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Edition 2, 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 (7.00pm start)

Middle School Tuesday 21 November (7.00pm start) Junior School Thursday 23 November (6.30pm start)

Tickets are now available from the respective sub-school Receptions for the Middle and Junior School evenings with Senior School families allocated 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. Please note as student attendance is compulsory any apologies are to be forwarded in writing to the relevant Head of School.

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 Janelle Lecinski - Deputy Principal Phone: 3813 4627 Email: jlecinski@wmac.com.au

Whole School

Transport Assistance Scheme (NSSTAS) Semester 2 applications closing soon.

The Non-State Schools Transport Assistance Scheme (NSSTAS) Semester 2 application for student travel rebates is now open on-line with applications closing on 31 October.

The Bus Fare Assistance Program (BFAP) is accessible by families with children attending schools outside the Brisbane City Council (BCC) boundary only. The weekly family threshold for Semester 2 2017 is \$25 (\$20 for concession card holders).

To check your eligibility and apply visit www.SchoolTransport.com.au

Whole School

From the Head of Junior School

Respectful Relationships

This term the theme running through RAVE lessons, Assemblies and Chapel services looks at how we can foster respectful relationships with one another. This means the way that we speak to one another, act towards one another and the way that we talk about others.

Respect is an important part of healthy relationships, and everyone has the right to be respected. When we feel

respected we feel safe and confident that the other person cares for us and our feelings.

When we respect each other everyone feels:

- comfortable making their own choices and sharing their ideas;
- like others care about our feelings;
- safe;
- accepted;
- like they can say what they think or feel without being put down or hurt in anyway;
- that saying 'No' is accepted for an answer and;
- that they can make mistakes and still be accepted and respected.

We have been talking about what this looks like in the playground and what it is like to have great mates. These are the friends who let everyone have a go at choosing the game to play, include others, say sorry when things go wrong, help you out when you get hurt. Everyone likes to play with great mates because everyone feels safe and can have fun.

Sometimes we come across mean mates in the playground. These are children who tease, use put downs, blame others when things go wrong, boss you around and they might even hurt you. Students have been reminded that if someone is being a mean mate it is important for them to let the other person know that what they are doing or saying is not okay. Students can:

- Remember to use the High Five.
- Find another game to play with other friends.
- Get some help from an adult.

If students come across a situation where College expectations are not being they are encouraged to respond in a way that helps to make out community a safe place and supports our College values including:

- Stand by the person being bullied.
- Ask them to join your game.
- Tell the person who is being a mean mate to stop.
- Get help from an adult.

Junior School Reception

Parents are reminded that the opening hours for Junior School reception are 8.00am – 4.00pm.

Parents phoning to notify the College of a student absence are asked to please phone 3813 4549 and leave a brief message.

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 Phone: 3813 4549 Email: kmullan@wmac.com.au

Junior 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 Saturday 25 November 2017 from 9am to 2pm and will cease trading for the year at 3.30pm on Wednesday 29 November 2017. To avoid the January back-to-school rush and stock shortages it is strongly recommended that you consider organizing your 2018 uniform requirements this year.

For information about 2018 back-to-school including opening times please refer to the "Uniform Shop Back-to-School 2018" document in the Uniform Shop section on the College website.

Lay- by

Uniforms can be placed on lay-by at the Uniform Shop. A minimum 10 % deposit is required and lay-bys commenced this year must be picked up by 1 February 2018.

New Students

Appointments are available for new students in January 2018. Please refer to your "2018 New Parents Handbook" or contact the Uniform shop for details.

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 by the end of the month.

Second Hand Cut-off date

Please note that proceeds for secondhand items left at the Uniform Shop after Wednesday 22 November 2017 will not appear on Parent Fees' Account until Term 2 next year. Due to the back-to-school busy period second hand items will not be processed between Wednesday 22 November 2017 and Monday 5 February 2018. Unless necessary please do not leave items during this period as there is only a limited storage space available.

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:
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

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.
- 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

Uniform Shop January 2018 Opening Times

8	Monday	8.30am 12noon	to	Normal trading
10	Wednesday	8.30am 12noon	to	Normal trading
12	Friday	8.30am 12noon	to	Normal trading
13	Saturday	8.30am 12noon	to	Normal trading
15	Monday	7.30am 3.30pm	to	Normal trading
17	Wednesday	7.30am 3.30pm	to	Normal trading
18	Thursday	7.30am 3.30pm	to	Normal trading
19	Friday	Closed for no	orn	nal trading – appointments only
20	Saturday	7.30am to12noon		Normal Trading
22	Monday	7.30am 3.30pm		Normal Trading - Year 7 & 12 Orientation
23	Tuesday	7.30am 3.30pm		Normal trading - School commences
24	Wednesday	7.30am 3.30pm	to	Normal trading
25	Thursday	Closed		
26	Friday	Closed		Public Holiday – Australia Day
29	Monday	7.30am 3.30pm	to	Normal trading
31	Wednesday	7.30am 3.30pm	to	Normal trading

Glenda Boike - Uniform Shop Convenor Phone: 3813 4533 Email: uniforms@wmac.com.au

Whole School

From the Head of Sport

Sports Presentation Night

The 2017 Sports Presentation Evening will be held on Friday 3 November at the Lostroh Centre from 5.50pm. Students who are receiving an award for Junior TAS Sport or Representative Sport in 2017, and their families, are invited to join the WestMAC Sports Department for the Sports Presentation Evening. Parents of these Junior School students should have received an email with the relevant information. Please ensure you have RSVP'd to Mrs Karen Gough kgough@wmac.com.au by Friday 27 October.

Trimester 1 TAS Sport 2018

Information regarding Pre Season for Trimester 1 TAS Sports has been sent out to students and families. 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. The amount of training has not increased except for extra sessions for Girls Touch Football and Boys Rugby Union. TAS Sports approximately conduct around 20 training sessions per season currently, 2 training sessions a week for 10 weeks.

Our new format will still be approximately 20 training sessions in total. 8 sessions for Preseason (approximately one a week), a 2 hour session in the form of a Saturday training clinic and then 10 sessions (approximately one a week) within the TAS season.

These changes have been put in place to manage student physical workload, prepare for the upcoming sport season and hit the ground running from the first match, and to allow the major three carnivals of swimming, cross country and athletics more opportunity to have student involvement at training. Any Strength and Conditioning training completed in the Strength training centre in a students own time and not part of an official TAS training session, is completely voluntary and for their own physical and athletic development.

The TAS training timetable for Term 4 is included below.

Activity	Year Levels	Training Day	Times	Location
TAS Girls Basketball	Year 6 to Year 9	Monday	3.15pm - 4.30pm	Keswick Road Courts
	Year 10 to 11	Thursday	6.30am - 8.00am	_
TAS Boys Cricket	Year 6 to Year 11	Monday	3.15pm - 4.30pm	Main Oval
TAS Girls Tennis	Year 6 to 8	Monday	7.00am -	Senior Courts
	Year 9 to 11	Thursday	8.00am	
TAS Boys Volleyball	Year 6 to 8	Monday	6.45am - 8.00am	Keswick Road Courts
	Year 9 to 11	Monday	3.15pm - 4.30pm	

TAS Swimming	Year 6 to 11	Monday, Tuesday ,Wednesday	_	College Pool
Strength & Conditioning	Year 7-12	Monday	- 8.00am, 3.15pm	College Strength Training Centre (old Manual Art Shed behind Senior School, please use Senior school drop off/pickup)

Congratulations to...

Maddisen Clausen from year 7 is currently competing in the Challenge of the Nations Netball tournament, as a part of the Island Nations Netball – Indigenous Australian team 2017. Other teams representing at this tournament include Fiji, Tonga, Paupa New Guinea, Cook Islands, Nieu, Samoa Tokelau, New Zealand Maori. Out of all of indigenous Australia, Maddisen has made the top 20 Under 13 girls. Maddisen has also made the Queensland Murri team in which she will compete against other states and territories in January 2018. Well done on this achievement Maddisen!



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

Mathew Ellis - Head of Sport Phone: 3813 4546 Email: mellis@wmac.com.au

Whole School

Football Excellence Program 2018

The Football Excellence Program is being revamped with an updated program for implementation in 2018. An exciting affiliation with Western Pride has been confirmed. There is an information session for current, new and prospective families on 6 November in the Lostroh Centre at 6.30pm.

Further information will follow about trials for classes in 2018.

Donna Doolan - Head of Sport Phone: 3813 4514 Email: dwhite@wmac.com.au

Whole School

From the Head of Junior Sport

Junior TAS Preseason Training – Hockey, Cricket and Swimming

Junior TAS Preseason training is currently underway. Students in Years 3 to 5 are able to participate in the following training sessions:

Activity	Location	Year Levels	Day	Time
Junior TAS Hockey	Upper Junior Oval	Years 3-6	Tuesday	6.45am to 8.00am
Junior TAS Cricket	Main Oval	Years 3-6	Tuesday	6.45am to 8.00am
Junior TAS Swim Squad	College Pool	Years 3-6	Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday	7.00am to 8.00am

If your son/daughter is yet to sign on, please ensure you have given them permission via Parent Portal.

Robert Hillier - Head of Junior Sport Phone: 3813 4534 Email: rhillier@wmac.com.au

Junior School

First Aid Course

A First Aid course for all interested parents has been booked for Sunday 5 November from 8am 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.

Carolyn Symonds - Director of Pre-Prep Phone: 3813 4540 Email: csymonds@wmac.com.au

Whole School

From the Director of Creative Arts and Extra-Curricular Programs



Term 4 Extra-Curricular Events

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 CANCELLED
Wed 1 Nov	Year 9 & 10 Solo Recital – MD12/13, 6.30pm
Tues 7 Nov	FOTA AGM, 5.30pm in Staff Common Room
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

What an amazing fortnight we are having in the creative arts. Our musicians have been competing in the Silkstone Vocal Eisteddfod and Prestige Music Fest, with more to come, and performing at the annual Music Awards Showcase. Meanwhile, our dancers are in the final stages of preparation for the annual Dance Concert at the Ipswich Civic Theatre. As ever, our young performers are covering themselves with glory every time they step on stage.

Prestige Music Fest

Symphonic Band performed at Prestige last Thursday evening in the A Grade Concert Band section and achieved a Gold Award for their outstanding performances of the musically and technically challenging With Every Sunrise and Gael Force. On Friday evening, Performance Band competed at Prestige in the Middle School Concert Band section and brought home a Platinum Award, the highest possible, for their masterful performances of Where the Sun Breaks Through the Mist, The Legend of the Mountains and The Legend of Tizona. The adjudicator also made special presentations to two Performance Band players; Carl Flottmann and Tinashe Mapfumo, for their brilliant individual performances and musical leadership. Well done to our musicians for a fantastic achievement. We wish Big Band well as they head to Prestige this Friday evening.

Silkstone Vocal Eisteddfod

Bella Voce, our Year 5-6 choir, competed at the Silkstone Vocal Eisteddfod in the Junior Choir and Junior Sacred Choir sections, securing Gold Awards in both. Well done to Bella, accompanist Mr Ramm and Mrs French on a stellar achievement.

Music Awards Showcase

On Sunday afternoon, an enthusiastic Lostroh Centre audience was treated to a program of wonderful performances by all of the College music ensembles at the annual Music Awards Showcase. With many of the groups fresh from their recent competition successes, the quality of the performances was first class. There was also the opportunity to recognise the achievements of students in our individual tuition studio program and the contributions of our ensemble conductors, visiting tutors and student leaders. WestMAC Friends of the Arts were there as always to support our performers and they raised \$753 with the raffle to further support creative arts programs at the College.

Dance Concert

This Saturday our dancers will grace the stage of the Ipswich Civic Theatre for what promises to be a thrilling end-of-year concert. With a string of outstanding successes at regional eisteddfods and competitions behind them, WestMAC Dancers are primed for a brilliant finish to the year. Musicians from the College Big Band will also be there to entertain the crowds in the foyer prior to the evening performance. All the best to Miss Judd and her team for what will undoubtedly be a great night in the theatre.

Our musicians and dancers will then be preparing for performances at the three sub-school Presentation Nights in

November, bringing to a close an incredibly busy but artistically rewarding year for all.

Equestrian

Our national representative riders will be recognised for their achievements this year at the annual Sport Presentation Night next Friday 3 November. Planning is already underway for what is shaping up as an equally successful 2018 Equestrian season.

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Whole School

Careers

News from QUT

Advice for students when they know their OP

Students can talk to QUT staff and students about their study options after they know their OP or selection rank at our Real Decisions event on Tuesday 19 December at Gardens Point campus. Experts will be on hand to give advice about gaining entry to QUT, upgrading pathways, accommodation, career planning, financial support and more.

See the work of creative industries graduates

Teachers, students and families are invited to Kaleidoscope—a series of graduate showcase exhibitions, performances and informative events, covering creative practice, communication and design courses, from 24 October to 30 November.

Reminders for students

Applications for the QUT Vice-Chancellor's Scholarships, both academic and elite athlete, close on 17 November. Year 11 students wanting to participate in START QUT in Year 12 must apply by 31 October. Students planning to study at university in 2018 will need to apply for a tax file number if they don't already have one. Apply early as they can take 28 days to process.

Education suitability statement deadline

Students applying for education courses must complete the written statement before the QTAC documentation due dates. To be considered in the 21 December or 16 January (major) offer rounds, students must submit their statement by 8

December. Further details including the selection guidelines and a video explaining the requirement are available on the QTAC website.

Changes to creative industries courses

Students now have even more options with reviewed and updated creative industries courses offered in 2018.

Scholarships and other opportunities in business and technology

Scholarships often provide advantages in addition to financial support, such as work experience and access to professional networks. Find out more about the opportunities with QUT business scholarships and the Westpac Young Technologists Scholarships.

Educational Access Scheme and disability support

Students who have experienced difficult circumstances are encouraged to apply for the Educational Access Scheme via their QTAC application, and may receive an OP/rank adjustment and possible financial support. Students with a disability, injury or health condition who are planning to study at QUT can contact our disability advisers to discuss support options or find out more on the website.

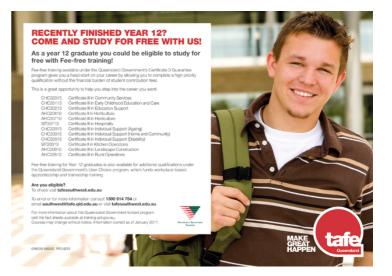
Hot tips for students

Students can check out our After QTAC website to find out more about how students are chosen, when offers are made and what to do to get ready for uni. We also have advice about coming to QUT after you've deferred, and students moving to Brisbane for uni can check out our accommodation service and advice.

QUT real-world experiences and holiday activities

AdSpace, the competition that gives high-school students the chance to pitch an advertising campaign to a real-word client, is returning next year on 20 July 2018. The Faculty of Law has developed an activity with the Queensland Sentencing Advisory Council for visiting high school students, allowing them to apply legal knowledge in an interactive way. In January the QUT Art Museum and the Cube will offer a holiday program with free activities to suit everyone from the tech-inclined to fans of good old fashioned art making.

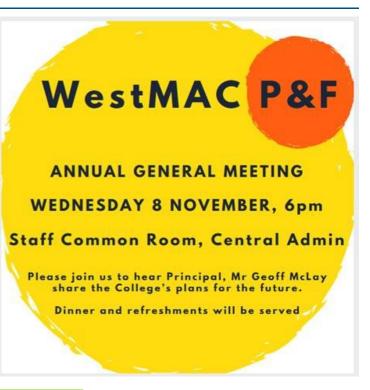
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Senior School

WestMAC P&F



Whole School

P&F Annual General Meeting Notice

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



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FOTA Annual General Meeting Notice

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 Ipswich 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. Turge 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).

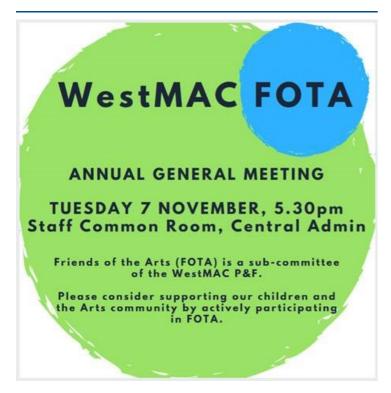
Please join us to hear Principal, Mr Geoff McLay share the College's plans for the future. Dinner and refreshments will be served from 6pm. Elise Bryant

President, WestMAC P&F

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

Whole School

WestMAC FOTA



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

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