End of term!
It is hard to believe half a year has been completed. I trust all boys will use the holidays to reflect on the semester and to reset goals for the second half of the year. I encourage parents and boys to read and discuss the semester reports together using the following four questions and statements as a guide.
Celebrate both achievement and effort.
Ask is it the best you can do?
Choose a couple of areas on which to focus.
Plan what will be required by looking at the week in total. Try to avoid over committing to too many activities.
Have a safe and happy holiday.

Sports Day - This Thursday 22 June at MBC
All boys will participate in Sports Day which will commence on the MBC oval at 10.30 am and conclude about 2.30 pm. Preschool – Year 3 boys will join the day at 1.00 pm for their races and activities (please see attached program). All boys may wear house uniform to school. A range of individual, team and novelty events will be held to determine an overall house winner. Boys may also leave immediately after the day is finished. I encourage all parents to attend, and even attend in house colours. Boys will need to be collected at MBC at 2.30pm. Please note the following:
If your child is to return to the School for OSHC please advise your son’s class teacher as soon as possible.
Tuckshop will not be available so lunch will need to be provided.
All boys will need a water bottle, their school hat and sun screen. Shade will be provided for the boys whilst they are not participating. If any parents able to help on the day it would be greatly appreciated. Please see Mr Pike for further details.
The best place for parking is on the grassed area beside the Leita Boswell Hall (use Hargreaves Rd entrance)
A decision concerning wet weather will be made by 9 am on the day.

Semester Reports
These will be distributed to all boys in Years 1-8 on Friday. Whilst the reports are self explanatory, they contain three main pieces of information:

• A social competencies report. This is information from your son’s class teacher on how s/he perceives your son is progressing in terms of his social competencies. These are divided into 4 areas based on the development of his emotional intelligence.

• A 1-5 scale for each subject area. These show how your son is progressing against the expectations of the College. For mid year reports, a 3 is the norm (ie he is progressing appropriately to achieve what we expect a boy in this College should be able to achieve by the end of the year). Under new Federal legislation, you can ask your son’s class teacher to provide you with written information that clearly shows your son’s achievement in the subjects studied in comparison to that of other children in his peer group (i.e. his year level) at the College. This information will show the number of boys in each of the levels 1-5, but includes no names. Parents are also able to withdraw their sons from such a comparison, therefore, if you wish not to have your son included please contact his class teacher as well.

• A comment in each subject, highlighting what has been covered, strengths and areas for development. Parent teacher interviews are held early in Term 3 as an opportunity to discuss the report, however if you have any questions in the interim, please contact your son’s class teacher.

Visit by Nova 106.9
We received late notice on Monday that we had won a visit by Nova 106.9 today as part of the ‘Westfield shop for your school’ promotion. The Nova team visited the school around 2nd break today and we had a talent quest using boys involved in the afternoon concert.

Roderick HW Crouch
Principal
Year 3 Instrumental Music Program
A letter has been sent home today to Y3 parents concerning this program which will commence at the start of next term. Our thanks again both to the Davis family for the donation of 8 violins and to the P&F for their support of the Instrumental Music Program generally.

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

Memory Verse
Romans 8:31 "What can we say about all this? If God is on our side, can anyone be against us?"

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

Awards
Congratulations to the following students for receiving Award cards: P: Bailey Dalton, Ronan McIntyre, Isaac Martenson, Ethan Harmsen Y4: Kyle Dovey, Yi Liu, Jackson Bennett Y5: Sam Lambourne Y8: Bradley Kenny

After School Hours Care
There are still some limited places in our very exciting vacation care program. If you interested in booking your son and/or daughter in please contact Alex Leggoe on 3906 9428, leggoea@mbbc.qld.edu.au for the relevant forms. Also all parents that have already booked their child/ren, a fees statement will be coming home today or tomorrow. Fees may be paid by cheque or will be direct debited on Friday. All bookings must be paid before the holiday period commences. Please ensure you fill in a new booking form for your son's outside school hours care for next term.

Friends of the Nature Refuge
It was an enthusiastic group that contributed their Sunday morning to the MBBC Nature Refuge last weekend. The students pictured here were very productive in collecting 3 bins full of golf balls during their ‘Golf Ball Scavenge’. While they were scrounging through the undergrowth, the parents and friends of MBBC set to clearing away pockets of weeds and widening the walking track of the Refuge. It was case of ‘many hands make light work’ as we achieved in three hours what would have taken days for a small group to accomplish. After the hard work, the group celebrated with the planting of five paperbarks in a naturally damp corridor of the school grounds and then enjoyed a sausage sizzle together.

Thanks must go to:
• Mr Schinkel for giving up his Sunday morning to organise the working parties around the Refuge site,
• Jenny Wood and Kent Hardgrave for organising the refreshments,
• Ian Curtis of Bayside Creeks Catchment Group for cooking the barbecue and
• Meat by the Bay (Wynnum West Shopping Centre) for their very generous donation of the sausages for the event.

Most of all, a very big thank-you to the students and families that came along and supported this event. The team spirit and willingness to ‘get stuck in’ was awesome!! Enjoy the school holiday break to recover and be ready for another event in term 3.

Check out the MBBC website ‘In the Spotlight’ for more photos.

You Can Do It Update
The Positive Habits of the Mind that develop Persistence were discussed a few weeks ago. This week, the Positive Habits of the Mind that develop Organisation are discussed.

The Foundation of Organisation is setting a goal to do your best.

Positive Habits of the Mind that develop Organisation are:

Setting Goals: thinking that setting a goal can help me to be more successful at a task.

Planning My Time: thinking about how long it will take me to do my schoolwork and planning enough time to get it done.

Next term, the Positive Habits of the Mind that develop Getting Along will be defined.
**Active After School Sport**
The Active After School Sport program finishes this week. As our athletics carnival is on Thursday, The Y3 and Y4 students can elect to go to the program for Y5-8 which runs on Wednesday this week. The Y1 and Y2 session is still on Friday afternoon as normal.

**Art Club**
Art Club has come to an end for Y3 & Y4. It will commence next semester for Y1 &Y2, in Week Two. Classes will start at 3.00pm, after the boys have had a snack and drink. The cost of the 6 week program is $30.00. Parents are requested to pick up their boys at 3.50pm, from the bottom roundabout. Numbers need to be limited to 12, so book early. You will find a tear off slip at the end of this newsletter if you are interested in attending. Thank you, Ms DeLange.

**Library Matters**
As the first semester comes to an end we wish to thank sincerely all those Mums & Dads who have helped the library. A special thank you indeed to Jacqui Cosgrove and Nicole Dargin-Elders for their help weekly with home readers and to Kerry McGregor for the truckload of covering she has done without complaint. Donations are a large part of our school collection and we wish to express our gratitude to those who have contributed - it is greatly appreciated. Finally, to those many parents who have covered books at home, thank you. It would be wonderful to have all the books out for covering back before the start of holidays - if you have some at home please send them back to school with your son/s (covered or uncovered). It is so important to get our books onto the shelves and out to our boys, and we have managed to do this well with the help and support of you all. We wish you a happy, safe (and book filled) holiday and look forward to the start of Term 3 in which we celebrate Childrens’ Book week and the completion of the Australian Readers’ Challenge.

**Tree Donation**
If any family would like to donate a mature tree for the oval could they please contact me on my mobile number: 0407 969 676. Any family who donates a tree will be suitably recognised. Many thanks, Des Schinkel, Head Groundsman.

**Running Club**
Well Done to all those boys who attended, your consistency and enthusiasm was admirable. Special mention to Ryan Munro (Y4) for attending both weekly sessions very prepared. We look forward to starting up again next year. Mrs Bayes.

**Tuckshop**
Due to the athletics carnival being held on Thursday, there is no tuckshop this week.

**MBC Uniform Shop**
Operating hours during the vacation are as follows: Mon, 26 June, 9.00am to 4.00pm. Fri, 14 July, 9.00am to 4.00pm. Please note that size 8 and 14 jumpers have now arrived.

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**Sports News**

**Under 14’s Basketball**
The boys played a great game on Saturday against a very experienced Belmont Saints team. The score was close at half time but the Saints ran away with a win of 39 to 28. The boys tried hard throughout the game and used their skills and teamwork to great advantage. Well done team! Next game is at 9.40 am. Greg Rynenberg, Manager.

**Under 7’s Soccer – MBBC Cougars**
Despite the crisp conditions the Cougars played with a determination which saw them score the first goal of the game. However, that was their last goal going down 4-1. Jack Taggart was exceptional finding a gap and running the ball up the field while Jake didn't miss a beat in retrieving the ball from the opposition and kicking it with all his might out of the danger zone. Keep on improving Cougars you are making us very proud! Nicole Dargin-Elders.

**Soccer - U8 Destroyers**
The Bayside U/8 destroyers finished a huge weekend of soccer on a high, after finishing runner-up in a World Cup carnival at Capalaba. The boys followed up a tenacious 2-1 win on Saturday away against Annerley Jaguars with a huge 6 game effort at Capalaba. With the team's supporters (including a very welcome Mr Pike) nesting under the MBBC marquee , the boys turned on some magnificent football. All the boys continue to play with attacking flair and growing awareness of the importance of their team members. Mason, David and Owain worked tirelessly all day in a team that showed tremendous spirit across the park. Our next game is at home at 10.30 on Saturday; whilst training is Friday at 7am as usual. Sandra Buckeridge.

**Interschool Sports Wrap-Up**
Congratulations to all the MBBC interschool sports teams for their excellent season of competition. The Junior Boys Soccer team played a brilliant semi-final against undefeated Gumdale and kept them scoreless in the second half. Despite being defeated, this team can be proud of their improvement throughout the season. The Senior Boys Soccer team missed out on a semi-final...
berth on goal difference but finished their season with a strong win against Wynnum North. The boys worked together right to the end and the skill development in some of the newer players this season was truly remarkable. The majority of this team can look forward to a strong repeat season in this division next year. The MBBC Rugby League team also finished just outside the finals on goal difference but had an excellent for-and-against record for the season. The boys demonstrated great teamwork and ball skills as the season progressed. Thanks to our coaches – Ben Saul (soccer), Des Schinkel and Brett Freeman (rugby league), as well as Merryl Bennett for her stats support and managerial role at the league.

**Science Club – Term 3**

If you are interested in attending science club for Term 3 please complete the form attached to this newsletter and return to the office as soon as possible to ensure placement. All details concerning this activity are outlined in the flyer. Mrs Bennett.

**Tennis Coaching**

Tennis coaching for Semester 2 will commence on Mon, 17 July at 7.30am – 8.15am or Tues, 18 July 7.30am to 8.15am, Grades 1-4. Grades 5-8 will commence Wed, 19 July 7.30am- 8.15am. Fees are as follows:

Mon/Tues: $144 per semester. Wed: $135 per semester. All enquiries should be directed to Robin or Lyn White on ph: 3902 0550 or mob: 0405383510.

‘Holiday Reading’ Middle School Book Expo - Friday, June 23

As part of our shared picnic lunch on Friday, the Middle School boys are invited to bring along any books or magazines that they are prepared to share over the holidays. Please make sure that the books are named and in a bag (so the bag can be used to transport borrowed books home).

**P&F News**

**Arabian Nights - Trivia Night & Auction 26 August 2006**

Please support our major fundraiser (and fun-raiser!) of the year. We are actively seeking donations of auction items (large or small), if you can help please contact one of the P&F committee members, your class rep or the admin office. The early bird ticket price is $30 including finger food/dessert with all profits raised going to support the boys' activities at school. So start organising your tables of 10 and join us at the oasis! See the attached flyer for more details (a copy is also on the MBBC website) - we are counting on your support!

**Westfield Shop for Your School Promotion**

MBBC is maintaining its 9th position in Band 1 (up to 299 students) at Carindale. As long as we remain in the top 10, MBBC will be eligible to win a prize. If anyone is looking for a good excuse to shop, from Saturday 24 June to Monday 10 July (inclusive) you will earn 5 bonus points for every $1 spent.

**Draft P&F Constitution**

Many thanks to everyone who forwarded feedback on our draft P&F constitution. The final copy will be posted on the MBBC Website, in the P&F section, by the end of this week. Date claimer: - There will be a general meeting on July 24, 2006, at 7pm in Yr7/8 classroom to pass a resolution to incorporate and to adopt the proposed constitution. This will be followed by the normal P&F meeting (please note this is a change from the previously published date of 17 July).

And Finally. Have a safe and enjoyable break - see you all next term! Karen Carter.

**Attachments**

- Athletic Carnival Flyer
- Trivia Night Flyer
- Science Club Flyer

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**Art Club**

I give permission for my son to attend Art Club during term 3 at a cost of $30.00 (enclosed. Please Note: No change given).

Childs Name: ____________________________ Year: ___________

Signed: ____________________________ Dated: ____________________________