From the Principal

Australian Readers Challenge
I was honoured to be invited to the launch of the Australian Readers Challenge at Government House on Friday. We participated in this challenge last year and it has now moved to being Australia wide. The challenge encourages children (and adults) to read a range of books over a period of time. There is a $5 entry fee with proceeds going to support literacy development in indigenous communities in outback Australia. It is an individual challenge rather than a competition and I would encourage all boys (and parents too) to participate. Further details will be distributed as soon as possible.

Morning Drop-off
Now we have the afternoon collection flowing fairly well, it is timely to remind parents that the lower roundabout after 7.45 am in the morning is a drop off zone only. Drivers should remain in their car to ensure the safety of all boys. If you need to see a teacher, take your son to before school care, meet some one, drop a notice to the office or even hop out to open the boot then please use the car park. It is likely that with the growth in numbers we will reach the point where we have to close the lower roundabout in the mornings, so please remember that after 7.45am – the only one out of the car in the lower roundabout should be your son!

Science Club
Parents are reminded that Thursdays science club now runs from 3.00 pm - 4.30 pm. Please collect your sons from the science room at this time.

Communication
Parents often ask how they improve communication with their children. It is often difficult to get beyond a ‘fine’ when asking about the day. There are of course no easy answers but the following are some suggestions:

Remember that boys (and men) tend to communicate shoulder to shoulder whereas women generally communicate face to face. By this I mean, men communicate through mutual activity rather than by talking directly. Therefore one good way to hear about the day is to do something together, whether it be cooking dinner or going for a walk.

Use indirect questions – Direct questions such as ‘what happened’ or ‘how was’ usually lead to one word answers as they can often be quite threatening. They may often lead to answers your son thinks you want to hear (either to gain attention or to end the conversation!) Rather ask indirectly such as what was the best thing in your day.

Listen. If you are driving your son and any of his friends home, listen to their conversation, you may be surprised at just how much has happened in their day!

Camp
Boys in Years 4-6 will be going on camp next Monday March 6. Letters concerning this camp was sent home last week, please ensure that the slip is returned to the office as soon as possible.

Assembly
Please be aware that assembly will occur on Thursday 10.00am rather than Friday for this week only.
Assembly
Congratulations to Year 1 for a great job at assembly last week. Year 6 will be leading this week’s assembly.

Memory Verse
Psalm 119:43 “I rely on your laws! Don’t take away my chance to speak your truth”.

Award Cards
Congratulations to Owain Thomas Y3 for receiving the first Award card for the year.

House of the Week
Congratulations to Doherty for being House of the Week.

AFL
New junior AFL club possible for MBBC in 2006
Following the success of the AFL Auskick program in recent years, Moreton Bay Boys’ College in conjunction with the Wynnum Vikings Australian Football Club are looking to establish a Junior Australian Football club at the school for the 2006 season.

Moreton Bay Boys’ College would like to nominate teams in the under 8 and under 9 age groups for its inception year. The under 8 and 9 age groups are participation based; therefore do not play for premiership points. The under 8 games have nine players on the field at any one time, and the under 9 games play twelve-a-side. The guiding principles of these age groups are for the players to enjoy themselves and develop skills in the game of AFL. The under 8 age group is non-contact and the under 9 age group is very limited contact, giving every player the opportunity to develop in their own time. The club would play in the AFL Brisbane Junior competition under the Wynnum Vikings umbrella, but be named MBBC, games would be on Saturday mornings, usually at 9.00am for the under 8’s and 10.00am for the under 9’s. The season will commence on 1 April, 2006 and conclude on 5 August, 2006. Players would need to pay a registration fee to the Wynnum AFC. This registration pays for weekly game fees, insurance, provision of umpires etc. This fee will be set early 2006. AFL Queensland and the Wynnum Vikings will pay for the first set of jerseys required and contribute to the second, as well as assisting to find a coach. AFL Queensland will also offer free accreditation to one coach per team and anyone willing to umpire. If you or a member of your family is interested in playing in or assisting with these teams in 2006 please fill in the tear off slip and return to Mr Pike. For more information, please contact Mr Pike.

MBBC Chess
Chess Training group (Mondays, 3-4 pm in the Library)
This group is progressing well. Mr James has reported steady progress from these students, well done boys, keep up the good work.

Chess Team (NEW TIME Fridays, 7.15-8.15 am in Year 7/8 room)
Parents and players, please note the new training time. This has been done to minimise the potential conflict with sports training. The Chess Team boys are mostly arriving on time and ready to train, though some are slow to settle into the concentration required for Competition Play. Players are working towards their first Brisbane Interschool Competition: Primary – Wednesday, March 15 and Secondary – Thursday, March 16, 9 am – 3 pm, Marymac Centre, Ipswich Road, Annerley. Mr James will accompany the selected players to the competition.

Only those players that are prepared for competition will be invited to compete. A note confirming your son’s invitation to this competition will be sent home after training on Friday, March 10.

Year 5 B.B.Q
On Friday night parents and children of Y5 enjoyed a B.B.Q dinner at the Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron. The boys enjoyed a few games of soccer and rugby, whilst the parents had a chance to get to know each other. It was great to see everyone having a good time. We will organise another get-together for those parents who could not attend in the near future. Thank you to all those that attended. Sharon Lambourne.

P & F Sausage Sizzle
A big thank you to the following helpers for Monday’s sausage sizzle: Sally Coall (Ayden Y2), Beth Doig (Connor Y4), Andrew Ogilvie (James Y6), Richard Matterson (William Y6). Also a big thank you to PJ’s on Selina at Wynnum Nth for their on going support in supplying the sausages, bread, sauce etc. Kent Hardgrave.

P&F News
Agenda for Meeting Monday 6 March 2006, 7:00pm at MBBC
- APOLOGIES – REPORT FROM MR CROUCH - PRESIDENT’S REPORT - TREASURER’S REPORT - FUNDRAISING UPDATE (CHOCOLATE DRIVE –KA) - GOLF DAY - TRIVIA NIGHT (KC) - GENERAL BUSINESS - BUS UPDATE.
**Soccer Academy**

Please be advised that Soccer Academy which is normally held on Monday afternoons has now been cancelled until further notice. A refund to parents will be sent by Mr Glen Bowman asap. Mr. Bowman has moved to Toowoomba and sincerely apologizes for all inconveniences caused.

**Basketball**

**Under 14's MBBC Eagles**

The boys played a great game against a very experienced team, losing 44 to 18. The boys are improving every week and it’s great to see them developing their skills. A very special thank you to Vassili Cassimatis (Y6) for helping us out. Keep up the good work! Next game is at 12.10 pm next Saturday. Greg Rynenberg.

**Under 12's MBBC Eagles**

The Eagles played a thrilling draw on Saturday against Sheldon College. The scores were level with 1 minute to go. The Eagles were beaten by the clock as they were charging toward their goal. The final score was 20 all. A great team effort!

**“You Can Do It” Education Update**

The Foundations are the keys all children and adults need to develop to achieve social and emotional well being. The Foundations of “You Can Do It! Education” are defined as:

**Confidence:** Knowing that you will likely be successful at many things you study. It means not being afraid to make mistakes or to try something new. Confidence requires that young people not be overly concerned with what others think if they make a mistake.

**Persistence:** Trying hard and not giving up when they think school work is too difficult or boring. Examples of persistent behaviour are continuing to try even when school work is hard, not being distracted by others and checking work when it’s finished to make sure it’s correct.

**Organisation:** Setting goals to do your best in your school work, planning your time so that you are not rushed, having your equipment ready, and keeping track of when your assignments are due.

**Getting Along:** Working well with teachers and classmates, solving problems without getting too angry and following the rules of the classroom. Examples of Getting Along behaviour are being helpful when working in a group, listening and not interrupting when someone else is speaking/talking. The base Foundation that the four Foundations help develop is Resilience.

**Resilience:** Knowing how to stop yourself from getting extremely angry, down, or worried when something “bad” happens. It means being able to calm down and control your behaviour to feel better.

**Preschool**

This week marks our last week discussing Dinosaurs. The boys thoroughly enjoyed the performance of “Dinosaur Adaptus” and are looking forward to discussing fossils throughout the week. Unfortunately the Museum exhibits need to be returned this week. The boys have been fascinated by the ‘up close and personal’ view of our local dinosaurs. Next week we will begin building upon our knowledge of Dinosaurs and discuss modern animals which hatch from eggs. This will lead into our Easter theme which should see us through to the end of term. Ms Youngman.

**Year 1**

The Year One boys have continued to work extremely hard over the past couple of weeks. They are developing their knowledge of letters and sounds and are applying these skills to a variety of different literacy tasks. The boys are also exploring all strands of the mathematics syllabus. They have investigated volume, shape, graphing, patterning, positional language as well as number.

Science experiments and design and technology experiences have been a highlight for the boys over the past couple of weeks. The hands on nature of these tasks have appealed to the boys' interests and they have been keen to share their creations or discoveries with others. Last Friday the Year One boys hosted Assembly. Each and every one of the boys should be proud of the way they presented themselves in front of the audience and also be proud of their achievements this year. Well done, boys! Miss Sullivan and Miss Woodgate.

**Year 3**

Students have been busy researching aspects of both their suburb and the community of MBBC. The boys have investigated what their house would look like on Google Earth and have discovered many new items about their own community. Swimming has been going exceptionally well, with many of the boys beginning to become very competent and confident swimmers. Who knows, the next Ian Thorpe or Michael Klim may come from the Year 3 class of 2006. It has also been very encouraging to see the boys actively using the new basketball courts during first break. I encourage all of the boys to continue having fun on this fantastic facility. The boys have begun their first term project, which is an in depth investigation about their suburb. The boys can complete this task using a variety of methods, and I am looking forward to seeing all the completed projects next Friday. Mr Pike.
Year 6
The Year 6 boys and I have decided to undertake the Reader’s Challenge again this year. The boys will bring home the Nomination Form and Reading List this week. Please return your Nomination Form and five dollar registration fee as soon as possible. The Library is working towards acquiring one copy of each of these books in the near future, but the boys would like to offer each other support with a ‘Sharing Library’ in the classroom. If you own a copy of any of the Reading List books, please send it to school (with your name on the inside cover). We will look after them and return them at the end of the Challenge (September 1). Congratulations to James Ogilvie and Owen Smith for reaching the first target of ‘25 Nights Reading’ for this year.
Well done boys – keep up the great work!
Work should be underway on the six Space Matrix tasks. Please support your son in managing these tasks progressively over the coming weeks so that they have the best chance of success in their endeavours.
Mrs Patchett.

Year 7/8 Camp
The overnight camp to Karingal Scout Camp was a great success last week. The boys enjoyed the shared experiences of canoeing and abseiling, as well as a challenging obstacle course through the bush. Intermittent showers did not dampen the enthusiasm of the boys as they strengthened their relationships and their teamwork skills. The boys certainly enjoyed Mr Crouch’s company on Thursday night. Mr Crouch shared his experiences on many school camps and led some highly enjoyable games, including Rob the Nest, Dog and Bone and Monkey Grip. The group was successful in un-tying itself from a group knot – not an easy task! Mr Crouch commented positively on the level of cooperation demonstrated within the group. Thank you to Mr Mann for his invaluable assistance on both days of the camp. With the addition of his photos, we hope to compile a CD of images for the boys to enjoy. Thanks also to Mr Day for his assistance with the evening meal on Thursday night.

The team from Breakout Adventures led the daytime activity sessions. Breakout Adventures has worked with large corporations and sporting teams, like the Brisbane Lions and Sydney Football Club. Their motto ‘teaming up for success’ was demonstrated by Tom and his qualified staff and they were a positive addition to the camp. They cater for any group size so if you are interested in the challenging pursuits of abseiling, canoeing, rock climbing and Team Building contact Tom on 0409 274 502 or check out their website www.breakoutadventures.com.au.

Best of… Science Oral Presentations
The following students are reminded that they will be delivering their presentations on Assembly this Thursday. Joshua Gillespie (Obsidian), Mason Huber (Shark Rattle), Joshua Kelliher (Venus-Fly trap) and Brendan Thomson (Fire Ants) Thank You. Mrs Patchett.

Enviro Rap Competition
Create a cool song/rap that carries the theme of protecting/preserving natural resources/the environment, raises and strengthens student awareness of environmental protection issues and the power they have to make a difference. Features original lyrics (original tunes are preferable, but not essential) Can be a group or an individual project. $200 First Prize. Deadline – Friday, April 7 If you are interested, see Mrs Patchett for more details.

Science Club Snippets
Thursdays, 3.00-4.30 pm
By popular demand, the Science Club has split into two groups (on alternate Thursday afternoons). There are limited spaces available. If you would like your son to participate, please collect a registration form from the Office. Week One’s investigations involved Eggs – and that’s no yolk. The boys are enjoying the thinking challenges and the hands-on activities. Photo - Christian Miles and Joshua Ackworth enjoying the ‘egg’citing Science Club investigations.
**Interschool Sports News (Years 5-7)**

Moreton Bay Boys’ College Eagles will be represented by the following teams in the Wynnum District Interschool Sports competition beginning Friday, March 31.

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Games played at Memorial Park and Wynnum State High School

As competition begins in 4 weeks, the Senior Boys Soccer Team will train before school on Monday, March 6. They will be able to change before departing for Mapleton Camp that morning and their soccer equipment can be stored in the Middle School office area while they are on camp. Thank you to the Darmanin family and Oasis (Ocean Air Supplies and International Services) for their generous sponsorship of the Senior Boys Soccer team. If any other parents are interested in sponsoring an MBBC team, please contact Mrs Patchett or Mr Pike.

**Tuckshop**

This week’s tuckshop is Macaroni Bolognese at a cost of $4.00 includes milk/juice. Please fill out the tear off slip to order tuckshop.

**MBBC Umbrellas**

These may be purchased from the Office at a cost of $33.00ea. A great item to have for wet weather.

**Lost Property**

As we enter the second half of the term activities are under full swing. As a result the lost property bin is bulging with various items. If you are missing anything please come and have a look in the bin which is located in the office. Items that have been uncollected after one month will be disposed of.

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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

Tuckshop Order – 16 February

Name______________________________   Class_______________

Macaroni Bolognese

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.

I, _________________________(childs name) am interested in playing for the college as a part of the AFL Brisbane Junior competition on Saturday mornings in 2006. I am aged _____ in 2006.

My Mum and/or Dad is willing to assist as (please circle):

A Coach          A Team Manager          An Umpire          An Administrator

Parents email address:_______________________________________________________________

Parents phone number:______________________________________________________________

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Parents Signature     Parents Name