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Edition 1, Term 4

From the Deputy Principal

Presentation Night 2017

Planning is underway for this year's Presentation Nights which will once again be held in the Lostroh Centre. Having these events at our own venue means that our seating capacity is enhanced and as is tradition it is an expectation that all students attend.

Please mark onto your calendars the following dates and starting times:

Senior School Tuesday 14 November (7pm start)
Middle School Tuesday 21 November (7pm start)
Junior School Thursday 23 November (6.30pm start)

The process for securing seats for these events will be communicated shortly; initially each family will be allocated up to two seats for accompanying parents/guardians. Those who require additional tickets or need wheel chair access or assistance with prams are invited to contact their respective sub-schools to request further seats or assistance.

We are inviting members of the College community to support our students through sponsorship of Presentation Night Book Prizes (each prize is valued at \$50). For more information or to make a donation towards the cost of subject prizes recognising academic success, please click here: https://www.wmac.com.au/community/giving/book-prize-donation

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Whole Schoo

From the Head of Senior School

Developing Hope

As parents, I am sure you want your children to have hope for their future. As a Christian school we want this for our students. Whilst this might seem like a simple, "wishy-washy" emotion, research suggests that developing hope can have the following benefits:

- Greater academic success
- Stronger friendships/relationships
- · Increased creativity and problem-solving skills
- Develops resilience and confidence
- · Lower levels of depression and anxiety

The good news is, hope can be cultivated. As parents and teachers there are some simple research-based guidelines to follow.

- 1. Encourage and assist children/adolescents to identify and prioritise their goals.
- Breakdown long term goals into a series of smaller goals or steps that align with their long term goal. This process enables successes to be celebrated along the way to achieving long term goals; a great way to stay motivated.
- Teach children/adolescents that there is more than one way to reach a goal. Considering alternative pathways to achieving goals will help them get beyond what might be perceived as insurmountable barriers (adversity) to reaching their goals.
- 4. Sharing stories of other people (particularly other children/adolescents) who have overcome adversity to reach their goals can be a strong motivating factor

- when obstacles appear. Adversity can be a springboard to success.
- Keep it light and positive. It is important to teach our young people to enjoy the process of attaining their goals, even to laugh at themselves when they face obstacles and make mistakes. Self-pity should be discouraged.

Cultivating hope in our children/adolescents will assist in giving them the confidence and creativity to reach their long-term goals in school and in life.

Source:

Zakrzewski, V. (2012). How to Help Students Develop Hope. Accessed 28 March 2017 from:

http://greatergood.berkeley.edu/article/item/how_to_help_students_develop_hope

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Senior School

From the Middle School

Welcome to Term 4. Late in Term 3, a number of staff members attended the Adolescent Success Conference held at the Brisbane Convention Centre. This organisation was previously known as the Middle Years of Schooling Association. This association was formed in 1999 after a National Project called "Shaping Middle Schooling in Australia". It is the premier organisation for teachers, schools, businesses and other educators that care about young adolescents in their middle years of schooling. I had the privilege of accepting an award from this organisation for recognising our outstanding transitions program for the Middle School. Our teachers have worked tirelessly to create an exceptional Year 6 to Year 7 transition program that ensures our students are well placed to begin their studies in the secondary school.

SpiritEd

Term 3 has a range of different activities that our students will be undertaking under the PERMAH model of our Wellbeing Program.

The pillars that the program is based on are:

- Positive emotion the right balance of heartfelt positivity to boost our resilience
- Engagement the regular development of our strengths – those things we're good at and enjoy doing
- Relationships the creation of authentic, energizing connections
- Meaning a sense of connection to something bigger than ourselves

- Accomplishment the belief and ability to do the things that matter most to us
- Health by eating well, moving regularly, and sleeping deeply is one of the hygiene factors of wellbeing.

In particular the Year 7 and 8 students will be focussing on meaning and service to others across WestMAC and the wider community. Some planned activities include engaging in reading programs with Junior School students, creating a concert for local community members in a nursing home and a range of crafts and gifts to donate to families in need.

The Year 9 students kicked off Term 4 with an incursion day where they participated in a series of workshops which covered topics on internet safety, character strengths, career planning, health issues, and wellbeing issues experienced by adolescents. The focus for the rest of the term for Year 9 will be under the engagement pillar as they work through the TAFE DiscoverMyFuture program with their SpiritED teachers.

Doug Braiden and Jo McDonald

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Middle School

From the Head of Junior School

Drop off / Pick up Zone

The College would also like to give all parents/care givers a friendly reminder on the procedures and responsibilities for the use of the Pick Up / Drop Off Zones on the College grounds:

- Try to leave home early to avoid arriving at the busiest times.
- Follow directions of all signs and speed limits.
- When entering the pickup / drop off zone please move to the farthest park in the zone.
- When a vehicle moves out of the zone in front of you please move forward.
- If your children are not at the pick up zone when you arrive wait two minutes and then move out of the zone and return to the end of the line so other parents can collect their children.
- You should only let your children out once you have pulled into the signed area (it is dangerous to let them out while waiting in a queue).
- Park a safe distance from all crossings. Do not park on the zebra crossing or grassed areas/footpaths.
- Do not reverse onto the zebra crossing.
- Do not leave your vehicle unattended in the pickup / drop off zone.
- Do not conduct conversations with people whilst you are waiting in the pickup / drop off zone as the person standing on the driver's side could possibly be hit by a vehicle passing.

- Always single park (Double parking causes accidents and traffic jams).
 - Please use Give Way rules when entering and exiting the pickup /drop off zone.
- Please obey the directions of the crossing and pick up/drop off zone supervisors.

Class Requests

College staff are already well into planning for next year and, as always, are receptive of parent and guardian input. If you have a special class request for your Junior School child or children in the areas of friendship groups or teaching styles, please put it in writing to Ms Kirsten Mullan, Head of Junior School, kmullan@wmac.com.au to be received by Friday 10 November.

Junior School staff place students in classes after a very careful analysis of each child's personality, learning ability, friendship groups and the personality and special talents of the prospective teacher, as well as considering the possible dynamics of the new class and how well the class as a whole will function.

While parents and carers wishes will certainly be considered, it is not always possible to meet every parent's request; however, please be assured that if a request has not been met, there was a very valid reason for that decision.

Kirsten Mullan - Head of Junior School

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Junior School

Kindy

Earn and Learn

The Kindy staff, parents and children would like to thank the school community for supporting us by collecting Earn and Learn stickers. What an amazing result - we surpassed our goal of 10,000 stickers and received OVER 17,000 stickers! This will allow us to purchase new STEM equipment for the centre. Thank you very much to all of you, for taking the time to collect and drop off the stickers and to the many families who helped to complete the sticker sheets.

First Aid Course

A First Aid course for all interested parents has been booked for Sunday 5th November from 8.00am to 4pm.

 Provide First Aid - \$115.00 per person (Provide First Aid participants are required to complete our easy workbook prior to the training date.)

- Provide First Aid Refresher \$95.00 per person (To be eligible for Provide First Aid refresher the participant must have a current provide First Aid certificate or one that has only expired within 2 months of the training date.)
- Provide Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR only) -\$50.00 per person

Please let Carolyn Symonds know if you would like to attend ASAP.

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Whole School

From the Director of Curriculum

Welcome back to Term 4

I extend a warm welcome back to all students and families. Term 4 is a relatively short term for all students but particularly so for Year 12 students. I encourage all to stay on top of their school work and assessment. I look forward to seeing as many students and families at upcoming end of year events.

2018 Stationery Lists

The 2018 Stationery Lists are now available on the College website: https://www.wmac.com.au/enrolments/book-stationery-packs

Please be advised that delivery is direct to parents/guardians in 2018 – there is no collection from the College.

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Senior School

Junior School

Middle School

From the Director of Creative Arts and Extra Curricular Programs



Term 4 Extra-Curricular Events

Thurs 19 Oct	Silkstone Vocal Eisteddfod (Bella Voce) (Date subject to change)					
Thurs 19 Oct	Prestige Music Festival (Symphonic Band) at Iona, PM					
Fri 20 Oct	Prestige Music Festival (Performance Band) at Iona, PM					
Sun 22 Oct	Music Awards Showcase –MPH – 2pm All extracurricular ensembles					
Wed 25 Oct	Year 8 MUP Solo Recital - MD12/13, 6.30pm					
Fri 27 Oct	Prestige Music Festival (Big Band) at Calamvale					
Sat 28 Oct	Dance Concert (including Big Band)					
Tues 31 Oct	Studio & Small Ensemble Recital No 4, MD13, 6.30pm					
Wed 1 Nov	Year 9 & 10 Solo Recital - MD12/13, 6.30pm					
Thurs 9 Nov	Yr 5 & 6 IP Concert set up and rehearsal, MPH , period 4					
Thurs 9 Nov	Yr 5 & 6 IP Concert, MPH , period 5					
Wed 29 Nov	FOTA AGM, 5.30pm in Staff Common Room					

Brightest and Best

On Monday 2 October, 23 members of the WestMAC Chorale joined with choristers from St Peter's Lutheran College, Loreto College and San Sisto College to perform a selection of sacred choral music at St John's Cathedral in the Brightest and Best choral festival, an initiative of the Royal Society for Church Music (RSCM). The students were privileged to work with the inspirational and energetic Dr Anthony Young, a noted specialist in church music. They were challenged with some technically and musically demanding repertoire but took all of it in their stride. The presentation and performance of the students on the day was a credit to the College and themselves.

Music Awards Showcase - Date Claimer

FOTA will again be conducting a fund raising raffle at Music Awards Showcase on 22 October. If you would like to donate an item, please leave donations at Music Reception by 13 October. Please note, if you have already donated to the raffle for the Dance concert, do not feel under any obligation to donate to this one as well.

Band Camp

From the 6th to the 8th of October 73 members of Symphonic Band and Performance Band attended their annual camp at Brookfield. The camp is a vital component in the preparation by both bands for the Prestige Music Fest, which takes place in the next two weeks. Students were privileged to receive tutorials from several members Australia's leading brass band, the Excelsior Brass Band, as well as the expert members of WestMAC music staff. The standard of performance by both bands improved markedly over the two days of the camp with families being entertained on the Sunday afternoon with a short but very impressive camp concert. We wish all band members the very best for the forthcoming Prestige Music Fest and the numerous other performances that they will undertake this term.

Cattle Show Team

Our award-winning Cattle Show Team held its annual breakup event on Saturday 16 September, the first day of the school holidays, at the College farm. The event provided an opportunity to celebrate the outstanding achievements of the team throughout the year at regional shows and the EKKA, where WestMAC won the ribbon for best school at the show. It also allowed the team to farewell the departing Year 12 students. The positive spirit on the day was palpable and promises to sustain the team through another successful season in 2018.

Equestrian

Over the September school holidays Interschool Qld & Equestrian Qld hosted the 2017 Marcus Oldham Australian Interschool Championships held in Toowoomba. Queensland were victorious in winning the Overall Trophy, please join with us to congratulate the students from WestMAC who competed as part of the Qld State Team and recognise their hard work and dedication to their sport:

- Freya Domrow and her horse Emmaville Decoy in the Advanced Dressage
- Molly Stacey and her horse Divine Prophecy in the Eventing 80cm
- Sage Fisher-Peters and her horse Grand Casanova in the Secondary Working Hunter
- Siena Fisher-Peters and her horse Wesley Dale Lovehart in the Primary CT45cms and also in the Primary Working Hunter.

We have also been advised by Interschool Queensland that the Kimberley Banks Perpetual Trophy for the primary school rider who achieved the best overall results across all disciplines at the Pryde's Easifeed Interschool Queensland State Championships has been awarded to Siena Fisher-Peters. This is an outstanding achievement by the one of our youngest equestrians. Congratulations to Siena!

Neil Flottmann - Director of Creative Arts & Extra-curricular

Activities

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Whole School Dance

Middle School Senior School

Extra-curricular Activity

From the Head of Sport

Championship Basketball Schools of Queensland

West Moreton Anglican College received a wild card entry into the prestigious Championship Basketball Schools of Queensland during the beginning of the September School holidays. We started the tournament with 11 players for our pool matches, and then unfortunately lost 6 players to the Senior Ski Trip. If you know anything about Basketball, you need 5 players on the court. And that is all we had for remainder of the tournament. The other schools in our division could not believe we did not have any more substitution players, however our remaining players and coaches were confident of getting the job done. We certainly achieved this with three come from behind victories to win by a point and qualify for the final where we unfortunately went down valiantly to Emmaus College Rockhampton. Our defence was fantastic throughout the tournament and real showcase of our game play which lead us to the final. WestMAC gained much respect from opposition schools with the way our coaches and players handled our playing situation in the finals rounds and we created a real talking point when 5 players would grind out wins against full teams of 12. I would like to thank and congratulate the players and coaches involved for their efforts and representing WestMAC with pride over the course of the tournament.





Trimester 1 TAS Sport 2018

Information regarding Pre Season for Trimester 1 TAS Sports will be sent out to students and families shortly. Please be aware that we trying a different format in terms of our training sessions across sports with all sports now having a set Pre Season and In Season with regards to training.

Queensland All Schools Touch Football

West Moreton Anglican College entered two teams into the 2017 All Schools Touch Carnival that occurred over the first week of Term 4. This is the premier schools Touch Football competition in Queensland with over 400 teams participating over the 5 days, and interstate and international teams in

attendance. The 15 Years Girls competed strongly across the carnival and finished 3rd in their pool. Our 13 Years Girls worked hard in their pool matches, developing as they played each game and really finished the carnival strongly with their best results in the final two games and recorded a great team victory in their last match. This is a fantastic effort considering this is their first time competing at the carnival and for many of the girls they are coming off their first season of Touch. This carnival is a great learning experience for our students and shows them the wider world of Touch Football outside of the TAS competition.

I would like to thank the Coaches, Mrs Paulette Oldham and Mr Geoff Acton for all their efforts in assisting the WestMAC teams. I would also like to thank Mr Geoff McLay (a self-confessed Touch football tragic) for his support at the carnival as well.







Representative Sport (District, Regional)

Please note that there will be a new pathway for Representative Sport introduced from 2018 onwards. More information will be made available to families as it is sent through to Sport Department from the Representative Sport organising committees.

Congratulations to...

If you have any relevant information, please pass it onto me via email and I will endeavour to include in the following newsletter.

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Whole School

Senior School

TAS

From the Head of Junior Sport

Term 4 Junior TAS Sport – Touch Football and Tennis

The Junior TAS Touch Football and Tennis draw is now available on the College website and App. The first tennis fixture will be played this Saturday at WestMAC's Senior Courts. Touch football will begin on Saturday 21 October at Ormiston College. I hope all students have an enjoyable season and continue to learn and develop their skills and overall love for the game.

Junior TAS Sport Sign-On – Term 1 2018 Cricket and Hockey

Students will shortly have the opportunity to sign on for the 2018, Term 1 hockey or cricket Junior TAS season. Students will nominate by recording their name on the sheet displayed on their classroom window. Information regarding the season for their chosen support will then be sent home once nominations have been received.

Prep - Year 2 Term 4 Eaglets Sporting Program

The Term 4 Eaglets Sporting Program will begin in week 3 for students in Year 1 and Year 2 and week 4 for Prep students. Students in Prep will have the opportunity to sign on for a Striking Sports Program (tennis and cricket) while students in Year 1 and Year 2 will be able to choose between a Hockey or Cricket Program. The Year 1 and Year 2 Programs will run for six weeks while the Prep Striking Program will run for five weeks, concluding in Week 8.

Please note that Year 3 students previously invited to take part in the Eaglet program will now be invited to attend Pre Season Junior TAS training as a lead into them being in Year 4 in 2018. This Junior TAS information will be sent out separately to families with students in Year 3, 4 and 5.

Information and details regarding the program are contained below:

Year Lvl	Program	Program Capacity (Max. no.)	Day	Time	Start Date	End Date	Venue
Prep	Striking Sports Tennis and Cricket	30	Thur		Thursday 26 Oct		Keswick Rd Courts
1/2	Cricket	30	Tue	3.15pm to 4.15pm	Tuesday 17 Oct	_	Upper Junior Oval
1/2	Hockey	30	Tue	3.15pm to 4.15pm	Tuesday 17 Oct	Tuesday 21 Nov	Lower Junior Oval

Please refer to the email sent Thursday 12 October for further information including sign-on.

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Careers

University of Queensland Enhanced Studies Program 2018

Our current Year 11 students are invited to apply for UQ's Enhanced Studies Program (ESP).

ESP provides our talented students with an opportunity to extend their studies by completing a university subject in Semester 1 of Year 12. Your students can select from over 40 courses including maths, psychology, accounting, business management, history, languages, music, and tourism. Some external and flexible delivery courses are also available. In 2018, we are happy to introduce ten new courses:

- Introduction to Criminology
- Quantitative Economic and Business Analysis A
- Advanced Calculus and Linear Algebra I
- Music Techniques and Aural Skills 1
- Introduction to Occupational Health and Safety
- Introduction to Australian Politics
- Introduction to Politics and Public Policy
- Introduction to Political Ideas

Students who study an ESP course do not pay tuition fees. ESP students enjoy the benefits associated with being a UQ student, including access to UQ libraries, student services, guest lectures, and use of UQ's extensive sporting facilities. In addition, students who successfully complete ESP will receive one bonus point (1-99 scale) towards their university entrance rank through UQ's Bonus Rank Scheme. Students who later enrol in a relevant UQ program may receive credit for their completed course.

Eligibility

Students currently completing Year 11 (in the year of application), in all Queensland state and non-government high schools and colleges, including on-shore international students and students studying the Diploma of the International Baccalaureate who:

- are high academic achievers gaining at least a 'B' cumulative average (or equivalent) during Semester 1, Year 11; and
- can participate in ESP during first semester of Year
 12; and
- are confident the extra study will not negatively impact their Year 12 studies; and
- have gained support and permission from their parent/guardian and their school to take on the additional workload.

Interested students are encouraged to check out the ESP website to see if ESP is right for them and other course-specific eligibility requirements.

Applications are now open via the ESP website. Applications close Tuesday 31 October, 2017 at 11.59pm.

News from USQ

High schools students to uni students over the holidays

If you're a high achieving Year 10 or 11 student, why not take the opportunity to start uni early with USQ's Head Start program over Semester 3 2017? Take advantage of having no school work over the summer holidays and study one of our courses. You'll get access to all of USQ's facilities and a dedicated Student Relationship Officer to keep you the road to success! Make sure you apply online by October 23.

Stress less over Year 12 results

Whether you are not confident about your OP, or not studying an OP-program, our Accelerated Entry Pathway Program (AEPP) allows students to get uni-ready over summer.

UQ has announced a brand new course which is not in the QTAC Booklet.

Bachelor of Computer Science

QTAC Code: 733401

Duration: Three years, full time

Prerequisites: English, Mathematics B. Mathematics C

recommended.

Dual program options: Arts, Mathematics, Science,

Engineering (Honours)

Majors

- Cyber Security
- Data Science
- Machine Learning
- Programming Languages
- Scientific Computing

Note: Taking a major is not compulsory, giving students flexibility to enrol in specific courses of interest. At a glance, it looks like it should be possible to double major through careful elective selection – although this is sometimes impacted by the semester that certain courses are offered and other difficult to predict factors.

Courses available

At present 97 individual courses can be studies in this degree, giving students unprecedented flexibility in choosing courses that interest them and will be useful to their careers. Final year students also have a few different opportunities to get credit for special projects and develop problem solving skills in a wide range of industry setting (through a range of Special Topic courses).

The full course list can be found here, however below is a small sample of some interesting courses:

- Ethical Hacking
- Coding & Cryptography
- Data Mining
- Genomics & Bioinformatics
- Artificial Intelligence
- Advanced Computer and Network Security
- High-Performance Computing
- Multimedia
- Machine Learning
- Social and Mobile Computing

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Senior School

Defence News

It's that time of the year again when posting orders have been issued and Toll has been everyone's main focus! If you are posting or discharging, could you please let me know. You can contact me on 3813 4508 or jsheehan@wmac.com.au . There will be a spouse/partner dinner on Wednesday 25 October, hosted by DCO Amberley. Please see flyer for more details.





Defence Partners Dinner

Join other Defence partners for a cook's night off!

Take the opportunity to meet other ADF partners and make new friends and connections, share experiences, and have a night off from cooking.

This is a self-funded event for Defence partners only. Please encourage your Defence friends to also attend!

WHERE Arcadia Restaurant

37 Warwick Road Ipswich

WHEN Wednesday 25 October 2017; from 6pm

RSVP By Monday 23 October 2017

dco.amberley@defence.gov.au or 07 5361 678

MORE INFO www.defence.gov.au/dco

IIKE Defence Community Organisation to receive updates.



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Whole School

Uniform Shop

Uniform Shop Opening Times – School Days only

Day	Terms 1 & 4	Terms 2 & 3
Monday	8am to 3.30pm	8am to 3.30pm
Wednesday	8am to 3.30pm	8am to 11am
Friday	8am to 3.30pm	8am to 3.30pm

The Uniform Shop will be open on the following non-school days:

- Monday 16 October 2017 from 8am to 3.30pm pupil free day
- Saturday 25 November 2017 from 9am to 2pm

Junior TAS & TAS Sport Borrowed Uniforms

All Junior TAS and TAS sport uniforms borrowed for Term 3 should have been returned by now. If you still have a borrowed uniform that you are not using this Term please return it as soon as possible otherwise you College Fees Account will be charged \$75.00 for each item not returned.

2018 Book and Stationery Packs

In relation to the 2018 Book Lists please note that:

- The Uniform Shop does not organize the book and stationery packs. The shop only sells the items on the lists that are indicated as being available at the College Uniform Shop.
- The "Student Wall Planner" and/or "Red Tick Study Planner" that are on the Year 7 and 11 lists are not required and the Uniform Shop do not have them in stock.
- Year 7, 8 and 9 students can have a small or large satchel. The small satchels are now \$16.00 and not \$14.00 as on the lists.
- The "WMAC HPE Navy Polo Shirt" required for Dance student is the old sport polo. This polo can only be worn until the end of next year and the Uniform Shop can't sell them after this year. Students now buy a "HPE House Polo" instead.

Lost property

Over the holidays any uniform items found around the College (except those in the Middle School lost property box) were taken to the Uniform Shop.

Any clearly named items belonging to Junior School students have been returned to them and Middle & Senior School students have been notified. Any other students who lost uniform items last Term should contact the Uniform Shop to check if their item is there or check the Middle School lost property box.

Please note that the Uniform Shop only receives lost property at the end of the Term. If a student loses an item during the Term they should contact the various College Receptions to see if they have the lost item.

A lot of non-WestMAC items were also bought to the Uniform Shop including school shoes, joggers, jumpers, lunch boxes and drink bottles. These items will be placed on the table outside the Uniform Shop on Monday, Wednesday and Friday until the 20 October 2017. Any items not collected by the Friday 20 October afternoon will be either donated to a charity or destroyed.

Blazer Pockets

The blazer pocket embroidery schedule for the rest of 2017 is shown below:

Pocket required for:	Request at Uniform Shop by:	Pocket Available from:
Sport Presentation Night Friday 3 November	Monday 23 October	Wednesday 1 November
Senior Presentation Night Tuesday 14 November	Monday 6 November	Monday 13 November
Middle Presentation Night Tuesday 21 November	Monday 13 November	Monday 20 November
Start of 2018 & 2018 Leaders Induction	Wednesday 29 November	Monday 18 January 2018

Please note that the Uniform Shop is not allowed to embroider lines for students until they have been presented with their certificate on assembly.

Glenda Boike - Uniform Shop Convenor

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Whole School

FOTA Annual General Meeting Notice

JOIN US!

WESTMAC FOTA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TUESDAY 7 NOVEMBER, 5.30PM

Dear Parents

On behalf of the Friends of the Arts Committee (FOTA), I am inviting you to join the vibrant WestMAC Arts community and be part of FOTA. Join us at monthly meetings and assist with barbeques, fundraising and event catering throughout the year. Your contribution supports your child and the College's Arts program.

As a sub-committee of the P&F, FOTA offers parents the opportunity to become involved in the life of the College. Getting involved is a great way to meet people and support your child's schooling experience through your active involvement in building the WestMAC community.

The FOTA AGM is being held on Tuesday 7 November at 5.30pm in the Staff Common Room, lower level of Central Administration. The following positions will be declared vacant:

- Chairperson
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Dance/Drama Liaison Officer
- Music/Arts Liaison Officer

Please consider supporting your children and the Arts community by actively participating in FOTA.

Light refreshments will be served from 5.30pm. Susan Boyle Chairperson, WestMAC FOTA

Susan Boyle - FOTA Chairperson Email: psejkboyle@bigpond.com

Whole School

P&F Annual General Meeting Notice

WESTMAC P&F ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WEDNESDAY 8 NOVEMBER, 6PM



Dear Parents

I am sure you will agree that one of WestMAC's distinctive qualities is our community spirit. There is a sense of collective purpose which starts from the moment your first child begins at WestMAC, and continues through to your last child graduating Year 12, and beyond.

The P&F offers you the opportunity to become involved in the life of the College. Getting involved is a great way to meet people and support your child's schooling experience through your active involvement in building the WestMAC community.

This is an exciting time for the parent community of WestMAC. The College is growing, as is its reputation as an educational leader across Brisbane's western corridor and the greater lpswich regions. This is why we want and need you!

Just 12 months ago I was elected as the P&F President. Since this time, the committee has experienced a number of significant changes and at the end of 2017, the Vice President, who has served on the committee for over 15 years will graduate his youngest child from WestMAC.

I am personally inviting you, as part of our parent community, to join us at the upcoming Annual General Meeting (AGM). Be part of the future of the P&F at WestMAC. Just one hour a month for meetings and approximately two Saturdays during the year to coordinate the fundraising BBQ is all that is needed to make a real difference in the life of the College.

The AGM is being held on Wednesday 8 November at 6.30pm in the Staff Common Room, lower level of Central Administration. All positions will be declared vacant. I urge you to think about how you can support your children and the community by actively participating in one of the following positions: President; Vice President; Treasurer; Secretary; Junior School Representative; Middle School Representative; Senior School Representative; Bookpack Coordinator; Book Club Coordinator; Catering Coordinator; and Mother's and Father's Day Stall Coordinator (Junior School).

Please join us to hear Principal, Mr Geoff McLay share the College's plans for the future.

Dinner and refreshments will be served from 6pm.

Elise Bryant
President, WestMAC P&F

Elise Bryant - P&F President Email: ebryant3@bigpond.com

Whole School

2017 WestMAC P&F Twilight Christmas Fair



Join us on Saturday 2 December from 3-8pm on the WestMAC Oval for the 2017 WestMAC P&F Twilight Christmas Fair.

The afternoon and evening will include Rides, Show Bags, Games, Cow Pat Lott, Crafts, Food and Beverage Stalls.

The night will conclude with an amazing Fireworks display at 8pm.

Pre-purchase your Unlimited Rides Armbands today for just \$35 and save.

Armbands purchased at the event will be \$40, individual rides between \$5 and \$7 each.

Whole School

Beauty and the Beast @ Ipswich Civic Centre

Our very own Krystel Spark (Prep S Teacher) is playing Belle in Ipswich Civic Centre's upcoming production of Beauty and the Beast. We were fortunate to catch up with her today, the first day of Term 4, and learn how the production is progressing.

"The rehearsals are going really well. I am very excited to be involved in this production. It is also very special for me to be able to share this experience with some of our talented WestMAC students. I coached many of them in this year's production of "The WIZ" and have known some of them for years. They always make me very proud."

Beauty and the Beast is playing at the Ipswich Civic Centre from Friday 13 to Sunday 15 October.

Tickets can be booked at https://www.ipswichciviccentre.com.au/event/disney-beauty-beast/

Eliza Wellings (Year 10) is playing one of the Three Silly Girls. Jenson White (Year 8) is in the Ensemble and Hannah Ross (Year 9) is a Dancer.







Whole School Music Dance Extra-curricular Activity