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From the Principal

Blessings and Best Wishes

As the holidays and festive season fast approaches, I would like to extend to all members of the WestMAC community my sincere thanks for the many and varied contributions that have been made this year to all aspects of College life. At WestMAC, we all participate in the life of our community – from attendance at College events and activities in support of our students; engaging with the P&F Association and support groups at their various activities and events; right through to small groups and individual friendships where people demonstrate the value they place on one another by remembering and celebrating special occasions. Each contribution, whatever its size, is a gift to our College family.

Gift-giving has become synonymous with Christmas, a tradition which draws on the story of the three Wise Men who brought rare and precious gifts to the infant Jesus. However, I am sure I am not alone in regarding the symbolic beauty of gift-giving at Christmas as having been somewhat lost in consumerism in recent times. The poem, *Jesus is the Reason* by Joanna Fuchs, succinctly communicates the true meaning of this tradition:

Jesus Is The Reason

In Bethlehem, God gave to us
The source of Christmas joy;
A star shown on a miracle:
The virgin birth of a boy.

He was born both God and man,
A Saviour for us all,
The way to get to our heavenly home,
If we just heed His call.

So as we shop and spend and wrap
And enjoy the Christmas season,
Let's keep in mind the sacred truth:
Jesus is the reason.



Artwork: Madison Jackson (Year 1)

Amid the sometimes frenetic pace of preparations, may we all find time to remember the real reason for celebration – the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, who is God's priceless gift to us. I wish all WestMAC families a happy and holy Christmas and a refreshing holiday season filled with the gifts of love, joy and peace.

Senior School Precinct Project

The College Council's announcement of the latest capital project is provided at the following link:

<https://www.wmac.com.au/news/new-senior-school-precinct>

WESTMAC P&F TWILIGHT
CHRISTMAS FAIR
SATURDAY 2 DECEMBER



POSTPONED DUE TO WEATHER

New 2018 date will be advise as soon as possible.

Geoff McLay - Principal
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Whole School

Marketing and Development

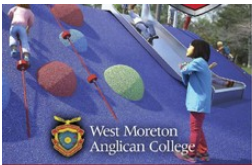
The Marketing and Development team would like to wish the WestMAC community a happy and holy Christmas. Thank you for allowing us to be part of your lives this year. Without the students, staff and families of the College, our work is not possible.

I would like to also acknowledge our College Partners and Supporters for 2017:

- Anglican Church Southern Queensland
- Anglican Financial Services (ANFIN)
- Anglican Men's Society – St Paul's Ipswich Branch
- Ball Family
- Bartholomeusz Family
- Bickerton Masters Architecture
- Bishopp Billboards
- Cahill Family
- Caltex Australia
- Centenary Glass and Mirror
- City Smart Education Consultants
- Colleges Crossing Family Practice
- CPC Production Services
- D'alRae Solutions Pty Ltd
- Eatons Services Group
- Fassifern Coaches
- Figjam & Co Catering
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- Hon. Shayne Neumann MP

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- Ipswich Railway Sub Branch of the RSL
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- 96Five Family Radio
- NIYN Networks
- Out Come Dents
- Queenslanders Credit Union
- Queensland Times
- Richardson Family
- Sammut Bulow
- St Paul's Anglican Church
- SB Wealth
- TAFE Queensland South West
- Top Office Recruitment
- Tridan Electrical Contractors
- Tristram Family
- The University of Queensland
- Uniform Management Services
- University of Southern Queensland
- Walker Pender Group Lawyers
- West Moreton Anglican College Council
- West Moreton Community Kindergarten
- WestMAC P&F Association
- Zanows' Concrete and Quarries

Please remember to support the Prep to Year 2 Playground Project. All you need to do is purchase a car-related product or arrange a service from Llewellyn Motors.



We are raising funds to support the development of the NEW Playground for Prep – Grade 2! Just by making a purchase at Llewellyns, whether it be a car (new or used), Servicing, Batteries, Tyres etc they donate back a % to the School Project Fund!

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Junior School

Middle School

SpiritED

Service to our wider community has been the focus for Years 7 and 8 this term for SpiritED. It is important to take time and give back and foster connections between WestMAC and the broader communities. Middle School students have shown this in a number of ways including; creating donation boxes for Operation Christmas Child, and card making to create cards and small gifts to donate to people less fortunate, which allows them to give cards to people they care about. Some classes have focussed on giving of their talents to make others smile. Ms Kay Bence and Mrs Michelle French have worked with a group of Year 7 students to create a variety concert and have visited Brassall Village to put on their show. The concert was met with much applause and the students returned to the College having experienced the joy of giving to others. It has been wonderful to see our students engage with the concept of service and having shared the experience of giving of their time, effort and talents to help others.

How Does It Work?

- 1) Ask reception at West Moreton Anglican College for a Local Legends Coupon!
- 2) Present the coupon at Llewellyn Motors to get your Local Legends Key Ring
- 3) Purchase a New or Used Car, Tyres, Batteries or get your car serviced at Llewellyns to donate!
- 4) Visit www.llewellynmotors.com.au/localLegends with your Invoice # and Key Ring # to make your donation!

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Whole School

Junior School

Junior School Presentation Night was a beautiful culmination to the 2017 school year. The Prep Nativity was delightful, our performers played, sang and danced with joy and energy and all our students were recognised for their achievement during the year.



With best wishes to you and your family for a peaceful and joyous Christmas.

Farewell

On a personal note it has been an honour to be part of the WestMAC community for the past four years as Head of Middle School. While I am moving on in 2018, I know that the Middle School will continue to flourish. May I wish our students and their families a happy and holy Christmas.

Middle School

Senior School

Senior School Reports

Year 12 students will not receive a report as such; instead they will receive an Exit Statement based on their achievement in the criteria detailed in each subject's syllabus document. Year 10 and Year 11 students will receive a school based report.

2018 Senior School Leaders

Join us in welcoming the 2018 leaders in the Senior School:

College Captains	
Cala Ahmed	Alexander Gough
Chapel Captains	
Abbey Palmisano	Wade Glew
Academic Captains	
Kathleen Apetri	Patrick Bischoff
Sports Captains	
Annie McGuire	Luke Spreadborough
Music Captains	
Megan Packer	Patrick Bischoff
Junior School Attaché	
Sophie Acton	Emma Newley-Alpe
Cultural Attaché	
James Sheehan	
House Captains	
Gilmore	
Samantha Hatton	Riley Finn
Lawson	
Tia Harmer	Joseph Leisemann
Mackellar	
Maddison Thomson	Andrew Sinclair
Paterson	
Tabetha Silcock	Nathan Stephensen
Wright	
Grace McQueen	Nicholas Kennedy
Specialist Area Leaders	
Dance	Kaitlin Bell Rhiannon Strohben

Health & Wellbeing	Courtenay Walford	Joseph Leisemann
Environment	Megan Packer	
Public Speaking & Debating	Danielle Scalia	
Swimming	Tabetha Silcock	Georgia Hennes
Cross Country	Jade McDougall	To be determined
Athletics	Annie McGuire	Alexander Gough
Rugby	Nathan Stephensen	
Basketball	Catriona Clarkson	Alexander Gough
Cricket	Andrew Sinclair	
Volleyball	Shayna Thorogood	Luke Spreadborough
Hockey	Rhiannon Hughes	
Soccer	Andrew Sinclair	
Tennis	Megan Root	James Sheehan
Netball	Samantha Hatton	
Touch Football	Annie McGuire	
Equestrian	Freya Domrow	

Cattle Show Team	Olivia Lems	
Big Band	Joshua Reberger	
Choir	Eilana Boyle	
Strings	Ainslie Brown	
Symphonic Band	Catriona Clarkson	

Merry Christmas

Leading up to Christmas we often wonder what to give those special people in our life; I suggest the gift of 'gratitude'. Think about the people that you love and contemplate why they matter to you. Think about the conversations, the memories, the laughter, and the tears you have shared with them. Now tell them how grateful you are having them in your life.

I take this opportunity to wish all Senior School students and their families a safe and happy holiday.

Paul Alcorn - Head of Senior School
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Senior School

Curriculum Office

End of Semester reports

End of Semester 2 reports will be available to parents through the Parent Portal mid-next week. Parents will be advised by email when they have been uploaded. For parents who have a student leaving the College at the end of this year, please note that you will have access to the Portal for that student up to and including Wednesday 13 December, 4pm.

Year 11 QCST

Our Year 11 students have now completed their first full practice of the QCST. These papers will be marked and returned to the students, with feedback, at the beginning of next year. We are confident that our Year 11 students can fill the big shoes of our exiting Year 12 students that achieved just over 60% A and B grades on the QCST in 2017.

Merry Christmas

The Curriculum Office wishes all students and their families a very holy Christmas period.

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Whole School

School Fees

Term 1 2018 account statements will be emailed to parents just prior to Christmas. If you wish to pay your account a year in advance to obtain the 5% discount, please email psteele@wmac.com.au to make the necessary arrangements.

Tricia Steele - Accounts Receivable Officer
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Whole School

Westside Bus Company - Bus Passes for 2018

2018 student bus passes for Westside Bus Company will be forwarded to the College at the beginning of Term 1 for student collection. Any student that has held a 2017 pass will automatically roll over into the new year unless they have moved schools or have moved residential address. Please use 2017 passes until 2018 passes are received.

Any students who have not held a 2017 bus pass and would like to see if they are eligible for a 2018 can contact Westside Bus Company on 3288 1333 or via email to reception@busqld.com.au.

All of Westside's bus runs are available on their website - <https://www.busqld.com.au/school-map>

Giorgia White - Administration Officer/Receptionist- Westside Bus Company
Phone: 3288 1333
Email: reception@busqld.com.au

Whole School

TAS and Junior TAS Sport

As 2017 comes to a close and we can sit back and look at the sporting year, we can confidently say we have built upon previous years' achievements and set the bar higher for 2018. Thank you to all students, parents, staff and community

members who have supported our Sport Program. We wish everybody a safe and happy holiday time. The 2018 sporting year awaits with new challenges.

Term 1 2018

Information regarding training/trials for Term 1 TAS and Junior TAS Sport will be emailed before school returns. A date claimer is already in place for Saturday 27 January for all students taking part in TAS and Junior TAS Sport in Term 1, as this is our training clinic day where each team will complete a two hour training session before the Saturday competition rounds start the following week.



Mathew Ellis - Head of Sport
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TAS Junior TAS

Western Pride FC

WestMAC has a close affiliation with Western Pride Football Club (WPFC) the representative football (soccer) club in Ipswich and Brisbane's Western Corridor. WPFC is running Skill Acquisition Program (U9 to U12) and National Premier League Program (U13 to U16) for both boys and girls in our region and we would like to call your attention on upcoming trials. The club offers limited vacancies in U12 Boys (players born in 2006), U10 Boys (players born in 2008) and U9/10 Girls (players born in 2008 and 2009) Skill Development teams.

Western Pride is the PlayStation 4 National Premier League side based in Ipswich and offers high standard coaching programs within Football Federation Australia's elite player pathway. Their teams will train on a full time basis and play competition games. WPFC coaches are actively involved in WestMAC's Football Excellence Program which will be available for students in middle and senior school.

If your child has playing experience and interested to attend at WPFC's additional trials, please provide student's full name, club in 2017, date of birth, mobile and email contact of parents

to Gabor Ganczer WPFC Technical Director
via td@westernpridefc.com.au

Schedule of trials

U12 Boys Skill Development Team
14th, 21st, 28th of November, Tuesday at Church Street, Tivoli
5:15pm-6:30pm

U10 Boys Skill Development Team
16th, 23rd, 30th of November, Thursday at Church Street, Tivoli
5:15pm-6:30pm U10 Boys

U9/10 Girls Skill Development Team
TBA (dates will be in late November and emailed after EOI)

Gabor Ganczer - Technical Director - Western Pride FC
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Senior School Middle School

Defence

We have had a number of our parents deployed over the last two terms. Care packages, including lollies, biscuits, toiletries and crossword puzzle books, were recently sent to various locations across the globe. Different class levels that had students with a parent deployed, were involved. Your generous donations and kind thoughts have been very appreciated and welcomed by the men and women of our Defence Force. Once again a huge thank you to the parents who participated by sending in items for these packages.





I would like to personally wish the families that are leaving us a very safe and uneventful journey to your new locations, and what an absolute pleasure it has been for me to assist your children while they have been at WestMAC.

Merry Christmas and a peaceful and joyous New Year to all our families.

Jenny Sheehan - Defence Transition Mentor
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Whole School

Uniform Shop

Uniform Shop

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

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 normal trading – appointments only	
20	Saturday	7.30am to 12noon	Normal Trading
22	Monday	7.30am 3.30pm	to Normal Trading - Year 7 & 12 Orientation
23	Tuesday	7.30am 3.30pm	to 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

Thank you

As the year quickly draws to a close we would like to thank our Uniform Shop helpers, in particular:

- Assistant, Martha Harbort
- regular volunteers, Ingrid Krosby, Roger Corben and Danni Foreman.

The Uniform Shop wishes all the College families a wonderful and safe Christmas season.

Glenda Boike - Uniform Shop Convenor
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Whole School

Kindergarten

The Kindergarten's Voluntary Management Committee would like to thank our families and the broader WestMAC community for a wonderful year. Thank you for supporting our fundraisers and events. We are also grateful to our amazing staff for the way they have nurtured our children this year. We are excited to see what our little learners achieve as they enter Prep. Please note: we have a limited number of vacancies remaining for next year and a waiting list open for 2019. Please contact Carolyn Symonds to enquire about your child's enrolment.

We wish everyone a safe and enjoyable Christmas break!

Jane Weston - President - Kindergarten's Voluntary Management Committee
 Phone: 3813 4560

Whole School

Debating

2018 Lions Youth of the Year Quest - Expressions of Interest

Students in Senior School have the opportunity to participate in the Quest through the Rosewood and Ipswich Lions Clubs. This is not just a public speaking competition. In fact, most of the competition is focused on your academic attainments, leadership experience, personality, sportsmanship and good citizenship. More information on the Quest can be found at <http://lionsclubs.org.au/activities/youth/yoty/about-yoty/>

Debating Coaching opportunities

We are seeking coaches for our Apex Debating Teams for 2018. Coaches meet with their teams for approximately an hour a week, at a mutually convenient time. Coaches do not write the students' speeches – they provide guidance, editing and coordinate the team's argument. If you are interested in coaching, please contact Mrs Googe at dgooge@wmac.com.au by Friday 19 January.

Donna Googe - Debating/ Public Speaking Coordinator

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Senior School

Middle School