Maintaining Focus
Last Saturday I was fortunate enough to be sitting close to the sideline at the Bledisloe Cup rugby match. New Zealand had just scored their try (unfortunately) and the kicker was lining up his kick barely 5 m from where I was sitting. The crowd within earshot did its best to put him off. Indeed the volume of noise, comments, name calling and bad jokes was intense yet nothing distracted the kicker who calmly slotted the ball through the posts. It was hard not to be impressed by such focus and a wonderful reminder that to be the best that we can be, we need to maintain focus no matter how enticing the distraction. Whether we are at school, doing our homework, playing sport or building relationships, by maintaining our focus we can maximise our effort and in doing so, soar to new heights.

Science Fair
I encourage all boys to participate in this year’s Science Fair by entering a project. Each Year level has a different topic ranging from fossils to slime to food clocks. We had some wonderful efforts last year and I look forward to seeing the boys work in a few weeks time.

Interschool Sport
For boys in Years 5-7, the interschool summer sports on offer will be cricket and AFL. We believe there is sufficient interest to support two cricket teams and one AFL team. These teams will compete in the local Wynnum District Interschool Competition on Friday afternoons (in school time) starting Friday 8 September. Students will need to commit to providing any necessary equipment and to attend one training session per week. (Training will commence in week 5 and exact details will be in next week’s newsletter.) An enrichment program of physical activities and cultural pursuits will be organised at the College for those boys that are not interested in these competitive sports.

So that team nominations can be finalised, would all boys/parents please complete the tear off slip and return to the Office (silver mailbox) by this Thursday, 3 August.

Leos Club
Under the auspices of the local Lions Club, a Leo’s club is being formed. Boys need to be in Year 7 or older to participate. Leos Clubs are held in many schools and provide children with service opportunities through which they can develop leadership skills. MBC has had a very successful Leos Club for many years and I trust that the MBBC one will grow to be just as successful. The first meeting of the Leos Club will be this Thursday 3 August, from 3-4.00pm. Interested boys should see Mrs Patchett or me for more information.

School Visit
This Friday 4 August, the College will host about 30 heads of primary schools from Independent Schools across Queensland. They will be touring the College and I will be speaking about how our MBBC 3Rs of research, reason and relationships have shaped all aspects of the College from the curriculum to the architecture.

Parent Teacher Interviews Years 1-8
These will take place today and on Thursday 3 August from 3.00 – 6.00pm. Fifteen minute interviews have been allocated. If a longer time is needed the class teacher will arrange this with parents directly. Please note there will be no Parent/Teacher interviews for Preschool. These will be held in the last week of term. Miss Hollingworth (Music), Kikkawa Sensei (Japanese) and Ms de Lange (Art) will be available tonight provided a prior booking has been made.

Roderick HW Crouch
Principal
Assembly
Congratulations to Year 1S for a great job at assembly last term. Year 1W will be leading this week’s assembly.

Memory Verse
John 1:41 - The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother and tell him, “We have found the Messiah!”

House of the Week
Congratulations to Dunlop for being House of the week.

Awards
Congratulations to the following students for receiving Award cards last week: Y1S: Jack Castles. Y1W: William Stevens. Y2: Callum Bridge, James Armstrong. Y4: Conor Desmond.

Tuckshop
This week’s tuckshop is a Macaroni Bolognese plus milk or juice ($4.50). 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. No change is given so please include the correct money.

SUPPORT –A –READER……..WE NEED YOU!!!!

Support- A-Reader
The Support-A-Reader program is looking for willing volunteers to take on reading with boys on a one to one basis. If you think you could spare 15 mins to hear a child read please come and speak with me. Training will be provided in a flexible way that suits you. If you think that having a toddler discounts you please come and discuss this with me too. We are desperate for people to help and many boys are on the waiting list for this valuable program.

We are looking forward to many new faces joining our loyal band of existing Mums, Dads, Grandmas and even Aunties!!!! Andrea Bowden (Grade2), Nicola Vincent and Trudy Tait.

Wynnum District Athletics Carnival
After a washout last Friday, the boys from MBBC competed on Monday at Wondall Heights State School. The carnival is the only way that any boys can make the Metropolitan East Representative Squad. The efforts the boys showed at the carnival were nothing short of extraordinary. In particular, congratulations to the Under 10 and Under 11 relay team who won their races. Also congratulations to Tyler Brown for making the representative team in shot-put. Finally, congratulations to Michael Rennie, Trent Allen, James Ogilvie and Joshua Kelliher who all made District championship races, which means they are among the eight fastest boys for their respective races in the district. Well done boys. Mr Pike.

After School Activities – Places still available
Starting dates this term for the various activities are as follows:

- Year 1-3 Basketball – starting this week - Friday 4 August from 2:45 - 3:45pm. Places still available.
- Year 4-8 Basketball – starting tomorrow - Wednesday 2 August from 3:00 - 4:00pm. Places still available.
- Learn to play Chess – started last Tuesday, 25 July from 2:45 - 3:45pm. Limited places available
- Science Club – Years 1-3 - Thursday 20 July from 3:00-4:00pm Places still available.

Choir
Please ensure that your son has received the overview of choir rehearsals and performances for Term 3. Miss Hollingworth.

Amazing Master Class
Last Friday, Thomas Thorne (Year 5) attended a Master Class sponsored by the Wynnum Manly Festival with students from MBC, BGGS, Somerville, Sheldon, Churchie and other local schools. It featured Marshall McGuire, Australia’s finest harpist and Jane Rutter a flautist of national and international reputation. The master class focused on practice, rehearsal, and performance techniques. It concluded with a small performance by Ms Rutter and Mr McGuire playing the Australian debut of a new work by Sean O’Boyle, one of the countries leading conductors and composers and our new Year 5 woodwind teacher.
Jeans for Genes Day

Tomorrow, Wednesday 2 August, the School will be participating in raising money for Jeans for Genes. All monies raised go to the Children’s Medical Research Institute. For a gold coin donation the boys (and staff) will be allowed to wear jeans and casual shirt to school for the day. Please ensure that t-shirts do not have any offensive slogans or illustrations. Closed in shoes must be worn. Money may be left with your son’s class teacher. Let’s get behind this very worthwhile event. Ms Youngman.

Sport News

Under 14’s MBBC Eagles
The boys had a convincing win against Carina Vipers on Saturday with a score of 47 to 21. Both teams had no substitutes and kept the pace up throughout the game. They continually passed the ball to their team mates and played with great determination. This was a good result as they had only beaten this team by 5 points previously. Next week’s game is at 9.40 am on Court 2. Greg Rynenberg, Manager.

Soccer - U8 Destroyers
The Y3 boys, Owain, Jesse, Mason, Ryan, David and Jordan play exceptionally well in a Carnival at Loganholme to qualify for the Semi-Final by coming first in their pool. They won 4 games, draw 1, and lost the semi final 2-1. Well done boys. Next game 11.30am at Bayside, Training 7am Friday.

P&F News

P&F Meeting 24 July 2006 (full minutes are on MBBC website under P&F)
Main points from the P&F meeting:-

* P&F voted unanimously to accept the constitution currently on MBBC website under P&F.
* Construction of cricket nets will commence this term
* Applied for another marquee via the Volunteer Small Equipment Grant (closing date 21/07/06)
* P&F will purchase a tree and arrange for it to be watered - to be planted on edge of oval.
* Still looking for more recipes for MBBC recipe book (Closing date 31/08/06)
* Next meeting 14 August 2006, Yr 7/8 classroom - everyone is welcome.

“Arabian Nights” Trivia Night & Auction 26th August 2006 - return your ticket order before 4th August
Last chance to buy tickets at early bird prices! Our very reasonable ticket price of $30 per person (purchased before 04/08/06) includes finger food/dessert, complimentary cocktail & belly dancing. Drinks will be available for purchase (including cocktails, beer, wine, champagne, soft drinks) with all profits raised going to support the boys’ activities at school. Our theme this year is Arabian Nights - so start organising your tables of 10 and join us at the oasis. Dress code smart/casual with fancy dress is optional. A copy of the entry form is on the MBBC website in the P&F section and is also enclosed with newsletter. If you can help with donations of auction items (large or small), thank you! Your donations will be most gratefully received, please contact one of the P&F committee members, your class rep or the admin office.

Parent Support Group
Parenting is arguably the most difficult and important job in the world. But one for which people are often least prepared and supported. All parents want is to do the best for their children, and at some point in every parents life there may be a time when advice, information and support may be welcome. Whether your concerns are big or small, you may be surprised to learn that other parents are experiencing the same issues.

Under the auspices of the P&F a group that meets once a month in an open and relaxed forum is being organised. Details for the first meeting are listed below. So please come along and show your support. Remember, a problem shared is a problem halved.

Please feel free to contact Stacey Topham if you have any queries, on 3396 8846 / 0407 741 691.

WHEN: Wednesday, 8th August 2006
WHERE: Noop Café, “Eastside Village”, 696 New Cleveland Road, Gumdale
TIME: 7PM
MBBC Family Favourites Recipe Book

Recipe Tally = 33. 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. Thank you to the families that have already sent in some delicious recipes. The book is growing but we still need more! Be sure to provide your family name and son/s name and grade [e.g. SMITH family – Sam (Year 2)]. Don’t miss out – the closing date is getting closer! Closing Date for recipes – 31 August 06.

Westfield - Shop for Your School Promotion ends on 6 August, 2006

It's your last chance! Shop for Your School has only 1 week left to run, but there's still time to make a big difference to our school's chance of winning. Until closing time on Sunday 6 August, every $1 spent on eligible purchases means our school will get 20 points towards our tally. Remember to upload your receipts as Shop for Your School finishes on 6 August – with your help our school could be a winner.

Term 3 Dates: Monday July 17 to Friday September 22.

Attachments: none
Tear-off Slips

Tuckshop Order – Thursday 3 August – Macaroni Bolognese

Name: ___________________________________  Year: __________________________

Chocolate Milk or apple juice (please circle drink of choice)

$4.50 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.

Interschool Sport – Years 5-7

Please circle which sport you would be interested in trying out for:

CRICKET  AFL

Boys’ Name: ________________________________  Year: __________

Signed: ________________________________  Dated: ______________________

Learn to Play Chess – Term 3, Tuesday 25 July from 2:45pm

I give permission for my son to join the ‘Learn to play chess’ Club during term 3, at a cost of $50 (enclosed), for an 8 week term.

Boys’ Name: ________________________________  Year: __________

Signed: ________________________________  Dated: ______________________

After School Basketball – Term 3

Year 1-3, Friday 4 August from 2:45pm. Year 4-8, Wednesday 2 August from 3:00pm

I give permission for my son to attend After School Basketball during term 3.

Childs Name: ________________________________  Year: __________

Signed: ________________________________  Dated: ______________________