Last Saturday all cricket teams played a game! After not being able to play the last few weekends due to the wet conditions, the boys were glad to get their whites dirty.

The under 13 team played Padua winning by nine wickets. Peter Crisp starred with the bat scoring an unbeaten 50 runs. The CIC teams all played St Laurence’s College with the 6A team standing out scoring 111 runs. While no CIC teams won, the MBBC teams are scoring more runs each week and reducing the opponents scoring greatly.

Next week the CIC cricket teams will play Churchie.

Mr Jack Pincott
Primary School Sports Coordinator

Training

All training sessions are held on the MBBC Oval and in the Cricket nets. Please note, even if it is raining, still turn up to training as your coach will still hold a team meeting to discuss tactics. We can also utilise the undercover areas around the school for ball handling drills.

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**Cricket Training Tips**

In order to improve your cricketing performance you need to do extra training at home. Go to the local cricket nets with your brother/sister/mother/father/friend/grandparent a couple times each week to practice your batting and bowling.

When batting, if a delivery is ‘full’, pitched close to the stumps (within 4 metres), move forward to hit the ball. If the delivery is ‘short’, pitched not so close to the stumps (further than 4 metres from the stumps), move backwards to give you some room. When practicing your batting, place a marker about 4 metres from the batting crease to help you get used to identifying what a ‘full’ and ‘short’ deliver is.

When bowling, place a marker 4 metres from the wickets and aim to hit that marker. This is an ideal length to bowl for a junior cricketer.

**Game Reports**

**Year 8 Cricket Report**

Scattered showers, strong winds, a loose dog and a stray shoe could not prevent the year 8 MBBC cricket team from cruising to a nine wicket win over Padua College on Saturday.

The team, short over a number of regulars, demonstrated the depth of talent in year 8. New captain Brae Skillern lost the toss and was asked to field first. Tight bowling was generally supported in the field, but a number of dropped catches and missed run outs allowed Padua to reach the drinks break at 3 for 72. Refreshed by the break MBBC took the remaining 7 wickets for 43 runs with Peter Crisp bagging four including a sharp slip catch by Dylan Hrstich and a wicket by Brae Andersen in his first season playing cricket.

With MBBC needing 116 to win Peter and Jacob Watt batted sensibly taking the score to 99 without loss after 16 overs. This despite of Peter’s shoe coming off in the middle of completing a second run. With both batsmen in their 30s, knowing the significance of a 50 the team voted to let the players continue to the landmark. In the second over after the break, just after bringing up a 100 partnership, Jacob (33) was run out unselfishly pushing for an extra run for Peter, bringing Jamison MacDonald to the crease.

Peter raced into the 40s with ten from the next three balls. However, still short of his 50 with just only a few runs needed to win he was stranded at the non strikers end. Jamison, unable to pierce the field in the first two balls, played a beautiful straight drive settling for just a single to give the strike back to Peter. He did not waste the opportunity and brought up his 50 with a glorious off drive to complete an excellent nine wicket win.

MBBC (116 for 1 for 116) defeated Padua College (115 all out) by nine wickets

*Dr Nick Holmes – Year 8 Cricket Coach*

**7A Cricket Report**

The 7A team played were lucky enough to play on their second turf wicket of the season against St Laurence’s College last Saturday. Batting first, Lewis Davies and Owain Thomas played with confidence hitting the ball on both sides of the wicket. At times, the boys were unlucky with some hard hit balls going straight to fielders, however, this was the most successful partnership of the season and one which could be a breakthrough in confidence. Other players increased their time at the crease, however, were unable to penetrate the skilful SLC fielders. The 7As scored 40 runs.
SLC passed MBBC’s score in the 8th over, however, played out their innings to give everyone a bat and the MBBC players a bowl. At the end of the 29th over, SLC scored 177 runs with the fall of 7 wickets. This is the lowest score and most wickets taken by the 7As this season. Benji Punin (2/20) was the pick of the bowlers, with Jamie McCowan (1/12), Owain Thomas (1/16), Chris Warneke (1/23) and William Smith (1/26) contributing well.

Louis Altena was lively in the field running an SLC batsman out with a direct hit of the stumps from 20m out from mid-on.

We are all looking forward to next week’s game against Churchie.

Mr Jack Pincott - 7A Cricket Coach

7B Cricket Report

Last Saturday, the 7B cricket team played a determined SLC outfit on the MBC Cricket Oval. The boys batting has improved over the season, however, SLC were swinging the ball all over the pitch with the help of some gusty conditions. As a result, a number of boys mistimed their stroke losing their wickets. We were all out for 22 runs. The Umpires decided to go for the full 30 overs even if St Laurence reached the run total we had set. This would ensure that all the St Laurence team members would get to bat and the MBBC players a bowl.

In the opening over, the opening bowler from MBBC took the wicket of the SLC opener, much to the excitement of the MBBC boys. SLC passed the MBBC total within a few overs amassing a total of 173 runs after 30 overs. While many boys are still developing their bowling and batting skills, improvements in bowling accuracy and timing of shots is evident. On the whole it was a good game after our forced lay-off due to rain.

Thanks for that Mr Ashton for scoring.

Jack Capewell - Year 7B Cricket Captain

6A Cricket Report

Well the boys were very excited to finally get a game after two weeks of wash outs. MBBC lost the toss and SLC sent us in to bat first. The batting of the MBBC boys was amazing. Five boys reached double figures, Riley Purcell, Jonah Watt and Ben Luck all hit a six, and we were all out in our final over for our highest ever total of 111 runs. Highest scorers were Ben Luck with 22, Riley Purcell 17 not out, Mitchell Guley 14.

This batting effort gave us a great platform to attack SLC but unfortunately after a two week break out bowling was very rusty. SLC managed to reach 1/112 in the 21st over. Our best bowlers were Jackson Rossi (1/6) and Jonah Watt (1/12).

So far this season we have had one great bowling game and one great batting game. I know that if we manage to put both together in one match we could go very close to getting a win. We have one more game to see if we can do it.

Mr Shane McCarthy - Year 6A Cricket Coach

6B Cricket Report

The MBBC 6B’s played a competitive match against St Lawrence College on Saturday at Runcorn, losing 7/76 to 0/138. The cancellation of the two previous matches did not help in preparation for this game,
neither did the unfortunate loss of two players in the lead up to this match. Nevertheless, the boys performed admirably under such conditions.

Max Punin carried his bat, retiring after 30 balls, and other boys, notably Joseph Metcalfe, Hunter Kassulke and Matthew Cameron also showed confidence at the crease, although this unfortunately could not be translated into a larger number of runs from the bat.

In the field, the cancellation of the last two matches unfortunately showed, with 70 extras being given to SLC, and they were able to reach a total of 138 without loss. Again, Max Punin had a solid innings, giving away 1 run for his two overs, closely followed by Alex Wilson and Adam Jones, each with bowling figures of 2 for 2 overs.

The boys now look forward to the last match of the season next weekend against Churchie.

**Mr David Peckham - Year 6B Coach**

**6C Cricket Report**

6C's Round 6 match was a 20/20 home game against a tough St Laurence's College outfit. On winning the toss, MBBC chose to field but found it hard to contain some powerful hitting with small boundaries. To their credit, the boys put in 100% effort in the field. Zac Totidis kept really well with the gloves and took a tricky catch. Lachlan Deer bowled tightly to claim 2 wickets and Jackson Maybury grabbed the wicket of their most dangerous batsman.

MBBC then put on their best batting display of the season with Zac Totidis again striking the ball cleanly. He managed 3 boundaries before being run out for 15. Blake McCormick hit 2 boundaries on his way to retiring.

The boys came up short of a daunting total but showed plenty of determination. Well done fellas. Next week we will organise a post match BBQ. Details to come.

**Mr Gavin Henderson – Year 6C Coach**

**5A Cricket Report**

After a couple of weeks off, the 5As were keen to get out and compete again this week. St. Laurence’s College won the toss and decided to field. Some early hitting and good running between the wickets saw the MBBC boys post a decent total of 82. The largest improvement, however, was not seen until MBBC stepped up to bowl. After talking about reducing the number of sundries over the past two weeks, it was very pleasing for all involved to see the number of sundries halved. Liam Webber was the pick of the bowlers including being on a hat trick. Well done boys.

**Mr Rob Jeffries – Year 5A Coach**

**Game Photographs**

Game photographs will be available shortly on the MBBC Website.

If you have any photographs of the cricket matches that you would like to include in the Yearbook or weekly cricket newsletter, please email, or send on a CD, these photographs to Mr Pincott (pincottj@mbbc.qld.edu.au).