From the Principal

I was sent the following as a powerpoint some time ago. As we come to the end of first term, and celebrate the great hope of Easter, there are many things here that we can use to have thoughtful conversations with our children.

The most selfish one letter word ... I. Avoid it.

The most satisfying two-letter word ... we. Use it.

The most poisonous three-letter word ... ego. Kill it.

The most used four-letter word ... love. Value it.

The fastest spreading six-letter word ... rumour. Ignore it.

The hardest working seven-letter word ... success. Achieve it.

The most enviable eight-letter word ... jealousy. Distant it.

The most powerful nine-letter word .... knowledge. Acquire it.

The most essential ten-letter word ... confidence. Trust it.

Easter services P-6. This Thursday.

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 formal uniform (not summer uniform as mentioned in last week’s newsletter). 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 collect to support Mission Australia. All members of the College community are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Years 7-11 Easter Service

The Middle and Senior School service was held last Monday. It was a very special occasion and I was pleased to see the solemnity and respect shown by the boys as we celebrated Holy Communion for the first time.

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.

Dr Roderick Crouch
Principal

Announcements

Leo’s Club Sausage Sizzle

The Sausage Sizzle will be held this Friday, 3 April at 1.00 pm after the Cross Country. Sausages are $2 and Poppers will be available for $1. Boys are to pay on the day.

Events - Highlights
97.3FM Short Story Competition
Congratulations to Rhys Cush of 7C for winning the 97.3FM Short Story Competition with his story "House Killer Koalas from Outerspace".

Chess
Last Tuesday, calm moves and strong strategies made for a winning combination for two of our chess teams when MBBC hosted the Bayside primary schools chess competition, welcoming boys and girls from surrounding schools.

Fresh from outstanding performances at the recent Somerville tournament, four teams of four were entered. When the dust settled and the final king was mated after 6 highly competitive rounds, half of the top 15 players came from MBBC, with Nicholas Bognar our top player (coming third overall with 5.5 pts out of 6), and MBBC 1 and 2 coming first and second in the competition.

Entering the final round, MBBC 1 and 2 were tied at the top but a strong final round in which 3 of the 4 players won and the other player drew had MBBC 1 (Tavis Bancroft, Josh Sloman, Nicholas Bognar and Brant Barr) coming out marginally ahead of MBBC 2 (Liam O'Keefe, Rhys Cush, Louis Altena, Daniel O'Brien).

The day culminated in a prize giving ceremony at which Dr Crouch congratulated the strong performances of the boys, who displayed exceptional behaviour and incredible team and individual spirit, with many of them competing in their first tournament. The depth of chess skills at MBBC is phenomenal and bodes well for the future and the second leg scheduled for May.

Many thanks to Mr Thompson, who cooked a delicious free sausage sizzle to keep everybody going through the final three rounds, which obviously paid dividends as the boys continued to go from strength to strength.

The winning team pictured (L-R)
Back Row: Joshua Sloman, Nicholas Bognar and Brant Barr. Front Row: Tavis Bancroft.

Library Update
Many thanks to Ms Joubert, Jamie McCowan, Nick Richards, and Lachlan Altena for their artwork. Their bright and professional interpretations of Bruce whatley's characters in Jackie French's books have added to the vibrant atmosphere in the library.

As well as her books for boys, the library will have available two of Jackie's titles that are written for adults - Rocket Your Child into Reading and The best of... which focuses on Jackie's knowledge and hints for gardening and herbs. Both books will be available for purchase at the Mother & Son Breakfast.

Ensure you have her books on the day for Jackie to sign - bring books that you already own or complete the pre-order form (also available from the school office), include the money and payment slip, and place in an envelope marked "Jackie French Books" in the silver box outside Administration before Wednesday, 1 April 2009. If you would like to look at some of Jackie's books, please visit us in the Library.

Easter Eggs for Others
Donations of Easter Eggs for Others are rolling in slowly. One of the most worthy lessons we can learn in life is to give to those less fortunate than ourselves. Please join in this very worthwhile endeavour and have your son bring in a donation of Easter eggs to his class for collection, by Thursday morning.

These donations will be distributed to the patients at Redlands Hospital to help brighten their stay over the holiday period. A representative from each class will accompany Dr Crouch and Ms Youngman to the hospital on Thursday.

ANZAC Day Service - Advance Notice
We will be holding an ANZAC Day ceremony on Friday, 24 April commencing at 8.45 am. All parents are welcome to attend.

Boys in Years 4-11 should wear formal uniform.
### Guitar with Kyri Peace
All students who missed their lesson on Monday with Kyri due to his absence will have their make up lesson this Wednesday 1 April.

### Science Club
Please read the program for more details for Term 2 Science Club with Donna Bennett.

### Sport

#### CIC Sport

**Queensland Athletics Cross Country Carnival**
In preparation for the MBBC Cross Country Carnival to be held Friday 3 April 11 MBBC students competed in a Queensland Athletics cross country race on the weekend. In windy conditions, all boys showed tremendous grit in completing their races.

Results are as follows:
- **1 km**: Jack Taggart (4.51), Matthew Findlay (6.00).
- **2 km**: Tavis Bancroft (8.32), Toby Masterson (8.53), Liam Wallis (9.12), Nicholas Thompson (9.13), Riley Carr (9.24), Alexander Kutschkin (11.12), Tyson Finnis (12.42).
- **3 km**: Ryan Munro (14.19), Dylan Hrstich (14.50).

**CIC Rugby and Soccer Trial Matches**
These trial matches will be an excellent introduction into CIC Rugby and Soccer for all involved. All boys are expected to play in the trial matches.

**CIC Rugby**
A trial match against Brisbane Boys's College has been organised for Saturday 25 April. The matches will be played at Elanora Park at the following times:

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Field location and address can be downloaded from the MBBC Website [http://www.mbbc.qld.edu.au/item.asp?pid=1437](http://www.mbbc.qld.edu.au/item.asp?pid=1437)

**CIC Soccer**
A trial match against Iona College has been organised for Friday 24 April. Matches will be played during school time at Iona College. Students will be transported to Iona College via the MBBC Bus. Information about game times will be provided in the first week back at school.

Mr Jack Pincott
CIC Co-ordinator

**MBBC Annual InterHouse Cross Country Carnival – THIS Friday**
The annual InterHouse Cross Country Carnival is being held this Friday. The day is used as both a competitive selection for CIC and District Cross Country teams, as well as allowing boys from across the College to work together in their houses. All boys in the College will, throughout the course of this week, receive further information regarding the day, however some important details to note are outlined below:

Boys aged 9 years -17 years will run a track that around the entire school grounds. Teachers will be stationed around the track, and the parent observation point will be on the oval, under the marquee beside the cricket nets. The track encompasses two large hills that will test the boys' endurance, but also provides a fun experience by running through “out of bounds” areas. As boys will be running across the driveway, the front entrance gates will close as races are run.

Students will run distances according to their age and competition lengths recommended by Qld School Sport.

ALL boys will require their HOUSE sports shirt and sport shorts. Boys may still compete if they do not have their House sports shirt, however, their finishing points will not count towards the overall house points of the carnival. Additionally, boys will require their hats and water bottles whilst waiting for their race to commence. Sunscreen will be available, however ALL boys are HIGHLY encouraged to come to school with sunscreen applied and bring personal sunscreen.

Boys are encouraged NOT to eat directly before their race, or for 10 minutes after their race. At the conclusion of the carnival, the boys will enjoy a shared House lunch break. Boys will be given the opportunity to eat at 10:30am, however this will be a shortened break, with the major break commencing at 1.00 pm. Boys are not to share food; instead they are to eat their major lunch items in the company of other students in their House.

Student leaders will coordinate fun activities after the lunch.

**Secondary School Cricket (Supplementary GPS Fixtures)**
Congratulations boys on a marvellous season - and also to Mr Noonan on your coaching this season. Though not winning last Saturday’s fixture against Churchie, all boys showed the true Eagle spirit and finished with pride and sportsmanship.

I hope to see more boys take up the challenge in 2010 to represent the College.
Rugby (Secondary School – Supplementary GPS) – We have begun!
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 a 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.

Notice of Race, Entry Form and Indemnity Forms >>

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.

All prospective parents please contact Mr Pike (Sports Master) at pikeh@mbbc.qld.edu.au as soon as possible with nominations.

Active After School Sport
This week is the final week for both the Wednesday general sports sessions as well as the Friday Cricket sessions. These programs have been well attended and it has been unfortunate that wet weather has cancelled a number of these sessions.

New activities will begin in Week Two of next term. As details are still being confirmed with the Australian Sports Commission, sports being offered will be announced in the first newsletter of Term 2.

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

Chaplain’s Corner

Easter
Easter is such an important time of the year for Christians. It is a time of sorrow and a time of celebration. How do you capture the significance of such a monumental event when we have heard it so many times and have become a bit blasé about it?

I think author Max Lucado does a fantastic job using his story telling skills in this excerpt from his book, “Six Hours One Friday.”

The Golden Goblet
Flames leap from the hill. Pillows of smoke float upward. Orange tongues crack and pop. From the midst of the blaze comes a yell—the protest of a prisoner as the dungeon door is locked; the roar of a lion as he feels the heat of the burning jungle.

The cry of a lost son as he looks for his father.
“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

Please click the link to continue reading “The Golden Goblet”

Mr Shane McCarthy
School Chaplain

College Business
College Sport Socks
All boys are required to wear the College sport socks (see photo) with their sports uniform beginning in Term 2. These socks are now in stock at the MBC Uniform Shop.

Canberra Tour 2009
21 boys have confirmed their intention to be part of this year’s Canberra Tour. Airfares will be booked this week, so if there are any late additions to be made to the group, they may attract a slightly higher charge.

Detailed costings, payment deadlines and a finalised itinerary will be sent home with the boys in Term 2.

Senior School Africa Tour 2010
Eight senior students and four parents have indicated an interest in attending a tour of northern Tanzania in June/July 2010. Mrs Patchett is meeting with tour facilitators this week and will be in touch with all interested families early in Term 2.

If you are interested in being part of this experience and have not returned the tear-off slip, please send a note/email to Mrs Patchett before the end of this week so that your participation can be considered.

Important - Parent Information Evening for Years 9 & 10
All parents are very strongly encouraged to attend this evening.

Thursday, 23 April
7.00 pm - 9.00 pm
Venue: C3 & 4

Further information will follow in next terms newsletter.

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 or 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.

School Carpark
Please note that parents should, if possible, park in the carpark on the left on entering the school grounds for drop off and pick up in the morning and afternoon. However if the carpark is full, the staff carpark is a second option.

The school roundabout is not a carpark.

Parents & Friends

Trivia Night
A great night was had by all. We had pirates, punks, party goers, and potty professors to name a few. Seventy-five people attended the night and we raised just under $1750, which was a fantastic effort.

Thanks to Mike Van Acker for running the evening, Lisa Thompson for organising the games and everyone else who helped to make the evening a success. The winners were the Potty Professors: Annette & Keri Thomas, Janet & Andrew Stewart, Sean & Sue Kelly and Rob & Rebecca Porter. Take a look at the P & F section on the college website for photos.

Chocolate Drive
We still have quite a bit of monies outstanding. Could you please return all money this week so that we can finalise this before the end of Term 1.

Entertainment Books
Everyone should have received an advanced order form for entertainment books. If you wish to take advantage of this offer and receive 6 bonus vouchers, you will need to have returned your form by Thursday, 2 April so that I can send you your vouchers before the holidays. If you miss this date, you can still order a book but you will not receive the bonus vouchers.

Books will be distributed in Term 2.

Karen Austin
President
MBBC P & F