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Edition 3, Term 3

Principal's Message

The first few weeks of this term have produced many outstanding student achievements and I believe it is important to acknowledge these in what is always a very hectic time of the year.

Throughout this edition you will be able to read in more detail the particulars of each activity which will include, amongst others:

- Outstanding results from the Cattle Show Team who have spent the past two weeks 'living, breathing and sleeping' at the Ekka.
- Numerous Dance Eisteddfod performances with outstanding results.
- Equestrian selection of two WestMAC students to the positions of Captain of the Queensland Pool Horse Team and Vice Captain of the Queensland Eventing Team.

I congratulate all students and staff members involved in each of these activities. The commitment and dedication required for these activities cannot be underestimated and the College is extremely proud of all those involved. This includes the invaluable support of our parents and guardians.

Three more events coming up next week are the Junior School Concert on Tuesday 22 August – always a delightful event - closely followed by Book Week Parade and Grandies Day on Thursday 24 August, along with Jazzin' Up The Hall on Friday 25 August; an evening of superb entertainment by WestMAC Big Band; Jazz Vocal, Brass Ensemble along with guests artists, the University of Queensland Big Band. An enormous amount of preparation is involved and I hope you can join the WestMAC community in supporting our students and staff at these events.

Geoff McLay - Principal
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Whole School

Enrolments Office

Please be reminded of the Enrolment Policy that one term's notice is required of any student leaving the College. If a term's notice is not received, then one term's fees must be paid in lieu of notice. For any student intending on leaving the College at the end of 2017, notice will be required by the end of the September school holidays.

We have started the enrolment process for 2019 entry. If you are wishing to have a child/ren commencing in 2019, please complete your application as soon as possible. Applications can be accessed via <https://www.wmac.com.au/enrolments/australian-students>

If you have any questions, please contact Gayle Moore.

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Whole School

Junior School

Junior School Concert

Junior School families are reminded that our concert – *We've Got Character* will be held next Tuesday 22 August. All students in Years 1-6 have a role and are expected to attend. Families are invited to obtain tickets via <https://www.wmac.com.au/news/junior-school-concert-2017>

Friends of the Arts (FOTA) will be providing food and drink prior to the concert and also running a raffle to support the purchase of resources for our Music program.

Car Park / Pick-up Zone

To ensure the safety of our children, parents are asked to use one of the following two options when collecting children from school:

1. Park in the carpark and walk into classrooms to collect children
2. Use the pick-up zone where staff are on duty and able to supervise children until parents arrive

I would like to take the opportunity to thank our wonderful Facilities team who have been assisting each afternoon with traffic flow in our Junior School pick-up zone. This area has become a much more efficient way for parents to collect children from school.

Courage

This week in RAVE our exploration around the theme of courage has taken us to look at the 'wobblies' – that kind of nervous thinking that everyone uses sometimes. This is the type of feeling that makes us doubt ourselves – you could call it negative self-talk. You could say we are dipping into our own buckets. It is really important that we challenge this type of thinking so that we can make better and braver choices. When a wobbly comes into our minds we basically have two choices:

1. Let the wobbly beat us
2. Argue with it and use brave self-talk (fill our own buckets)

The Bible reading this week is the one where Jesus walks on water. It reminds me of the scene from Indiana Jones where Indi is faced with a chasm and needs to believe and take a step in faith. As he has the courage to step out in faith, the path appears before him and the way forward becomes obvious. Sometimes all it takes is the courage to take that first step.

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Junior School

Kindergarten

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



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Whole School

Curriculum Office

Queensland Core Skills Test (QCST) - Year 12

Year 12 students will sit the QCST on Tuesday 29 and Wednesday 30 September. The QCST is used to scale the in-school results for OP students. Students have been provided with the 'Instructions to Students' information containing the equipment list. I encourage students to continue to prepare for the testing by completing as many past questions as possible. Year 12 students not sitting the QCST are welcome to attend Study Hall in SA20 on each day of the test.

Exam Block - Years 11 and 12

Exam Block for Term 3 is in its final stages of scheduling and should be available to students late next week. Year 11 Exam Block commences on Thursday 31 August whilst the Year 12 Exam Block will begin on Friday 1 September. Classes for both year levels recommence on Thursday 7 September.

NAPLAN - Years 3, 5, 7 and 9

Individual NAPLAN results for students will arrive at the College shortly. These will be posted to parents in the coming weeks.

Subject Selection Process - Years 7, 9, 10 and 11 (in 2018)

Students who selected subjects for study in 2018 will soon receive advice if they have been successful in gaining entry into their chosen subjects. This will allow parents and students time to complete stationery lists for 2018 once these become available.

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Careers

Students and Parents of students considering post school options in education. Please read the below:

The [Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre](#) dates for study preferences for 2018 are looming. You may not know however that the [Australian Catholic University \(ACU\) National School of Education](#) (in the Faculty of Education and Arts) is the largest tertiary educator of teachers in Australia, with 7 campuses spread across 3 states (Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria) and the Australian Capital Territory. We also have campuses in Rome and New York and offer students an opportunity to study part of their course overseas at these exciting destinations.

We graduate job-ready, quality teachers for all sectors (early childhood, primary and secondary) and all systems (State, Catholic and Independent) and during their program our students can acquire the necessary accreditation to teach religious education in Catholic, Lutheran and Anglican schools across Australia. In fact students come to us to study these religious education specialisations from all other Queensland (Qld) universities.

Our current 4 year primary pre-service program is unique among Qld universities as our students will graduate with a specialisation in literacy or numeracy or inclusion/diversity and we are currently developing other specialisations to ensure our primary graduates have a depth of knowledge in at least one significant content area aligned with the needs of primary schools and students.

Students can also study a Bachelor of Education (Primary and Early Childhood) that incorporates both Primary and Early Childhood in the one program to make them doubly attractive to schools. Our secondary students can major in any Australian Key Learning Area and we also have unique double degrees such as the Bachelor of Teaching/Bachelor of Arts; Bachelor of Teaching/Bachelor of Exercise Science; Bachelor of Teaching/Bachelor of Science.

So that we can show you how wonderful it is to study education with ACU, we have compiled a series of short video clips that tell the story of what it's like to be an ACU education student; especially for those students who have not been able to attend one of our Open Days or Information Sessions in 2017.

Please enjoy and share our video stories:

- **Lara's Story:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=036EqQZrliA>
- **Our First Year Education students' community of learners:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DoFaPF9K3sU&feature=youtu.be>

ACU's social media platforms:

- **Instagram:** @acuimages <https://www.instagram.com/acuimages/?hl=en>
- **Snapchat:** auscatholicuni

- **Facebook:** Australian Catholic University <https://www.facebook.com/Australian.Catholic.University/?fref=ts>
- **Twitter:** @acumedia <https://twitter.com/ACUmedia>
- **YouTube:** ACUSocial <https://www.youtube.com/user/viewACU>

Other videos of interest:

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nusNwWBFFsQ> – the ACU Brisbane Campus
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0jD9w7YFfVU> - the Bachelor of Education (Primary) program
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6ee2i7vsB2U> – why study education/teaching at ACU? – a message from Professor Elizabeth Labone

If you have any questions about our programs or studying at ACU please contact [AskACU](#) on 1300 ASK ACU (1300 275 228) or askacu@acu.edu.au

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[Senior School](#) [Middle School](#)

Creative Arts and Extra-curricular Programs

Term 3 Events

Mon 21 August	Studio & Small Ensemble Recital No 2, MD17, 6.30pm
Thurs 24 August	Grandies Day – Piccolo Voci & Bella Voce
Fri 25 August	<i>Jazzin' Up The Hall</i> – (Big Band, Jazz Vocal, Brass Ensemble), 7pm
Wed 30 August	Year 4 Parents Information Session (re Yr 5 & 6 IP)
Thurs 14 September	Studio & Small Ensemble Recital No 3, MD17, 6.30pm

Ipswich City Council Protégé Master Classes

Be inspired and reach your potential as part of Ipswich City Council's brand new youth arts program. Learn from industry professionals and participate in FREE workshops, events, networking opportunities and performances specialising in music, drama, dance, visual art and production. Workshops and events are open to young people of any ability. Be the first to hear about workshops and events by signing up for alerts below, or for more information email protege@ipswich.qld.gov.au

The last week has seen WestMAC students representing the College with great distinction across a range of extra-curricular activities with some outstanding results.

Dance

WestMAC dancers recently competed at the Quota International Beenleigh Eisteddfod. The High School Dance Groups sections were quite large with so many competitors entered this year that the schools competition was spread over three full days. Our day of competition lasted 13 long hours, and our students competed brilliantly with every WestMAC routine being awarded a placing or a prize; a first for WestMAC Dance.

- Year 9 & Under Contemporary/Lyrical Section: 1st place: Dance Troupe “White Teeth Teens”
- Year 9 & Under Jazz/Funk/Hip Hop Section: 1st place : “Mad Scientists” Hip Hop routine
- Year 9 & Under Musical Theatre/Variety Section: 1st place: “Aladdin” Musical Theatre routine
- “Best High School – Grade 9 & Under” Award: West Moreton Anglican College Dance Troupe
- Year 12 & Under Lyrical Section:
 - 1st place: “Body Love” Dance Company Lyrical routine
 - Highly Commended: “Alaska” Year 11 & 12 Dance Classes
- Year 12 & Under Funk/Hip Hop Section: 2nd place: “King of Hearts” Dance Company Hip Hop
- Year 12 & Under Jazz Section: 3rd place: “24K Magic” Year 11 Dance Class
- Year 12 & Under Student’s Own Choreography – Any Style:
 - 2nd place: Dance Company Boys Hip Hop
 - 3rd place: Dance Company Girls Hip Hop
- Year 12 & Under Musical Theatre/Variety Section:
 - 2nd place: “Broadway Melody” Dance Company
 - Highly Commended: “No Bad News” The Wiz Cast
 - Highly Commended: “Coffee Break” Year 12 Dance Class

Congratulations to our dancers on a fantastic achievement and thanks as always to Miss Judd and her fabulous team of helpers.

Music

In a similar vein, four of our smaller music ensembles performed at the Silkstone Eisteddfod last week. Results again confirmed the dominance of local eisteddfods by WestMAC musicians:

- Brass Ensemble: Gold Award

- Flute Choir: Silver Award
- Flute Quartet: Gold Award
- Cello Consort: Silver Award

Well done to our musicians and their teachers, Mrs Lawless, Mrs Rixon and Mr Hall.

Performance Band delighted students in Kindy, Prep and Years 2 and 3 at our annual Cushion Concert last Tuesday in the Middle School Open Learning Area. Members of Performance Band and Symphonic Band are looking forward to the band camp at the start of Term 4 to put the final polish on their preparations for the Prestige Music Fest in October.

The Music Department has been advised that applications are now open for the Young Conservatorium (Young Con) 2018. The Young Con offers a range of ensembles and programs to suit all ages and gives students access to the skills, expertise and excellence of the Queensland Conservatorium, Griffith University. For more information, visit <https://www.griffith.edu.au/music/open-conservatorium/young-conservatorium>

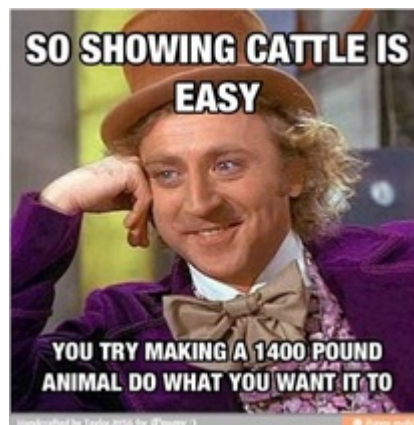
Equestrian

Following the news last newsletter that four of our riders have qualified to compete at the National Championships in Toowoomba this September, we have been advised that two of those riders have been selected by Interschool Equestrian Queensland for leadership positions in the Queensland team:

Molly Stacey: Vice Captain of the Queensland Eventing Team
Tamsyn Breeze: Captain of the Queensland Pool Horse Team

Congratulations to both girls on being selected. This clearly indicates the confidence that the team organisers have in their expertise and outstanding leadership qualities.

Cattle Show Team at the Ekka



The WestMAC Cattle Show Team returned to College exhausted, but proud after yet another stellar year at the Ekka, culminating with the award of the *Blue Ribbon for Most Successful School*. To members of the team who did not travel to the Ekka, we also acknowledge your commitment this year.

Every member of the team has contributed to WestMAC's success during the Ekka Beef Week.

2017 Ekka Results

- 11-13 Year Old Paraders
Grace Davis 5th (out of 65)
- 14-15 Year Old Paraders
Brooke Parlane 8th (out of 160)
Ben Wendt and Olivia Lems made the finals.
- 16-19 Year Old Paraders
Amy Davenport 1st (out of 125)
Sarah-Jane McCartney 8th
Lachlan Young and Faith White made the finals.
- 12-13 Young Judges
Sarah Stewart 2nd
Grace Davis 3rd
Caitlyn Early 4th
- 14-15 Young Judges
Keianna White Highly Commended
- 16-19 Young Judges
Edward Johnstone Highly Commended
- School Steers
Champion and Reserve Champion School Steer
Overall we exhibited 11 Steers for 8 Ribbons
2nd Place in the School Herdsmanship out of 28 schools
Overall Champion School
- Open Steers
Champion Lights Weight Steer with our Charolais Steer Dyno.
2 x 4th place and 2 x 5th place.

Congratulations to all students involved and thanks to Mr Elliott, Mr Beattie and the other staff who supported our students at the Ekka. The Cattle Show Team would also like to thank all of the parents who contributed to helping them through the week in Brisbane. The team is very grateful to the parents who provided transport, meals, snacks, and other support.



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Music Dance Cattle Show Team Extra-curricular Activity

Uniform Shop

Website: <https://www.wmac.com.au/community/uniform-shop>

Blazer Pockets

The cutoff dates for embroidery this term are:

- Monday 4 September – Wednesday 13 September
- Friday 15 September (last day of Term 3) – Start of Term 4

Swimming Uniform Policy

All Prep to Year 12 students must wear the appropriate WestMAC swimming uniform for HPE and REC lessons. Students will not be permitted to swim if they are not in the

correct swimming uniform. The swimming uniform for Prep to Year 12 for HPE (including REC) lessons consists of:

- WestMAC one piece butterfly togs for girls
- WestMAC Speedos or Jammers for boys
- WestMAC sun-shirt
- House coloured swimming cap or 'WestMAC' yellow swimming cap (only if a TAS Swimming team member) are compulsory
- WestMAC swim shorts (optional)

Non-WestMAC boy's Speedos and non-WestMAC girl's one piece togs may be worn providing that they cannot be seen under a WestMAC sun-shirt (WestMAC swim shorts may also be required to hide the non-WestMAC togs. Bobby pins and the navy HPE shorts are not to be worn in the pool. Students are strongly advised to wear sunscreen.

Please note: the Swimming Uniform Policy does not apply to private swimming lessons conducted at the College Pool.

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Whole School

Health Centre

Just a reminder to spread fun, not the flu! With the winter season and illnesses in full swing, it is a timely reminder to reinforce good hand hygiene and cough etiquette with your children. Anyone with symptoms (such as coughs, sore throat, fever, congestion, aches, pains and headaches) should remain at home until they are well again. It's never too late to vaccinate so if you haven't already, you may wish to consider having yourself and your family immunised against flu as added protection.

- [Spread fun, not flu tips! \(PDF 439kb\)](#)
- [Influenza Fact Sheet \(PDF 171kb\)](#)
- [Vaccine from 6 months \(PDF 494kb\)](#)
- [Hand Hygiene \(PDF 488kb\)](#)

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Submissions

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

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