SC Block. All Year 12 students will be in attendance for this presentation and parents/guardians are welcome to attend. Parents/guardians, so that we can ensure that there is event seating, please RSVP via khayes@wmac.com.au

Additionally, on Wednesday 16 August (the Ekka Show Holiday), Mrs Kym Hayes will be available in the Claridge Centre (CC14) to assist students, parents/guardians in completing QTAC applications. This will run from 11am to 3pm. It is not necessary to make an appointment for this day. Mrs Hayes will be available in the computer room to answer questions during these times. Students will need to bring: their list of courses, their WestMAC ID card and knowledge of the payment method that will be used. Payment can be made at a later date via credit

card, but it is important that student are aware of the preferred payment method when starting their application.

Key things that Year 12 students intending on going into tertiary studies next year should be doing:

1. Check access to their student connect account <https://studentconnect.qcaa.qld.edu.au/>
2. Ensure they have a TFN (Tax File Number)
3. Create an account on the QTAC website – use a non-school email and put in your mobile number www.qtac.edu.au/home
4. Apply for scholarships
5. Check the fixed closing dates

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Senior School

Careers



Brisbane Open House, the Australian Institute of Architects and the Queensland architecture schools (Bond University, Griffith University, Queensland University of Technology and University of Queensland) would like to extend an invitation to students in Years 10 to 12 considering a career in architecture.

Students will have an opportunity to learn more about the profession at a special workshop during the Open House weekend. Come along and:

- Chat to current architecture students, graduates, academic and practitioners about architecture
- Experience the South Brisbane gathering space for the architectural profession
- Try your hand at: learning and creating dynamic models
- Hear from architectural practices who will give you an insight into being an architect

Saturday 7 October, 9.30am to 12pm

Australian Institute of Architects, 70 Merivale St, South Brisbane

Free

Register via architectforaday2017.eventbrite.com.au

Places are limited, register now!

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Senior School

Middle School

24th Birthday Dinner Dance

Thank you to everyone who attended and helped us celebrate the WestMAC 24th Birthday Dinner Dance.



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TAS and Junior TAS Sport

Trimester 3 TAS Sport

Results and competition ladders can be found at <http://www.theassociatedschools.com.au/>

Secondary Interhouse Athletics

The Secondary Interhouse Athletics carnivals were completed in Week 2 of Term 3. Overall presentations of the winning Houses and Age Champion presentations were made at the Assemblies over the past fortnight due to time limitations on the Carnival day. Congratulations to the following students:

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| 12 Years Girls 1. Gabriella Stokes 2. Aliasha Sartor 3. Georgia Tozer | 12 Years Boys 1. Daniel Elger 2. Riley Cox 3. Zachary Fisher | 15 Years Girls 1. Madison Wells 2. Casey Bell 3. Talicia Canty | 15 Years Boys 1. Wilkin Kebbell 1. Joshua Tupper 3. Harper Cahill |
| 13 Years Girls 1. Ebany Dixon 2. Alana Plummer 3. Ella Ramsay | 13 Years Boys 1. Mitchell Clarkson 2. Kynan McDonald 3. Matthew Render | 16 Years Girls 1. Annie McGuire 2. Tameeka Catterall 3. Hayley Patrick | 16 Years Boys 1. Luke Spreadborough 2. Nathan Stephensen 3. Joel Walk |
| 14 Years Girls 1. Sophie Finn 2. Caitlin Prior 3. Claire Gould | 14 Years Boys 1. Jake Patrick 2. Jai Dekker 3. Baydn Pond | Open Girls 1. Mikaela Gallaher 2. Sage Fisher-Peters 3. Danielle Ettles | Open Boys 1. Alasta Firkins 2. Jack Treschman 3. Jak Danvers-Hansen |



Following the success of these Interhouse carnivals, I would like thank:

- The P&F for running the canteen at both carnivals
- The Facilities staff for the set-up, pack up and general preparation of the facilities
- Mrs Karen Gough for operating the scoring program
- All staff involved in the various duties at each of the carnivals, and
- Lastly, but by no means least, the involvement, effort and spirit of all the students who competed and cheered.

Prep to Year 3 Eaglets Sporting Program

The Term 3 Eaglets Sporting Program will begin next week (Week 5). Students in Prep and Year 1 will have the opportunity to sign-on for a Multi-skills Program, while students in Years 2 and 3 will choose between Soccer or Basketball. All programs will run for six weeks, concluding in Week 10. Please find below full details regarding the program, including a link to sign your student on:

| Year | Program | Capacity | Day | Time | Venue | Sign-on |
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| Prep and Year 1 | Multi-skills | 40 | Thursday | 3.15 to 4pm | Lower Primary Oval | http://www.wmac.com.au/new-sports/sports-notice-s/2017-term-3-eaglet-multiskills-program-prep-to-year-1 |
| Years 2 and 3 | Soccer | 30 | Wednesday | 3.15 to 4pm | Upper Junior Oval | http://www.wmac.com.au/new-sports/sports-notice-s/2017-term-3-eaglet-program-year-2-and-year-3 |
| Years 2 and 3 | Basketball | 30 | Wednesday | 3.15 to 4pm | Lostron Centre | http://www.wmac.com.au/new-sports/sports-notice-s/2017-term-3-eaglet-program-year-2-and-year-3 |

TAS Athletics

The TAS Athletics squad for 2017 will be named this week and an information letter will be sent to both selected students and their parents. All students selected in the squad are asked to complete the on-line link to indicate whether or not they wish to participate in the carnival to enable final team selections to occur by the end of Week 5.

Junior TAS Athletics Training

Junior TAS Athletics training begins this week. The training squad and schedule have been posted on classroom windows. An email will also be sent home to parents.

Rugby 7's – WestMAC Grand Finalists!

Last Friday, WestMAC took three teams to the Ipswich Rangers Festival of Rugby. It was a fantastic day! Results were as follows:

- U10: Finished 1st in Pool, Grand Final Runners-Up
- U12 Red: 5th in Pool, Overall 5th Place
- U12 Navy: 1st in Pool, Grand Final Runners-Up



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Cricket

Hornets Cricket Association has two upcoming events:

- Come and Try for Girls (PDF 120kb)
- Free Coaching Day (PDF 48kb)

Congratulations to...

- Grace Cluderay and Grace Hughes for their selection into the Queensland 17 Years and Under Emerging Player Squad for Netball. Well done girls and best of luck at the Netball Queensland High Performance Camp.

If you have any sports news, please email me directly and I will endeavour to include in the following newsletter.

Matt Ellis - Head of Sport
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Creative Arts and Extra-curricular Programs

Cattle Show Team

If you and your family are planning a visit to the Ekka this year, be sure to check out the Beef Pavilion and visit the WestMAC Cattle Show Team. Students from the team will be in attendance on a roster throughout the show. We take this opportunity to wish them every success and we know they will do the College proud as always.

Music

Term 3 started with a hectic schedule of performances for our College musicians, including the Founders' Day ceremony, Birthday Dinner Dance, three Academic Assemblies and, last weekend, the Brisbane City Bands Festival (Jazzin' Up The Mall). The performances by Big Band and Jazz Vocal Ensemble in Queens Street Mall last Sunday afternoon delighted a large and enthusiastic crowd of parents and passers-by, and the adjudicator reports for both groups commend the students for their extremely high standard of musicianship. We are looking forward to hearing more of these fine ensembles, along with guest artists the UQ Big Band, at Jazzin' Up The Hall on Friday 25 August. All members of the College community are warmly encouraged to come along for a fantastic night of music and fun starting at 7.00pm in the Lostroh Centre. Bookings are now open via www.wmac.com.au/news/jazzin-up-the-hall



Equestrian

Our Equestrian team has enjoyed great success across the full range of disciplines this year with four team members qualifying to compete at the National Championships in Toowoomba. Congratulations to Sage Fisher-Peters, Siena Fisher-Peters, Freya Domrow and Molly Stacey on being selected to represent the state and all the best for the Nationals. Also, at the State Championships, Siena Fisher-Peters was awarded Primary Horse and Rider of the Year 2017, a phenomenal achievement. Well done Siena and her horse Piper(below)! We know we can look forward to great things from you in the future. The WestMAC Equestrian Team spirit is stronger than ever this year as the team looks to grow even bigger in 2018. Well done to all riders and thanks to the families who invest so much time and effort supporting the team.



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Music Extra-curricular Activity

Robotics Club entered RoboCup

On Saturday 22nd July, three teams from the Middle School Robotics Club entered our first ever *RoboCup* competition. The competition was attended by approximately 30 schools from across the Brisbane region. Our teams competed in the Secondary Rescue category. While we didn't win or place, the teams performed admirably.

Each of our teams engineered a Lego Mindstorms robot which had to autonomously navigate a course, avoiding obstacles, and rescue a 'victim' (a coke can) in an 'oil spill'.

Our girls' team of Emma Robertson, Jessica Price and Mackenzie Talyor, achieved a perfect score in their first of three rounds. Our boys' teams; Jordan Lane and Tinashe Mapfumo, and Benjamin Hogan, Harrison Sinclair and Lachlan Ramm encountered difficulties in round one but scrambled to re-engineer their robots, and achieved excellent scores in the second round.

This was our first attempt at *RoboCup*. The nature of this competition is that knowledge and experience accumulates year-on-year, so this year's pioneering students are now well equipped to compete at a higher level, as well as advise and mentor next year's new competitors. Thanks to the many parents who came along to support us!



Ian Thompson - Secondary Teacher

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Middle School Extra-curricular Activity

Debating

Ipswich Primary Schools' Debating Competition

The first knockout round of the Interschool Primary Debating Competition was held on Wednesday 26 July. In a great night of debating, all WestMAC teams are through to the semi-finals round on Wednesday 9 August at 6pm. This is a credit to the hard work of both our teams and coaches. We would like to thank the many parents and family members who have supported our debaters in the preparation, and who have attended each evening. Please note there will not be a sausage sizzle on this evening.



Debating Parent Survey

A link to an online survey was recently emailed to Primary Debating parents. The feedback we receive will help us to review the debating program and ensure that it is a positive experience for students. The survey is open until Friday 11 August. If you have not received the link via email, please contact me directly.

Donna Googe - Debating/Public Speaking Coordinator

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Extra-curricular Activity

Defence

There are a lot of exciting things happening in the Defence community. DCO are organising and hosting numerous events:

- Laser Tag and Ten Pin Bowling for those families that have a member absent (or soon to be) on Saturday 19 August
- Defence Partners Dinner on Wednesday 23 August
- PEAP (Partner Employment Assistance Program) providing funding for up to \$1500 to access employment related initiatives, such as job search techniques and strategies, application and selection criteria coaching.

For further information, please read [Amberley News \(PDF 253b\)](#).

Exercise Stone Pillow will be taking place on Saturday 26 August at Dorrington Park, Ashgrove. If you are interested,

please see flyer attached or contact me directly. This is a worthwhile cause to highlight homeless Veterans.

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Whole School

P&F Twilight Christmas Fair

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Whole School

Uniform Shop

In Term 3 the Uniform Shop will trade:

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| Monday | 8am to 3.30pm |
| Wednesday | 8 to 11am |
| Friday | 8am to 3.30pm |

The Uniform Shop will be open on Wednesday 16 August from 8 to 11am, which is the Student Free Day for the Ekka.

Blazer pockets

The cutoff dates for embroidery this Term are:

- Monday 7 August - back on Wednesday 16 August
- Monday 4 September – back Wednesday 13 September
- Friday 15 September (last day of Term 3) – back at start of Term 4

The Uniform Shop accepts second hand uniforms that are in good condition for resale. Any proceeds will received will appear as a credit on your College Fees Account (the following term). Further information and forms can be found via <https://www.wmac.com.au/community/uniform-shop>

Whole School

Kindergarten

The Kindy is collecting the Woolworths' Earn and Learn stickers so that we can purchase some new educational resources. A collection box is located outside Unit 1. Thank you for your support.



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Whole School

2017 Early School Leavers survey

The Queensland Government is conducting its annual statewide survey of students who left school in Years 10, 11 and prior to completing Year 12 during 2016. The Early School Leavers survey is a short, confidential survey that collects information about what young people are doing the year after leaving school.

Between July and August, students who left school in Years 10, 11 and prior to completing Year 12 last year can expect to receive an invitation to complete a web-based survey or a telephone call from the Queensland Government Statistician's Office to complete the survey. If this applies to one of your children, please encourage them to take part. For more information, visit www.education.qld.gov.au/nextstep/ or telephone 1800 068 587.

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Submissions

Submit an article or event to the next newsletter via westmoretonac.schoolzineplus.com/newsletter/publication

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