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**Wynnum Manly Eisteddfod**
Congratulations to all boys in Years 4 to 7 for their excellent performances at the Wynnum Manly Eisteddfod. From all accounts it was an exciting and positive experience which I am sure the boys will remember and be able to learn from for future similar challenges. Special congratulations to the staff for the preparation of the boys. Well done to Year 5P who placed second in the Choral Speaking Division and Second overall.

**Strategic Planning Day**
The Board and senior staff spent last Saturday in a strategic planning exercise to map the implications of the commencement of Year 11 in 2009. By providing students will a strong foundation in the MBBC 3Rs of Research, Reason and Relationships, the College offers a range of options for boys to help them achieve their preferred post school destination. Rather than only offer a limited range of subjects, as happens in other schools, the College has held individual interviews with all Year 10 families to help them determine appropriate courses of study for their sons. In 2009, some boys will undertake traditional high academic options while others may undertake traineeships. Each boy’s results are closely monitored and boys provided with support and guidance to maximise their opportunities.

**Japanese Visit**
In Term 3 we will be hosting 15 students from Kamakura Gakuen High School. This was a wonderful occasion last year and the families who hosted students thoroughly enjoyed having their visitors. All families in the College are encouraged to billet a boy. Further details are attached to the newsletter, but if you are able to billet a student please contact the office for a form.

**Semester Reports**
Semester 1 reports will be posted home during the first week of the holidays.

**Prep 2009**
With Ms Youngman I am currently undertaking interviews for our Prep 2009 classes. Such has been the demand that we will be offering two classes next year. Both classes are full and we have a waiting list as well.

Roderick HW Crouch
Principal
Memory Verse
Such a large crowd of witnesses is all around us! So we must get rid of everything that slows us down, especially the sin that just won’t let go. And we must be determined to run the race that is ahead of us.
Hebrews 12:1

House of the Week
Congratulations to Nicholls for being the House of the Week last week.

Award Cards
Congratulations to following students who received award cards last week: Prep – Angus Marshall Year 1 – Jack Kelly, Sam Moore, Hamish Freer, Cairo Falvey, Joshua Burgess Year 2 – Noah Verstandig, Mason Carr, Matthew Eisenmenger, Ronan McIntyre Year 3 – Liam Segers, Charlie Moore, Matthew Findlay, Zac Totidis Year 5 – Ivan Zelich, Jordan Charge, Lewis Davies, Jamie McCowan, Ewan Prosser Year 6 – Jonathan Kyranis

Tuckshop
For this Thursday’s tuckshop there are two options 6 Chicken Nuggets with a large Flavoured Milk or a Hot Dog with a large Flavoured Mineral Water. Both meals are $6.50 each. Please fill out the tear off slip to order tuckshop and place in the silver locked box with exact money by Wednesday 10.00am. Tuckshop cannot be ordered on Thursday. No change is able to be given so please include the correct money.

Tuckshop Volunteers
Volunteers are needed this term to collect the boys’ tuckshop from Moreton Bay College each Thursday. We also need volunteers to count money each Wednesday collected from tuckshop. Without the help and support of volunteers, tuckshop would not be possible. If you have some free time on a Wednesday or Thursday morning please fill out the tear off slip in the newsletter or call the office on 3906 9444.

OSHC
Vacation Care programs are now out, they are available at the school office or from the OSHC room. If you need care over the June/July Holidays, please fill out a form and return back to the office asap. Bookings will not be accepted over the phone or via email.

Hours of operation are 7:00am -5:30pm

Sisters, friends and cousins are all welcome at the program.

Parents are reminded if you are new to the program, you are required to complete an enrolment form in addition to the holiday program. If your child has an allergy that requires any emergency medication or epipen, all must accompany your child. Without the emergency treatment your child will not be able to attend.

We are running three excursions, they include; Port of Brisbane Eco Workshop, Reverse Garbage at West End and a Movie at South Bank.

Please have your bookings form in by the 16th June 2008.

Miss Natalie Mossop
OSHC Co-ordinator

Wet Weather Information Line
The wet weather information line is available to call at anytime to check to see if your son’s sport matches or any other event will still be taking place whilst there is rain. The number is 3906 9450.

New Absentee Line
If your son is unwell or is not coming to school please call our new absentee line on 3906 9494. Please leave your son’s name, form class and a reason for his absence.

Leo’s Club
As a member of the MBBC Leo’s Club I would like to give you some information about the newest project from the Leos, it is called the Gift of Sight. We have been asked to collect unwanted glasses (sunglasses
and prescription). Once collected we will send them off to a developing country like Uganda. One in seven people in third world countries have poor vision.

The collection will start immediately so if you have any unwanted glasses at home could you drop them off at the office where there will be a collection box.

Like the Lions Eyeglass Recycling Centre says "one pair of glasses can change a person's life." I hope that you will donate glasses so we can help those that are less fortunate then us.

William Matterson  
MBBC Leo's Club Year 8

Music
Just a reminder to all guitarists that lessons for the Queen's Birthday public holiday (9 June) will be happening on Thursday 12 June, and the times will remain the same as posted for the Monday. Please make sure boys put this in their diary. Also a reminder about the concert on the 16 June, it would be great to see as many guitar students parents, grandparents and anyone else you can convince to come there to support the boys in their first real ensemble performance of the year.

Mr Kyri Peace  
Guitar Tutor

Speech & Communication performances at the Wynnum Manly Eisteddfod
Over the past two weeks, boys from year 1 to year 10 have been competing in the Wynnum Manly Eisteddfod as individuals or in pairs. Special congratulations to the following students on their results: Year 1 - Ben McLaughlin (High Commendation for Australian Poem); Year 4 - Angus Barker (High Commendation for Humorous Verse); Year 5 - Lachlan Ford & Tristan Maher (High Commendation for Duologue), Year 5 - Jack Capewell (High Commendation for Poem for Two); Year 6 - Rhys Cush (High Commendation for Poem for Two); Year 9 -Tyron Hoole (2nd place for Duologue); Year 10 -Dominic Guilfoyle (2nd place for Duologue).

Congratulations also to the following boys, who all received Honours marks for their performances (over 80%). Year 1 - Finley Mitchell; Year 3 - Kaleb McQuilty, Callum McKechnie, Jack Taggart; Year 4 - Tavis Bancroft, Dylan Wylie, Alex Kutschkin; Year 5 - Ewan Prosser; Year 6 - Angus Walton, Jamison Macdonald.

Co-curricular Drama Groups
Please note that there will be no Drama Groups next week (Week 8).

Speech & Communication students
Please note that there will be no Speech & Communication lessons next week (Week 8).

Zita Horton  
MBBC Speech & Communication tutor

Year 2/3 and Year 3 Excursion to Lego Centre
Last Wednesday as part of our Integrated Unit on Toys, the boys went to the Lego Education Centre. The boys explored first class levers and made a lever to pick up Grandma’s sunglasses. Then the boys programmed a laptop using the MindStorms program to make a robot dance. The boys also went to the Queensland Museum to sketch some interesting machines. During the day we received a number of positive comments from staff at both the Lego Centre and Museum about the outstanding behaviour the boys demonstrated. Well done boys, you made MBBC proud!

Miss Cara Ryan & Mrs Andrea Bowden  
Year 3 & Year 2/3
Spotlight on Sustainability

Brisbane Catchments Photographic Competition
CATEGORIES:
• Native flora and fauna of the Catchment
• People in their catchment
• Environmental problems (eg weed infestations, soil erosion water pollution, visual pollution) within the Catchment

ENTRY DIVISIONS
• Young persons (up to Grade 7)
• Young persons (Grades 8-12)
Deadline for entry is August 15. See Mrs Patchett for more information and an entry form if you are interested.

Carbon Footprint
A Carbon Footprint is a measure of the impact our activities have on the environment in terms of the amount of greenhouse gases we produce. It is measured in units of carbon dioxide.

A Carbon Footprint is made up of the sum of two parts, the direct / primary footprint and the indirect / secondary footprint.

1. The primary footprint is a measure of our direct emissions of CO2 from the burning of fossil fuels including domestic energy consumption and transportation (e.g. car and plane).

2. The secondary footprint is a measure of the indirect CO2 emissions from the whole lifecycle of products we use - those associated with their manufacture and eventual breakdown.

To calculate your carbon footprint and explore ways to reduce it, visit http://www.carbonfootprint.com/carbonfootprint.html

Planting trees is a great way to counteract your Carbon Footprint, so if you drive a gas guzzler, use air-conditioning or like a lot of takeaway food – be sure and give a bit back to the environment at our next Nature Refuge event (3 August).

Get Buy Smart and win money
Moreton Bay Boys College students are encouraged to take part in the Buy Smart Competition 2008, run by the Office of Fair Trading.

This is an exciting opportunity to brush-up on your consumer and financial skills, as well as learning new ones. You could also win cash, with a total prize pool of $14,600 available.

To take part all you have to do is research a consumer or money-related topic, such as mobile phone contracts, banking and saving, internet shopping or getting a refund.

You then need to educate your classmates on this topic in a creative presentation, for example, a song, video clip, children’s book, short story, board game, or in any other way you can think of.

Send a copy of your presentation to the Office of Fair Trading and you could win:
First prize - $500 student/$1500 Moreton Bay Boys College.
Second prize - $200 student/$800 Moreton Bay Boys College.
Third prize - $150 student/$500 Moreton Bay Boys College.

Entries close 19 September 2008.

The competition is open to students currently in Years 3-12.

Entries are judged on their quality, creativity, effectiveness and suitability of message and your presentation to classmates.

You can enter on your own or as part of a group of up to six people.

For more information talk to Mr. Pike. For an entry kit and other resources visit www.fairtrading.qld.gov.au/buysmart, email buysmart@justice.qld.gov.au or call the Office of Fair Trading on 13 13 04.

Sport

MBBC Under 8’s AFL
There was no game played on Friday due to the rain. This Friday we are away at Sheldon College.

Mrs Sheridan Wallis

Supplementary GPS Rugby (Years 8-10) – MBBC
After a washout weekend, all boys will be champing at the bit to get back on the field this Saturday. Games at the moment are scheduled for boys in both teams, and all boys should expect to play this Saturday. Good luck this weekend boys, and play strong hard Rugby!
All boys will need their mouthguards to play with, as well as boots and any other protective equipment they require. Water bottles are essential, as there is limited availability of water near the ovals.

Results
Wash out last round.

This Saturday’s games
Under 13 and Under 15 game details will be given to the boys as soon as they are received by the College.

Wynnum District Soccer
Congratulations to all of our teams on making the Grand Finals, this is fantastic news. Never before have we had teams finish first in all three divisions, and due to the washed out semi finals, MBBC will automatically progress through to the Grand Finals. If the Junior Boys A and Senior A teams win their respective finals, they will go through to the Metropolitan Knock-out competition, playing other district winners. Good luck to all boys in their games.

All games will be played at Brisbane Wolves Soccer Club, Boundary St, Tingalpa.
Senior A Boys v Wynnum West State School
Time: 7.30 pm kick-off (be there at 7pm)
Senior B Boys A (Year 6 team) v Tingalpa State School
Time: 5.30 pm kick-off (be there at 5pm)
Junior Boys A v Guardian Angels
Time: 4.30 pm kick-off (be there at 4pm)

Boys are required to come in their MBBC Soccer Uniform, and bring their MBBC tracksuit or MBBC jumper (if cold) and a water bottle. All boys should support the other teams in their finals. This is a first time and it would be great to have the support of all boys playing. I also encourage any other MBBC students to attend and support the College. Any boy not playing and supporting should come in full sports uniform.

The Senior A and Senior B (A) (Year 6 team) will train on Tuesday morning, and the Junior Boys A team will train after school on Tuesday.

Under 14 MBBC Basketball
The great thing about winning by one basket in a tight match is that every team member knows that everything they did during the match made the difference between winning and losing. Everytime you stole
that ball from the opposition, every basket, every defensive rebound that stopped them scoring, every offensive rebound that we scored from made the difference between winning and losing.
As the coach said after the game – it was a good game for us. It stretched us and the fact that we had enough players to continually rotate meant that everybody was at their best throughout the game. We also have the opportunity now to start working on our team drills.

Congratulations to Isaac who scored in his first ever game of basketball and made some very impressive rebounds and was all over the court when Laurie asked him to play up in defence. It was also great to see Sam Lambourne and Michael Rennie combine so well. Their defence will make every team stand up and take notice and their clever passing in offense had the Coach very excited at the opportunities they will present to get other players cutting through the keyway to score. Yianni Sines, Luke Osborne and Caleb Patch all had strong games with numerous steals, some excellent rebounding and good positional play to give others options near the basket. The two mainstays of the team, Jacob Messina and Sam Maxton played to their usual high standard and were again real standouts as the “go to” team members and high scorers on the court. It is great to see the two of you giving the younger and more inexperienced team member's opportunities to score and show us just how quickly their skills are improving.

Well played all!

**AFL – Independent School Competition**

ALF Qld is entering it’s eighteenth season of the Queensland Independent School Competition. Last Year, 120 teams and nearly 3000 participants were involved in various divisions that the competition offers.

The key objective of this competition is to provide students with the opportunity to experience Australian Football whiled representing their school. Traditionally, the competition is conducted on Monday, Tuesday, and Friday afternoon/evenings from Mid August to October to alleviate clashes with more traditional school sports offered in the Independent System.

MBBC would like to become involved in this program, and thus is requesting nominations for both an Under 13 team and an Under 15 team. Under 13 nominations can come from boys in Year 8 (or year 7 if numbers are required), with Year 9 and 10 students being eligible for the Under 15 team. Nominations are due to AFL Qld on Wednesday 11 June, and Mr Pike would like to know before then. A sign-up sheet will be available outside Mr Pike’s office for all boys interested to sign up on.

**FINALS**

Senior A (Yr 7) Vs Lota on Field 3 at 1:10pm
Senior B Blue (Yr 6) Vs Manly A on Field 4 at 12:30pm
Senior B White (Yr 6&7) Vs Lota on Field 2 at 1:50pm
Junior Boys Blue (A team) Vs Wondall on Field 3 at 1:50pm
Junior Boys White (B Team) Vs Wynnum West on Field 5 at 1:10pm

Mr Hamish Pike
Sports Master

**P&F**

**Annual Dinner Dance/Auction**

This event is now in its 2nd year. Ask any one who has been before it is definitely an event not to be missed. Mark your diaries for the **23 August 2008**. This year the P & F will be holding the dinner dance at the Colmslie Function Centre. We are looking to have a Gold, Silver and Bronze Sponsor for our event. If you think you can help, please contact the P & F for further details.

Each year we ask our school and local community to donate items for our Auction. Eg: if you own a holiday unit you could donate a weekend away or if you know a sporting personality who could sign an item. Please keep watching this space for further details.

Please contact either Lisa Thompson sthompson4@optusnet.com.au Ph 0403 395 990 or Karen Austin radford107@yahoo.com or Ph 3893 0908.
Community Notices

**Robotics Workshops**
Year 5-12 Students  Term 2 School Holidays 2008
*Artificial Intelligence Workshop & Introduction to Robotics* Tuesday 8 July
Where: The University of Queensland St Lucia
When: 9am-12 noon
Cost: $15 Student Intro Workshop $25 AI Workshop
For more information please call 3365 2097 or email activities@itee.uq.edu.au

**Tear Off Slips**

**Tuckshop Volunteer**
Name:……………………………………………………………….Day Available:…………………………….
Contact Number:…………………………………………………..

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**Tuckshop Order – Thursday 5 June  2008**

Name______________________________   Year: __________

☐ 6 Chicken Nuggets with a large Flavoured Milk           Both are $6.50 each
☐ Hot Dog with a large Flavoured Mineral Water
(Please circle choice of drink)

Please enclose exact cash (no change is able to be provided).
Please put in an envelope marked Tuckshop and place in silver locked box by 10.00am Wednesday, 4 June 2008

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