24 March 2009

**From the Principal**

I have recently been reading famous speeches from over the centuries. I was intrigued to read President Roosevelt's inauguration speech from 1933, as what he says bears a striking parallel to the economic downtown today. This speech was famous for its line "we have nothing to fear but fear itself". How true this statement is today. Fear is a very limiting factor and too often we can be paralysed by the fear of what might occur, and so we miss out on many joys of life. Overcoming fear does not necessarily mean being foolhardy, rather it is about confronting the cause and working our way to a solution. In learning, we can be so afraid to get an answer wrong that we avoid taking risks and rely solely on what the teacher or parent might say. True learning involves an element of risk so that we discover the joy of the unknown. While often boys (especially teenage ones) do not need encouragement to take risks, it is important that we encourage children to take risks in their learning. In doing so, they develop independence, open mindedness and resilience.

**Congratulations**

Last Friday our primary school swimming team combined with MBC to win the Schools with Pools trophy. Congratulations to all involved.

**CIC cricket**

Thanks to all involved in our first term of CIC sport. While not successful in terms of results, it has been highly successful in terms of participation, enthusiasm and improvement. Winter sport trials have now commenced.

**Easter services**

To celebrate Easter this year we will be holding two services:

- **P-6**: This year's P-6 Easter Chapel Service will be held on Thursday, 2 April at the Creek Road Presbyterian Church - corner of Creek and Fursden Roads, Carina - at 6.30 pm. All students are expected to attend in full summer uniform (no hats). If for some reason your son is unable to attend, written notification should be addressed and forwarded to Dr Crouch. As in previous years, all students will be involved in the service. On the night, we will also be taking up a collection to support Mission Australia. All members
Chapel is held each week on Mondays:
Prep to Y3: 9:30am
Y3/4 to Y6: 9:00 am
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

5 I pray to you, LORD! You are my place of safety, and you are my choice in the land of the living. Please answer my prayer. I am completely helpless.
Psalm 142:5

of the College community are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Years 7-11: The Middle and Senior School service will be held on Monday, 30 March in the music and drama rooms in C Block at the College. It will start at 8.45 am and parents are welcome to attend if available. As a part of this service, we will be holding (our first) voluntary Communion service as we meditate on the meaning of Easter. This will be a special occasion and RE lessons will help explain the significance of Holy Communion so that the boys can prepare properly.

If you have any questions about this service then please contact your class teacher or our chaplain Mr McCarthy.

End of Term
The last day of term is Friday, 3 April and Term 2 commences on Monday, 20 April. The office will be open during the holiday period. Parents are reminded that the last day of term is a normal school day and not a day for starting holidays early! As there are 13 weeks of school holidays each year, each teaching day is important and parents are strongly encouraged to resist the temptation to 'beat the traffic' by leaving for holidays on the last day of a term. I remind parents too that for leave during term time, a request needs to come to me well beforehand.

P-6 Parent Teacher Interviews
Parent teacher interviews for Years P-6 are being held this week. If you have not organised a time, please contact your son’s class teacher.

Dr Roderick Crouch
Principal

Events - Highlights

Debating
Last week, our Year 11 team took on Cleveland District State High School in the first round of the Queensland Debating Union (QDU) competition. They argued the negative case of the topic that we should make politicians work in health, education and defence or emergency services to qualify for office. Bhavik Kapadia was first speaker and opened our argument, strongly establishing our team’s case. Nathan Jackson performed admirably as second speaker, extending our team’s arguments and exposing flaws in the opposition's speech. Matthew Martin was third speaker and displayed confident speaking skills and good rebuttal. Dominic Guilfoyle was timekeeper for the evening.
It was a close debate, and the boys are to be commended for a fine performance. Unfortunately our team went down by one point in the final results. Both the Year 11 and Year 9 teams will have their next debates in Term 2.

**P-1 Camp**

What a fabulous event! With over 50 boys and a parent for each attending the P-1 camp it was always going to be huge. This was the first year we have taken the event off campus and to a 'real' campsite. Arriving at Thunderbird Park, the parents and boys met the P-Y1 teachers and gathered around to be introduced to the activities planned. The three classes then separated into their class groups and rotated through mini-golf, creek exploration and a short bush walk. Most boys voted mini-golf as their favourite event of the day. After activities, it was time to set up camp and have dinner. When the domestic duties were taken care of it was time for Mrs Givney to entertain the boys (and parents) with our camp story “Wombat Stew”. The boys took turns putting creepy crawlies (lollies and chocolates) into the 'stew' which they all shared at the end of the story. Our camp song was another highlight, along with some of our more traditional MBBC songs. The next morning the boys were just as excited to be able to join in an impromptu game of cricket or footy or just explore the camp site again. After breakfast it was time to pack up and head home to tell some very interesting camp stories to the rest of the family. Well done on a terrific weekend boys and parents. We have some fantastic memories from this entertaining weekend.
Public Speaking
On 13 March, seven students from MBBC were invited to attend a Public Speaking Workshop at Moreton Bay College. Whilst only a short course, we were able to find out the types of public speaking opportunities available, the skills needed to be an effective public speaker, how to structure a speech, and strategies to help in preparing an impromptu speech. Our students were complimented on their presentation, the manner in which they conducted themselves, and their willingness to actively participate in the workshops. We are grateful to the staff of MBC for offering us this opportunity to work with their girls and staff, and especially to the past students of MBC who prepared and ran the workshop groups. Their experience, expertise, and giving of their time on the day was appreciated by all. We look forward to further opportunities in which we might work together in this way.

Events - Upcoming
Easter Eggs for Others
MBBC is again proud to offer this Easter event as part of our Student Care program, in which families are asked to donate Easter eggs.

A representative from each class will accompany Dr Crouch and Mrs Youngman to the Redlands Hospital, where the goodies will be distributed to patients and staff and bring a little cheer into their lives.

Your donations can also reward the environment and assist in saving an endangered species. If you purchase a chocolate bilby from Darryl Lea, a portion of the sales will be donated to the “Save the Bilby” campaign. So you can double your generosity. We will be accepting donations until Thursday morning, 2 April, simply by dropping them into your son's classroom. The Easter gifts will be distributed on Thursday afternoon with a small
selection blessed at our P-6 Easter Chapel service. Each year has proved to be bigger than the last. Let’s get together to make the lives of others a little brighter this Easter.

**Library Update**

The Jackie French tree is growing AND Mothball the wombat, George the echidna, Emily the emu, Pete the sheep, Josephine the kangaroo AND the BIG BAD BUNYIP have found a home in our Library. We hope we will be able to care for them until their creator, Jackie arrives on 7 May.

Jackie and her characters are looking forward to meeting as many boys and Mums from MBBC as possible on this day. There are two opportunities – our Mother and Son Breakfast and during her time here at school.

Ensure you have books on the day for Jackie to sign – bring books that you already own or [pre-order](#). Please complete this form with the selection of books you would like to buy, include the money or payment slip, and place in an envelope marked "Jackie French Books" in the silver box outside Administration before 1 April 2009.

**Canberra Trip**

Deposit payments for the Canberra trip ($300) must be paid by Friday, 27 March.

**Teaching and Learning**

**Gifted Education and Curriculum Differentiation - What it means to schools in 2009**

As development and change characterises the world of education, it is important for schools to no longer define curriculum in terms of what a teacher will teach but rather in terms of what a student will be able to demonstrate. This being the case, it is imperative for teachers to recognise differences between individual students’ learning needs and to develop ways to cater for the differences that exist within each classroom.

In order to develop talents, gifted students need to be given appropriate opportunities for learning, training and practice. Like all children, gifted students should be able to access the best possible learning opportunities suitable to their needs. To support a multiple pathway philosophy, such as the one offered at Moreton Bay Boys’ College, schools need to provide appropriate provision for their gifted students in the same way they provide support for children with learning difficulties. There are many ways in which this can be achieved. Within Queensland, the State Government has introduced the Gifted and Talented Students Action Plan 2008-2010. Equitable education means that all children need to be catered for within every school and therefore it is imperative that
schools offer some form of provision for gifted students within their school community.

One way in which schools can appropriately cater for gifted students in their classrooms is by means of curriculum differentiation. This term refers to the need to tailor teaching environments to create appropriate learning experiences for a range of students. Practically, this means that students are encouraged to explore and investigate the curriculum content and to make the products of their learning their ‘own’. They should have a variety of options in which they can demonstrate what they have learned within any unit of work. For example, when a Year 9 class is studying Australian Politics at Moreton Bay Boys’ College, a student who is a talented writer may choose to write a short story about the life and times of one of Australia’s prominent leaders. A student with an interest in business, on the other hand, may decide to look at the impact on the Australian economy when GST was introduced. Alternatively, a student who is interested in the environment could study how Australia is protecting its native flora and fauna. This information can then be presented back to class with handouts for each student to keep as a resource. Within a teaching and learning environment such as this, gifted students thrive. They are not left to study topics and concepts they already know about. They are not left to read copious amounts of text and then answer lower level knowledge and comprehension questions. Instead, they are free to explore and delve into areas of the topic that require them to analyse, criticise and evaluate.

Planning plays an important role in preparing to implement classes that meet the needs of all individuals in the class. Planning so that students have multiple options for taking in information, making sense of ideas, and expressing what they learn is an integral part of using a differentiated curriculum. Teachers in differentiated classrooms need to begin with a clear and solid sense of what constitutes a powerful and appropriate curriculum, along with engaging instruction. Methods of teaching that facilitate an understanding of concepts, as opposed to memorising facts for exams, are moving in the right direction if teachers are looking to appropriately cater for the gifted students and the multitude of other students in their classrooms.

Meagan King
Coordinator of Gifted Education

MBBC Pathway for Academically Gifted Students - information and applications

Thank you to the parents who came along to the Parent Information Evening. For those of you who were unable to attend this session, please go to the College website for more information about the program.

As part of the application process, boys will need to take an IQ
test. The College has organised for a psychologist to come to the school early in Term 2 to conduct WISC IV testing, at a significantly discounted rate. This would be at parent’s expense and places will be limited.

Please contact the Coordinator of Gifted Education, Meagan King, via email for more information. kingm@mbbc.qld.edu.au

**Co-Curricular**

**MBBC Rock Bands**
Senior Band rehearses Fridays 7.15 am to 8.15 am. Middle School Band rehearses Wednesdays 7.00 am to 8.00 am.

**MBBC Concert Band** rehearse Mondays 7.30 am to 8.15 am

**Junior Choir** rehearses Wednesdays 3.00 pm to 4.00 pm.

**Sport**

**CIC Swimming**

**Schools with Pools Swimming Carnival 2009**
On Friday 20 March 2009, boys aged between 8 and 13 years attended the Wynnum Cluster ‘Schools with Pools Swimming Carnival’ at Wondall Heights State School. Moreton Bay Boys’ College joined forces with Moreton Bay College to form a co-ed swim team. The junior swimmers competed from 9.00 am till 11:30 am, and our senior swimmers competed between 11:30 am and 2:30 pm. The day was a huge success for Moreton Bay and we are all proud of the efforts and results of our talented swimmers.

I was extremely proud to escort our MBBC swim team on the day. The behaviour of our boys was impeccable, and the highlight of the day was seeing the boys wearing their full swimming uniform of MBBC swim cap and togs. This show of unity and pride in our school made our swim team a force to be reckoned with.

Points were totalled for all individual events and double points were awarded for relays. At the end of the day, Moreton Bay achieved a total points score of 1013 – and was awarded the 1st place trophy! Congratulations to all boys for making the day such a success for MBBC and MBC, and we look forward to sharing the trophy with the girls of Moreton Bay College.

Details of individual places at the carnival will be posted in next week’s newsletter following correspondence from the event organisers. Congratulations once again to all boys who placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in their events, and a warm thank you to all boys who represented our College at the carnival.

*Miss Helen Nafranowicz*
*(SWP supervising teacher)*

**CIC Cricket**

Last weekend saw the completion of Round 7 and the CIC Cricket season. All teams played against Villanova College.
The 5A team finished the season in a positive fashion. Players showed considerable improvement in all aspects of the game. Riley Purcell was outstanding in the last game with bat and ball. The 5B team played their most accurate game with the ball, led by Tyson Finnis and Mitchell Davis. Liam Wallis played well with the willow, notching up nine runs. Many boys lasted more than 20 deliveries with Alexander Kutschkin, Lachlan Deer and Liam Wallis hitting boundaries.

A full strength 6A team bowled accurately and fielded well in their last game of the season. John Martin and Alasdair Stewart led the bowling attack, taking a wicket each. On the off-side, Ryan Kelly saved many boundaries hit by the talented Villanova batsmen. Kelly was well supported by Nathaniel Domann whose improvements in fielding and bowling have been outstanding. Alasdair Stewart showcased his batting potential with a breakthrough knock of 18 not out against the Villanova quicks. The 6B team finished the season well. Playing against a more skilful opposition the boys played with determination. Mr Cottle has been impressed with the attitude of the boys throughout the season.

Playing on the MBBC Oval, the 7A team kept the visiting Villanova College to the lowest score for the season – 142. Led by Rhys Cush and Jacob Watt, who took a wicket each, MBBC bowled accurately and with determination. Connor Mclean was the best of the batsmen, retiring after 30 balls. Rhys batted very strongly on his second attempt hitting three fours and a six. After a solid season of practice, it was a tremendous game of fielding and batting and one of which all boys should be proud.

**Results**

7A – VILLA d MBBC  
6A – VILLA d MBBC  
6B – VILLA d MBBC  
5A – VILLA d MBBC  
5B – VILLA d MBBC  

The CIC Cricket season was a tremendous success for all involved. All players improved their cricketing skills, enjoyed themselves and represented MBBC with integrity.

I would like to make a special mention of the cricket coaches: Mr Ward (5A), Mr McCarthy (5B), Mr Cottle (6B) and Mr Pike (7A) for their commitment and enthusiasm throughout the CIC Cricket season. A number of parents were extremely supportive of the boys and MBBC by assisting with scoring and umpiring and without their support, the administration of CIC Cricket would have been significantly harder. Thank you to those parents who helped out throughout the season. A big thank you to Mr Keith Davis and Mr Des Schinkel for their coaching expertise, enthusiasm and willingness to run extra bowling and wicket keeping clinics on Wednesday afternoons.

**CIC Cricket in 2010**
Recently, a relationship with the Wynnum Manly District Cricket Club (WMDCC) was established. The WMDCC will accommodate MBBC CIC Cricket players in playing a half-season of club cricket before Christmas. All CIC cricketers are strongly encouraged to play for the WMDCC. Information about sign-up and private cricket coaching can be found on the CIC Cricket link on the MBBC Website [http://www.mbbc.qld.edu.au/item.asp?pid=1431](http://www.mbbc.qld.edu.au/item.asp?pid=1431). A reminder about signing up will be posted in the newsletter in Term 3.

**MBBC Cross Country Carnival**

The annual MBBC Cross Country Carnival will be held on the last day of Term 1 – Friday, 3 April. Cross country training has already commenced. Last weekend, five MBBC students competed in a Queensland Athletics cross country race. Results are as follows: 2 km race; Tavis Bancroft (8.37), Toby Masterson (9.32), Nicholas Thompson (9.33), Ryan Kelly (10.26) and Alexander Kutschkin (10.50). Joshua Sloman competed in the 1 km race (4.40).

Queensland Athletics is hosting another cross country event this Saturday afternoon. All students can participate in this event for a small fee ($3 Ages 5-15; $5 Ages 16+). This carnival is ideal preparation for the MBBC Cross Country Carnival. Information about this cross country event can be found on the MBBC Website [http://www.mbbc.qld.edu.au/item.asp?pid=1436](http://www.mbbc.qld.edu.au/item.asp?pid=1436).

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**Mr Jack Pincott**

**Sport - CIC Co-ordinator**

**Sports Photos**

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**Secondary School Cricket (Supplementary GPS Fixtures)**

What a game, and what a win. After a week off, the boys in the Year 9 Cricket team played unbelievably well to score yet another fantastic win. Very special congratulations must go to William Brett who took a spectacular 7 wickets – and above all, a hat trick! Congratulations Will! The boys will play their final game this Saturday, and as soon as details are received by the school, information will be given to the students.
RUGBY (Secondary School – Supplementary GPS)
Training begins today!
All registration forms are due back to Miss Heirdsfield ASAP!
The upcoming season of Rugby is almost upon us, and MBBC will again compete in Rugby Union against other GPS schools in the Supplementary GPS Competition. All fixtures for Rugby are from Saturday, 2 May until Saturday, 1 August (excluding school holidays) – Term 2 and 3 weeks of Term 3!
ALL Year 8 – 11 boys are strongly encouraged to be part of this fantastic opportunity and to build strong friendships with their team mates. All games are played on Saturday mornings and training sessions held twice per week. If your son is unable to play a Saturday game or attend training, you will need to make contact with either the team manager or coach before the allocated time. For 2009, all training sessions will be held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings and afternoons. Due to the large number of students involved, the training sessions will be split between our home field location (Elanora Park) and the College Oval. All boys who train at Elanora Park will be transported by the MBBC bus to the field and will need to be collected from Elanora Park at 4.30 pm.

RQYS – Qld School Team Sailing Pacer Championships
Get your entries in now for the 2009 Queensland School Team Sailing Championships – 2 teams per school. We are limited to accepting 16 entries, so first in with their completed entry and indemnity forms and payment will be accepted.

Rugby and Soccer Refereeing – URGENT Call for Refs! We need you!
We are in urgent need for parents to assist with Rugby Union and Football (soccer) refereeing. All training will be provided by either the QRU or Qld Soccer. Prospective parent refs: please contact Mr Pike (Sports Master) via email as soon as possible with nominations.

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

Chaplain’s Corner

PUTTING ONE FOOT IN FRONT OF THE OTHER
I recently came across this article written by Michael Halleen, which I found very encouraging. So this week I pass on his words with the prayer that they might be an encouragement to you as well.
Abraham Lincoln, depressed and disgusted at the lack of progress Union forces were making during an especially low point of the Civil
War, was asked why he did not resign and just leave these fools to their own devices. He replied sadly, “If I resign, they will perish.” He had looked down the years and seen a united country standing together as a strong nation. Moses also had faced that question three thousand years earlier. He too saw the fate of a people as depending on his ability to endure, and he went to a mountaintop, on retreat, to be strengthened and refreshed in his vision of God’s purposes. In Hebrews chapter 11, it says, “By faith (Moses)...persevered because he saw him who is invisible.” (Hebrews 11:27)

Sometimes success - or even survival - is a matter of endurance, of sticking it out. There are times when the road seems to wind uphill all the way. There are passages difficult to get through; days of illness, hours of worry, sleepless nights of concern, weeks of ordinary following hum-drum. Apsley Cherry-Garrard, in his book ‘The Worst Journey in the World,’ said, “All we could do was put one foot in front of the other because we believed that the journey was worth it.”

Many know that journey. The way to make it is one step at a time. Along the way, we occasionally catch a glimpse of what the journey is for. Mist may cover the mountains most of the time, but once in awhile, just briefly, the clouds are lifted and the snow-capped peaks can be seen. A Robert Browning poem portrays a man seeking a city so surrounded by swirling fog that he feared he had lost his way. For just a few seconds the mists opened and he saw the towering spires of the city of his desire. Then...

“...the vapors closed again,
But I had seen the city, and one such glance
No darkness could obscure; nor shall the present-
A few dull hours, a passing shame or two-
Destroy the vivid memories of the past.”

ABBA, the Swedish pop music group of a generation ago, had a line in one of its songs that said, “And my destination makes it worth the while pushing through the darkness still another mile.”

Moses had been to the mountaintop. Lincoln had seen the city’s spires. Persevere. Your destination may be shrouded in uncertainty right now, but it awaits you nevertheless. Though invisible at the moment, it is worth putting one foot in front of the other.

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

College Business

Tuckshop
The school tuckshop is open on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.
**Wet Weather Line**
The school wet weather line is the number to call for information about cancelled sport ie Active After School Sport or functions that are to be held outside. The number is updated daily. Please call 3906 9450.

**Absentee Line**
If your son is absent from school please leave a message on the absentee line 3906 9494.

**OSHC - Vacation Care**
OSH Club vacation care starts Monday 6 April. The program will run for 2 weeks. Bookings can be made online at www.oshclub.com.au or a form can be collected from the school office.

Children attending vacation care are required to bring their morning & afternoon tea, lunch and a refillable drink bottle. A hat, sunscreen and comfortable clothing and shoes (no Crocs or thongs) are required to participate in activities.

Hours of operation are 7.00 am - 5.30 pm.

**Parents & Friends**
The P & F will be raising money towards several areas of infrastructure this year: an amphitheatre, which will be of great use to the whole school community and the fit-out of a kitchen for the new hall that is on the table to be built later this year.

As both of these projects are large scale, we hope you are able to support the P & F by attending our functions and supporting our fundraising. Our target is to raise at least $30,000 for 2009.

**Trivia Night- Bought to you by the letter 'P'**
Only 4 more sleeps; hope you have all been studying. If you are still wanting to come, please contact Lisa Thompson ph 0403 395 990 for tickets. There will be games and raffles as well as prizes for the winners.

**Chocolate Drive**
As the Chocolate drive is one of our main fundraisers, it is important we collect the money as soon as possible and that all monies are back no later than Wednesday 25 March.

Please either place the envelope in the locked box at the office or direct deposit into the MBBC P & F account BSB 034 053 A/c 175600 . Please make sure you use your surname and class on the envelope or as the reference.
Entertainment Books
This week, your son will bring home an advance order for the entertainment book. If you wish to order a book, complete this form and return by Wednesday, 1 April. Bonus vouchers will be sent home with your son, and you can start using these vouchers straight away. You will receive the book itself on 28 April.

If you choose not to order now, you will still have an opportunity to purchase the book, however you will not receive the bonus vouchers.

The entertainment book costs $60, $12 of which comes back to the College as part of our fundraising. There are hundreds of vouchers for fine dining, family dining, entertainment and accommodation. And best of all, you really only need to use a couple of vouchers and the book has paid for itself!

*Mrs Karen Austin*
*President*
*MBBC P & F*

Community Notices

Pacific Golf Club Junior Camp
Pacific Pro Shop is hosting a school holiday Golf Camp. For more information about the Golf Camp please view the flyer.

Sports Tuition is conducting a Survivor Camp for 8-13 year olds and a Father & Son Fishing Weekend during the April School Holidays. Both activities take place on Hinze Dam. All details are available at [www.sportstuition.com.au](http://www.sportstuition.com.au) or phone 0403 154 510.

UQ Athetics Centre Speed and Cross Country Holiday Clinics 2009 for Y8-Y11 students
Location: UQ St Lucia. For more information about the holiday clinic please view the flyer.