Language and Manners
As a general rule, I have been pleased with the manners our boys show both in public and at school, however the start of the year is a good time to remind boys about appropriate ways of speaking, particularly to adults. Too often we can allow children of any age not to address adults appropriately and sometimes we reinforce this by making an excuse. We all feel special when we are addressed by name and this is something we need to encourage in our boys. We have banned the word ‘Miss’ as a general way of referring to the female staff as it is just lazy. So let us encourage the boys not just to use greetings, pleases, thank you’s and excuse me but also to make eye contact and refer to the teacher (or other adult) by name.

Swimming
Swimming begins next week. Parents are requested to note the following arrangements.

- **Years 6-8** boys are to be dropped at MBC no earlier than 8 am each Tuesday. They should report to Mrs Patchett at the pool. They will then be bought back to MBBC at the end of their session.
- **Year 5** boys will be taken to and from MBBC each Tuesday by bus during the school day.
- **Year 4** will need to be picked up from MBC each Tuesday after swimming at 2.30pm. Those attending after school care need to advise their teacher as soon as possible so that arrangements can be made to transport them back to school after swimming.
- **Year 3** boys will be taken to and from MBBC each Thursday by bus during the school day.
- **Year 2** boys will be taken to and from MBBC each Thursday by bus during the school day.
- **Year 1** boys will be taken to and from MBBC each Tuesday by bus during the school day.

Classes will need parental assistance so if you can assist please contact your son’s class teacher.

After School Sports Activity
This term, thanks to the Australian Government, we are able to offer a general sports skills and fitness program after school. Times are as follows:

- **Wednesday** – Years 3-4 3.00 – 4.00 pm
- **Thursday** – Years 5-8 3.00 – 4.00 pm
- **Friday** – Years 1-2 2.45 – 3.45 pm

If you would like your son to participate please complete the tear off slip and return to the office. This is an excellent activity and there is no limit to the number of boys who can participate. In 2005 we had the highest participation rate in the trial schools involved which reflected the enthusiasm of the boys.

Choir
In order to extend the boys repertoire, choir has been divided into 2 groups. Boys in Years 1-3 can sing in the Junior Choir and boys in Years 4-8 in the Senior Choir. In response to a number of requests we have been able to move rehearsal times. Junior Choir will rehearse on Mondays from 10.45 – 11.15am (ie after the boys have eaten) and Senior Choir on Fridays from 10.45 – 11.15 am.

Nut Free
As we have several boys with extreme allergies to all nuts where the merest touch can set off a reaction, parents are reminded that we are a nut free college. This includes Nutella or peanut butter sandwiches. Please do not send nuts to school at all.
Chess
Chess has been reorganised as follows this year. A chess squad will operate for boys in Years 4-8 who will subsequently represent the school in various chess tournaments. This group will be limited to the best 12 boys who wish to play chess. Boys will be able to trial for this group over the next two weeks on Tuesday afternoons from 3.00 – 4.00 pm as well as during school breaks. If selected, training will commence on Thursday mornings from 7.15 - 8.15 am. Squad selection will be reviewed each term. The cost of this coaching will be covered by the College. Trials will begin next Tuesday 7 February.

A 'learn to play chess' club will also be available on a user pay basis. This group will operate on Monday (Years 1-3) and Tuesday (Years 4-8) afternoons from 2.45 – 3.45 pm and cost $40 for the term (ie $5 per week). This covers the cost of the coaching. It will be limited to 16 per group. If numbers are insufficient it may be necessary to combine these two groups. Boys who miss making the school squad can join the 'learn to play' club. If you wish to participate in this group please complete the tear off slip attached to the newsletter.

Parent Information Evening Wednesday 8 February
Our parent information evening is Wednesday 8 February. This is not a parent teacher interview night rather it is an opportunity for parents to hear from your son’s class teacher about the curriculum and the expectations of the year ahead. It will begin in the Building C undercroft at 6.30 pm and should conclude by 7.45 pm. The timings for the evening are as follows:

6.30 – arrive, opportunity to meet other parents, coffee and tea available.
6.50 – address from the Principal
7.00 – move to classrooms
7.45 approx - close

Afternoon Pick Up
The pick up in the afternoon is starting to settle down but parents/grandparents etc are asked to observe the following:

1. When there is no exit from the top roundabout into the pick up zone due to a queue of cars, please do not enter the roundabout so cars can exit from the car park
2. When waiting for a child in years 3-8, please use the car park until your son’s class arrives. The pick up zone is not car park.
3. Please remain in your vehicle in the pick up zone. It is not a place to hop out for a chat. Please use the car park if you need to get out of your car.
4. Please exit the pick up area by turning left and going round the large roundabout. Unfortunately the traffic lights only allow enough time for about 6 cars to exit at a time, but we shall seek an adjustment from BCC
5. If collecting boys at different pick up times (eg year 2 and year 5), please use the car park rather than simply wait in the pick up zone.

Roderick HW Crouch
Principal

Assembly
Congratulations to Year 4 for a great job at assembly last week. Year 2 will be leading this week’s assembly.

Memory Verse
Psalm 119:2 You (Lord) bless all of those who follow your commands from deep in their hearts.

Award Cards
There were no award cards last week.

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

Art Club
The art club will be shared amongst the grades throughout the year. This term boys in Years 5-8 are able to participate. In Term 2, Years 3-4 will be able to participate. The group will meet on Wednesday afternoons 3.00 to 3.50pm. It is very important that boys are collected on time. Any late leavers will be escorted to After School Care. The cost of the 8 week club will be $30. This includes all materials. Numbers are strictly limited to 15. Fun and creativity are guaranteed. Please complete the tear off slip and return it to the office. Due to limited numbers it will be first in first served.
Basketball
We have a school team entered into the Southern Districts competition at Carina with games to be played on Saturday mornings. The competition begins on Saturday 3 February. We need more players so if you would like to be a part of the team, please contact Carol Thorogood (3207 5135) or Jenny Brown (3396 7807) for details.

Working Bee
A working bee has been scheduled for Saturday 04 February. If you are able to assist, please call Des, our Head Groundsman on 0407 969 676 before Wednesday 01 February.

Science Club
Just a reminder about Science Club. It is held Fortnightly on Thursdays from 3.15-4.45pm. The cost is $60 for Term 1 payable by cash or cheque to Donna Bennett. Tear offs and cheques should be sent directly to Ms Bennett (see tear off for address). Please complete the tear off slip and return to Donna Bennett if you are interested in joining the science club.

This is a fantastic event for 7 – 15 year olds that’s about being active, having fun and giving it a go. Children swim, cycle and run with other children their own age. Several boys from MBBC participated last year and were extremely proud of their achievements.
If Moreton Bay Boys’ College have the most number of participants registered per head of school enrolment before the schools prize close off date (27 February, 2006), we have the opportunity to win a Sanitarium Weet-Bix ‘Breakfast of Champions’ with one of Australia’s top sports star from the Australian Institute of Sport.
You can register on-line at tryathlon.weetbix.com.au - don’t forget to write our school name on your form. We expect to have official entry forms available at the office in the next week.
Contact Karen Carter (Yr 6 parent) on 0418 741014 (bh), 3893 0696 (ah) or email carterhardgrave@bigblue.net.au for further details.

Year 1S
Year 1S has settled in well and began the term with a positive week. It was great to see new friendships begin and the boys playing and talking together in everyday activities. The boys are eager to begin learning and “have a go” at all tasks. In just a week I can see the boys’ progression and I can’t wait to watch the boys begin their learning journey. Thank you for all your caring words, it has been a great week, building new friendships, meeting wonderful and supportive parents and learning about every single boy. I look forward to an exciting term with the boys. Miss Sullivan.

Year 1W
The boys have settled in extremely well to the new environment and routines of Year One. They are developing their relationships with one another and have shown great enthusiasm for undertaking new and exciting writing and reading tasks.

The highlight of the week seemed to definitely be opening the doors and joining with 1S for You Can Do It, Drama and Design and Technology. The boys have participated enthusiastically in all of their specialist lessons this week and we are focusing on giving our Personal Best in all of the tasks that we do.

I can’t wait to watch the boys develop into motivated readers, writers and mathematicians this year and I look forward to catching up with you all at the Information Night next week. Miss Woodgate.

Year 2
The first week in Year 2 was certainly a busy one. The boys began playing (I mean working) with the puppet theatre, the computers and we completed a number of activities to get us all back in to the swing of school. This week our routine will be cemented with the boys having library, Chapel and RE on Monday; PE, You Can Do It and Music on Tuesday; Art on Wednesday; PE and Buddies with Year 5 on Thursday; and Assembly, Singing and Music on Friday. In amongst all of these great opportunities we will have our Literacy and Maths blocks in the morning and middle sessions. There will be some opportunities for parents to help in the classroom throughout the year so if you are interested in helping out or have a specific skill you would like to share please let me know. I have space for 1 parent in each of the following sessions. As I’m sure you appreciate there are many parents who would like to help and limited times available so let me know if any of the following times suit. (By writing a note in your son’s diary) If this term fills up don’t be disappointed more sessions will be available next term.
Year 4
The year has started very positively with the boys investigating what makes us all unique and special in our introductory unit ‘All about Us’. Learning all about each other has been a great way to settle into our new classroom and find out interesting information about each other. Next week our integrated unit on Life Cycles will start. The focus for the unit will be on spiders. The boys will be exploring living things in our environment. We’re looking forward to an exciting and rewarding year together! Miss Ryan

Support-A-Reader
Parental support is always welcomed at MBBC and due to this we provide training and support throughout the year. These sessions are helpful when you are helping out in the classrooms as well as helping you to support your own son at home. Support-a-reader parent training will commence on Wednesday 22 February. This will be a three hour session starting at 6pm. Please email me if you are interested.
ruddlel@mbbc.qld.edu.au If anyone is interested in doing 1 hour per week in the afternoon after school please let me know and I’ll make the arrangements.

If any previously trained support-a-reader parents are interested in working with students again this year please see me as soon as possible and I’ll match you up with one or two students. Please remember you need to work with each student for about 20 minutes twice a week. Thank you. Ms Ruddle.

Pauls Collector Caps
We are nearly to the top of the box. Anybody with collector caps can give them to the office or to Mrs Patchett in the science lab.

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.

From the P&F
Election of P&F Committee Members 2006
The MBBC P&F will hold its Annual General Meeting on Monday 06 February at 7.00pm. At this meeting a new committee will be elected for the following twelve months. Nominations for the committee are being taken from now until Friday 03 February.

The P&F Committee is made up of four executive positions plus four committee members. The group meets once a month on the third Monday of each month at 7.00pm. The committee meetings have been preceded by the general meetings and on most occasions ran for approximately one hour. The purpose of the committee is to organise fund raising ventures and social events while also aiming to promote a friendly and supportive culture among our families and throughout the College. In 2005, the P&F raised funds for the purchase of a water cooler/filter for the playground, a BBQ, a digital piano and cricket nets.

Nomination forms can be placed in the silver locked box outside the admin building by the 03 Feb. We look forward to your involvement on the committee and at meetings, and to another fruitful and exciting year. Should you have any queries please contact me on 0414 550 463.

Rosanne Bayes -P&F Chairperson

Name: .......................................................... ..........................................................

Position: Chairperson / Deputy Chairperson / Secretary / Treasurer / Committee Member

Nominated by: ......................

Seconded by: .........................
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 – 02 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

Science Club

Please return this slip to Donna Bennett as soon as possible (do not return to the school)

Name________________________________________ Year____________

Address____________________________________________________________________

Telephone ___________________________ Emergency _______________________

Fees $60 INCLUDED YES / NO / bring to first session (please circle)

Donna Bennett (inquiries) – 10 Boundary Road, Thornlands 4164 (Fax – 32060019; Ph 0427644490)

Art Club - Years 5-8, Term 1

Name______________________________   Class_______________

My son is keen to participate in Art Club in Term 4.

Please put $30 in an envelope marked Art Club and place in Silver locked box. Signed: ________________

After school sports - General Skills Sessions

____________________ (name) in Year ___ would like to participate in the Term 1 General Skills Sessions.

Signed _____________________  (Parent/Guardian)

Learn to Play - Chess Club

____________________ (name) in Year ___ would like to participate in the Term 1 Learn to Play Chess Club

Signed _____________________ (Parent/Guardian)