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# Chaplaincy

What a day Thursday was with the wonderful celebration of our 25 Year Founders' Day Service. It was good to have our Archbishop with us for the event. We were able to commission Wing Commander Brett Nanson as a member of College Council. Mr Neil Flottman and his department lifted the service to a higher plane with their music. So many people helped to get everything together for us to be able to share such a wonderful occasion.

I'd especially like to thank Mrs Susan Baills, Mrs Janelle Lecinski, Mrs Jess Freiberg and the 100's of people involved in the organisation of this extraordinary event. WestMAC was able to gather in joyous recognition of how much has been achieved over the last 25 years since this wonderful College came into fruition. I'm so incredibly thankful to have been welcomed in and allowed to share in something so special.

On Saturday evening, 240 Guests and College Community Members will be celebrating at The 25 Year Birthday Dinner Dance. The Lostroh Centre will be transformed into a magical wonderland "By the Light of the Silvery Moon" to celebrate the College's Silver Anniversary!

Worship@WestMAC has resumed for Term 3. We braved the chilly Sunday morning as the warmth of friendship and worship helped soften the bite of the weather. Watch this space for details of future Messy Church services this term.

Towards the end of Term 2, the Ipswich Anglican Churches had a meeting about starting a Young People's Group. The target age range is primarily Years 7 to 9. The first gathering will be held Sunday 29 July at:

All Saints 114 Brisbane Rd BOOVAL From 5 to 7pm

All children attending will be given food and watching a movie.

If you know someone who might be interested, please pass on the infomation or take them along. I also think it's nice to get in at the beginning of something. That way, you can help to make it into the kind of event you'll really enjoy.

Birthday blessings, WestMAC!

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Whole School

### Senior School

#### Student leadership in 2019

In Life Skills this year, the Year 11 students have looked at some of the virtues that leaders possess, for example integrity, courage, humility, empathy and compassion. Additionally, the students at WestMAC are instilled with the belief they can "add value" to family, community, school and workplace, provided they believe in themselves, have the confidence and take action; along with the want to serve humanity.

Further, last Thursday the students participated in a Leadership Seminar entitled Leading a Legacy. During the day, the students' capacity to lead was transformed by:

- identifying individual and collective personality styles and patterns (based on T.E.A.M. Dynamics)
- exploring some of the leadership strengths and challenges of each style
- discovering the value of the unique diversity within social networks
- increasing awareness of the impact that investing in relationships has on the ability to lead
- recognising the ways in which they, as leaders, place values upon the different social groups they lead

- developing practical skills to connect with those they do not know
- improving skills in deepening existing social connections
- recognising communication strategies that affect their ability to motivate and lead others

Like last year, part of the nomination process for student leadership, candidates (students in Year 11) are expected to submit a cover letter and resume, as they would if they were applying for a job. In order to prepare the students for this process during Year 11 Life Skills the students have looked at writing a cover letter and resume as key components of a job application.

This week the students were emailed information pertaining to the process involved in applying for a 2019 Student Leadership position.





# 2018 International Mathematical Modelling Challenge

The International Mathematical Modelling Challenge (IM<sup>2</sup>C) is a team-based mathematical competition for Australian secondary students. Operating in teams, comprising up to four students from the same school, participants must work collaboratively to solve a problem (set globally) by devising and applying an original mathematical model.

Constrained to a period of five consecutive days, teams unpack the given problem, hypothesise, test, and develop a working solution, before preparing and submitting a report on their solution to the Australian judging panel. The best two solutions then progress to compete against the other participating countries on an international level.

The 2018 problem was to devise a way of deciding the best hospital in your local area. How would you measure and choose the "best" of these local hospitals? What variables do you use and how well can you measure each? This was a particularly challenging problem given the complexity of the context, the range of different variables that might be relevant, and the difficulty of obtaining data to analyse the possibilities, devise and test a decision-making model, and evaluate the stability and usefulness of the model developed. Perhaps the biggest challenge for teams was to complete their work in the very limited time available.

For the 2018 Challenge, a total of 163 teams for across Australia registered to participate. Of those teams that entered only 75 teams actually submitted a report. The WestMAC team of Freya Domrow, Danielle Scalia, Hudson Walker and Kern Webster were recognised at Assembly last week for being one of the 75 teams to successfully submit a solution in the form of a twenty page report.

Only the top two reports from Australia were passed on to the international level of the competition. Even though the WestMAC team report was not one of the two, to be sent on we are pleased to congratulate our team on successfully completing the challenge.



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Senior School

# Middle School

Welcome back to Term 3. I hope you had an enjoyable break and ready for another 10 week term. There's a lot of exciting

things happening this term and I very much look forward to sharing these with you and the students.

One of the most important aspects of my position as Head of Middle School is to create and maintain a safe space for all Middle School students. Last term saw us embrace the value of kindness, respecting all students regardless of difference. The students engaged in the benefits of choosing kindness above all.

This week at assembly I reaffirmed the value of kindness and that is not isolated to last term but a value that is embedded as an important part of our everyday lives here at the College. I believe that it is a reasonable expectation that all students are kind to one another.

I further explained to the Middle School students that the language we use illustrates our level of kindness. The way we use language shows people who we really are. With our value of kindness in mind, I encouraged students to continue to use positive, supportive and respectful language.

Although speaking to the small minority, I did make it very clear to those students who choose to use inappropriate language that there will be significant consequences. Examples of inappropriate language include:

- Threatening another person with physical violence making them feel unsafe in any way.
- Threatening another person's safety.
- Using offensive language e.g. swearing.
- Using degrading statements. That is, statements that
  put down someone because of their gender, race,
  background or beliefs. It is never just a joke and
  saying it was just a joke is not a defence nor a
  justification.
- Using appropriate language applies to all areas of the College. Whether it be playing sport, in the classroom or in student's free time – inappropriate language is not to be used.
- This expectation also extends to student online behaviour. As like here at the College, the same expectations of respectful interactions are expected.

Most importantly students need to understand that there is never a time, nor a place, for this type of inappropriate language. It is never just a joke or something that they just do. As I stated earlier, I want all students to feel safe and respected.

The use of inappropriate language is few and far between. The Middle School at WestMAC is a vibrant and exciting place to be. Each day I see our students showing great care, respect and empathy towards one another. Inappropriate language is certainly not the norm. Although, I do feel it is important that I state that it will not be tolerated. Those few students who neglect to choose kindness and appropriate language must expect a significant consequence including suspension or review of their enrolment.

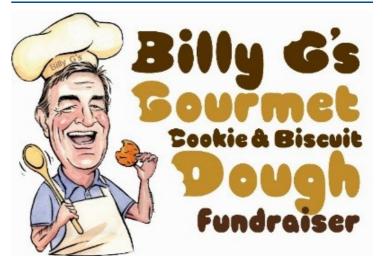
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#### Middle School

# Kindy



Our Annual Cookie Dough Fundraiser has commenced. Brochures are available at Kindy and Cookie dough can also be ordered online.

<u>Please return your brochure and monies to Kindy by 3rd August, 2018.</u>

The current scheduled day for pick-up of your order is Wednesday 22nd August, 2018.

Purchase the Gingerbread dough and receive a FREE Gingerbread Man cookie cutter.

The kids will love baking their very own Gingerbread Men.

Billy G's is an Australian family owned and operated business. There are ten (10) delicious flavours including a new Gingerbread and Shortbread Biscuit dough, a cheese flavoured Doggie Dough that your favourite furry animals will go bonkers over and a Gluten Free Choc Chunk. There are FREE PRIZES detailed in the order form. The more tubs you sell, the better the prize!

- The cookie dough is packed in a reusable 1kg tub which makes 40 x 25g cookies. 35c-40c per cookie.
- You can REFREEZE the cookie dough and thaw it out as you require for baking.
- You can keep the thawed cookie dough in your refrigerator for up to 4 weeks.

#### Paying for your orders, you have two options:

In person: Return monies with the attached order form with your prize selection to your coordinator for yourself and multiple orders for family, friends and neighbours.

Order and pay online: Go to www.cookiedough.com.au and place your order and pay online.

All orders to be placed and paid for by the due date above. We will advise at a later date the confirmed pick up date.

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Whole School

### Term 3 Fees

Term 3 fees accounts were due for payment on Monday 16 July.

Please contact Mrs Tricia Steele, Accounts Receivable, if you need to discuss this payment.

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Whole School

### Creative Arts and Extra-curricular



#### Term 3 Extra-Curricular Events

Sat 28 Jul	Founders Day Dinner (Ensembles TBC)
Sun 29 Jul	Brisbane City Bands Festival, Queen St Mall (Jazz Vocal 9.30am, Big Band 9.45am)
Tues 31 Jul	JS and MS Academic Assembly, MS 9.30am, JS 11.30am
Tues 31 Jul	Anglican Provincial Clergy Conference, Seaworld Resort PM (Big Band)
Thurs 2 Aug	SS Academic Assembly, 11am

Wed 8 Aug	Silkstone Eisteddfod – Junior Strings(AM) TBC	
Wed 8 Aug	Silkstone Eisteddfod – Brass Ensemble, Flute Choir, WestMAC Strings(PM)	
Thurs 9 Aug	Silkstone Eisteddfod – Cello Consort, Clarinet Choir, Flute Quartet (PM)	
Tues 14 Aug	FOTA Meeting, 5.30pm in Staff Common Room	
Wed 22 Aug	Year 12 Music Recital 6pm MD17/18	
Thurs 23 Aug	Grandies Day - Piccolo Voci & Bella Voce	
Fri 31 Aug	Jazzin' Up The Hall" – (Big Band, Jazz Vocal) MPH. 7pm	
Tues 11 Sept	FOTA Meeting, 5.30pm in Staff Common Room	
Tues 18 Sept	Cushion Concert (Performance Band and P to 3), period 2 OLA	
Tues 18 Sept	Year 12 Music Extension Semester Two Recital, 6pm (combined event)	
Tues 18 Sept	Studio and Small Ensemble Recital No 3, MD17, 6pm (combined event)	

#### Music

Term 3 starts with a busy performance schedule for our musicians, beginning with Symphonic Band and Chorale performances at the Founders' Day Service on Thursday 26 July and followed immediately by Big Band and Jazz Vocal performances at the Founders' Dinner Dance on Saturday 28 July, the Brisbane City Bands Festival (Jazzin' Up The Mall) on Sunday 29 July and a Big Band performance at the Anglican Regional Clergy Conference dinner on Tuesday 31 July. Our ensembles will then begin final preparations for the upcoming Silkstone Eisteddfod.

#### Equestrian

Our Equestrian Team represented the College at the Inter-school Queensland State Championships during the recent school holidays. The team spirit across all events was high and team members showed enthusiasm and excitement to be there supporting and helping one another. Many team members overcame significant challenges to achieve personal bests. Our riders achieved some excellent results, including:

#### Siena Fisher-Peters

- Reserve Champion Primary Preliminary Dressage on Wesley Dale Loveheart
- 5th Place Primary Working Hunter on Wesley Dale Loveheart
- Reserve Champion Primary Showman 4-Phase 45cm on Wesley Dale Loveheart
- 5th Place Primary 60cm Show Jumping on Wesley Dale Loveheart
- Reserve Champion Primary 80cm Show Jumping on Jazz McTavish

- Champion Primary 60cm CT on Wesley Dale Loveheart
- 3rd Place Primary 80cm CT on Jazz McTavish

#### Freya Domrow

- 4th Place Secondary Elementary Dressage on Chance of a Lifetime
- Champion Secondary Advanced Dressage on Emmaville Decoy
- Reserve Champion Secondary Showman 4-Phase 60cm on Chance of a Lifetime
- Reserve Champion Secondary 60cm CT on Chance of a Lifetime
- Champion Advanced Dressage Freestyle on Emmaville Decoy

#### Sage Fisher-Peters

- 7th Place Secondary Working Hunter on Grand Casanova
- 6th Place Secondary Showman 4-Phase 85cm on Grand Casanova

#### Asha Crane-Winters

 7th Place Secondary Showman 4-Phase 45cm on Barley Twist

While these results are excellent, all riders had a great time. Following is the complete list of riders who competed at the state championships.

- Show Jumping Sage Fisher-Peters, Claire Crocombe, Olivia Galetto
- Dressage Freya Domrow, Asha Crane-Winters, Sarah Stewart, Emily Davis, Savina O'Loughlin, Erin Johnston, Grace Davis, Siena Fisher-Peters, Oliva Galetto
- Showman Sage Fisher-Peters, Freya Domrow, Sarah Stewart, Emily Davis, Asha Crane-Winters, Siena Fisher-Peters
- Show Horse Siena Fisher-Peters, Sage Fisher-Peters
- Combined Training Olivia Galetto, Erin Johnston Sage Fisher-Peters, Siena Fisher-Peters, Freya Domrow

#### Cattle Show Team

Over the school holidays, our Cattle Show Team competed at Rosewood and Laidley shows and last Saturday they represented the College at Gatton Show, bringing home several awards including Grand Champion Charolais Bull, won by WestMAc Newman. The Cattle Show Team is now into final preparations for the EKKA in a week's time.

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Whole School

### Football Excellence

#### Club Football

Over the past 2 months we have had several Football Excellence students training and playing matches in a bid to make the final cut for Queensland representation. In great news, Cardiff Pond (Year 8) has been successful in making the U13 Queensland Football squad as a Goal Keeper to play in the 2018 National Youth Championships. Mitchell Colaso (Year 8) has been also successful in being selected in the extended U14 Queensland squad. Both carnivals are to be held at Coffs Harbour during the September school holidays. Congratulations boys.

#### **Futsal**

Madison Mark (Year 10) embarks on another trip over to China to represent the state and country in an international futsal tournament at the beginning of August. A wonderful achievement and an experience I am sure she will never forget. Best of luck Madi!

#### School Football

Term 3 sees the culmination of 9 months of hard work for our Football Excellence Squad members, with the boys competing in the TAS Football competition as well as the ISSA Cup and UHL Cup knockout stages. Our U14 girls will be contesting the ISSA Cup knockout stages also.

Thank you to everyone who supports our Football Excellence students in their respective competitions. Some great Football to be played in Term 3.

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Whole School

# **Ipswich Knights FC**



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Whole School

# Debating and Public Speaking

#### **Debating Celebration Evening**

The annual Debating Celebration Evening will be held on Monday 27 August from 6 to 8pm.

All debaters and their families are invited to attend to celebrate another year of debating fun and growth. This is a night to say thank you to our coaches and parents, and to recognise students through the Spirit of Debating and Service to Debating Award presentations.

Invitations will be handed out in week 3. Students will be advised through Student Notices of where to collect their invitations.

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Whole School

## Indigenous Liaison Officer

Gurumba Bigi (Goo-room-bah Big-ee); Hello and G'day everyone, this term is going to be an exciting one for our Early Learning Indigenous Cultural program. I commenced working with the Prep Year, where I introduced the children (Jarjums) to mapping their country around them, through drawing our own Aboriginal Maps of their learning, playground and eating spaces, within the College grounds. We all had so much fun and everyone was very eager to draw their maps, learning all about Indigenous symbols. I will be working with the Prep year Level for the next 8 weeks, engaging them through narrative (stories), art and cultural engagement and environmental custodianship.







On the last week of holiday's we celebrated NAIDOC week and this week at senior school chapel we remembered through prayer and acknowledgment. It was a wonderful moment to acknowledge all the amazing Indigenous women who have shown great resilience, tenacity and determination to become pillars of our society; through the theme "Because of her, we can"

During the term break our students and families celebrated NAIDOC in their own way and I would like to share a proud photo of one of our Year 8 students, Maddison Clausen, who had the wonderful opportunity to represent Indigenous Australia at the 7 nation's indoor netball competition. Congratulations Maddison and well done.



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Whole School

### Career's Advisor

#### Open Days

Australian Catholic University	Brisbane: Saturday, 28 July 9am to 2pm
Australian Maritime College	Launceston: Saturday, 11 August 10am to 3pm
Bond University	Gold Coast: Saturday, 28 July 2 to 6pm
Christian Heritage College	Thursday, 23 August 5.30 to 8pm
	Thursday, 25 October 5.30 to 8pm
Central Queensland University Australia	Brisbane: Thursday, 9 August 3 to 6.30pm
Griffith University	Nathan, South Bank and Gold Coast: Sunday, 12 August.
James Cook University	Townsville: Sunday, 19 August
	Cairns: Sunday, 26 August
Queensland University of Technology	Gardens Point: Sunday, 29 July 9am to 3pm
SAE Creative Media Institute	Brisbane: Saturday, 4 August 10am to 2pm
Southern Cross University	Gold Coast: Sunday, 29 July
The University of Queensland	St Lucia: Sunday, 5 August 9am to 3pm
	Gatton: Sunday, 19 August 9am to 3pm
University of Southern Queensland	Toowoomba: Sunday, 19 August 10am to 2pm
	Ipswich: Saturday, 1 September 10am to 1pm
	Springfield: Friday, 7 September 3 to 7pm
University of the Sunshine Coast	Fraser Coast: Saturday, 23 June
	Sippy Downs: Sunday, 22 July
	Caboolture: Sunday, 5 August



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Whole School

# **Uniform Shop**

#### Uniform Shop Opening Times – School Days only

Day	Term 3
Monday	7.30am to 3.30pm
Wednesday	7.30 to 11am
Friday	7.30am to 3.30pm

The Uniform Shop will be open on the Ekka Show student free day Wednesday 15 August 2018 from 7.30am to 3.30pm.

#### Blazer pockets

All embroidery requests left at the Uniform shop last Term are ready for collection.

If you would like your pocket sewn onto your blazer in Term 3, please bring your blazer to the Uniform Shop on a Monday or Friday at First Break. Your blazer will be ready for you to collect at Second Break on the same day. The cost to sew on a pocket is \$8.

#### Junior TAS and TAS Sport Borrowed Uniforms

Any outstanding Junior TAS and TAS sport uniforms borrowed for Term 1 and 2 must be returned as soon as possible otherwise students could be charged \$75 for each item not returned.

#### Lost property

Over the holidays any uniform items found at the College were brought to the Uniform Shop.

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

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

A lot of non-WestMAC items were also bought to the Uniform Shop including school shoes, joggers, jumpers, lunch boxes and drink bottles. These items will be placed outside the Uniform Shop on Monday, Wednesday and Friday until the 3 August 2018. Any items not collected by Friday 3 August will be either donated to a charity or destroyed.

#### Plastic Bags

Please note that the Uniform Shop can no longer provide customers with a single-use lightweight plastic shopping bag for their purchases.

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Whole School

### P&F Association

The P&F Association provides an avenue for all members of the College community to become involved in friend-raising and fundraising activities on a volunteer basis. We are an active and valuable group of College supporters who conduct larger scale activities that underpin the facilities and offerings of the College through such as book pack coordination and community events (Twilight Fete).

The group meets monthly during term time in the Central Administration Building Staff Common Room. At the P&F Association meetings, attendees are encouraged to express ideas, discuss viewpoints and contribute to the setting of a vision for the Association for the year. Attending the P&F meetings and/or volunteering to assist in fundraising for the school greatly supports both the students and staff at the school, as well as being a great avenue to build friendships. Everyone is encouraged to attend and welcomed, even if it is only occasionally!

# 2018 P&F Association Meeting Dates (Term 3 and 4)

Meetings will be held on a Wednesday evening at 6.30pm in the Staff Common Room (lower level of the Central Administration Building). Specific dates are below:

- 15 August 2018 (Student free day)
- 19 September 2018
- 17 October 2018
- 28 November 2018 Annual General Meeting

Everyone is very welcome to attend.



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