From the Principal

The Eagle

Eagles come in all shapes and sizes, but you will recognize them chiefly by their attitudes. E. F. Schumacher, 1911 – 1977.

I am often asked why we chose the (sea) eagle as our ‘mascot’. There are a number of attributes to the eagle that link very strongly with how we wish our boys to develop under the MBBC 3 R’s of research, reason and relationships.

Eagles nurture their young by allowing them to fly under their wings. This is a wonderful example of how we wish our older boys to care for our younger ones. The development of buddy relationships, the shared spaces and the way we have designed our grounds are all a part of the way we support boys to build positive relationships with each other.

Eagles see the big picture – For boys to succeed they need to be able to step back and reflect or think about the big picture, just as an eagle is able to hover. Our thinking skills program which starts from Preschool is designed to assist boys to develop their reasoning or thinking skills.

Eagles have an eye for detail – Just as the eagle is able to pick out the important detail, so too we trust that boys will become good researchers – knowing where to acquire information and learning to be discerning in determining what is important in that information.

Eagles are resilient – Eagles often endure difficult environments. The truth is that we will all endure difficult moments in our lives. How resilient we are is crucial. As a church school, we have a basis for living built on our fundamental trust in God and His love for us. Aided by our social development program, ‘You can do it’, we hope to work together with the home to enable boys to develop resiliency.

In encouraging boys to be researchers, develop their reasoning and build relationships, we can assist them, just like the eagle to soar to new heights.

When thou sees an eagle, thou sees a portion of genius; lift up thy head! - William Blake, 1757 - 1827

Office Hours

Parents are reminded that office hours are 8.00 am – 4.00 pm.

Camp

Boys in Years 7/8 are off this week on an overnight camp. Details have been given to boys in class. Years 4-6 will be going on camp on March 6. Letters concerning this camp will be going home this week.

Roderick HW Crouch
Principal

Assembly

Congratulations to Year 5 for a great job at assembly last week. Year 1 will be leading this week’s assembly.

Memory Verse

Psalm 119:33 “Point out your rules to me, and I won't disobey even one of them”.

Award Cards

There were no award cards last week.

House of the Week

Congratulations to Nicholls for being House of the Week.
School Badges
If you have purchased a badge please try to name it somehow as they can be misplaced or fall off. A reminder that the badges do not need to be worn with the boys’ sports uniform.

Chess
Chess Team training will go ahead on Thursday morning for all members including Years 7/8.

P&F Monthly Sausage Sizzle
We are still looking for helpers for the P&F monthly sausage sizzle. This is a monthly P&F fundraiser that can only exist with enthusiastic, ongoing support of our school community. If you have a couple of hours to spare on Monday 27 February, please ring Kent Hardgrave on 0412 632 709.

Term 1 Fundraiser
As part of our Fundraising for 2006 MBBC P & F are running a Cadbury Chocolate Fundraiser. We are pleased to announce that for this drive we have Cadbury Freddo Frogs for sale for $1.00 each. This represents excellent value and all profits will go to MBBC. Each Family (oldest child) will be issued with a special Cadbury Fundraiser carry box on Wednesday 1st March 2006. You will also be provided with an envelope to collect the money raised. If you require extra boxes to sell please let the office know and we can arrange this. We ask that all orders and money collected be returned to school in the envelope provided no later that 24th March 2006 (Please make sure your name is on the envelope). Fundraising activities such as this will make a great contribution towards funds that will benefit your sons. In anticipation of a successful fundraising drive I thank you for your support. (Karen Austin Treasurer MBBC P & F) Please note with the warmer weather it is best to store the boxes in a cool place.

Basketball
Under 12’s MBBC Eagles
The boys played a great game winning 35 - 5. While the opposition was undermanned it was clear that all the training has been paying off as the skill level and teamwork of all players had improved. Particular mention goes to Liam Van der Beld Yianni Sines, Conor Desmond and Cameron Yang. Tim Thorogood, Curtis Sherwood, Vassili Cassimatis and Tyler Brown all scored points. Jenny Kingsley.

Choir
A reminder that the Junior Vocal Ensemble for boys in Years 1-3 is now rehearsing on a Thursday morning rather than a Monday lunchtime. Boys will meet on the 23rd of February at 7.45am in the music room.

“You Can Do It” Education Update
The Foundations of Confidence, Persistence, Organisation, and Getting Along are the keys all children (and adults) need to develop Resilience.

The Foundations help children’s thinking change from “I can’t” to “I can”, from “I won’t” to “I will,” from “I don’t know where I’m going or how to get there” to “I want to achieve and I have a plan,” from “I can’t get along” to “I know how to get along.”

These Foundations provide children with the personal attitudes and competencies that are necessary for young people to be “successful learners”. The four Foundations of Confidence, Persistence, Organisation, and Getting Along all support the development of a resilient healthy individual, and therefore, develop resilient and healthy communities.

Tennis Nets
In order to enjoy both tennis and basketball on our new multipurpose courts, boys are reminded not to swing on the tennis nets.

Science ‘Show and Tell’ Presentations
Congratulations to the Year 5-8 boys for their interesting scientific presentations over the past 2 weeks. The Science Lab has been transformed into a Science Museum and all the classes have been well-educated as to the science that surrounds us. The following boys have been selected to repeat their presentations on Assembly on Friday, March 3. If these boys would like to practise their presentations, Mrs Patchett will be available in the Lab at first break on Thursday (this week and next) to assist with rehearsals. Year 5 – Brendan Thomson, Year 6 – Joshua Kelliher, Year 7 – Mason Huber, Year 8 – Joshua Gillespie.

OSHC- Vacation Care – Expression of Interest
We are trying to determine how many parents will require vacation care this holiday period. We will be offering it for the days stated on the tear off slip. The cost will be $25 per child per day and the hours will be 7am till 5pm. The children will be required to bring: morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea, a hat, lots of water and wear play clothes and shoes. Some low cost/no cost excursions will be considered to keep the children interested if the numbers are satisfactory. We will also be taking enrolments for siblings (girls inclusive) to increase our numbers and save parents doing two drop offs. Please fill in the form attached to this newsletter and return on or before Friday 24 February. We need these back as soon as possible to organise licensing if we decide to go ahead with vacation care. For any other information please email me on leggoea@mbbc.qld.edu.au or phone 39069428. Thanks, Alex Leggoe.
Preschool
Our Dinosaur theme is in full swing with the boys enjoying the ‘jungle’ set up in the dramatic play area. Some of the boys are heading for a career in paleontology as their knowledge on dinosaurs is keeping us all intrigued. On Wednesday morning “Dinosaur Adaptus” is being performed by Kite Theatre at our school and I am sure the boys are eagerly awaiting this production.

Transport permission slips need to be returned to school as soon as possible. These have been in previous Newsletters. If you do not have one please see Kathy or Anna in the office.

Year 2
This week has been busy with the boys enjoying their swimming lessons along with all of the regular activities. It has been wonderful to see the boys working well as a group, particularly if conflicts arise. The boys are using the skills and strategies that we have worked on with the help of puppets and role play. For the next few weeks we are going to continue to focus on the structure of sentences and number facts. At this stage sentences need to answer the questions of who or what, what happened and why. Please work on this verbally if you get a chance. Doubles (6+6) and doubles plus 1 (6+5) to 10 are the number facts that we will spend time on this week. Once again if you get a chance it would be helpful to work on these. Thanks, Ms Ruddle.

Year 6
Congratulations to Joshua Carter-Hardgrave, William Matterson and Jackson Webster for reaching the first milestone of ‘25 Nights Reading’ for this school year. Most boys are recording a reading session most nights. This regular practice is invaluable so please encourage your sons to establish this routine. Mrs Patchett

Year 7/8 Overnight Camp at Karingal Scout Camp, Mt Cotton
Thank you to Mr Day and Mr Mann for their offer of assistance on this camp. We are looking forward to a great experience with the boys. We will be departing the College at 8.30am on Thursday and returning on Friday by 2.30pm. The boys will need to bring their own morning tea and lunch for this first day. Students – please remember to pack a spare pair of shoes that can be worn while canoeing (‘reef walkers’ would be suitable but not thongs). Also, each student must bring their own plastic bowl, cup and tea towel. Double check your Packing List to be sure you will have all that is required.

Years 5-7 Sports Choices Letter
A reminder that the tear-off section of this letter needs to be returned to the office by this Thursday so that team nominations can be made to the District Sports organisation. Confirmation letters will be sent home with the boys prior to training beginning in week 7.

Tuckshop
We are currently recruiting tuckshop helpers for 2006. If you are able to assist please call Madonna Sines on 0412 067 721. It is a great way to meet other parents and be involved in the school community for a couple of hours each week. This week’s tuckshop is a Hamburger at a cost of $4.00 includes milk/juice. Please fill out the tear off slip to order tuckshop.

Attachments
- Parents Business Directory - 2006
Newsletter by Email Confirmation Slip
Son’s Name______________________________   Class__________________
Parent’s Name ___________________________
Email Address_________________________________________________
Please remember to sign your son’s diary to indicate you have received your newsletter

Sausage Sizzle – 27 February 2006
Name:__________________________________ Class:______________________
Quantity__________________________________
Apple/Orange Juice (please circle)
Cost: $3 (includes drink and sausage) $1.50 for any additional sausages thereafter.
Please put in an envelope marked Sausage Sizzle order and place in Silver locked box no later than 10am Thursday 23 Feb 2006.

Tuckshop Order – 16 February
Name______________________________   Class_______________
Hamburger
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.

OSHC – Vacation Care
Yes, we would be interested in vacation care fore Easter and April Holidays, 2006
Child A: Name______________________________   Class_______________
Child B: Name______________________________   Class_______________
Child C: Name______________________________   Class_______________
Please circle days you require for each child.

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