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Principal

Term 1 Commencement

This term, our focus is on the 'little things'. As we commence this new academic year, we are foregrounding policy positions on everyday routine issues such as:

- punctuality to class
- uniform (dress) standards
- being prepared for learning by having the correct equipment and materials
- speaking and treating others respectfully
- behaving in ways that dignify ourselves, our families, our community and God.

Actually, these so-called 'little things' really aren't little things at all. Taking the view that details matter places us in very good company:

- It's the little details that are vital. Little things make big things happen – John Wooden, American basketball player and UCLA coach.
- It's the little things citizens do. That's what will make the difference – Wangari Maathai, Kenyan activist.
- If you can't do the little things right, you will never do the big things right – Admiral William H. McRaven.
- Anyone who can be trusted in little matters can also be trusted in important matters. But anyone who is dishonest in little matters will be dishonest in important matters – Jesus.

Senior leadership staff and teachers have been working together to ensure a shared understanding of the College's daily routines and procedures, clarifying our expectations to create a strong platform for effective and efficient running of

the College. By taking care of the little things, we are all – as individuals and as a community – better able to manage the big things.

I commend students, staff and College families for supporting our efforts to clarify and embed our daily routines in the first three weeks of the term. From my perspective, we have had a very orderly and well-disciplined commencement to the year. Congratulations and thank you for your individual and collective contributions.

2019 Enrolments

Current WestMAC families who wish their child/ren to commence at the College next year, particularly those for Prep or Year 7, should ensure enrolment applications are submitted as soon as possible. There are limited vacancies in these year levels. There are a number of other year levels (particularly in Middle School and Senior School) where availability is also limited.

Enrolment applications from existing families do receive preference; however, this can only be triggered once an application for each individual child is lodged. Entry testing for students commencing in Year 7 in 2019 and 2020 is well advanced. Families who have already lodged enrolment paperwork and wish to check on the progress of these applications may do so by contacting Mrs Gayle Moore via enrol@wmac.com.au or telephone 3813 4520.

Principal's Lunch with College Captains and Sub School Captains

This week I was delighted to continue the tradition of having the first of my quarterly lunches with the College Captains and Sub-School Captains. It was a pleasure to welcome Cala and Alex, Ryan and Olivia, and Morgan into the Boardroom for an informal lunch meeting. Unfortunately, Mia Gibb was absent on this occasion. Whilst these occasions are quite informal, the insights and ideas the Captains generate regularly influence decisions about curricular and extra-curricular programs.

Judging by the substance of these most recent conversations, our student leaders are well placed to make a substantial contribution during 2018.



Ryan Braiden, Olivia Galetto, Morgan Dickson, Mr Geoff McLay, Alexander Gough, Cala Ahmed.

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Whole School

Deputy Principal

2019 Scholarship Applications

A reminder that 2019 Scholarship Applications close on Friday 23 February. The exam takes place on Saturday 3 March. Further information and the application document are available on our [website](#) or by contacting Mrs Gayle Moore via enrol@wmac.com.au or telephone 3813 4520.

2019 Term Dates

WestMAC Term Dates for next year have been set. This information is available on our [website](#) and is visible in the calendar on Parent Lounge.

Please click here to download the WestMAC 2019 Term Dates: [2019_Term_Dates_Parent_FINAL_V1.pdf](#)

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Whole School

Chaplaincy

The last couple of weeks have been just as busy and exciting as the first two. On Sunday 11 February we resumed our Worship@WestMAC service. This will continue each Sunday at 9.30am until Easter. There will be a special Good Friday service on Friday 30 March and an Easter service on Sunday 1 April.

It was wonderful to meet and greet some of our College families at the service. I hope to get to know you much better as the year progresses. You're most welcome if you used to be a regular or if you've never been before. It's a lovely, friendly and relaxed service and I think you'll enjoy the worship, general friendship and fellowship. There will be morning tea after the service. That's just the Anglican way.

This week, because Lent began officially, with Ash Wednesday (which also happened to be Valentine's Day) our sub-school chapel services reflected this. At Middle and Senior School Chapels, I celebrated the Eucharist (Holy Communion) and blessed Ashes made from dried Palm Crosses from the previous Palm Sunday celebrations. Students were invited to receive communion if they wanted and to receive an Ash Cross marked on their foreheads. At the Junior School Chapel, we heard about how the people of Ninevah repented and changed their ways and God forgave them. They were also given Ash Crosses on their foreheads. I'd like to thank Reverend Brenda, Mr Geoff McLay, staff and Chapel Captains who helped to make the services run smoothly. While the experience might have been new and unusual for some students, everyone seemed to realise that it was an important and sacred time. They joined in beautifully and I was quite moved by their level of respect and engagement. They helped make the ceremonies very precious for me. I hope and pray that they were able to find something special too.

On Friday 23 March, our College will be taking part in The World's Greatest Shave. This is organised by the Leukaemia Foundation, a national charity that works to support people with Blood Cancer and their families and friends. The Year 12 Rugby Boys are taking on the challenge and want to win back the Schools Challenge Trophy, which the College lost last year, so they'll be asking you to join in or sponsor them. I've also decided to shave but being much older than the young men, I'll want a lot more money to do the deed! We also have at least one of our Year 12 female students who will be cutting a significant amount from her amazingly long locks and this a mere month before the formal! Some will be colouring instead. It's not too late to be a part of it but you MUST register with our team 'WestMAC' and actively raise funds. We very much hope you will be part of it - be brave and shave!

Every blessing
Mother Julie

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Whole School

Middle School

Week 3 was certainly a highlight as I had the opportunity to visit our Year 7 students on camp at Somerset. Here in the Middle School, we regularly speak of the importance of students developing connections and relationships with one another and this camp certainly allowed for this to occur. I must say that I was very impressed with the resilience and determination shown from students, many who had never ridden a bike before, scaled a tree, climbed a mountain of crates or constructed a raft. Seeing students successfully move beyond their perceived limitations was most rewarding. This camp was a wonderful transition into the Middle School and I would like to thank the students for their positivity and optimism, and the teachers who volunteered their time to ensure that each and every student returned with an amazing experience. I look forward to the Year 9 camp (although with some trepidation) as according to all accounts, it is quite the challenge!

This week sees the opening of the Respect and Responsibility Middle School Pastoral Care Program, a process designed for students to move upward through the different levels of white, silver and gold. For existing students and parents, you'll remember this process as a time for students to collect evidence of positive contributions within the school community and the opportunity to seek feedback. Important features of both activities include:

- cooperation
- taking responsibility for own learning
- respect for self, others, and your environment
- neatly and appropriately presented
- supportive of college activities

More information will be provided at year level meetings next Tuesday. For those students eager to begin the process, forms can be collected at Middle School Student Reception and need to be submitted to Heads of Year by Friday 2 March. Importantly, parent/guardian feedback and a signature must be supplied prior to the form being handed-in. This part of the process will provide parents/guardians with a clear snapshot of student performance and provide a valuable opportunity for a discussion and maybe whether or not specific New Year's resolutions are being achieved!

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Middle School

Middle School Reading Program

Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body
– Joseph Addison

Although these words were written in the 17th century, they are still relevant today. Reading really matters, and it is one of the simplest and most effective ways for students to improve their

concentration, communication, creativity and critical thinking skills.

However, many Australian students (and adults) do not regularly engage in sustained reading – flicking through social media doesn't really count! Research from the University of Toronto found that students who regularly read longer texts for twenty minutes a day will read on average 1.8 million words per year.

By contrast, students who engage in sustained reading for about five minutes a day will be exposed to about 282,000 words, or less than a quarter, of a regular reader's word exposure. Imagine a sportsperson practising for less than a quarter of the time of a competitor, the difference in their performances would be significant. A similar impact is evident in the differences between improvements in students' language skills.

This is why students in the Middle School engage in 10 minutes of Uninterrupted, Silent, Sustained Reading (USSR) in lesson 5 most school days. In some lessons, it may not be practical to engage in a reading session because of assessment or pre-planned practical activities. Some of the reading activities that our students engage in will include: individual reading; teacher directed reading activities and shared reading.

Parents can support their child's engagement with USSR by checking that students have packed suitable reading material in their bags each day, asking about what is being read and demonstrating that they value reading as well. The wonderful College Library staff are always happy to assist our students by providing suggestions for a good book.

If you have any questions about USSR, or would like to provide feedback on the reading program, please contact me directly.

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Middle School

Year 7 camp

Tuesday 6 to Friday 9 February

Ella Wright – The most enjoyable moment of camp for me was the high ropes, once you got to the top the view was BEAUTIFUL.

Mason Kahler – I just loved making it up that big hill on the bike - I felt proud.

Matilda Brett – The thing that I liked the most about camp was creating new friendships and building trust with friends from last year.

Gracie Hyde – My favourite part was crate-climbing and some students made it up to 10 crates.

Sienna Graves – The best thing about camp was the camp-out and also spending time with friends.



Middle School

Junior School

Bouncing Back

This term in Junior School our theme is bouncing back. We all experience change in our lives and find ourselves facing tricky situations. We get sad, angry, frustrated and lonely. Bouncing back is about being able to face these challenges with an optimistic outlook.

This term, students will be unpacking the bounce back acronym:

- Bad times don't last! Things almost always get better and it is important to stay optimistic. When things really are not going well it is important to take one day at a time.
- Other people can help. Nothing is so terrible that you cannot talk to someone who you trust. Problems are easier when shared, but it can take courage to do so. Getting help is a sign of strength, not weakness.
- Unhelpful thinking makes you feel more upset. Our thoughts strongly influence our feelings and actions. Just because you are feeling a certain way, (nobody likes me, bad things always happen to me, I always make mistakes), does not mean it is a fact.
- Nobody is perfect – not you or others. There is no such thing as a perfect person and we should be careful about judging ourselves and each other when mistakes are made. The most important thing is that we always strive to do better.
- Concentrate on the positives and use laughter. Finding even the smallest positive in a situation helps us to be hopeful. Similarly, finding even a glimmer of humour and having a laugh helps to relieve stress and anxiety.
- Everybody experiences sadness, hurt, failure, rejection and setbacks. It is important to keep this in mind and not stray towards thinking that these things only ever happen to you.
- Blame fairly. How much of what happened was due to you, to others or to just bad luck or circumstances? It is important not to just blame yourself for everything and equally important not to blame everything on others.
- Accept what can't be changed but try and change what you can. There are things you can control like

putting in the effort to improve your schoolwork, but there are also some things that you cannot change.

- Catastrophising exaggerates your worries. That's a big word! Catastrophising means thinking about the worst thing that could happen and believing it will happen. It is really unhelpful thinking and it results in you feeling like you won't do something because you expect the worst.
- Keep things in perspective. I'm sure you've heard the saying 'don't make a mountain out of a molehill'. This means getting upset over little things. A good question to ask yourself is – 'Is it really that big a deal?'

For parents wanting resources to explore this concept further with children, the Student Diary is a great starting point. The Beyond Blue website also offers information and strategies: <https://healthyfamilies.beyondblue.org.au/healthy-homes/building-resilience>

Thank you to the McDowell Family

At Assembly last week, Charlotte and Harry McDowell made a special donation on behalf of their family. To understand the significance of this donation you need to understand a bit of their family's story. One day after a training exercise for his work as a firefighter, Mr McDowell suffered a Sudden Cardiac Arrest. It is the kind of medical emergency that needs immediate CPR and the use of a defibrillator. Mr McDowell was fortunate that he was at work when his heart stopped beating as there was a defibrillator nearby. From his experience, Mr Dowell and his family now have a greater awareness and appreciation of the importance of access to defibrillators in the community. As a result, they have donated a defibrillator to WestMAC. We already have two in place – one in the Lostroh Centre and one in the Health Centre and the defibrillator donated by the McDowell's will be located at the pool. Our sincere thanks to the McDowell family for this generous donation.



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Sport

TAS Sport

This Saturday's matches are at home, and we are hosting Canterbury College. All support for this round of home games would be much appreciated.

Our most outstanding performance over these first two rounds was our Girls Supplementary Basketball team who recorded a resounding first victory as a team with a 66-22 scoreline over St Pauls. Well done Girls!

Junior TAS Sport

Congratulations to all students involved in Junior TAS Round 1 Sport. Our Cricket and Hockey teams all had a successful start to the season with brilliant teamwork and sportsmanship on and off the field the highlight.

Junior TAS Cricket Results

WestMAC White	WestMAC 12/67 v St Paul's 5/102
WestMAC Red	WestMAC 10/71 Canterbury 9/73
WestMAC Navy	WestMAC 12/92 v Ormiston 4/94
WestMAC Gold	WestMAC 3/191 Redeemer 9/46

Junior TAS Hockey Results

Year 4 Red	WestMAC 9 v Canterbury 3
Year 4 Navy	WestMAC 6 v St Paul's 8
Year 5	WestMAC 12 v St Paul's 1
Year 6 Red	WestMAC 4 v St Paul's 0
Year 6 Navy	WestMAC 7 v Redeemer 2

Interhouse Swimming Carnivals

The 2018 Interhouse Swimming Carnivals were held in Term 4 last year and both events were characterised by a great level of house spirit, competitiveness, and sportsmanship. A summary of the final results of these carnivals is included below.

Junior School Carnival

Overall Shield

1. Lawson 575 points
2. Gilmore 268 points
3. Mackellar 181 points
4. Wright 177.5 points

5. Paterson 131.5 points Overall Shield

House Relay - Mackellar

House Spirit - Paterson

Female Freestyle Champion – Charlotte McDowell

Male Freestyle Champion – Ethan Ramsay

Age Champions

8 Years Girls

1st Molly Lane

2nd Ruby Bohan

3rd Isabelle Lever

8 Years Boys

1st Matthew McGuinness

2nd Jacob Cox

9 Years Girls

1st Emmeline Maron

2nd Claire Hermann

3rd Tiare Heather

9 Years Boys

1st Shane Norford

2nd Benjamin McKimmon

3rd Sebastian Altea

10 Years Girls

1st Emily Cox

2nd Giaan Sartor

3rd Amelia Jones

10 Years Boys

1st Cooper Windolf

2nd Harry McDowell

3rd Kaleb Rogerson and Jared Sherlock

11 Years Girls

1st Tayla Chardon

2nd Kayla Moore

3rd Hanna Stephen

11 Years Boys

1st Ethan Ramsay

2nd Alexander Stokes & Jake Malone

12 Years Girls

1st Charlotte McDowell

2nd Alyssa Grant

3rd Trinity Doyle

12 Years Boys

1st Samuel Smit

2nd Blake Thomas

3rd Matthew James and Morgan Dickson

Middle School Carnival

Overall Shield

1. Wright 396 points

2. Lawson 345.5 points
3. Paterson 300 points
4. Mackellar 292.5 points
5. Gilmore 216 points

House Relay – Mackellar

House Spirit - Mackellar

Female Freestyle Champion – Ella Ramsay

Male Freestyle Champion – Ajax Wong

Age Champions

12 Years Girls

- 1st Bella Johnstone
- 2nd Charlotte McConnell
- 3rd Olivia Kingston

12 Years Boys

- 1st Bryce Joiner
- 2nd Ashton Windolf
- 3rd Mason Kahler

13 Years Girls

- 1st Amy Matthews
- 2nd Gabriella Stokes
- 3rd Aliesha Sartor

13 Years Boys

- 1st Mitchell Chardon
- 2nd Jake Isarasena
- 3rd Riley Cox

14 Years Girls

- 1st Ella Ramsay
- 2nd Ella Lane
- 3rd Charlotte Bohlen

14 Years Boys

- 1st Blake Wheelhouse and Zachary Presneill
- 3rd Mitchell Clarkson and Zak Pederson

15/16 Years Girls

- 1st Gracie Albion
- 2nd Keeley McNamara
- 3rd Josephine Kelly

15/16 years Boys

- 1st Ajax Wong
- 2nd Brendon Goodlet
- 3rd Jenson White

Senior School Carnival

Overall Shield

1. Paterson 380 points
2. Lawson 363 points
3. Wright 311 points
4. Gilmore 268 points
5. Mackellar 190 points

House Relay – Lawson

House Spirit - Paterson

Female Freestyle Champion – Hannah Wheelhouse

Male Freestyle Champion – Reece Venzke

Age Champions

15 Years Girls

- 1st Alyssa McIlwaine
- 2nd Caitlin Ward, Erin Williams, Claire Gould

15 Years Boys

- 1st Reece Venzke
- 2nd Eduan Geusten
- 3rd Kyle Sandison

16 Years Girls

- 1st Hannah Wheelhouse
- 2nd Lucy Silcock
- 3rd Olivia Williams

16 Years Boys

- 1st Jordan Lane
- 2nd Pacey White
- 3rd William Johnstone

Open Years Girls

- 1st Tabettha Silcock
- 2nd Annie McGuire
- 3rd Makayla Smart

Open Years Boys

- 1st Edward Johnstone
- 2nd Thomas Render
- 3rd Patrick Bischoff



District and Regional Swimming

WestMAC were strongly represented at the Western District Ranges 10 to 19 years Swimming Carnival with 40 students attending and vying to be selected in the District team. Good luck to all students who qualified for the Metropolitan West Regional carnival and we look forward to passing on some positive results in the next edition of College News.

Junior TAS and TAS Swimming Team

The Junior TAS and TAS Swimming Team will shortly be named. Students who have made the teams are encouraged to attend as many training sessions as they can. Training is on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 7 to 8am at the College Pool. Friday's session is compulsory for all swimmers. Students are reminded to see Mrs Fiona Stephen, Mrs Terry

McGuire and/or Mr Paul Alcorn to have their name marked on the roll.

TAS and Junior TAS Sport sign-on and training

Our sign-on for Sport this year has changed. We ask that parents/guardians discuss with their student what sports they are wanting to participate in. Then, parents/guardians are to complete the permission form emailed at the beginning of the year. Students can pick up a hard copy of the form from Sports Reception. These permission forms must be returned to Sports Reception as the information provides the Sports Department with lists of students that are interested in playing each of the sports on offer during the year.

Communication of Sporting information

The communication process is vital to ensuring that students and parents/guardians are kept up to date with the variety of sporting information, particularly at the start of a new year. Apart from this section in the newsletter, sporting information is also passed on or can be accessed in a number of other ways:

- College App
- Facebook Page - West Moreton Anglican College Official
- Daily Notices which are read to students each morning
- Sports noticeboard at the Lostroh Centre as well as other noticeboards around the College, particularly in each sub-school
- Sports Reception - (07) 3813 4534, or in person in the Lostroh Centre
- Via email to mellis@wmac.com.au (Head of Sport) or rhillier@wmc.com.au (Head of Junior Sport). Wherever possible, emails to parents will be utilised where appropriate for the updating of information.

Please note that the Sports Department will be utilising the WestMAC College App for communications in the future. If you have not recently updated or downloaded this App, we encourage all College community members to do so.

'Eagles Rising' – Years 3 to 6 pre-season conditioning training

Early preparations for the Interhouse and Representative Cross Country season began this week and will continue for the rest of the term. These sessions are designed to cater for all levels of ability, in particular, our elite athletes. These sessions are designed to prepare our athletes for our Cross Country season as well as their everyday sporting endeavours.

The sessions will aim to provide our students with a range of strategies and exercises in a fun and challenging environment. Additionally, we are challenging our Cross Country students to train a little harder as we look to close the gap between us and Sheldon College. With hard work, I have no doubt we can do it!

The sessions will be run by a number of coaches throughout the term with Mrs Sharon Rutledge the overall group manager. Training will initially be held on Wednesday and Friday mornings from 7.15 to 8am. Students in Years 3 to 6 are to meet Mrs Rutledge no later than 7am in front of the Lostroh Centre, where a roll call will take place. Sessions will conclude by 8am and students should ensure that they bring sufficient water as well as something to eat following training each morning.

Congratulations to...

- Annie McGuire competed at the All Schools Nationals at the end of 2017. She jumped a 6.06 in Long Jump and came home with a Gold medal, this is also a Qualifier for the Olympic Youth Games. Annie then went on to do the Swedish relay for Queensland and they also came home with Gold just missing out on breaking the National record. The next day she was in the 4X100m relay for Queensland and again they came home with Gold. Well done Annie!
- Grace Hughes was announced in the Queensland Under 17's Netball team training squad. She will be training heavily to try to make the final 12 to participate in the National Tournament to be held in Adelaide early this year. Grace was also chosen as the inaugural recipient of \$1,000 bursary through Qld Podiatry and ASICS Australia. This was a Queensland Netball nomination through which Grace was selected. Congratulations Grace!
- Talicia Canty and Victoria Hefferan competed at the Under 15 Indoor Hockey National tournament in Goulburn. Talicia was Captain of the Queensland team which finished 2nd after losing to NSW 3-1 in the final. Well done Talicia and Victoria!
- Caitlin Canty competed at the Under 13's Indoor Hockey National tournament in Goulburn. Caitlin's Queensland team finished 3rd at the tournament. Congratulations Caitlin!
- Nathan Stephensen and Jack Martin are currently training with the Ipswich Jets Under 18 Rugby League team. After undergoing rigorous trials they have both been selected into the squad and will be playing trials and games in the short season. They are both progressing through the ranks as they make the transition from Age group to Senior Grade Rugby League. Well done and best of luck Nathan and Jack!

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Whole School

Creative Arts and Extra-curricular



Debating

Planning for the Debating season is now well advanced with coaches having been appointed for all teams. Mrs Donna Googe has resumed her role as coordinator, assisted by Ms Kami Hazlewood in the Junior School.

Music

Symphonic Band delighted the congregation with their music making at the Commissioning of our new Chaplain, Mother Julie Craig-Leaves, on just the second day of term. Not to be outdone, Performance Band played magnificently at the Scholars' Assembly at the beginning of Week 3. Well done to our musicians for turning on such wonderful performances so early in the year and on minimal rehearsal.

Term 1 Events

Thursday 22 February	Meet the Music Tutors Concert, 6.30pm in MD17/18
Friday 23 February	FOTA Bake Sale, lunchtime in OLA
Tuesday 6 March	FOTA Meeting, 5.30pm
Thursday 8 March	Year 10 Elective Music Recital, 6pm in MD17/18
Wednesday 14 March	Year 9 Elective Music Recital, 6pm in MD17/18
Thursday 29 March	Studio & Small Ensemble Recital #1, 6pm in MD17/18

Dance

Auditions have been held and Dance Troupe and Dance Company are both into regular rehearsals with a busy schedule of eisteddfodau and competitions in the year ahead.

Cattle Show Team

The Cattle Show team has commenced training and breaking in new cattle in preparation for the show season that commences in early May. This year the team welcomes a new coordinator, Ms Laura Edwards, who brings a wealth of experience as well as a large dose of enthusiasm. We are looking forward to another great year for our Cattle Show Team.

Equestrian

The Equestrian season kicks off on Sunday 18 February with a Show Jumping event hosted by WestMAC at Moggill Pony Club. The Equestrian team has acquired a number of new members and all of our riders are excited to be starting competition.

WestMAC Music Shop

WestMAC operates a mini Music Shop through Music Reception. A range of items are in stock including reeds, rosin, strings, tutor books and drumsticks. Price lists are available at Music reception and purchases can be made using cash or EFTPOS.

Meet the Tutors Concert

On Thursday 22 February, our Music staff are presenting a concert in MD17/18. Supper will be provided. Plan to come along and see just how talented your music teachers are!

New tutors

On the subject of meeting the tutors, we are excited to announce the appointment of Ms Laura Thompson teaching upper strings, Mr Nick Kirkup teaching voice and Ms Katharine Willison teaching bassoon and oboe.

Private Music Tuition

Private Music tuition at the College has commenced for the year. If you have a child interested in singing or playing a musical instrument, please collect a 2018 Music Handbook from Music Reception. Please note: students who are continuing private tuition need to return new forms for 2018.

Ensemble Agreement Forms

All participants in College Bands or Choirs (both new AND continuing) are required to return the Music Ensemble Agreement BEFORE attending the first rehearsal. Don't forget to complete the Annual Permissions in Parent Lounge.

Music Performance Uniforms (second-hand)

If you are interested in purchasing or selling second-hand Performance Uniforms, please enquire at the Uniform Shop.

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Music Dance Cattle Show Team Extra-curricular Activity

Debating and Public Speaking

Our year is off to a great start. I would like to welcome our Debating and Public Speaking Captain, Danielle Scalia. One of Danielle's projects for this year is raising our public speaking profile. As part of this, she is organising training sessions for Senior students to help with their oral presentations in English and other subjects. This is a wonderful initiative, and I encourage students to the survey Danielle is sending out to gauge interest and to arrange times.

Parent Portal Permissions

The Parent Portal should now be up and running for debating permissions. Could all Apex Debaters please ensure that permission has been given for their participation by Friday 16 February.

This year we have nine teams competing in Apex Debating. Teams have begun preparing for our first debate at IGGs on 26 February. Please note that students should arrive twenty minutes before their debate start time, and check in with Mrs Googe.

The draw, topics and start times will be sent to teams by their coaches. They will also be available at Mrs Googe's staff room (SA19).

Rostrum Voice of Youth

Nominations are now open for students from Years 7 to 12 to enter the Rostrum Voice of Youth competition. More information on the topics and structure of the competition can be found at: <https://www.rostrum.com.au/qld-club-list/gold-coast-central-club-27/103-qld-zone/qld-voice-of-youth/351-qld-rostrum-voice-of-youth-2017>

2018 Lions Youth of the Year Quest Entrants

We wish our three entrants in the Lions Youth of the Year Quest all the best for their interviews and public speaking competitions over the next week. Danielle Scalia and Catriona Clarkson will be representing the College at the Rosewood Club's

competition, while Makayla Smart will be competing at the Ipswich Club round.

If you would like to know more about debating and public speaking opportunities, please contact Donna Googe at dgooge@wmac.com.au or on 3813 4619.

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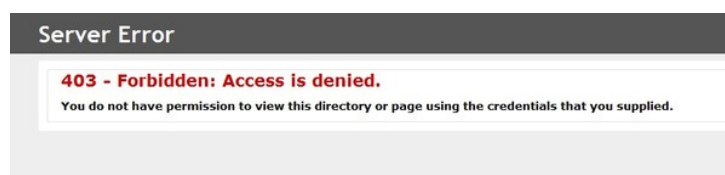
Whole School

Parent Lounge fault

We are aware that there is a fault with the School Calendar Events on the Home Page of the Parent Lounge.

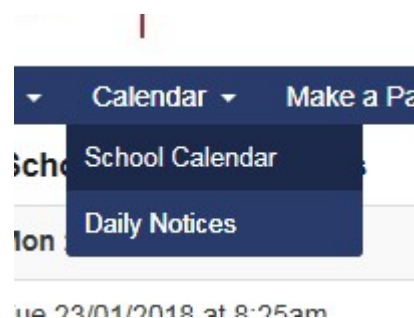
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When you click on an Event, you will get sent to an Error 403: Access Denied page.



What can you do instead?

You can use the Calendar > School Calendar Menu at the top of Parent Lounge to view the full Calendar.



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Whole School

Career's Advisor

Army Officer Information Session

When: Tuesday 27 February 2018

Time: 6 to 8pm

Where: Defence Force Recruiting, Level 13, 295 Ann Street, Brisbane

To register visit <http://events.defencejobs.gov.au/event/68RC5L/>

ADF CAREERS INFORMATION SESSION

When: Monday 19 February 2018

Time: 6 to 8pm

Where: Defence Force Recruiting Brisbane, Level 13, 295 Ann Street, Brisbane.

To register visit <http://events.defencejobs.gov.au/event/AASLZW/>

Future Experiences in Agriculture, Science and Technology (FEAST) Camp

Students in Years 11 and 12 are invited to attend the FEAST Residential camp held at the UQ Gatton campus from Sunday 1 to Thursday 5 July.

For more information visit <http://www.science.uq.edu.au/feast>

UQ Bachelor of Veterinary Science (Honours) - Additional entry requirements

In 2018, The University of Queensland will be introducing an additional entry requirement for prospective students applying for the Bachelor of Veterinary Science (Honours). This change will impact current Year 12 students applying for study in 2019.

This new entry requirement, a Situational Judgement Test (SJT), is an online, video-scenario based test with 12 sections and open-ended questions.

The University recognises that attributes such as resilience, critical thinking and communication skills that are essential for veterinarians are not reflected in academic performance alone. The SJT will be used to assist in the selection of a student cohort best equipped for the rigours of the profession.

The test will be held between July and September 2018 with multiple tests dates. Students need to have access to a computer with reliable internet connection, a webcam and hold photo identification and can be completed at home or at a library/community centre or another suitable location. The cost to complete the test is approximately \$80 and students should allow 90 minutes to complete the test.

Further details about how and when to complete the SJT will be available soon on <https://future-students.uq.edu.au/study/program/Bachelor-of-Veterinary-Science-Honours-2378>.

If you do have questions, please don't hesitate to contact the School Liaison team on 07 3346 9649 or email school.liaison@uq.edu.au.

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Whole School

Uniform Shop

Uniform Shop Opening Times – School Days only

Day	Term 1
Monday	7.30am to 3.30pm
Wednesday	7.30am to 3.30pm
Friday	7.30am to 3.30pm

Please note that the Uniform Shop now opens at 7.30am.

Thankyou

I would like to thank Uniform Shop customers for their understanding and patience during the busy January back to school. The white socks have finally arrived and the outstanding girl blouses should arrive early March.

Blazer pockets

The cutoff dates for embroidery are:

- Monday 12 March - back on Monday 19 March
- Wednesday 28 March (last trading day of Term 1) – back at start of Term 2

Uniform Requirements

Please note the following uniform requirements:

- All girls in Years 1 to 12 must wear the College metal badge on their tie
- Girls' skirts should be below the knee and of an acceptable length. Skirts should not be taken up, or rolled up, so that the bottom of the skirt is above the knee
- All girls must wear their white socks folded down with their formal uniform. Boys in Prep to Year 3 who are wearing rust ruggers must also wear their white socks folded down

Specially made blazers

Any students who think that they may need a specially made blazer should contact the Uniform Shop. These blazers need to be ordered before Friday 16 February and have a \$10.00 surcharge. A minimum 10% deposit is required.

Glenda Boike - Uniform Shop Convenor
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Whole School

2018 FOTA Bake Sale

Calling all FOTA Helpers

We are looking for volunteers to assist with the setting up, serving and cleaning up at the FOTA Bake Sale on Friday 23 February in the OLA. We are seeking helpers to collect the food from 7.45am, and helpers from 12.15pm to set up and serve. The FOTA Committee greatly appreciate all assistance and help in making this another successful event.



BAKE SALE

FRIDAY 23 FEBRUARY

MIDDLE SCHOOL OLA

LUNCH TIME

1.12 TO 1.52pm

GOODS FROM \$1 TO \$3

West Moreton Anglican College



Georgia Woods - Secretary WestMAC FOTA
Email: wmacfota@gmail.com

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