Words
Words can inspire or damage; encourage or discourage, nurture or harm. How we say something is as important as what we say. I found this list of words recently and thought it was both apt and powerful.

The most selfish one letter word... I ...avoid it
The most satisfying two-letter word... we... use it
The most poisonous three-letter word... ego... kill it
The most used four-letter word... love... value it
The most pleasing five-letter word... smile... keep it
The fastest spreading six-letter word... rumour ... ignore it
The most enviable seven-letter word... success... achieve it
The most satisfying eight-letter word... jealousy ... distance it
The most powerful nine-letter word... knowledge... acquire it
The most essential ten-letter word... confidence... trust it

School Photos
Due to an increased number of absences this week school photos will now be taken next Wednesday 22 March. Boys should wear their normal school (summer) uniform. Class, sibling and individual photos will be taken. Team photos will be taken later in the term.

Winter – what to wear when cold
P-3 the (current) tracksuit top should be worn.
4-6 tracksuit or school jumper.
7-8 (new) school jumper, long trousers.

Old sloppy joes or original school tracksuits are no longer permissible.

Lower roundabout
As of next Monday 20 March, the lower roundabout will be closed at 7.45 am in the mornings. Please drop boys at the drop off zone from where they will then need to walk down to school. This measure has been introduced in the interests of the boys’ safety.

Year 4-6 Camp
I had a wonderful day visiting the boys last week. The boys were all enjoying themselves immensely and building their skills. Thank you to the staff, particularly Miss Ryan who coordinated the camp and to the dads who attended as well. The following is from those fathers:

Camp Reflection – Father’s message
As the fathers attending camp, thankyou for the opportunity to participate in assisting and experiencing first hand the activities Mapleton Camp has to offer. We found it to be an extremely valuable time for growth and development of all the boys’ character, independence and teamwork. We feel they excelled in facing a range of personal and group challenges. They loved the archery, canoeing, giant swing and especially Mr Crouch being thrown out of the ring in our ‘Hot-Ball’ night game.

From our experiences on camp we recommend that this part of the curriculum is value adding to the boys’ development and encourage fathers to participate in a camp sometime during their son’s time at MBBC. Be proud of how the boys represented themselves and the school. Phil Walton (Year 4), Ian Miles (Year 4), Nick Sines (Year 5), Jason Stevens (Year 5) & Kent Hardgrave (Year 6).
Soar Outback and Beyond 2007
Attached to this newsletter is a flyer concerning an optional holiday adventure for MBBC families in September 2007. At this stage we are simply alerting parents to this event and expressions of interests will be sought later in the year. All members of the MBBC community are welcome to participate, however children must be in Year 5 or above in 2007.

Grandparents Day - 29 March
Boys will be sending invitations by next Monday to their grandparents to attend Grandparents Day. This day will run from 9.00 am – 11.00 am approx. There will be a special assembly, followed by class visits and morning tea. Morning tea will be the responsibility of Year 2 parents and parent representatives in those classes will soon be in touch.

Noro Virus
As some parents may be aware there has been a virulent stomach bug doing the rounds at MBC. Fortunately we have so far been largely spared, however as a precaution parents are advised that if their son has either vomiting or diarrhoea then he must not return to school until 48 hours after the symptoms have subsided.

Roderick HW Crouch
Principal

Advance Notice – P & F Golf Day (Repeat from Last Week)
The P&F Golf day is scheduled for Friday 12 May. Please keep the date free. It was an awesome event last year and this year promises to be even better. Start organising your team now. For more details, especially if you may be able to become a sponsor please contact Keith Davis on ph: 0400 405 120.

Assembly
Congratulations to Year 7/8 for a great job at assembly last week. Year 4 will be leading this week’s assembly.

Memory Verse
Psalm 119: 57-64 “Our LORD, your love is seen all over the world. Teach me your laws”.

Award Cards
Congratulations to the following students for receiving Award cards: Lewis Tait (P), Maxwell Semmens (P), Ronan McIntyre (P), Isaac Martenson (P), Rory Gunn (Y2), Nicolas Thompson (Y2), Jackson Rossi (Y2), Aiden Coall (Y2), Angus Barker (Y2), Jordan Topham (Y3), David Withrow-Ellis (Y3), Joshua Carter-Hardgraves (Y6), Matthew Wood (Y6),

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

P&F News
CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISER ALL MONIES DUE FRI 24 MARCH
We definitely have some real entrepreneur’s amongst the boys. The chocolates have been selling so well. There is one more week after this. So please sell the remainder and return your monies as soon as possible. Remember the class that sells the most is rewarded with a pizza lunch. Thanks, Karen Austin - P & F.

Class/Year Representatives
What is a Class Representative? These are parents who offer their help to act as “liaison” between parents, students and staff. This assists the school and P&F by providing co-ordination and/or support for events such as class specific activities and other events like Grandparents Day, Mother’s Day, Father’s Day breakfasts and compiling class contact sheets for parents and students at the commencement of each School year. Being a Class Representative should not take up too much time and is a very rewarding experience, as are all volunteer roles within the school. The following classes still require class representatives: Y1S, Y1W,Y4 and Y5. If you are interested in becoming your son’s class rep, please contact the office.

The countdown is on! For those participating, there are an estimated 2,400 participants and 7,000 spectators, so please be early. MBBC families will meet at the Nepalese Pagoda at 6:45am, in time for check in (7:00 – 8:20am). If you have questions about the event, please contact Karen Carter on 0418 741014 (bh), 3893 0696 (ah)/ Jenny Wood on 0409 062059 (bh), 3245 6964 (ah). Remember, this event is about “giving it a go”, meeting new people and having a great day out with your family. Good luck, everyone!
**MBBC Family Favourites Recipe Book**
The P&F would like to put together a 'Moreton Bay Boys' College – Family Favourites - Recipe Book' - to be available to MBBC families in Term 4 for purchase. We invite families to contribute recipes (no more than 3 per boy) to be included. Recipes may be for entrees, main meals, desserts, party/finger foods. If more than one of the same recipe is submitted – the first recipe received will be used and the others will be given the option to submit another recipe. To submit recipes please email them to minrob@bigpond.net.au putting "MBBC Recipes" as the subject. Be sure to put the following details - FAMILY NAME (e.g. SMITH family) and names and grades of children attending MBBC (e.g. Michael - Preschool, David - Yr 3). These details will appear with your recipe/s in the book. If you don't have access to email but would like to submit some recipes - just put recipes into the silver box near administration – marked 'MBBC Recipe Book' and these will be collected. Closing date for submitting recipes will be 31 August 2006. Thankyou! Min Gillespie - P&F committee member.

**Met East Trials**
Congratulations to Isaac Freeman (Y5) who swam well at the Met East trials and has subsequently made the team. The State Primary School Championships are on 3 - 5 April and we wish Isaac all the best.

**Choir**
The senior vocal ensemble will have an extra rehearsal this week in the lead up to their performance at Grandparent's Day on 29 March. This rehearsal will be on Wednesday 15 March from 8:00-8:30am in the music/art room. All boys in the ensemble are expected to be at the rehearsal. If any boy is unable to attend please advise Miss Hollingworth.

**Basketball**
**Under 14’s MBBC Eagles**
The Under 14’s played a very close game against the Hoopstars White, only losing by 1 point. Game score 21 to 20. MBBC were winning by 4 points at half time, but were only beaten at the last minute. They all played extremely well and we would like to thank Mr Steve Brown for coaching them today. Keep up the good work boys. Next game is at 1.00 p.m. Greg Rynenberg, Manager.

**Under 12’s MBBC Eagles**
Against a much bigger and more experienced team the Eagles battled hard eventually losing 34 - 6. It was pleasing that the whole team defended well keeping the opposition to 34 points. Steve Brown-Coach.

**AFL Club presentation – A SPECIAL PRESENTATION TONIGHT**
A special presentation by both Mr Pike and AFL Qld will be held tonight in the Year 3 classroom for all parents that have indicated their expression to join the MBBC AFL Club as well as for any parents who would like more information. This is a great opportunity to find out all you need to know and also to ask any questions that you might have.

**Time:** - 6pm  **Location:** - Year 3 Classroom (E Block)
I hope to see lots of parents there! Mr Pike.

**Year 1S**
This Monday the boys participated in their first chapel service. I am so proud of the boys who read the bible reading and also said a prayer. The boys were very confident and articulated well through all the tricky words. They should be very proud of their achievements!

The boys have worked hard at a variety of literacy and numeracy activities over the last few weeks. Within maths groups the boys have explored measuring time and volume, exploring more and less and comparing. They boys are able to recognise shapes and make 3D shapes using a variety of construction materials. They are able to use number tracks for counting on and recognising numbers in a sequence and counting in 1’s and 2’s.

As the boys learn their sight words, they are becoming familiar with them in the books they read, using them in their writing and in their speaking. It is great to see so many boys are making these connections as they can only get better at these skills.

I look forward to seeing you at the parent-teacher interviews on Tuesday and Thursday next week. Miss Sullivan.
Year 1W
Over the last week the Year One boys have produced some wonderful pieces of work. We spent the first part of the term introducing concepts and skills and now the boys are demonstrating what they know and how they have progressed in a range of curriculum areas.

The boys are now more confident to complete writing tasks and this week have created their “All about me” books, descriptions of sea creatures, journaling and picture stimulus writing. Their reading skills have also improved tremendously. Through encouragement and constant practice, the boys are developing their reading strategies, particularly using their phonological skills, picture cues and self correction to assist them with trickier texts.

Hands on and creative tasks have continued to be a highlight for the boys. Our Magic Colours and Pepper Scatter experiments were very exciting, and actually worked! Building and construction, collage and drawing have also been enjoyable for the boys recently. It is fantastic to see the boys working so hard and really focusing on giving their best in each experience they undertake. Miss Woodgate.

Reports from the Year 4-6 Mapleton Camp
Camp Reflection – Ms Ryan
Our Year 4, 5 & 6 camp to Mapleton was a great success. The boys were challenged through many activities and enjoyed the packed itinerary our camp program offered. Our second day started with a morning jog – teachers and parents included. Each group then continued rotating through the challenging activities – Giant Swing, Team initiatives, Archery and Canoeing. The boys enjoyed our additional two activities, swimming and court games. The lagoon pool was a hit with our bomb diving competitions and waterslide races. The boys had lots of dinner conversation on the second night at camp after a busy day. Our Night Games with Mr. Crouch proved to be lots of fun for the boys.

On Day three the boys were responsible for tidying and packing their belongings. It was great to see boys really looking out for each other and helping their cabin mates. The boys spent some time singing their camp songs as a group. Our Newspaper Fashion Parade was an enjoyable part of the morning. Boys had to design an outfit for a team member using newspaper and masking tape. The boys proved to be highly creative in their designs. I would like to thank the boys in Year 4, 5 & 6 for their enthusiasm and teamwork during camp. I would also like to thank the dedicated fathers and teachers who joined in to make our camp a highlight for the boys. Miss Cara Ryan

A group shot – Year 4, 5 & 6 Camp

Year 3
WOW, what a fantastic effort the Year 3 boys have put into their projects. The displays are fantastic, the PowerPoint presentations are spectacular and the movies/DVD’s are stunning. I have been very impressed by the boys’ efforts and enthusiasm toward their projects.

This week we begin a combined unit of Communities and the Commonwealth Games. With the opening ceremony on Wednesday, the boys will follow the athletes for the next two weeks with workbooks specifically designed to meet their learning needs. Keep up the hard work boys and “Be all you can be!” Mr Pike.

Tuckshop
This week’s tuckshop is a chicken strip sub a cost of $4.00 includes milk/juice. 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.
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 March

Name______________________________   Class________________

Chicken Strip Sub

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.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

We are interested in attending Parent/Teacher interviews and our preferred times are (please number 1-3 as preferences):

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