Welcome Back
Welcome back to an exciting year. Much has happened during the holidays and there is still much to be done! I trust all families have had a refreshing holiday and are raring to go. Personally we had a quiet break, farewelling our eldest daughter to England for a GAP year. The staff has been back at least a week and has undertaken extensive professional development work in using the Interactive White boards as efficiently as possible, as well as reviewing the overall curriculum and the different school policies. In addition we planned the plethora of events that are to come this year as well as prepared classrooms. It has been a stimulating week.

Routines
At the start of any school year, the most important task at home is to establish a routine. We know from brain research that boys particularly have a great deal of difficulty planning as that particular section of their brains does not develop fully till after puberty, so they need our assistance to become organized (but this does not mean that we should do everything for them!) Conversely, the desire to take a risk skyrockets during puberty so it is essential that at both school and home, we provide support by working with boys to establish routines (which should also include plenty of sleep), time lines, and most importantly, boundaries.

The first routine to establish is when/where/how homework will be completed. This includes both a time and a place. It is important that boys have some ‘down’ time at the end of the day, so in establishing afternoon routines, particularly when training sessions and activities are involved, include time just to be a boy and a time and place to complete work. Boys like routines so try to keep to what you establish as much as possible.

Staff News
A number of staff changes have occurred since the end of last year.
Ms Nerida Sacre resigned at the end of Term 4 to take up a position as Head of Instrumental Studies at Clayfield College. We wish her all the best and thank her for her contribution to the College. Mr Hayden Dinse has been appointed as our new music teacher. Mr Dinse was previously head of Music at Kilbreda College in Melbourne.
Mrs Lesley Cosgrove has been appointed part time PA to the College Deputies.
Ms Nicole Williams has been appointed as a part time PE teacher for Semester 1. She will be working with students in P-6.

As previously mentioned, pastoral care teachers are as follows:
Prep - Mrs Mary Youngman, Year 1 - Mrs Alex Givney, Year 2 – Miss Rebecca Sullivan, Year 2/3 Mrs Andrea Bowden, Year 3 – Miss Cara Ryan, Year 4 – Mr Jack Pincott, Year 5- Miss Eliza Joannides, Year 5 – Mrs Jackie Proctor, Year 6 - Mr Damien Evans, Year 7 – Mr Bob Nicholson, Year 8 - Ms Melissa Heirdsfield, Year 9 - Ms Sarah Smith, Year 10 -Dr Brett Sawyer

Team leaders – Mrs Youngman (Prep), Mrs Bowden (1-3), Mr Nicholson (4-6), Mr Pike (7-9)

The two deputies have had slight changes in title:
Mrs Diana Patchett is now Assistant Principal. Mrs Patchett is specifically responsible for overseeing the pastoral care of students.
Ms Marie Perry is now Deputy Principal (Curriculum). Ms Perry is specifically responsible for overseeing all aspects of the College’s curriculum.

If a parent has a concern, as a general rule, please contact the class/form teacher in the first instance. Team Leaders provide support and assistance to the class teachers. Should additional assistance be required, concerns can be referred to the two deputies, before ultimately coming to the Principal.
Buildings and Grounds
The temporary classrooms have been installed while we await a new building that will be located behind Building E. The oval was top dressed during the holidays and with the recent rain looks (and feels) fantastic.

Parent Information Evening Thursday 07 February
Our parent information evening is Thursday 07 February. This is not a parent teacher interview night rather it is an opportunity for parents to hear from your son’s class teacher about the curriculum and the expectations of the year ahead. It will begin in the Building C courtyard at 6.30 pm and should conclude by 7.45- 8.00 pm.

Assembly and Chapel
Chapel is held each week at 8.30am (Years 7-10); 9.00 am (Years P-3) and 9.30 am (Years 4-6) on Mondays, while assembly is at 8.30am on Fridays for P-6 and at 1.00 pm for Years 7-10. Parents are always welcome to join us at these events.

Tuckshop
Tuckshop will begin in Week 2 (next week). We have been working on some new tuckshop arrangements for this year but they are still to be finalised. Therefore, for the time being the same arrangements as last year will take place.

School Fees
Parents are reminded that fees are due today. Fees are distributed termly with the due date being the start of each term. To assist parents in budgeting for school fees, the College has a number of options.

A 3% discount applies if the full years fees are paid now.

Periodic repayment options are also available. For details please contact the accounts department or visit the website.

I strongly encourage all parents to support the College's building fund by paying the tax deductible building fund levy of $125 each term. This money goes directly into providing current and future facilities for your sons.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding school fees, please contact the office.

2007 Year 3, 5 and 7 Tests
Results for the 2007 Year3, 5 and 7 tests are listed below. In each column, the first number is the school average, the second the state average for boys, and the third is the state average generally.

As can be seen the state average for boys is lower than the general state average in English but higher in Maths.

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Congratulations boys and staff on your tremendous efforts. The results are generally extremely pleasing and particularly in Year 5, where some results are over 100 points ahead of state averages, simply outstanding. There are some statistical anomalies with the Year 5 reading result, which are being investigated. The Year 7 results are an improvement in raw average score from Year 5 in 2005 but the state average has also improved. Ms Perry will be working with staff to analyse the results further and ensure all boys are receiving the appropriate assistance or extension.
**Calendar**
A calendar outlining the major events of the year is attached.

Roderick HW Crouch  
Principal

**Collecting Boys in the Afternoon**
Please find following a directional map of the carpark. To ensure the safety of our boys please be sure to follow this map when collecting/dropping off and parking. Parents are asked to be patient in the afternoon, to use the car park if you need to hop out of the car and **not to clog the roundabout so that parents in the car park are able to exit.**

Finish times for 2008 are
- Prep – 2.15 pm;
- Years 1 & 2 - 2.30 pm
- Years 2/3 & 3-4 2.45 pm
- Years 5 & 6 - 2.50 pm
- Years 7 - 10 - 3.00 pm
Please keep in mind that this is the time the boys finish **in the classroom** and so they will reach the pick up zone 5-10 minutes later (depending on their speed!)

**The Newsletter**
A reminder to parents: please sign your son’s homework diary each week to indicate that you have received the newsletter. If you wish to receive the newsletter electronically please complete the attached tear off slip.

**Uniforms/School Badges**
Please ensure your son wears full school uniform including a badge. Badges are available for purchase from the office for $5.00.

**Nut Free Policy**
As we have several boys with extreme allergies to all nuts where the merest touch can set off a reaction, parents are reminded that we are a nut free college. This includes Nutella or peanut butter sandwiches and muesli bars with nuts in them. Please do not send nuts to school at all.

**Notice of Attendance**
Just a reminder that if your son is absent from school, it is standard policy to inform the College of his absence as early as possible on the day and complete and sign an Absent form School notice. If your son arrives late or leaves the College grounds early, you will need to attend at the office and complete and sign a Late Arrival/Early Departure form. Thank you.

**Memory Verse**
Keep your minds on whatever is true, pure, right, holy, friendly, and proper. Don't ever stop thinking about what is truly worthwhile and worthy of praise. Philippians 4:8.
OSHC
The management of OSHC is outsourced to Quality Junior Programs and Miss Natalie Mossop is the
OSHC coordinator. Parents are reminded that OSHC should be contacted on 3906 9428. Messages
can be left on this number prior to 1.00pm.

Bookings for 2008
All OSHC parents, please be aware that all absent days will be charged at the one fee of $12.
Regular fees remain at $7 for an early session (4pm pick up) or $12 for a late session (until 6pm).
Absent days as a result of illness and accompanied with a medical certificate will not be charged.
If your son is absent from Before School Care or After School Care due to the following reasons
please notify the OHSC staff by phone (3906 9428) or email as soon as possible:
• Illness
• Being picked up from the pick up zone
• Going home with a friend
• Collected straight from any after school activity and not returning to after school care

Please help us as it is vital to know the exact whereabouts of each child that is on the roll.
Please leave a message on the OSHC phone 3906 9428 if staff are not present or email Miss Natalie
oshc@mbbc.qld.edu.au

Bookings, whether casual or permanent will not be taken without an enrolment form being handed to
the Coordinator Natalie Mossop first; this includes phone bookings as well. All up to date information
regarding contact numbers and fees can be found in the Quality Junior Programs Parent Handbook,
which is available from the office.

How to Register for the Approved Childcare Benefit
To register, families will simply need to contact the Family Assistance Office (FAO) on 13 61 50 and
advise they wish to use the MBBC Outside School Hours Care service and quote our CRN number:

Moreton Bay Boys’ Combined OSHC Program (BSC & ASC) is: 407 335 796J
Moreton Bay Boys’ OSHC Program – Vacation Care is: 407 335 799V

All CCB claims can be backdated 28 days from the day that you register.
Every family will be different, however as a guide here are the likely charges from December 2007:

After Care Charges
From $4.75 per afternoon (For lowest family incomes) to $8.78 per afternoon (Any family earning
$130,000 or more) - for 3 hours care after 30% tax rebate

Before Care Charges
From $2.26 per afternoon (For lowest family incomes) to $5.62 per morning (Any family earning
$130,000 or more) - for 2 hours care after 30% tax rebate

Remember to Register!
Parents who don’t register will be charged a flat rate of $14 for After Care and $9 for Before Care – so
please register with the Family Assistance Office.

Any queries, please call our Parent Hotline on 1800 460 870

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.

WHIZ KIDZ – SCIENCE
HANDS-ON EXPERIMENTING = LEARNING THAT’S FUN
• Is your child curious about everything?
• Does your child love Science?
• Does your child ask lots of questions?
• Would you like your child to have fun and enjoy learning?
CONCEPTS (Term 1) - Full program is available at the school office.
- Eggciting Science
- Total Recall
- A Shocking Experience
- The Science of Harry Potter

WHO – Junior - Years 1-3, Senior -Years 4-6
WHEN – Fortnightly from – Senior (Thursday 7th Feb); Junior (Thursday 14th Feb) 3pm-4.30pm
WHERE – Science Room
FEE - $68 for Term 1 (4 sessions) (Cash or Cheque - payable to Donna Bennett)

Please fill out the tear off slip at the end of the newsletter.

Music 2008
As the new Head of Music I am excited by the many activities and opportunities being offered this year.

Grade 5J will have the opportunity to participate in the band program this semester. Students in 5P will have this opportunity in second semester. This program offers students the unique opportunity of learning an instrument alongside their friends with our energetic teacher, Mr Alex Tronza.

Grade 3 will participate in the strings program throughout the year. Lead by Andrea Slater, the grade 3’s will be able to experience the fun and excitement of learning the violin or cello.

The choir will commence on Wednesday 6 February from 3.00-3.45pm. I encourage students from all year levels to come along and see how much fun can be had with the instrument inside all of us.

The concert band will commence on Monday 4 February from 3.00-3.45pm. I would like to include any students that play a string, brass, woodwind or a percussion instrument. I also encourage guitar and keyboard students to come and enjoy being part of the school band.

Guitar Ensemble will commence on Wednesday 6 February from 3.00-3.45pm. All guitar students are encouraged to come along and play alongside their friends and get the most out of learning the guitar.

Over the next few weeks I hope to offer even more opportunities for students to get involved in music making and encourage all students to have a go.

Hayden Dinse
Head of Music

Debating - QDU
After a brilliant season last year, MBBC wish to enter teams into the Queensland Debating Union (QDU) competition for 2008. This season is held over four Wednesday nights with boys needing to prepare for and debate at various private schools around south east Brisbane.

As nominations close by mid week 2, any boy in Years 8-10 who wish to compete in this competition need to see Mr Pike by Friday afternoon and register.

Season Details
Brisbane Debating Nights
Year 8 – 19 March, 30 April, 21 May, 12 June
Year 9 – 12 March, 23 April, 14 May, 4 June
Year 10 – 26 March, 7 May, 28 May, 18 June
Please see Mr Pike for any further details.

Speech and Communication
The Speech and Communication tutors for 2008 will be Mrs Zita Horton and Mrs Annette Thomas. Speech and Communication lessons recommence for the boys in Week 2. Parents who have re-enrolled their sons will receive notification this week of lesson details including their son's tutor and timetables.
The aim of the Speech and Communication Program at MBBC is to nurture confident, clear and expressive communication.

The program is run on a private basis for individuals, pairs and trios and lessons can be taken in school time. The program focuses on:
* Developing clear speech and presentation skills
* Encouraging appropriate behaviours in a variety of communication contexts
* Nurturing self esteem and social skills which include negotiation and assertiveness strategies.
If you are interested in your son taking Speech and Communication lessons please collect the Speech and Communication Tuition Program and Enrolment Booklet from Main Reception or contact Mrs Zita Horton (0409 061 746).

Extra Curricular Drama Groups
In 2008, two after-school drama groups will be run for the following year levels:
  * Year 4/5
  * Year 6/7
Drama is a fun group activity which involves role-play, play production and theatre skills. Benefits include the development of:
  * Confident communication skills
  * Effective interpersonal skills (including cooperation, assertiveness and negotiation skills)
  * Empathy for others and an understanding of relationships
  * Performance and presentation skills in a supportive group environment.
If you are interested in your son taking a Drama class please collect the Extra-Curricular Drama Program Booklet from the office or contact Mrs Zita Horton (0409 061 746)

CHAPLAIN’S CORNER
It is said, that to lead the orchestra you must turn your back on the audience. We live in a society where the crowd’s approval is a big issue. Yet the crowd is not always right, it does not always know all there is to know. When attempting to please the crowd, we can waste so much time and do so many things that are not really us, which we later regret. Should we not be more concerned with pleasing the one who made us and who knows us better than anyone else? In turning our back to the crowd we are free to be all that we can be, to be true to ourselves and to be true to our creator.

Welcome to all new and returning members of the MBBC community. I pray that you all have a wonderful start to the year. As the school chaplain I am here to help all the members of our school community so if I can be of assistance to you or your family please do not hesitate to contact me. My email is mccarthy@mbbc.qld.edu.au

Shane McCarthy
School Chaplain

Sport
The sporting program at the College gives students the opportunity to participate in many different fields of sporting endeavour. The College competes actively in the Supplementary Great Public Schools competition (GPS) as well as sourcing club based activities for Secondary and Years 5 - 7 students respectively.

Sport is not compulsory, but every student is strongly encouraged to represent the school and the program provides a wide range of choices.

For Students in Years 5 to 10, a sports information booklet has been produced and will be distributed this week. It has detailed information regarding the College’s participation in sport and relevant policies and codes of conduct.

MBBC Sporting Apparel
Team sports uniforms and accessories will be available for purchase at the office. A number of items are part of a compulsory sporting uniform, and details on these items will be in the information booklet.
**MBBC Water Bottle**
The College now has a water bottle available for purchase. The bottle can be purchased at the office for $6.

**AFL at MBBC**
This year MBBC is seeking to extend its AFL program to include an Under 8, Under 9, Under 10 and Under 12 team to build on both the interest of the boys and their success in the 2007 interschool competition. AFL Qld strongly supports the College.

Sign on will be **THIS** Friday 1 February from 7.30am until 8.30am at the lower roundabout for all boys in Years 1 - 10. Boys in Years 1 - 7 will be able to play in the dedicated MBBC teams and train at MBBC. Games for Under 8, 9 and 10 teams will be either played at MBBC or surrounding clubs, and Under 12 games are played at the Wynnum Viking club field. Boys in Years 8 – 10 will play in club teams with the Wynnum Vikings.

If you are interested, or have any questions at all, please contact Mr Pike.

**Lytton District Swimming Carnival (Yr 5-7) and Gateway District Swimming Carnival (Yrs 8-10)**
Boys seeking to represent the College at Metropolitan East level will need to nominate for these carnivals. To do so, boys need to be ranked in the top 2 for Form strokes and top 3 for Freestyle within their age group. Times from last years interhouse swimming carnival will be used to rank boys, however, for new students and club swimmers, they should submit their fastest times via the tear off slip to Mr Pike by 9am Friday 1 February.

The Lytton District Swimming Trials will be held on **15 February 2008** at Moreton Bay College. The Trials will begin at **9:30am**. Estimated time of completion is **2:45pm**

The Gateway District Swimming Trials will be held on **18 February 2008** at Whites Hill State College.

**MBBC Basketball – Sign on to this Fantastic Sport!!**
MBBC basketball is now a power force within the Southern Districts Competition, and the College is looking at going harder and stronger in 2008. The season begins on Saturday 9 February, and nominations are required before the start of the season. Training will take place both at the MBBC Basketball courts, plus other centres where required.

Nominations are open to ALL students from Year 5. Registration is $65 per player, plus $5 per game per player. Nomination is via the tear off slip with this newsletter, or by emailing Mr Pike at.
Nominations are required by Monday 4 February 2008. Games will be played at the Clem Jones Centre (Zahel St, Carina). Draws will be available on website [www.sdspartans.basketball.net.au](http://www.sdspartans.basketball.net.au) prior to first week of competition.

**Parental Assistance**
The teams will also need parents to assist College staff with coaching and as managers. It is the College’s hope that both parents and staff can work closely to provide as many sporting opportunities to the boys as possible. We have had great support from parents in the past, and we encourage continued parental involvement. If you wish to express your interest in assisting as either a coach or team manager, can you please either complete the tear off slip or email Mr Pike.

Mr Hamish Pike  
Sportsmaster  
pikeh@mbbc.qld.edu.au
**Community Notices**

*Boys’ Brigade*

Boys’ Brigade offers a range of activities including camping, outdoor activities, crafts, games and badgework for boys prep to grade 12. Weekly meetings on Wednesday nights from 6.50pm at Wynnum Baptist Church.

Sign on night: 7pm Wednesday 6 February 2008
For more information please ring the Wynnum Baptist Church on 3390 5833.
Address: 287 Kianawah Rd, Wynnum West.

**P & F**

Welcome back to 2008! This year we are looking at promoting friendships amongst the parents and at the same time hoping to raise some funds for the school. To start the year off, we are seeking to find parent reps for each year level. If you are interested, please contact me via email. Please note that our first P & F meeting will be 11 February at 7pm – all are welcome. If you have any ideas or would like to make any comments about the P & F you can also email me.

Lisa Thompson
President
P & F sthompson4@optusnet.com.au

**Tear Off Slips**

*Newsletter by Email Confirmation Slip*

Son/s Name ...............................................................Class..............................

Parent’s Name/s.................................................................

Email Address........................................................................

Please remember to sign your son’s diary to indicate you have received your newsletter.

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*Moreton Bay Boys College Science Club     Junior     Senior     Please Circle*

Please return this slip to Donna Bennett before Session 1 (Do Not return this to the school)
NAME ........................................................................................................YEAR........
ADDRESS.........................................................YEAR..............................
PHONE NUMBER: .........................................................EMERGENCY CONTACT...
FEES  - $68 (Term 1) Included  YES/NO / bring to first session (please circle)
Donna Bennett – 42 Muriel St, Redland Bay 4165  (Fax – 38293495; Mob 0427644490)

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*MBBC Basketball*

Name: ........................................................................................................Year:........
DOB: .................................................................
Registration Fee of $65 paid by Cheque (Payable to MBBC) / Cash

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*Swimming Carnivals*

Name: ........................................................................................................Date of Birth:........
Swimming Club:.................................................................

1 .................................................. Time ........................
2 .................................................. Time ........................

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*Parental Assistance – Sport Teams*

Name: ........................................................................................................Son’s Name: ........
Sport: ........................................................................................................Year:........
I wish to assist as Manager / Coach

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