Easter

With Easter approaching I was sent this story which is worth publishing. Easter is a reminder of God’s promise to be with us always. Knowing this, may we too all make positive choices.

John is the kind of guy you love to hate. He is always in a good mood and always has something positive to say. When someone would ask him how he was doing, he would reply, “If I were any better, I would be twins!”

He was a natural motivator, so one day I went up and asked him, “You can’t be a positive person all of the time. How do you do it?”

He replied, “Each morning I wake up and say to myself, you have two choices today. You can choose to be in a good mood or... you can choose to be in a bad mood. I choose to be in a good mood.

Each time something bad happens, I can choose to be a victim or... I can choose to learn from it. I choose to learn from it.

Every time someone comes to me complaining, I can choose to accept their complaining or... I can point out the positive side of life. I choose the positive side of life. Life is all about choices. When you cut away all the junk, every situation is a choice. You choose how you react to situations. You choose how people affect your mood. You choose to be in a good mood or bad mood. The bottom line: It’s your choice how you live your life.

Several years later, I heard that he was involved in a serious accident. After 18 hours of surgery and weeks of intensive care, he was released from the hospital with rods placed in his back.

When I asked him how he was, he replied, “If I were any better, I’d be twins. Wanna see my scars?”

I declined to see his wounds, but I did ask him what had gone through his mind as the accident took place.

“The first thing that went through my mind was the well-being of my soon-to-be born daughter,” he replied. “Then, as I lay on the ground, I remembered that I had two choices: I could choose to live or... I could choose to die. I chose to live.”

“Weren’t you scared? Did you lose consciousness?” I asked.

He continued, “...the paramedics were great. They kept telling me I was going to be fine. But when they wheeled me into the ER and I saw the expressions on the faces of the doctors and nurses, I got really scared. In their eyes, I read ‘he’s a dead man.’ I knew I needed to take action.”

“What did you do?” I asked.

“Well, there was a big burly nurse shouting questions at me,” said John. “She asked if I was allergic to anything. ‘Yes, I replied.’ The doctors and nurses stopped working as they waited for my reply. I took a deep breath and yelled, ‘Gravity.’”

Over their laughter, I told them, “I am choosing to live. Operate on me as if I am alive, not dead.”

He lived, thanks to the skill of his doctors, but also because of his amazing attitude... I learned from him that every day we have the choice to live fully.

Attitude, after all, is everything.

I wish all families a Happy and Holy Easter and look forward to seeing all boys back at school on Monday 24 April.
Last Day of Term
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.

Grandparents Day
Thank you to all the Year 2 and 3 parents for such a scrumptious morning tea last week. Your assistance was greatly appreciated and added enormously to what was a wonderful day.

Newsletter – Week 1 Term 2
The newsletter will go home on Monday 24 April as the Tuesday is a public holiday that week.

Anzac Day Service
We will be holding an Anzac day ceremony on Monday 24 April commencing at 11.30am. All parents are welcome to attend.

Uniform for Terms 2 and 3
In Terms 2 and 3 all boys in Years 4-8 are to wear their formal uniform (shirt and tie) each Monday and Friday. The long sleeve shirts must be tucked in, so boys who have the new shorts should wear a belt. The school badge does not need to be worn with the long sleeve shirt.

Swimming
Swimming lessons finish next Tuesday 4 April. There will be no swimming on Thursday 6 April due to the Easter service rehearsal.

Easter Service
The Easter Service is this Thursday 6 April and will be held at Creek Rd Presbyterian Church, Cnr Creek Rd and Fursden Rd, Carindale commencing at 6.30 pm. All boys are to attend and will be involved in the service in some way. Please return the permission slip to your son’s class teacher as soon as possible. Parents of boys unable to attend should also provide a note to their son’s class teacher. There will be a collection at the service and all monies raised that evening will be donated to the CYCLONE LARRY appeal. As mentioned previously, summer uniform (no hats) should be worn. Any sisters attending who are MBC girls should wear their school uniform. For the rehearsal on Thursday morning, boys should bring some morning tea with them.

Holiday Office Hours
During the Easter break, the office will be closed from Monday 10 April till Tuesday 18 April.

Staff News
Mrs Andrea Bowden and Mrs Linda Willis have been appointed to the staff to teach Years 2 and 5 respectively. I look forward to welcoming them to the College. They will commence on Monday 24 April.

Years P – 3 Camp Out
Unfortunately MBC closed their ovals after the heavy rain on Friday and so our P-3 camp was washed out. We hope to reschedule it during term 4.

Assembly
Congratulations to Year 3 for a great job at assembly last week. Year 5 will be leading this week’s assembly.

Memory Verse
Acts 1:8 “But the Holy Spirit will come upon you and give you power. Then you will tell everyone about me in Jerusalem, in all Judea, in Samaria, and everywhere in the world.”

Award Cards
Congratulations to the following students for receiving award cards: Michael Moutsias, Brant Barr, Isaiah Snell, Bailey Dalton, Mitchell Wallis, Dylan Wylie, Liam O’Keefe, Ryan Homes, Nicholas Dunn-Coves, Jackson Willmott, Ben Carstairs, Lachlan Stephens, Kaleb McQuilty, Wilson Tait, James Armstrong and Nicholas Beevor.

House Of The Week
Congratulations to Dunlop for being House of the Week.
Choir
Both the Junior and Senior vocal ensemble need to be congratulated on their hard efforts leading up to the grandparents day assembly. Well done boys!

Science Club
A reminder that Science Club has now finished for the term, therefore it will not be on this Thursday April 6.

Term 2
Junior Group (Y1-3) will commence 4 May.
Senior Group (Y4-6) will commence 27 April.

Year 5-7 Interschool Sport
The Captains for these sport teams were announced on Assembly last Friday.

Junior Boys Soccer Captain Michael Rennie, Vice Captain Blake Proverbs.
Senior Boys Soccer Captain Joshua Kelliher, Vice Captain James Ogilvie.
Rugby League Captain Andrew Murphy, Vice Captain Tyler Brown.

We are confident these boys will lead their teams both on and off the field.

Interschool games were cancelled last Friday due to rain.

Games for this Friday, 7 April
Junior Boys Soccer 1.00pm v Lota at Memorial Park
Senior Boys Soccer 1.30pm v Lota at Memorial Park
Rugby League 2.15pm at Kitchener Park

The scheduling time of the rugby league game will delay all the boys from returning to the College until after 3pm. As Mr Schinkel is our Friday bus driver, we have asked the Rugby League Convenors to schedule our games after the holidays earlier (if possible) so that all teams can return before 2.45pm.

Boys may be collected from the venue by parents at the end of the match. Boys returning to school will need to change into their Day Uniform before leaving the school grounds.

A reminder that Sports Training will recommence on the first day of Term 2.

Middle School Space Expo
Wednesday, 5 April
Classroom doors will open at 6pm.
This is a showcase for the ‘Best of’ the Space Matrix tasks and an opportunity to celebrate the students’ achievements this term. All Middle School students are expected to attend in full uniform.

Sports Results

Basketball
Under 12’s MBBC Eagles
Having received a win from a forfeit last weekend the 1st season for the Eagles has finished. The team ended the season with 3 wins 1 draw and 5 losses. All players have done well and improved their skills. Details for the next season will follow. Congratulations and good luck to Tyler Brown who is competing in the State Championships representing Southern Districts this weekend at Logan. Steve Brown, Coach.

Under 14’s MBBC Eagles
Our last game for the season resulted in a win of 38 to 22 against the Hoopstars Red. The last time we played this team we drew with them. All the boys should be proud of the way they played this game and should be congratulated on their teamwork and sportsmanship throughout this season. The boys look great in their MBBC outfits and they represented their school with pride. Greg Rynenberg, Manager.

Club Soccer
U7C – Cougars (Year 1)
We are into our third match, the boys are learning to spread out and listen to the ref’s whistle. Our "Man of the Match" was Isaac Game. All boys played with a growing confidence. Next match will be on 22 April at 10:30am home grounds.
**AFL – MBBC Under 8’s**
The newly established MBBC team had their first game of the season last Saturday. The boys played Coorparoo, and showed excellent sportsmanship as well as some great skills. It was simply fantastic to see the boys participate with such gusto and pure enjoyment. The boys will now have a two week break over the Easter holidays, with their second match being on Saturday, 22 April. Good luck boys, keep up the magnificent effort. *Mr Pike.*

**Easter Eggs for Others**
Thank you for all the lovely donations received during the week for this worthy cause. The eggs will be distributed by a class representative and staff to the residents of the Pleasantville Nursing Home in Wynnum. Some of the eggs will also be given to Dr. Gavin Doig to distribute to children or elderly patients at the Wesley Hospital. Both of these venues are under the umbrella of the Uniting Church. This is always a great opportunity for the boys to understand the giving of Easter and to be participants in the wider community. Thank you all again for your donations. They will be greatly appreciated.

**Preschool**
The end of term is near and we are all looking forward to a well earned break. Next term the boys will come back to engage in the theme “Me and My Environment”. Next term the boys will be borrowing from the Library as well as having the opportunity to take Home Readers home. It will be a busy time with Under 8’s week and Open Day in the middle, so hold on for a fast and furious Term 2. Have a safe and happy holiday and we look forward to seeing you on 24 April. *Ms Youngman.*

**Year 1S and 1W**
This term the boys have been learning about themselves, their family and their friends. To celebrate their learning they are hosting an event where parents observe them in their school environment.

The boys have organised all aspects of the event from the invitations and tickets to the work or activities they want to display in front of their parents. This process has been great for the boys because they taken ownership of their own learning as they are the organisers of the event. I can’t give too much away…but we hope to see all parents there on: **Wednesday 5 April, 3-4pm in the Year One classrooms.**

Have a great Easter holiday and we look forward to seeing you next term where we explore “Celebrations”. *Ms Sullivan and Ms Woodgate.*

**Year 3**
Congratulations to all the boys for a fantastic effort on assembly last Friday. Mason and Julian did a great job as MCs, and it was very pleasing to hear the Commonwealth Games acrostic poem recited so well. This week we will be finishing our studies of the Commonwealth and Commonwealth Games whilst also working on some Easter activities.

I wish all boys in Year 3 a safe and relaxing holiday, and look forward to a jam packed and exciting Term 2. *Mr Pike.*

**Year 6**
The students in Year 6 can be very proud of their achievements in the Space Matrix they have been working on for the past 6 weeks. From picture books to planet models, flipbooks to charades – the boys tackled their work with enthusiasm and pride. This type of project work encourages the boys to select a variety of tasks that suit them while, at the same time, it gives them practice in the important skills of time management. With opportunities to submit rough drafts, regular ‘checking in’ sessions and sharing success along the way, we are preparing the boys for the expectations of Senior School, where a number of assignments can be due in a short period of time.

The standard of work was excellent and the boys are looking forward to sharing this with their families on Wednesday night.

Congratulations to David Blackley, Benjamin Darmanin, Jacob Grant, William Matterson, Owen Smith, Jackson Webster and Matthew Wood for their excellent reading record this term. All the boys have borrowed books from the Library in the past weeks to support their efforts in the *Readers’ Challenge.* Please encourage your sons to keep up the valuable practice of nightly reading over the holidays.

Next term, the boys will begin to venture into the planned Nature Refuge. There are a number of wet areas along the walking path (that’s why the Swamp Orchid loves it in there!) so the boys will need a pair of old shoes and socks that can stay here at school. These can be ‘reef walkers’ as long as long as they have a proper sole. Your support in organising this for your son is much appreciated. It is an invaluable outdoor education facility that the boys and I are keen to investigate!

Until then, please enjoy a safe and peaceful holiday with your families. *Mrs Patchett.*
**Tuckshop**
This week’s tuckshop is a cheeseburger at a cost of $4.00 including milk/juice. Please fill out the tear off slip to order tuckshop and place in the silver locked box outside the office by Wednesday 10.00am. Tuckshop is not able to be ordered on Thursday.

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**P&F News**

**Cadbury Chocolate Drive**
Many thanks to all the Students, Parents and Staff for a fantastic fundraising result. Congratulations to Year 3 for selling the most chocolates and therefore being the winners of a pizza lunch! Year 3 will be enjoying this lunch on Friday April 7 - what a way to end the term!

**P- 3 Tea Towel Orders**
All orders need to be at school by tomorrow (Wednesday 5 April).

**MBBC Family Favourites Recipe Book**
A reminder to families to send in your favourite family recipes by emailing them (no more than 3 per boy) to minrob@bigpond.net.au or putting them in the silver box for collection. Only 5 recipes received so far. Be sure to provide your family name and name and grade your son/s are in [e.g. SMITH family – Sam (Preschool)]. Your son/s will be delighted to see their names featured in this recipe book – let’s make it a fantastic one! Closing Date for recipes – 31 August 06.

**Community Notices**
- Walk to School this Friday 7 April. Students are encouraged to get active and walk to school on this day if possible.

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**Tuckshop Order – Thursday 6 April**
Name______________________________ Class_______________
Cheeseburger
Chocolate milk or apple juice (please circle drink of choice)
$4.00 cash per order enclosed exactly (no change is able to be provided)
Please put in an envelope marked Tuckshop order and place in Silver locked box no later than 10am Wednesday.

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**Permission Slip**

**Easter Service Rehearsal Thursday 6 April**
Boys Name: ______________________________ Year:___________
I give permission for my son to leave School premises and travel by bus to the Creek Road Presbyterian Church, Carindale.

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Signed