Celebrating a Quality Staff
When considering the influences on student learning, research has consistently shown that, of all the factors a school can provide in assisting student learning, it is the teacher who has the greatest impact. This impact can be up to 60% whereas in contrast, facilities account for only 5%. At MBBC, we have had, and will continue to have, a deliberate focus on ensuring we attract the best staff available. It is our staff who have devised our innovative and award winning curriculum and so it was wonderful this week to be contacted by the NEITa foundation to congratulate our school on having 3 teachers nominated for a National Excellence in Teaching Award. Mrs Patchett, Mr Pike and Miss Woodgate were nominated by our community and this week will be presented with a Certificate of Nomination at Assembly.

The purpose of these prestigious Awards is to honour and recognise excellent teachers and highlight the work, not only of individual teachers throughout Australia and New Zealand, but also the team contribution of all teachers in every school.

The three staff are now eligible for consideration for an ASG Community Merit Award or National Teaching Excellence Award and grant. Thank you to the nominators, and ‘well done’ to all our teachers for doing a great job.

I encourage all our parents to mention such successes when talking about the College with their friends. Word of mouth is the best advertisement.

Multiple Pathways
I was delighted to welcome Andy Griffiths to the College last Thursday. He gave a wonderful presentation on how he developed his story writing ideas, but more importantly, presented an even better role model to boys as to what they might aspire. Whilst we can all dream (and some of us may still do!) of being fantastic sportsmen earning enormous salaries and scoring winning goals, centuries or tries, the reality is that only .01% of the population get paid to play sport. The rest of us need Plan B! The aim of the College is to develop young men who can lead with faith and integrity. Leaders can be in any profession, whether that be the traditional professions, the trades, sports or the creative arts. It is important that boys realise that not only do multiple pathways exist, but also, the path on which they start may not necessarily be the one on which they will finish. The crucial aspect is that, no matter which path boys choose, by building their skills in research, reason and developing their ability in relationships, they can be a leader, and so soar to new heights.

Years 3, 5 and 7 Tests
Next week, boys in Years 3, 5 and 7 will undertake the state wide test in literacy and numeracy. The class teachers have been helping boys prepare thoroughly for these tests. Parents are reminded that in conjunction with the state tests in Years 3, 5 and 7, we are obliged to gather data on families of children undertaking them. Please return the form distributed last week as soon as possible.

MBBC Family Science Night - Thursday, 17 August, 6.30-8pm
Don’t miss the exciting Science Activities that will be set up in all the classrooms this Thursday night. Visit 4 or more experiment stations and enter your passport in the draw for a family Whale Watching cruise off Moreton Island.

Share you second invitation with a friend!
A second invitation was sent home last week, please help spread the word in the community that Moreton Bay Boys College is an award winning science school!

Roderick HW Crouch
Principal
Father and Son Breakfast
The Father and Son Breakfast will be held on Friday 01 September at 7.30am in a marquee on the oval. Cost is $12 per person. Though our speaker is still to be finalised, it will no doubt be a tremendous occasion. Please return the tear off slip with your money to the office.

Sausage Sizzle
Our next sausage sizzle will be held this Friday 18/08/05. A sausage costs $1.50. Please complete the tear off slip and place with exact money in an envelope by Thursday in the P&F box outside the office.

Anyone available to help with next week’s sausage sizzle would be much appreciated. Please call Kent on 3893 0696 or 0412 632 709 if you can assist.

Assembly
Congratulations to Year 7/8 for a great job at assembly last week. Year 4 will be leading this week’s assembly.

Memory Verse
John 2:17 - The disciples then remembered that the Scriptures say, "My love for your house burns in me like a fire."

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

Awards

Parking
Parents are reminded that the roundabout is not a drop off or pick up zone, neither is the grass area in front of the tennis courts a car park. Last Friday we had a number of parents collecting boys in Years 1 and 2 not observing this request and thus causing dangerous congestion on the roundabout. Please use the car park or regular pick up zone when collecting boys from after school sports activities, the walk won’t hurt them!

Choir
The Junior and Senior Vocal Ensembles will be performing at Choralia on Sunday, 20 August. All boys should have received a notice with the details. It is important that all boys are punctual to rehearsals this week. A reminder that the Junior Choir will be rehearsing on Friday, August 18 from 7.45-8.15am in addition to the regular rehearsal time.

Tuckshop
As tomorrow is a public holiday, there will be no tuckshop this week.

Drum lessons
Drum lessons have now commenced at the College during school time on Wednesdays. Lessons are $25 per half hour. Please call Mr Cvitan Barac if interested on mobile 0408 722 539.

Music Reminder
Just a quick reminder to parents that instrumental fees that have not been paid are now outstanding as we have now commenced Week 5. Please ensure these fees are paid promptly. Thank you. Miss Hollingworth and Mrs Cuny.

MBBC Boardwalk
As parents are aware MBBC is responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of the nature reserve within our college boundaries. Many parents have already assisted in clearing back a path through the reserve and de-weeding around that path.

The next step is to construct a boardwalk over that path to assist in the maintenance of the pathway and also enhance the learning activities that can be obtained within the nature reserve.

Naturally a boardwalk can not be constructed without funding and the college has requested that I form a small working committee to determine the cost and viability of the boardwalk. One idea that has already been floated is that each of the planks of the boardwalk has a students' name, commencing with those students who founded the College and listing all students that grace the halls thus creating a history of the College and its students.
Preliminary costing indicates that planks such as these would be between $60-100 to obtain and construct into the boardwalk. Funding for the boardwalk would have to be outside that already obtained from the school community and could be sought by way of a once only environmental levy on students (payable also by all new students of the school into the future to support the maintenance of the boardwalk and environs).

In the first instance I would like to hear from any parents who are prepared to assist in the working committee (approx one meeting per month before school) and also from parents who have an opinion (for or against) on the above proposals. Richard Matterson, richard@mattmar.com.au, Ph: 0419 265 227.

**MBBC Book Week**

Book week is coming up and what an ideal time to cleanse those bookshelves. This year we are running a second hand book exchange where you can bring in your unwanted books from home and refresh your bookshelves with new books for the cost of $1-00 per book. Please encourage your children to go through their bookshelves and make a pile of books to be exchanged. After your approval, have them dropped off at the Library as soon as possible. Any unsold books and funds raised will be donated to the MBBC Library. Jo Stevens.

We look forward to your book donations and seeing you at the book store to be held on the oval at pick up time during book week!!

**Year 4 Buddy Reading with Preschool boys**

On Friday our Year 4 and Preschool boys teamed up for a session. As a homework task, the Year 4 boys had to select a picture book, practise reading with expression and write 3 ‘open-ended’ questions to ask the Preschool boys. It was a fantastic session that provided a wonderful opportunity for boys to share skills and build relationships with each other. Well done to both the Preschool boys for having us visit their classroom and Year 4 boys on their positive role modelling.

(Peter Lahanas and Liam O’Keefe)

**MBBC Vacation Care**

Vacation care is almost here again! Enclosed is the programme for the September/October holidays, with a booking form. Fees will be $25 per child per day and the hours of operation, 7.00 am-5:30 pm. Vacation care works on a first in, first serve basis, so return your forms quickly to secure a place for your child/children. Once again we will be taking age appropriate siblings, including sisters. Please contact Miss Alex Leggoe if you have any questions, 3906 9428, leggoea@mbbc.qld.edu.au. Hope to see you at vacation care!!

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Dear Parents,

Years 2 and 4 are jointly hosting a Maths Information night. This night will be an opportunity for you to have the four operations explained and perhaps to experience a different way of viewing Mathematics in everyday life! The evening is geared toward the parents of boys in Years 1-4, but all parents are welcome. If you have been perplexed by a homework task or just have some general enquiries please come along. We look forward to seeing you there. Andrea Bowden and Cara Ryan.

**WHERE:** Year 2 classroom  
**WHEN:** Wednesday 23 August  
**TIME:** 6.30pm

**Leos Club**

Reminder:
MBBC Leo’s Meeting  
Thursday, August 17  
3-4pm in the Library

**MBBC Science Projects**

These are due this Thursday for judging!
**Sport News**

**Under 14’s MBBC Eagles**
The team played extremely well on Saturday against a very determined Belmont side. The boys held the game evenly throughout and with encouragement from each team player and sideline support from their parents, they went down at the last minute with the score 31 to 27. This was an exciting game to watch and all supporters thoroughly enjoyed being part of it. Keep up the good work! Next Saturday's game is at 10.30 am on Court 2. Greg Rynenberg, Manager.

**Soccer - U8 Destroyers**
What a finale! The Y3 boys had a well deserved win over the Dingoes 3-2. The boys amassed a total of 137 goals in a total of 16 games and only lost one game all season. I would like to thank the parents for their support, the boys for their excellent sportsmanship over the past 16 weeks, and MBBC for their support for the carnivals we attended. Thank you Sandra Buckeridge.

**Soccer – U7 Cougars**
The Cougars played their final match last Saturday with one man down due to illness and a coach on crutches. It has been an incredible learning journey for our young players who have had no previous soccer experience whilst playing against opposition with some experience. Team party Saturday 19/8 at The Waterloo Bay Hotel, 4:30pm. Nicole Dargin-Elders.

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**P&F News**

**"Arabian Nights" Trivia Night & Auction 26th August**
Time is running out to purchase tickets to the "friend" raising/ fundraising event of the year! Dust off your genie lamp and join us at the oasis! For catering purposes, please make sure that you book and pay for your tickets by Friday 18 August 2006. Tickets are an absolute bargain - the price includes finger food (including dessert), a complimentary cocktail, belly dancers, trivia quiz and auction. The tickets will be sent home week commencing 21st August, 2006.

**MBBC Family Favourites Recipe Book - Recipe Tally = 38**
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 AT THE END OF THIS MONTH!
Closing Date for recipes – 31 August 06.

**Westfield Shop for Your School 2006**
Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Westfield Shop for Your School event. Once again our school community rose to the occasion and did a great job, with Moreton Bay Boy's College finishing in seventh place in Band 1 (up to 300 students). The College will receive a Panasonic Digital Camera, valued at approximately $1,895.

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

**Attachments:** Vacation Care Program and booking form
Acacia Sign on Swimming Club
Tear Off Slips

**Sausage Sizzle – Friday 18 August 2006**

Name______________________________   Class_______________

$1.50 cash per order enclosed exactly (no change is able to be provided)

Please put in an envelope marked Sausage Sizzle order and place in Silver locked box

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**Father/Son Breakfast – 01 September 2006**

Son’s Name______________________________   Class_______________

Father’s Name _________________________

Please put $12/person (no change is able to be provided) in an envelope marked Father/Son Breakfast and place in Silver locked box no later than Friday 25 August 2006.