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9 June 2009

From the Principal

Building the Future
The next 18 months will be a very busy period for the College. At its recent board meeting, the Board of MBBC reviewed the tenders for the senior studies building. It was agreed that subject to final planning approvals from Brisbane City Council and all financial arrangements in place, this building should commence as soon as possible with the intention to have it completed for the start of 2010. The senior studies building will include a 120 seat lecture theatre as well as classrooms - all with wireless technology.

In addition, thanks to the Federal Government’s School Pride money, work will commence in the forthcoming holidays on the amphitheatre. We have also applied for a State based grant to cover the shade cloth for this area.

Our application for a hall under the Building the Education Revolution has been successful! Work will commence on this by December, with a completion date of 30 June 2010.

These buildings will complete the major buildings in the College for the time being.

We have not as yet run an appeal in relation to our buildings; rather, we encourage parents to contribute voluntarily each term to the building fund, when they pay their fees. I cannot emphasise enough how important these tax deductible contributions are to the growth and development of the College. As we are building each year, these funds are immediately applied to the infrastructure of the College so all donations immediately benefit your son. As we approach the end of the financial year, further opportunities for a tax deduction exist. Parents will soon be receiving a letter encouraging them to contribute to the building fund. MBBC is also building - and seeking support for - their new change rooms at their pool.

Interhouse Athletics Carnival
At the request of MBBC last week, we have altered the dates of our interhouse athletic carnivals. They will now be held as follows:

P-3 Tuesday, 16 June at MBBC
4-11 Wednesday, 17 June at MBC

End of Term
Term finishes at normal finishing times on Friday, 19 June and resumes on Monday 12 July.

Music Festival
I look forward to welcoming parents to our Music Festival next Monday. Please note there has been a slight change of starting time. The Concert will now commence at 7:00 pm

Dr Roderick Crouch
Principal

Announcements

MBBC College Song
Last week, the students were introduced to the College song. The lyrics were created by Mrs Patchett, while on the Great Walk of the Sunshine Coast hinterland with the Silver Duke of Edinburgh boys. It is sung to a catchy Irish tune (see the music) that was used as the basis for an historic Australian folksong about the harsh penal settlement of Moreton Bay under the control of Commander Logan.

The boys are looking forward to the opportunity to sing it on the field after an Eagles victory or to urge our students on to great achievements in any domain.

MBBC College Song
(Sung to the tune of Moreton Bay, circa 1850)

We are the Eagles of Moreton Bay Boys
We soar together to reach new heights
With our school pride and determination
We face each challenge with strength and might
In blue and gold, we will strive for victory
and celebrate with our mates today
So raise your voices in jubilation
We are the Eagles of Moreton Bay

This has been condensed to form a College War Cry:

Eagles, eagles  
Reach new heights  
Pride and courage  
Strength and might  
Blue, gold, victory  
Mates today  
Eagles, eagles  
Moreton Bay

### Events - Highlights

#### Year 4 Excursion

Year 4 attended their first excursion for the year to Beenleigh goldfields to learn more about the gold rush.

When we hopped off the bus we saw a strange man on a horse. It was Captain Lucas, the bushranger terrorising the gold fields. (Later, at) the Cobb & Co station, Captain Lucas came out of nowhere with a gun and shouted at us, “Get down or I’ll shoot!” We all got down on the ground. Then he said, “You with the red backpack,” pointing to Kaleb, “Give me your bag!” Suddenly ‘BOOM!’

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Callum Earle

We walked on to Moreton Mining Town. It looked very real. There was Cooper’s blacksmith, Charlie’s sly grog tent, Will and Jack B’s general store, Brant the bloody butcher, Lachlan and Zac S’s entertainment area and many more.

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Liam Segers

The first role play I went to was panning and cradling.

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Jackson Maybury

In groups, we were given five sticks and a sheet. With only those materials we had to build a tent.

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Zac Schofield

I liked the orienteering activity the most. We got to hunt for bushrangers.

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Kaleb McQuilty

We had a nice lunch. I had three sausages and some damper with syrup.

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Nick Bognar

We played the Gold Rush game where we had to find rocks painted gold. We had to take the gold down to the assay office to get money which we could trade for lollies at the end of the day.

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Matthew Rogers

My favourite part of the day was the Gold Rush game. I liked yelling ‘Eureka!’ I felt like camping there for the night, I just didn’t want to leave it was that fun.

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Mitchell Torrens

I had a fantastic time and I wish that I lived there!

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Matthew Kumar

As you can see by our journals we all had a magnificent day. We would like to thank our parent helpers: Mr Mick Totidis, Ms Louisa Rogers, Ms Jo Borthwick, Ms Sharon Segers and Ms Sharon Sylvester, for coming along and helping us.

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Mrs Jodee Armstrong and Mrs Andrea Bowden

*Year 4 Class Teachers*

**WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY**

Dirty hands and sustainable thought was in order at Moreton Bay Boys’ College (MBBC) on Friday, as the college community celebrated World Environment Day.

Participation in the world wide event is an annual occurrence for students of MBBC. With a number of activities planned throughout the day, the College was humming with green thumbs and environmental warriors alike. Prep students planted trees for a newly developed butterfly garden, and students participated in a “packaging-free” lunch in House groups, with the aim of re-educating all involved into looking for manageable alternatives to plastic packaging, and caring for our planet.

The opportunity to create a better situation for future generations and educate those around us of its importance is crucial. Not only does it provide the community with an opportunity to make a difference now, but also promotes behaviour that will build a foundation for the future.

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**Events - Upcoming**

**MBBC Music Festival 2009**
MBBC Music Festival 2009 will be held on Monday, 15 June 2009 from 7:00 pm in the Music Centre at our sister school, Moreton Bay College.

Parents, grandparents, friends and members of the public are invited to attend.

This will be a wonderful opportunity for many of our boys to experience performing for an audience. It is also an opportunity to see the wonderful work that our Instrumental Music Teachers and music department are doing within the College, as well as showcase a variety of our musicians and ensembles.

Your continued support of the Arts at MBBC is greatly appreciated and we look forward to seeing you there on the night.

Ms Katchia Avenell
Music Teacher

Senior School Africa Tour 2010
Launch Meeting Wednesday 10 June, 3:00 pm in H1

Further to our meeting on 29 April, Information Packs relating to the proposed three-week tour of northern Tanzania in June/July next year were distributed to all boys who indicated an interest in the tour. Enclosed in the pack was information on our tour facilitators, World Challenge, information on Tanzania, an application form, payment information and booking conditions.

The next step in committing to this experience will be to attend our Launch Meeting on Wednesday, 10 June at 3:00 pm in H1. It would be appreciated if your application form and first instalment could be returned at this time.

While it was decided at our last meeting that the trip will be for students only (accompanied by one MBBC staff member and a World Challenge Expedition Leader), parents are welcome to attend this Launch Meeting. If you have further questions regarding the tour, these can be answered at this time.

The final deadline for application and accompanying payment is Thursday, 18 June 2009.

If you would like to receive an Information Pack, please contact Mrs Lesley Cosgrove through the Office.

Teaching and Learning

Excellence in Teaching
The Queensland College of Teachers is seeking to recognise the State’s excellent teachers through the inaugural QCT Excellence in Teaching Awards. There are two categories:

1. Excellence in Teaching; and
2. Excellence in Beginning to Teach

Focus is on individual or school achievements, innovation and creativity leading to effective student learning outcomes and professional relationships within the school community.

Award winners will be announced at a ceremony during the week of celebrations of World Teacher’s Day (Friday, 30 October 2009). The awards are open to registered Queensland teachers from Government, Catholic and Independent schools and will be judged by a selection panel across three simple criteria:

1. Demonstrated excellence in their field;
2. Significant contribution to the teaching profession; and
3. Being an inspirational role model for other teachers.

For full details and to nominate a teacher, please download and complete the nomination form here:

http://www.qct.edu.au/PDF/College/TeacherExcellenceAwards2009NominationForm.pdf or email excellence@qct.edu.au

Nominations close on Friday, 24 July 2009.

Positive Peers Make a Huge Difference
There is little doubt that positive peer relations impact on a child’s academic success, emotional well-being and state of mind.

It is hugely beneficial if a child’s predominant peer group cares for him, has positive expectations about the future and places high value on helping others as well as personal improvement.

Children’s peer groupings can be quite complex and dynamic. Most children will have a prime peer group consisting of between two and up to five others. These social relationships are often formed early in children’s lives and are strengthened
by shared school experiences, extracurricular or informal activities.

Children also have one or two secondary peer groups which can be larger and generally reflect shared interests or shared best friends. When these groups contain children from different grades and even different schools, they have an insulating effect if adverse events happen, and also offer exposure to wider peer groups.

To help your child become a member of positive peer groups try the following four strategies:

1. Discuss with your child how a good friend behaves. Ask him to identify some good friends and talk about what makes them a good friend.
2. Encourage him to join at least one outside school group and be a member of at least one school artistic, sporting or interest group.
3. Limit your child's time in passive, solitary activities, such as television viewing, and computer activities.
4. Make an effort to get to know some of your children's friends and their parents.


Co-Curricular

Debating News

Last Monday evening, the Year 11 debating team took on Villanova College in the third round of the QDU competition. It was a “Secret Subject” debate, which required the boys to prepare their speeches in a one hour time frame. The topic was: “That we should introduce paid parental leave” and our team argued the negative case. Matthew Martin opened our team’s case. Bhavik Kapadia was our second speaker; he rebutted the opposition’s argument and continued our case. Nathan Jackson was our third speaker, who effectively rebutted the affirmative team’s argument and summarised our case. Dominic Guilfoyle contributed to the team’s preparation and acted as time keeper for the evening. Unfortunately the opposition’s argument proved too strong. The boys are to be commended on a fine performance, admirably arguing a difficult topic. Their next debate is against San Sisto.

Mrs Marianna Vidas
English Teacher/Learning Support/Doherty Form Teacher

MBBC Under 8s AFL

The team played their first game in three weeks on Friday after two consecutive washouts. Even in the less than perfect conditions the boys were able to come out on top by working together and moving the ball into the forward zone to allow the kicks for goal. The defenders did a good job of stopping the play of our opposition and clearing the ball back out to the centres. This week we are at home against the Wynnum Warriors.

Sheridan Wallis

Sport

CIC Sport

Last Saturday, all rugby and soccer teams played Gregory Terrace in Round 6 of the CIC season.

CIC Soccer: The soccer teams played host to Gregory Terrace. Mr McCarthy’s energetic Year 5 team won their second A-Grade game of the year, beating Terrace 3 – 1.

CIC Rugby: The rugby teams travelled to Tennyson to play on Gregory Terrace’s home fields. While the score line favours Terrace, the skill level and ‘toughness’ of the MBBC players has increased dramatically.

CIC Cross Country: Last Wednesday, the CIC Cross Country Team travelled to St Paul’s College, Bald Hills, to compete in the annual CIC Cross Country Carnival. All boys tried their best, representing the College with distinction.

Connor Roduner (u/9), Adam Fogg (u/10), Owain Thomas (u/11), Ryan Munro (u/12) and Connor Mclean (u/13) were the best placed MBBC runners in their age group.

The CIC Cross Country season was a tremendous success on many levels. The fitness level of the runners improved, the competitive spirit was brought out in many boys and a running culture has been formed.

We are looking forward to building on the fitness level and enthusiasm of the boys for the upcoming Track and Field season.

A big thank you to Mrs Proctor and Mr and Mrs Masterson for their assistance at the CIC Cross Country Carnival.


All soccer and rugby games will be played at home against Villanova College this Saturday.

Term 3 CIC Sport

Information about Term 3 CIC Sport trials, commitment and selection can be found on the MBBC website under the
RUGBY (Secondary School - Supplementary GPS)
Unfortunately we had no fixtures on the weekend due to GT not being able to field any teams within their E or F division.
We play a full round of fixtures this Saturday and it is expected that all boys are available to play. Students will receive a note informing them of the match details. Good luck this weekend men!

If any parent is not receiving the draw via email and would like to, please email Mr Pike (pikeh@mbbc.qld.edu.au) to be added to the email list. Also, please email Mr Pike photos from any games that you have taken for the End of Season photo collection.

Rugby Refereeing – We need Refs for HOME games!
We are in urgent need of parents to assist with Rugby Union refereeing for ALL home games. If you can help, please contact Mr Pike as soon as possible via email with nominations.

Chaplain’s Corner
SAYING SORRY LIKE A MAN
They say that confession is good for the soul. Well, here I go then.

Confession 1: I confess that I am a very competitive person. Put bluntly, I really do not like to lose ... anything! Taking a walk with me will quite often turn into a race, a race that I will usually try my hardest to win. It really does not matter what it is - sport, board games, footy tipping - I simply have a very competitive streak in me.

Confession 2: I confess that I recently made my son cry over a board game. He did something that made it impossible for me to win the game and I did not take it very well. In fact I became VERY cranky and, in short, I hurt his feelings over a silly board game.

After the game was over and I had settled down a little I knew what I had to do. I went to my son and I apologised to him. It was rather humbling to approach my 11 year old son and tell him that his dad was being a sore loser and acting like a spoilt 2-year-old and then asking him to forgive me. I made sure that it was not a quick, "Hey mate, I'm sorry" type of apology but a real apology where I explained what I did wrong and why I was sorry and then reaffirmed how much I cared about him.

This little episode got me thinking about my role as a parent and especially as a Dad to my boys. Let's be honest here, we as parents are far from perfect. We all make mistakes and sometimes fail in our parenting. The big test is how we respond when we do fail. I think it is very important for us as parents to model how to admit to our mistakes and apologise for them. Sometimes we might find this difficult to do as we have this mistaken belief that we are meant to be perfect. Maybe at times we allow our pride to stop us from being real with our kids. The Bible gives us two great pieces of advice in the Book of Ephesians:

“In your anger do not sin”: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold.
Ephesians 4:26-27

4 Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.
Ephesians 6:4

We need to make sure our relationships with our children are healthy, and one way we do that is by addressing issues straight away and by being a role model about how to address our failures in a honest and vulnerable way. I believe this is so important, especially for you dads out there. There are times when we need to stop acting tough, admit our weaknesses and confess our faults to our children, especially our sons. We need to be role models and teach our boys how to apologise like a man, no grunts, no shoulder shrugs but real, sincere, no excuse making, apologies. It is time to say sorry like you mean it. It's time to be real.

If I can be of assistance to you or your family or if you would like to give me any feedback on any 'Chaplain's Corner' article please feel free to do so, on mccarthys@mbbc.qld.edu.au

Mr Shane McCarthy
School Chaplain
Uniforms
Replacement stock of MBBC sport socks are due to arrive 16 June. All boys will be expected to have this sports uniform item for the start of Term 3.

Uniform Shop holiday trading hours:
19 June - all day
22 June - all day
10 July - all day

Tuckshop
Sushi is not available next week.

Please note that ALL grades need to pre-order tuckshop on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Please view an example of how the tuckshop order needs to be set out.

Please ensure you have checked your son's order that it is correct and has the total amount of money owing for tuckshop included. If the correct money is not supplied a note will be sent home advising of this.

Wet Weather Line
The school wet weather line is the number to call for information about canceled sport eg Active After School Sport or functions that are to be held outside. The information is updated daily. Please call 3906 9450.

Absentee Line
The school absentee line is 3906 9494. Please leave your son's name and a reason for his absence before 9:00 am. A note/medical certificate can be given to your son's teacher on arrival back to school.

Late to school
If your son is late to school, you are required to sign your child in at the school office. Children in younger grades (up to Year 5) are NOT to be sent into the office without a parent.

Parents & Friends

If you need to deposit money into the P & F Bank account, please use these details: Westpac Bank BSB 034 053 A/C No. 175600. Reference: child's surname and year.

Attending College Functions are a great way to show your support for the College. All monies raised this year by the P & F will go towards purchasing equipment, which will benefit all students.

Dinner Dance
Tickets on Sale - Early Bird Price $80 per person.
What do you get for your money? Canapes on arrival, delicious main meal, dessert, tea and coffee, a new band this year, and a fantastic night to have with friends. There will also be silent and public auctions and our popular gold coin games.

Please view the Dinner Dance invitation here.

Promote Your Business
Are you looking to promote your business while supporting the College? Gold, Silver and Bronze Sponsors are required for the Dinner Dance. By sponsoring the event your business will be advertised on all promotional material for the event. Your business name will be mentioned throughout the evening and, if you wish, you can display your goods or services on the evening. Gold, Silver, and Bronze Sponsorships are $2000, $1500, and $1000 respectively.

If you are interested please email me at radford107@yahoo.com

Scholar Dollars
If you are shopping at Capalaba Central, take your receipts to the customer service desk to register points for MBBC. Stacks of Storage is also offering 5% donation on any sale made in this period to MBBC. Just mention MBBC at point of sale. The offer closes 25 June 2009.

Mrs Karen Austin
President
MBBC P & F

Community Notices

MBC Sailing Support Group
The MBC Sailing Support Group is extending an invitation to sailing and non sailing families at Moreton Bay Boys' College to join them at their annual Christmas In July Dinner & Trivia Night, on Saturday, 25 July. The cost is $65 pp and tables are limited to groups of 10. As always, there will be great food and prizes to enjoy. Why not get your ‘trivia night group’ together if you are up for a challenge, or just get together with family, friends and neighbours for a night with a difference.

Please view the Christmas In July invitation here.