Community
Last week I had the opportunity to visit two outback schools in the Northern Territory. The contrast between them was huge. One had 100% attendance, high outcomes for students and looked immaculate. The other suffered from low student attendance rates and the teachers had, over time, lowered the expectations of what they hoped the students would be able to achieve. The school itself looked terrific and was well resourced. In talking to the principal and teachers, the primary difference between the two schools lay in the support of the local community. The high expectations of the students, whether they concern attendance, homework or behaviour were supported by all sections of the community, and it showed in the pride the students had, both in themselves and for their school. It was a wonderful example of the African saying that, ‘it takes a whole village to raise a child’. It reminded me again that by working together at school and home to set high expectations, both academically and socially, we can create a safe, supportive and engaging community at MBBC for our boys so that they can soar to new heights.

Athletics Carnival
Congratulations to all boys on a fantastic athletics carnival last Thursday. Some of the highlights included the junior races, the year 4-8 200m and 800m races, the P-3 ball games and the tug-of-war. I congratulate all boys on their tremendous efforts and sportsmanship. The house spirit shown throughout the carnival was fantastic, and the war cries were awesome! Congratulations to Nicholls for winning the carnival. Thank you to all parents and staff who assisted in making it such a happy day and special thanks to Mr Pike for coordinating the event.

Congratulations to:
Adam Ralls and Matthew Day (Year 8), who have been chosen to participate in Bunya to the Bay, a major new event in this year's Riverfestival, only twenty eight children from across south east Queensland were selected. Exact details of their adventure appear later in the newsletter

Vending Machine
For the benefit of boys, a drinks vending machine will be installed in the College later this week. The following items will be sold: Gatorade $2.80; Ice Breaka $2.80; Other Flavoured Milks $2.70; Mixed Carbonated Juice (ie juice and mineral water) $2.50; Water $2.00; Spring Valley Juice $2.40; Classic Juice $2.20. Boys may purchase drinks before and after school and at break times (except when they are sitting to eat). The office will not be carrying change nor be able to refund for malfunctions so boys should understand that they use the machine on a 'buyer beware' basis.

Middle School Leadership
As part of our aim to develop young men who can lead with faith and integrity, boys in the middle school have been given the opportunity to develop and engage in various leadership tasks around the College. It has been pleasing to see the boys support the wider community of the College by seeking out these opportunities. True leadership engages others and requires both words and actions. It can be displayed both by those ‘up the front’ and by those behind the scenes. I was delighted with the leadership shown by the older boys at the athletics carnival. The boys and their various roles are listed later in the newsletter.

Ross Vasta Visit
Federal MP for Bonner, Ross Vasta visited the College last Friday to present a cheque for $75000 so that we will be able to extend the library next year. We received this cheque as a result of our application under the Australian Government's Investing in Our Schools program. I am looking forward to spending it!

Roderick HW Crouch
Principal
Parent Teacher Interviews Years 1-8
These will take place next Tuesday 1 August from 3.00 – 6.00 pm 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 complete the tear off slip indicating date and time preferences and return to your son’s class teacher. She will then confirm a time via your son’s diary. 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 on Tuesday 1 August from 7.00- 9.00 pm should any parent wish to see them. If so, please contact the office to arrange a time.

Wynnum District Athletics Carnival
This week, the Wynnum District Athletics Carnival is being held at Wondall Heights State School. The boys are participating in both track and field events. These boys were selected with class times as well as any outstanding efforts shown at the carnival. Congratulations to Benjamin Darmanin (Y6), Mikaere Henare-Lawson (Y6), Cameron McGregor (Y4), Blake Proverbs (Y5), Kye Symonds (Y7), Tyler Brown (Y5), Joshua Carter-Hardgrave (Y6) and Matthew Wood (Y6) on their efforts at the carnival yesterday. In particular congratulations to James Ogilvie (Y6) who has made the District Championships for 200m. Mr Pike.

Our students join Riverfestival adventure from Bunya to the Bay
Year 8 students, Adam Ralls and Matthew Day, have been chosen to participate in Bunya to the Bay, a major new event in this year’s Riverfestival. Adam and Matthew will join 28 other intrepid junior secondary school students who will experience the environmental adventure of a lifetime with the aim of answering the question: “What is the future of our waterways?”

Starting on Sunday 27 August, the students will follow the Brisbane River by canoeing, hiking and cycling from the Bunya Mountains, 240km north-west of Brisbane, arriving on 10 September at Fort Lytton at the mouth of Moreton Bay. The convoy of “River Ambassadors” will each have special responsibilities during the 15-day journey. Students will take on the roles of scientists and environmentalists, photographers and artists, environmental and urban planners, historians and communicators who will keep diaries and submit journalistic reports to the community and the media. Adam and Matthew will take on the role of Journalists during the journey and will prepare and write articles relevant to various media.

While having loads of fun along the way, the eco-investigators will travel the route accompanied by experts and stay at selected campsites and camp accommodation along the river. The River Ambassadors will be encouraged to explore who is responsible for managing our waterways, examine the value of our waterways to the community, and not only investigate water as a resource but also its cultural and other significance.

Students and parents can find out more or keep up with the latest news from Bunya to the Bay by registering online for the e-newsletter at www.riverfestival.com.au.

After School Activities
Starting dates this term for the various activities are as follows:

Year 1-3 Basketball – starting next week - Friday 4 August from 2:45 - 3:45pm. Places still available
Year 4-8 Basketball – starting Wednesday 2 August from 3:00 - 4:00pm. Places still available
Learn to play Chess – starts today Tuesday, Week 2, 25 July from 2:45 - 3:45pm. Limited places available
Chess Team – Started last Friday 21 July from 7:15 - 8:15am. Places by invitation
Science Club – Years 1-3 - Thursday 20 July from 3:00-4:00pm Places still available.
Years 4-6 – Thursday 27 July from 3:00 - 4:00pm. Full.
Lego Robotics – Years 4-8 – Started yesterday, Monday 24 July from 3:00 - 4:00pm. Full.
Art Club – Years 1-2 – Starting tomorrow, Wednesday 26 July from 3:00-3:50pm. Full.

Middle School Leadership Roles
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Joshua Ferguson, Mason Huber, Kieran Pugh, Mikaere Henare-Lawson
Tuckshop
Emerson Davis
Collection of House Points/Awards
Scott Campbell, Joshua Keiliher
VISY Bins
Thomas McManaway, Trent O’Brien, Benjamin Darmanin, Connor Mackay, Joshua Carter-Hardgrave, Matthew Day, William Toohey
Library Committee
Jeans for Genes Day
On Wednesday 2 August, the School will be participating 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 you son’s class teacher. Let’s get behind this very worthwhile event. Mary Youngman

Choir
It is important that choir boys attend rehearsals this term because there will be a number of performances. Please notify Miss Hollingworth if your son is unable to attend a rehearsal. Thank You, Sarah Hollingsworth.

National Tree Day is Sunday 30 July.
This year, Toyota is giving you the chance to WIN $10,000 to donate to an environmental community project of your choice, namely the MBBC Nature Refuge, plus $10,000 to keep for yourself. It’s simple to enter – just answer three multiple choice questions on Toyota’s support of National Tree Day and the environment and tell us in 40 words or less what local environmental initiative you support and why it deserves to win Toyota’s $10,000 donation. The website is http://advision.webevents.yahoo.com/aunz/ntd/index.htm and use these forty words: Moreton Bay Boys’ College’s ‘Eagle Eye – Watching over Lota Creek’ is a combined school and local community project to protect the endangered swamp orchid, grey goshawks and other significant species in a local habitat in the Brisbane Bayside.

Assembly
Congratulations to Year 6 for a great job at assembly last term. Year 1S will be leading this week’s assembly.

Memory Verse
John 1:27 John the Baptist said, “Even though I came first, I am not good enough to untie Jesus’ sandals.”

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

Awards
Congratulations to the following students for receiving Award cards at the last assembly of Term 2: P: Jackson Willmott, Steele Glenn, Drew Mackay, Nicholas Beevor. Y1S: Thomas Graham, Brant Barr. Y1W: Jordan Thomson. Y3: Alasdair Stewart. Y4: Michael Moutsias.

Tuckshop
This week’s tuckshop is a hot dog 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.
**Sport News**

**Soccer, Under 8's Destroyers**
One of the Y3 boys finest games winning 10 - 1. Jesse Bayes and Mason Buckeridge were players of the match in a truly tremendous team effort. Training is 7am Friday, next game at Sheldon 12 noon. Carnival on Sunday at Loganholme - Supporters welcome. Good luck boys.

**U7 Cougars**
The Cougars played well in wet conditions on Saturday. All boys worked together encouraging one another up the field into the oppositions territory. With the additional coaching from parents on Sundays and at Thursday night training sessions the boys have come a long way from the start of the season. Keep up the great work Cougars. Nicole Dargin-Elders.

**P&F News**

**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.

**Trivia Night & Auction 26th August 2006**
Please support our major fundraiser and (fun-raiser!) of the year. Early bird ticket price is $30 (purchased before 04/08/06) and includes finger food/dessert & complimentary drink, 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! A copy of the entry form is on the MBBC website and it is also attached to this newsletter. If you can help with donations of auction items (large or small), please contact one of the P&F committee members, your class rep or the admin office. We promise not to let Mr Crouch set too many questions this year!

**Westfield - Shop for Your School Promotion ends on 6 August, 2006.**
It's your last chance! Shop for Your School has only 2 weeks left to run, but there's still time to make a big difference to our school's chance of winning. From Sunday 23 July 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.

**Omo- 'Dirt is Good' promotion**
The College has registered in the Omo – Dirt is good promotion which has a first prize of a new school playground. Parents can support this by purchasing specially marked packs of Omo at Woolworths or Safeways stores and following the instructions on the box for recording their purchase.

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

**Attachments**
- National Youth Dance Theatre Flyer.
- Australian Youth Choir Flyer.
- CSIRO Double Helix Science Club Flyer.
- Trivia Night Flyer
- Term Calendar
Tuckshop Order – Thursday 27 July – Hot Dog

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.

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: ________________________

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.

Childs Name:________________________________________  Year:_____________________

Signed:_________________________________  Dated: ________________________

Parent/Teacher Interviews

We are interested in attending Parent/Teacher interviews and our preferred times are (please tick 3):

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