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## Principal

### Llewellyn's Local Legends

WestMAC is proud to partner with many local organisations and businesses to help support our students and College. Llewellyn Motors is a much-valued WestMAC Platinum Partner and a long-term supporter of the College. As part of our partnership, we are very pleased to be a member of the *Llewellyn Motors Local Legends Program*. If you are in the market for a new car or service, head to Llewellyn Motors and nominate WestMAC as your Local Legends choice. In doing so, you will be helping the College to raise funds to support our Junior School Veggie Patch Program. It is easy to support this program. Simply service your car, purchase tyres, batteries, etc or purchase a new/used vehicle from Llewellyn Motors and be sure to nominate WestMAC as your Local Legend.

In addition, Llewellyn Motors is supporting our Father's BBQ Breakfast next Friday 31 August as a major sponsor. Llewellyn's will be providing Bacon and Egg Rolls at this event which will be held from 6.30am at the Lostroh Centre. I encourage all Dads, Step-Dads, Grandads and other father figures to join me for an early Father's Day celebration. Further details are located in the flyer in this edition of the Newsletter.



### 10 and 20 Year Alumni Reunions

I was delighted to attend the 10 and 20 Year WestMAC Alumni events on Saturday 18 August. The Classes of 1998 and 2008 reunited to share memories of their time at school, and reconnect with classmates. I was also very pleased to be able to reunite Class of 1998 Alumni, Dirk Bakker, with his Graduation Cup from 20 years ago. Dirk missed collecting his Cup at the time, but the Science Department has kept this safe in the hope of one day returning it to its rightful owner.



## Junior School Musical

I extend my warm congratulations to our Junior School team for this week's fantastic performance of *Honk! Jr.* It never ceases to amaze me how so many performers (400+) can be marshalled so effectively. I'm sure that speaks largely to the tremendous work done in preparation for the performance by the entire team. Well done to everyone involved with the organisation of this popular event – with special mention to Mrs Michelle French, for her superlative effort in overseeing the production. It was indeed a spectacular evening. Photos on the Musical can be found further on in the Newsletter.

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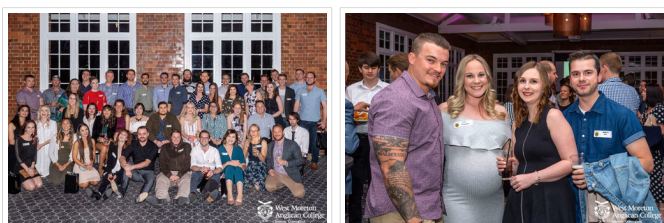
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## Class of 1998 20 Year Reunion



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## Class of 2008 10 Year Reunion



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## Father's BBQ Breakfast 2018



Join us for the Llewellyn Motors and P&F

## Father's BBQ Breakfast 2018

Friday 31 August from 6.30am, outside the Lostroth Centre

BBQ bacon and egg rolls, sponsored by Llewellyn Motors. Help support the Local Legends WestMAC Junior School Veggie Patch Program with a gold coin donation

Two coffee vans with coffee, tea and hot chocolate, sponsored by the WestMAC Parents and Friends Association.



Let's celebrate the amazing father figures in our lives.

Whole School

## Deputy Principal

### 2020 Term Dates

WestMAC Term Dates for 2020 have now been set. This information is available on the College website and is visible in the calendars on Parent Lounge and the App. Please click [here](#) to download the WestMAC 2020 Term Dates.

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## Middle School

This week saw 22 of our Year 7 and 8 Middle School students compete in the annual STEM and Engineering Challenge. Pleasingly, WestMAC's numbers were completely overwhelming to our competitors, with over half of the participants coming from our College.

I certainly value the diversity our curriculum provides for our students across Arts, Humanities, Maths and Science. With additional studies in RAVE, Physical Education and other pastoral areas, Middle School students are provided with such a broad range of learning opportunities. The opportunity to engage in competitions such as the STEM and Engineering Challenge further allow our students to extend their thinking beyond that of the classroom and curriculum.

The value of these competitions is not in obtaining a place

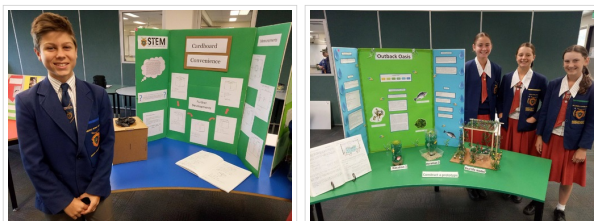
but students getting messy in their thinking. That is, attempting different types of thinking, exploring and developing successful strategies and when failing, remaining optimistic and considering other alternatives to reach success.

QCAA describes the importance of STEM as a part of everyday life and an increasing part of every workplace. STEM education enables students to develop solutions to complex problems and provides them with literacies and capabilities that will help them succeed in a world of technological change. As future innovators, educators, researchers and leaders, it is important that students develop the skills required to compete on a global scale.

Additionally, engaging in STEM and Engineering related activities benefits students by providing them with:

- a deeper understanding of STEM and Engineering disciplines
- 21st century skills, e.g. collaboration, critical thinking, creativity and problem solving
- STEM literacy for everyday use
- knowledge and confidence to learn.

I congratulate all of our budding STEM and Engineer experts. They represented the College with great enthusiasm and dedication. Special congratulations must go to our Year 7s who won 1st, 2nd and 3rd places for scientific investigation and our Year 9s won 3rd place for model making. A fantastic effort for our first time in this competition and my congratulations to all involved.



Special thanks must also go to Mr Barke and Mrs Burt for their efforts in planning this opportunity for our students and their presence during the day. It was very much appreciated.

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Middle School

## Junior School

### Growth Mindset

Throughout the Student Diary you will find many references to a growth mindset and this is one of the ideas that underpins our RAVE program. During the recent NED Show, students heard

that having a growth mindset is believing that we can improve through effort and practice.

Parents can help children to foster a growth mindset by encouraging effort and persistence. Experiencing disappointment is a completely normal part of life. The key is to take disappointment and frame it positively. This can be achieved by having a growth mindset. Some helpful phrases that promote a growth mindset include:

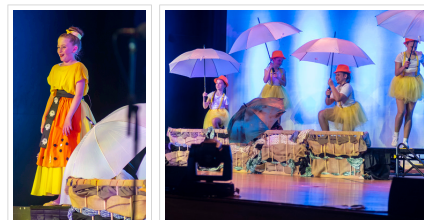
- My effort and attitude determine everything I can do
- I can always grow and learn
- I can train my brain
- Mistakes make me better
- I keep growing my brain by trying new things
- Instead of giving up, I try a different way
- I can't do this ... YET!
- I need to re-think this and not give up.

At this link, you will find some notes that you can give to your children to encourage them to have a growth mindset: <http://www.thenedshow.com/assets/mindset-notes.pdf>

### Junior School Musical Honk! Jr.

On Tuesday evening students in Years 1 to 6 performed *Honk! Jr.* for the WestMAC community. The students performing in lead roles were superb and are to be congratulated for all their efforts in attending rehearsals, learning lines and songs. Each year level song allowed all students the opportunity to shine on stage as part of the production.

My sincere thanks to Mrs Michelle French who was the musical and creative talent behind the show. She was ably assisted by Miss Nikeisha Plumridge (auditions and choreography), Miss Krystal Spark (rehearsing lead roles), Mrs Latetia Strohben (costuming), Miss Ebony Westwood (Year 4 and finale). The musical would not be possible without the dedication and patience of our Years 1 to 6 class teachers and assistants who rehearsed with students and organised costumes for year level songs.



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Junior School

## Curriculum

## QCST

The Year 12 QCST will be held on Tuesday 4 September and Wednesday 5 September. Students are now on their final round of preparation. Most have now completed their calculator check and have received the equipment list and other instructions.

## Year 12 End of Year Processes

Once Year 12 students have completed all assessments for the year, students are ranked based on their academic achievement, in each Authority Subject. This ranking allows Subject Achievement Indicators, or SAIs, to be calculated. The SAI provides an idea of the student's placement in the subject cohort.

Schools are required to publish SAIs for Year 12 students no later than Wednesday 21 November 2018. WestMAC makes these SAIs available in the library for students to see. Students may choose to return to the College to view these.

Please note that we are not able to give a student's SAI listing over the phone. The SAI must be viewed with respect to the placement of other students in the cohort.

I also draw your attention to the point that Year 12 students are required to be in attendance up to and including Friday 16 November. This is a QCAA requirement.

## Presentation to Year 9 Students and Parents

I am sure that most Year 9 students and parents have heard that assessment in Year 11 and 12 is changing. These changes will take effect with our Year 11 cohort in 2019. We will be holding an Information Evening on Monday 17 September for Year 9 students and their parents. A letter inviting you to this event will appear in your inboxes within the next little while.

## Junior School Parent Teacher Interviews

Junior School on Tuesday 18 September from 3.15pm to 8pm.

We will be using The Alpha School System Parent Teacher Interviews (PTI) method, which is accessed by parents through Parent Lounge.

After the interview conference event is opened, parents can book appointment times directly into the appointment schedule via Parent Lounge. The bookings are made online in real-time, hence the parent is aware immediately of what bookings they are able to obtain. This is also a 'first in first served' type method.

Should you wish to make an appointment but have no computer access, please contact Mrs Liz Griffiths on 3813 4543.

Access to interview bookings through Parent Portal will open for Junior School on 7 September from 6am.

If a staff member has no available appointments available you will need to contact the teacher directly to arrange a suitable time to meet.

If you have any questions regarding the PTI booking process please contact Mrs Liz Griffiths at [lgriffiths@wmac.com.au](mailto:lgriffiths@wmac.com.au).

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Whole School

## Enrolments Office

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### Enrolments for 2020

If you have any students who wish to enrol at the College for 2020, could I please remind you that it is important that you lodge an Enrolment Application as soon as possible. Positions available are reducing quickly.

### Notification of Leaving

The College requires one term's notice of any student/s leaving the College, otherwise one term's fees will be charged in lieu of not receiving this notification. If parents become aware that their child will be leaving at the end of the year due to postings etc, please email me by the end of the September school holidays.

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Whole School

## Sport

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### Trimester 3 TAS Sport

This week we head into Round 6 of the TAS Sporting Competition and host Cannon Hill Anglican College at home.

A reminder that team photos for Boys Basketball and Boys Football will be taken this Saturday 25 August. The photo timetable can be found on this week's draw.

Results and competition ladders can be found at <http://www.theassociatedschools.com.au/>

The below article recently came across our desks at the Sports Department, an excellent account of a sporting journey about persistence, knock-backs and finding success. Appropriately named 'Apologies to the coaches I stalked' it is a great read and I encourage all to follow the below link:

<https://www.playersvoice.com.au/laura-scherian-apologies-coaches-stalked/#vUoyC5qUjgL0loBG.97>

## TAS Sport Review

This year a review of the TAS sporting program is taking place. Its aim is to review current procedures and processes, explore new possibilities and methods for undertaking TAS sporting programs and investigate new ventures. A link to a survey has been emailed to allow students, parents and staff to have their say. I would encourage everyone to take the time to complete this survey as it will provide valuable feedback. The survey is seeking feedback from the entire WestMAC community, not just those involved in TAS sporting programs currently. We encourage all parents to take part in completing this survey.

## Term 4 Junior TAS Sport – Touch Football and Tennis

Preparation for the Junior TAS Sporting Program in Term 4 is currently underway. The sports on offer for our Years 4 to 6 students are Touch Football and Tennis. The format for the games in Junior TAS Sport for Term 4 is slightly different to previous terms.

Tennis will be played as a five-week season, with games beginning Saturday 20 October and concluding Saturday 17 November. Games will be played on a home and away basis and due to the team format of play, games may last up to three hours. Students will be trialling for Junior TAS Tennis positions. Students gaining positions on the Tennis Team will be experienced or competent tennis players – this is not a 'learn to play' tennis activity. If students are not successful in gaining a position on the Junior TAS Tennis team, we will once again have an Intra-College Tennis program which involves WestMAC students playing internal fixtures against each other, learning how to play Tennis in a fun, semi-competitive environment.

Touch will be played in a carnival format on Saturday mornings over two weeks. The carnivals are scheduled for Saturday 20 October and Saturday 27 October and will once again be held at Ormiston College.

To sign your student on for either Tennis or Touch, please visit the Parent Portal Permissions.

## Junior TAS Training Clinic

There will be a training clinic on Saturday 13 October at WestMAC from 8am to 10am. All students are encouraged to attend this session. This will replace the previously advertised date of Saturday 15 September.

## Junior TAS Athletics Carnival

The 2018 Junior TAS Athletics Carnival will be held on Friday 14 September at QSAC, Nathan. Congratulations to all students on their efforts so far. All students are to be commended for their dedication and enthusiasm throughout the term. As we look to ramp up our preparation, students are reminded to attend as many of the remaining training sessions as possible. Details of the Carnival will be emailed home to parents and guardians shortly.

## Brisbane Heat Ute Tour Visit Junior School

Junior School students welcomed the Brisbane Heat Ute Tour to the College on Thursday. It was an exciting event with many students taking away prizes and seeing who could hit the biggest 6! Students in Year 4 will have the chance to sign on to the T20 Blast competition to be held in Week 10. Details to follow.

## Representative Sport Trial Information

WestMAC is permitted to enter a limited number of students into a District or Zone trial. Students nominated must display a high proficiency of skills and tactics in the sport. Students would be playing for school and/or club and be one of the best players in their team. District/Zone sport trials are not a participation event, rather the beginning of the representative pathway towards representing Queensland at National Championships. Teams are generally for students turning 12 Years of age and under unless otherwise stated.

Students are asked to nominate for sports they wish to be considered for in the District Sport Expression of Interest form that is available at the Sports Reception. Information about upcoming trials is announced in the Daily Notices so it is imperative that students listen to these notices each day. Students will be selected based on performances in school sporting teams, in consultation with respective coaches, and a judgment on the standard of previous trials and student ability.

## Congratulations to...

- Caleb Marschke, Matthew Spilsbury and Zak Smith on being selected for the 10 to 12 Boys' Western Ranges Cricket Team to contest the Met West trials later this term.
- Ethan Ramsay who competed at the recent Under 12 State Rugby Tournament. His team finished mid table with Ethan having many good touches on the ball and really enjoying his first State Tournament away for this sport. Good luck for the future Ethan!
- WestMAC had two runners finish in the top ten in the State recently. Alex Gough finished in 9th place and Ella Lane who placed 7th at the Secondary School State Cross Country Championships. Ella also finished 2nd in the relay, and then 3rd in the Queensland State Championships at Maleny. She was named in the Queensland team for the 2018 Australian Cross Country Championships to be held in Maleny on Saturday 25 August. Well done to Ella and Alex!



Ella Lane with her relay medal

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Whole School

## Creative Arts and Extra-curricular

### Term 3 Extra-curricular Events

Friday August	31	Jazzin' Up The Hall – (Big Band, Jazz Vocal, Brass Ensemble), Lostron Centre, 7pm
Tuesday September	11	FOTA Meeting, Staff Common Room, 5.30pm
Tuesday September	18	Cushion Concert (Performance Band and Prep to Year 3), OLA, Period 2
Tuesday September	18	Year 12 Music Extension Semester Two Recital, MD17, 6pm (combined event)
Tuesday September	18	Studio & Small Ensemble Recital No 3, MD17, 6pm (combined event)

### Music

Symphonic Band and Performance Band members have now been invited to the 2018 Band Camp. Parents are requested to please RSVP in Parent Lounge. Payment is due Friday 14 September.

On Sunday 12 August, the Clarinet Choir performed at a special gathering of the Qld Clarinet and Saxophone Society. The Clarinet Choir proudly showed off its new instruments; the E flat piccolo and E flat alto clarinets as well as the very impressive contra-bass clarinet. The choir performed with precision and flair to a very appreciative audience.

*Jazzin' Up the Hall* is on Friday 31 August and promises to

be another evening of great music and good company. WestMAC's Big Band, Jazz Vocal and Brass Ensemble will perform along with special guests Ipswich City Big Band. Tickets are available on the [College website](#). BYO drinks and nibbles.

Date claimer: If you enjoyed Proms at St Paul's earlier this year, then don't miss the Christmas Concert at St Paul's on Friday 7 December, featuring the Excelsior Band Brisbane, members of the WestMAC Chorale, the St Paul's Festival Choir and other guest artists.

### Dance

On Wednesday 8 August, Dance Troupe and Dance Company competed at the Quota Beenleigh Dance Eisteddfod. As we have come to expect from our dancers, they performed impeccably, both on and off the stage, bringing home a very impressive tally of results and awards:

Dance Troupe:

- 1st place for Hip Hop (Harry Potter routine)
- 1st place for Musical Theatre (High School Musical routine)
- 1st place for Contemporary (Hallelujah routine)

Dance Company:

- 1st place for Musical Theatre (Newsies routine)
- 2nd place for Hip Hop (Freedom routine)
- 2nd place for Contemporary (Light of the Seven routine)

Boys Hip Hop:

- 1st place for Student Choreography

Girls Hip Hop:

- 2nd place for Student Choreography

Well done to all of the students and heartfelt thanks to Mrs Cahill and Mrs Stroben for their assistance with the organisation and support of the students at this event.

### Cattle Show Team

The Cattle Show Team finished their 2018 season with an outstanding effort at the EKKA. This year, the team exhibited 11 Charolais cattle, including our very own bull, bred and raised on the College farm, WestMAC Newman. The animals were housed in the new cattle pavilion with the added security of round-the-clock video camera surveillance. The students laboured incredibly hard, working late into the evening then up again long before dawn, battling fatigue and the cold, to ensure that the animals were properly prepared for showing. Their efforts were rewarded by the award of Highly Commended going to WestMAC Newman in Class 159 – Bull 8 months and under 12 months - and Shania Gough taking first place in Class 27 - School Steer Young Judging 16 to 18 years - and being named Reserve Champion School Steer Young Judge. Sincere thanks to Ms Edwards, Mr Elliott and other staff assisting to make the experience memorable for the students participating.



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Whole School Extra-curricular Activity

## Debating

### Debating Celebration Evening

The annual Debating Celebration Evening will be held on Monday 27 August from 6pm to 8pm. If you have not already replied to your invitation, please let Mrs Googe know as soon as possible at [dgooge@wmac.com.au](mailto:dgooge@wmac.com.au) or on 3813 4619.

This is a special family evening to say thank you to our coaches and parents, and to recognise students through the Spirit of Debating and Service to Debating Award presentations.

### Annual Debating Survey

Parents are invited to provide feedback about WestMAC Debating through an annual survey. The survey can be found at the link below. It will be open until the end of term. Your feedback is always appreciated and helps us to continue improving this activity for our students.

<https://goo.gl/forms/rLC5kfB8TPmFBiiJ3>

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Extra-curricular Activity

## 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

### Blazer pockets

The cutoff dates for embroidery this Term are:

- Monday 27 August – back Wednesday 5 September
- Friday 21 September (last day of Term 3) – back at start of Term 4

### Second Hand Cut-off date

Please note that proceeds for secondhand items left at the Uniform Shop after Monday 3 September 2018 will not appear on Parent Fees' Account until Term 1 2019. Please ensure that any secondhand uniforms left for re-sale at the Uniform Shop are:

- The current style
- Clean and in good condition
- Have no ink and/or paint marks, perspiration stains, holes, fading or broken zips

### Uniform Issue

The Middle/Senior track jacket can only be worn by students in Years 7 to 12, when wearing a sporting uniform. It cannot be worn with a formal uniform and Junior School students are not allowed to wear the jacket at any time.

### 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 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 allowed to be worn in the pool. Students are strongly advised to wear sunscreen.

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

