10 March 2009

From the Principal

GRANDPARENTS DAY 2009
It was wonderful to have over 350 visitors on Friday. Special thanks to P-3 parents for their wonderful morning tea and to Mrs Seddon for coordinating the arrangements.
The following is an extract from my speech on the morning:
One of our 3 Rs is Relationships, and we will continue to encourage and support the boys to build relationships with all generations. Their ability to relate to each other and each generation is vital to their future well-being and employment. While academic study is at the heart of our College, we understand that education should also encompass the heart and soul to assist boys in their overall development.

At MBBC I never underestimate how important grandparents are to our society, but more especially, to their grandchildren. As you know, many parents work increasingly longer hours, so many grandparents are doing the dropping off and afternoon collecting from school or helping with homework. This can give great joy to both grandparent and grandson as they are able to build their own special relationship. Many families could not get by without assistance from grandparents.

I want to highlight one very important way grandparents can assist, and that is in the development of respect. You may know we have the MBBC MIRROR, which are the characteristics we wish to see in boys/young men - ie to be merciful, independent, resourceful, respectful, open minded and resilient - but we need your help!
Benjamin Franklin said “The best thing to give to your enemy is forgiveness; to an opponent, tolerance; to a friend, your heart; to your child, a good example; to a father, deference; to your mother, conduct that will make her proud of you; to yourself, respect; to all men, charity.”

Respect, like trust, is a key ingredient to the health and welfare of any community. Often we hear calls that society (or more particularly, young people) should show greater respect, whether that be to our elders, authority, our environment or the flag. Respect can be earned in that we develop great respect for people we consider to be successful and lose respect for those we discover to be skin deep. Respect can also be implied in that certain people or institutions deserve our respect simply by being who or what they are. In this category we would place our parents, teachers, and elders, our laws and traditions, other people’s
Y7 to Y11: 8:30 am
Assembly
Primary School
Assembly is held at 8.30am on Fridays

Middle/Senior School
Assembly is held at 8.30 am on Thursdays. Parents are always welcome to join us at these events.

Memory Verse
14 And I praise you because of the wonderful way you created me. Everything you do is marvelous! Of this I have no doubt. Psalm 139:14

feelings and rights, our country's flag and leaders, the truth and differing opinions.

Respectful behaviour means treating others with civility and courtesy, accepting personal differences, listening to what others have to say, and refraining from ridiculing, embarrassing or hurting others. In doing these things we show self respect for we understand that each of us can contribute positively to our community. To show respect is to

• use good manners - such as saying "please" and "thank you";
• learn how to share things;
• take care of your own and others' possessions;
• wait your turn in talking;
• listen;
• understand that we will not always get what we want; and
• understand we are all different.

Grandparents play a crucial role in encouraging the development of respect through the relationships they build with their grandchildren. In this way, all generations assist the boys to become fine young men who can soar to new heights by being successful leaders in whatever field they choose.

Academically Gifted Program
It was delightful to see so many parents at last night's information evening. A copy of the presentation and the various checklists are available on the College website.

Volunteer Bus Drivers needed
We desperately need regular and occasional bus drivers for our school bus. An LR license is required, though I am prepared to train people if necessary. To offer our sports program we will need drivers on Tuesday-Thursdays from 7.45am - 8.45 am and 2.45 pm -3.45 pm. If you are able to assist, please contact my PA Mrs Louise Seddon on 3906 9402.

Dr Roderick Crouch
Principal

Announcements

ALL BOYS
Bus permission forms and AV permission forms have been attached. These must be completed for every boy and returned to your son's class teacher no later than Friday, 13 March. It is imperative we have this information at the College for safety and legal reasons.

MBBC Newsletter
Thank you for your patience and support while we work through some technology glitches with regards the emailing of the newsletter.

If you know of someone who has not been receiving the newsletters lately, please ask them to contact Admin with their updated email details. Also ask them to make sure admin@newsletters.mbbc.qld.edu.au is "whitelisted" with their provider so the newsletter doesn't end up in their SPAM folder. The newsletter is also available each week in PDF format on the MBBC website.

All enquiries regarding the newsletter should be directed to admin@mbbc.qld.edu.au

Scholarships
Academic Excellence Scholarships are available to boys entering Year 8 and Year 11 in 2010. Information and applications are available on the MBBC website. Note the closing date for applications is Thursday, 9 April 2009. Examination date: Saturday, 9 May 2009.

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

Bus Route Changes
Starting Monday, 16 March, the following route changes will be implemented in an effort to improve transport for MBBC students in the mornings.

Veolia 5089 will deliver students to MBBC before proceeding to MBC in the morning.

Mt Gravatt 22 will depart MBC at 8.18 am as a shuttle to MBBC.

Veolia 5090 will transport to MBBC any MBBC students who have
missed the 22 connection due to late service by Veolia.

**OSHC - Outside School Hours Care**
Please remember, Before and After School Care (and holiday programs if applicable) will only be available to families who:
1 – Have provided a credit card;
2 – have provided a direct debit from a cheque or savings account;
3 – or pay in advance by cheque or money order.
Unfortunately, if you have still not provided either 1, 2 or 3 you will not be able to use the service from Monday 23 March.

Please remember you can now enrol, manage your bookings and provide your credit card and direct debit details online at [www.oshclub.com.au](http://www.oshclub.com.au)

*The OSHClub Before and After School Care Team*
*Enquiries call: 1800 460 870*

**Events - Highlights**

**BRIDGING THE GENERATIONS**
Proud smiles were the order of the day at the Moreton Bay Boys’ College Grandparents Day held on Friday.
More than 350 visitors joined in the fun and activities that are a regular part of the school day for the boys – from butterfly painting to word searches, cooking, dances and rhymes, games of snakes and ladders, reading, maths “Olympiad “ challenges, and science experiments. Grandparents were enthralled with the diversity and depth of learning by the boys – whether building with Lego, developing animated powerpoint presentations, creating origami artworks or making spider webs from wool and chopsticks. And in most classrooms, there was time for reflection and contemplation as the generations compared the differences between school – and life in general – now and “then”.
Education has changed greatly since most grandparents attended school.
“Grandparents day offers a wonderful opportunity to de-mystify what happens in schools,” says Dr Crouch. "Our grandparents really get a kick out of seeing what their grandchildren are doing. They also demonstrate the old adage that you are never too old to learn!"
The morning culminated with entertainment by the boys – a Spanish play and performances by the College Choir and its resident rock band - while grandparents enjoyed morning tea under marquees on the College oval, overlooking Moreton Bay and the school’s leafy grounds.
Grandparents Day is a great opportunity for generations to connect, and, says Dr Crouch “the opportunity to form relationships across generations is crucial, as it enables each of
us to connect with our past. Not only that, it provides the opportunity to transfer skills and develop respect.”

**Events - Upcoming**

**Open Day - MBC**
Moreton Bay College is hosting its Open Day Friday 27 March 9.00 am - 12.00 pm.

**Middle School Canberra Tour 2009**
20-25 September (1st week of the September holidays)

Planning is underway for the Middle School tour of the National Capital later this year. The trip will be supervised by College staff and will include all meals and accommodation. Early quotes are in the vicinity of $1000 per student (based on a minimum of 20 students travelling).

To reserve your son’s booking on this tour, please complete the tear-off slip from the letter sent out with students last Wednesday and return it to the Office with your non-refundable deposit of $300 prior to Friday, 27 March.

**Senior School Africa Tour 2010 (Years 10 -12)**
Thank you to those families that have expressed initial interest in supporting an MBBC Senior School (Years 10-12) Africa Tour in the June/July holidays of 2010.

Estimated cost:$6000-7000 per person (all inclusive.)

In order to progress the organisation of this experience, please complete the tear-off slip from the letter sent out to the Students last Friday and return it to the Office. From there, we will be able to prepare a more detailed costing and itinerary.

Please return this slip to the Office by Friday 13 March.

**Library Update**
The Library is beginning to be transformed as Mrs Tait moves and shapes our space to welcome Jackie French. It will be our own MBBC Jackie French installation. Books that she has written will be displayed as well as drawing our attention to the many genres and age groups for whom she has written. Next week, boys will receive a flyer which will list the books they are able to pre-order before the Mother and Son Breakfast and Jackie’s visit to the school later that day. Boys will be able to have the books they purchase, and ones they already have by her, signed on the day. A new book by Jackie, "The Donkey Who Carried the Wounded" will be published shortly before her visit to MBBC. We
are looking forward to the release of this new title, especially so close to Anzac Day.

**Co-Curricular**

**Guitar Ensemble**
Due to the CIC swimming carnival tomorrow, Guitar ensemble has been cancelled.

**Chess**

*Primary Chess*
The first round of the Somerville Primary schools chess tournament was held last Sunday with five boys from the College taking part: Tavis Bancroft, Joshua Sloman, Nicholas Bognar and Brant Barr and Ivan Zelich.

The boys performed and behaved exceptionally and were superb role models for the school. After 7 rounds they placed 26th out of the 42 teams at the tournament, with only 4 points separating the teams from 5th to 26th!

On an individual basis, Ivan placed 5th overall out of the 168 players with 6.5 out of 7 (ie he won 6 games and drew 1).

The first round of the Gardiner Chess tournament will be held at MBBC on the 24 March.

*High School Chess*
The first round of the Somerville House high school chess tournament was held on Friday night (27 Feb) with two teams representing MBBC: Craig McKechnie, Steffen Mitchell, Toby Monaghan and Patrick Schofield in Team A and Rhys Cush, Torryn Saker, Joshua Gillespie and Bharvik Kapadia in team B. After the first round, both teams finished in the top half of the table coming 7th and 11th out of 26 teams.

Craig McKechnie was the highest placed MBBC student (4th overall) and most successful player on board 1 in the entire tournament (achieving 5.5 out of 6-ie won 5 games and drew 1). Joshua Gillespie went into the final round undefeated, and while he lost that match he still finished 8th out of 103.

The second round on Friday 6 March was another excellent evening with further strong performances from the boys. At the end the teams ended up on the same points in 9th and 11th places. They finished just four and a half points behind 3rd place after 48 games of chess, underlining the strength and depth of talent that the school has in chess.

*Dr Nick Holmes & Mrs Andrea Bowden*

*Chess Co-ordinators*
Sport at MBBC

As we approach the end of the summer sporting season of cricket and swimming, MBBC launches into the exciting winter season of Rugby and football. As it is school policy that all students in **Years 5-7** play sport within the CIC, it is expected that boys will either select Rugby or football in the upcoming season. Boys in Years 5-7 can also select to run in cross country for the College, as can Year 4 students.

Football and Rugby games are played at the same time on Saturday mornings between 8.00 am and 11.00 am and therefore students cannot play both sports. Cross Country Lead-up Meets are held on a Friday night between 4.00 pm and 6.00 pm.

Football and Rugby trials will be held in Weeks 9 and 10 on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 7.00 am to 8.00 am. Cross Country trials will be held in Weeks 8 to 10 on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 7.00 am to 8.00 am.

Details concerning the trials are available on the MBBC Website. Students are to sign-on for CIC Sports on Thursday lunch-time between 10.45 am and 11.15 am at the lower round-a-bout (near the Prep Building).

Boys within **Years 8 – 11** are highly encouraged to play Rugby or football for the College against other private boys’ schools in the supplementary GPS competition, which helps build friendships and school spirit.

CIC SPORT

CIC Cricket

Last weekend saw the completion of Round 5 with all teams playing Nudgee Junior College. Although we are yet to secure a win, all cricketers are thoroughly enjoying the opportunity to learn the game of cricket.

Playing their second game of the season, the excitable 5A team had another enthusiastic and supportive day at the crease. Toby Masterson displayed some fine batting strokes while Tom Stewart and Jonah Watt showcased excellent sportsmanship.

Batting first, the 5B team posted a competitive 71 with Mason Williams notching a respectable 12. Nudgee Junior College reeled in MBBC after losing three wickets.

Posting their highest score this year - 71 - the 6A team surprised themselves with the improvements made in their batting. Playing a much stronger team, the boys didn’t back down from the challenge presented to them. Alasdair Stewart displayed some fine attacking shots on his way to an unbeaten 13, while Benji Punin was the best
of the bowlers with 0/17 off four overs. The 6B team played another sound game of cricket on the weekend. The skills level of the boys has improved dramatically, which has resulted in an increased confidence when bowling and batting. Special mentions to Ewan Prosser who caught and bowled an NJC cricketer with his first ball on the weekend and Joshua Beck for filling in at late notice.

Playing the historical first game of cricket on the MBBC Oval, the 7A team showed courage facing quick bowlers from NJC. The turf wicket created by Des Schinkel in 10 days held up remarkably well to provide enough bounce and turn to keep the batters on their toes. While the boys were not victorious, they were pleased to keep their sundries to a season low.

Scores:
7A: NJC d MBBC
6A: NJC d MBBC
6B: NJC d MBBC
5A: NJC d MBBC
5B: NJC d MBBC

**Extra bowling and wicket keeping practice**

Mr Schinkel (wicket keeping) and Mr Davis (bowling) have offered to hold a wicket keeping and bowling clinic this Wednesday from 3.00 pm to 4.00 pm. Mr Schinkel is an ex-wicket keeper and Mr Davis opened the bowling for the U/19 NZ team. This is an optional training session, however, all boys are encouraged to attend to further enhance their skills.

Next week all cricket teams will be competing against Gregory Terrace. Please check the draw carefully as some venues and playing times have been changed:

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**CIC Swimming**

This Wednesday, 11 March the CIC Swimming Team will travel to the Chandler Aquatic Centre to compete in the annual CIC Swimming Carnival.

Students in the CIC Swimming Team are reminded to arrive at school by 7.00 am for a 7:15am departure via bus to Chandler. Special mention to the first CIC Swimming Captains: Cameron McGregor, Ryan Munro and Jacob Watt.

Congratulations to the following members who have been selected to compete or be a reserve for this year’s team:
Mr Jack Pincott  
CIC Coordinator

MBBC Cross Country Carnival
The annual MBBC Cross Country Carnival will be held on the last day of Term 1 – Friday, 3 April.
In preparation for this event, Queensland Athletics is hosting two Cross Country Challenges that students can participate in for a small fee ($3 Ages 5-15; $5 Ages 16+). Last year students in Running Club were invited to compete in two similar events. For those wishing to run well at the MBBC Cross Country Carnival, you are encouraged to participate in both of these Challenges.
A link to the Queensland Athletics Cross Country Challenges can be found on the MBBC Website, under CIC sports.

Year 8 & 9 Cricket (Supplementary GPS Fixtures)
What a match!! Congratulations to the players who had a win in their first game. Particular mention to Matthew Wood and Steven Basi who both played exceptionally well for the team. All boys will receive the fixture information as soon as it is received by the College. Further details about the game and further details can be found on the Secondary Sports webpage (http://www.mbbc.qld.edu.au/showitem.asp?pid=1523 )

Teams Racing Sailing
Congratulations to our boys who again sailed well at racing for another week. The boys sailed well in good conditions, and it was very pleasing to see the level of parental support for the sailors. Full results can be found at http://www.rgys.com.au/marine-sports/team-racing/T109-Results/T109-ResultsW4.pdf  
There have been no further demotions, and as such MBBC 1 will compete in Division D and MBBC 2 will compete in Division E. The draws can be downloaded at http://www.rgys.com.au/marine-sports/team-racing/T109-Draws/T109-DrawW5.pdf. This is our

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final Sunday of racing. Thank you to Mr Lambourne, Mr Schofield and Mr Matterson for your support with the sailing program.

Metropolitan East Swimming Trials – Congratulations Ivan!
Congratulations to Ivan Zelich who has made the Metropolitan East Swimming team for 50m Butterfly, 50m Backstroke and 50m Freestyle. He will swim these events at the Queensland State Championships in Cairns at the end of this month.

Mr Hamish Pike
Sports Master
pikeh@mbbc.qld.edu.au

College Business

Library Books
We know that boys and their families do all they can to carefully look after the books they take home. However we also understand that sometimes, accidents do happen and a book is damaged by rain, or cordial or the family dog or…. PLEASE, when that happens would you or your son bring the book to us and tell us what has happened. We will not be angry. We DO want to know that a book is damaged rather than find it under many other books in the returns box.

Parents & Friends

Sausage Sizzle
The sausage sizzle raised $505. Thanks to the volunteers who assisted and to Eat Right Enterprises for the donation of sausages. We would like to run one sizzle per term however we do need your help, if you are able to assist for one hour this would be appreciated.

Trivia Night
Tickets are still available if you haven't yet purchased yours. The Trivia night is on Saturday, 28 March 2009. See attached form.

Cadbury Chocolates
You should all have a box of chocolates by now. Hopefully you will be well into selling them to family and friends and work colleagues. Monies are due back by 25 March 2009. If you wish to pay by direct deposit, the account details are BSB 034 053 A/C No. 175600. Please use your surname and class as a reference (eg Austin 6P). If sending cash, please place in the locked silver box located outside the school office and please remember to mark your name and class on the envelope.

Mrs Karen Austin
President
Community Notices

Delectable Hampers
Looking for a great gift for any occasion? Susan’s Fine Foods has the answer. Hamper information.

Have a fantastic holiday and help out with school fundraising!!

Flight Centre Morningside
When you travel for business or leisure, Moreton Bay Boys' College will now earn travel rewards as part of Flight Centre Morningside’s Kickback Club. These rewards are based on 1% of the value of each booking made by you. The corresponding amount can then be redeemed as travel vouchers to be used by Moreton Bay Boys College in fundraising efforts.

All you need to do is simply quote Moreton Bay Boys' College when you make your booking with Flight Centre Morningside. The person making the booking does not even have to be directly involved with the school – any friend or associate who tells us they were referred by the school will earn more travel rewards.

This fantastic opportunity can ONLY be redeemed with Flight Centre Morningside which is located at 6 Thynne Road, Morningside.

Please contact Kim or Samantha on (07) 3169 1700 or come in for a chat.

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