Choosing Friends
There has been considerable research recently on the power of peers in influencing children’s behaviour. As parents we should encourage our children to make good choices in their friendships. Boys do not necessarily make many close friends but rather tend to have a range of people with whom they are friendly. Generally boys tend to form their friendships through joint activity as boys communicate ‘shoulder to shoulder’ rather than ‘face to face’. Boys can easily be sidetracked by a group that lives more ‘on the edge’ for their activities may appear to be more exciting and tempting. Peer pressure can then lead to poor choices in actions or behaviour. Equally, we have all suffered from peers who have turned out to be ‘fair weather’ friends. The best way we can encourage our children in their friendships is to encourage them to be good friends in themselves, that is, one that is dependable and reliable for in doing so, they will attract boys of like character. Finally we should never forget that the greatest influence on a child’s development is still the home.

School Photos
School photos are tomorrow (Wednesday 22 March). Boys should wear their normal school (summer) uniform with clean shoes and hair combed. Class, sibling and individual photos will be taken. Team photos will be taken at a later date.

Winter – What to Wear When Cold
P-6 the (current) tracksuit top should be worn. In response to parental requests, boys in P-3 may also wear also the new school jumper.
Years 7-8 (new) school jumper, long trousers.
Old sloppy joes or original school tracksuits are no longer permissible.

Healthy Waterways Award
The College has been selected as a finalist in the Healthy Waterways Award (school category). Winners will be announced at a dinner on 5 April 2006.

Lower Roundabout
As parents are aware, the lower roundabout is now closed at 7.45am in the mornings. Please drop boys at the drop off zone from where they will then need to walk down to school. Please do not park in the drop off zone. There is no stopping and dropping on the upper roundabout, this is a serious safety concern. My apologies for any inconvenience this may occur as a result, but this measure has been introduced in the interests of the boys’ safety.

Congratulations
Congratulations to Chloe Simms (sister of Bradley Year 5) for winning (at this stage) 2 gold medals in Gymnastics at the Commonwealth Games in Melbourne. We wish her all the best in the individual competitions that will occur later this week.

Grandparents Day - 29 March
Invitations were sent out this week to grandparents to attend Grandparents Day. Grandparents will be at the College 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 that class will soon be in touch.

Soar Outback and Beyond 2007
Attached to this newsletter is a flyer concerning an optional holiday adventure for MBBC families in July 2007 (not September as mentioned in last week’s newsletter). 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.

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: 65 “I am your servant, LORD, and you have kept your promise to treat me with kindness”.

**Award Cards**
Congratulations to the following students for receiving Award cards: Ayden Coall, Angus Barker, Matthew Wood (all mentioned in last week’s newsletter) and Tyler Brown.

**Science Club Awards**
Congratulations to the following boys that received the Science Club Award last week, Fraser Stevens (Y5), Nicky Sabulis (Y5), Tim Thorogood (Y5) and Lucas Martin (Y5).

**House of the Week**
Amendment to last week’s newsletter Nicholls was house of the week last week, not Flynn as stated. Congratulations again to Nicholls for being House of the Week.

**Choir**
The Senior Vocal Ensemble will have two morning rehearsals in the lead up to their performance at Grandparent’s Day on 29 March. These rehearsals will be on 28 and 29 March from 7.45-8:15am in the Music/Art room. All boys in the ensemble are expected to be at these rehearsals. If any boy is unable to attend please advise Miss Hollingworth.

**Chess Moves**
Congratulations to the MBBC Chess teams for their success in last week’s Brisbane Interschool Chess Tournament. All three teams enjoyed the experience of competition and showed great potential for future contests. All the players are to be commended for their sportsmanship and concentration. Special mention to William Matterson (Y6) and William Toohey (Y8) who were our two top scorers with 5 points each (out of a possible 7 points). Well done boys. Training continues on Friday mornings – 7.15am in the Year 7/8 classroom.

**Sports Results**

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<td>Congratulations to Blake Proverbs (Y5) and Isaac Freeman (Y5) who participated in the Met East Golf Trials held at Wynnum Golf Course on Thursday 16 March, 2006.</td>
<td>Our first game for the season got off to a flying start, with a huge win over the Annerley Tigers, winning 9-Nil. The teamwork displayed by the boys, Owain Thomas, Jesse Bayes, Jordan Topham, Mason Buckeridge, David Witherow-Ellis, Ryan Kelly and Ewan Prosser was fantastic. They played as if they had been team mates for many years. The goal kicking from the boys was outstanding. Well done Y3 - Destroyers!!!</td>
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<td>Saturday was not only the first game of the season, but the very first time our boys have played in Club Soccer. Averaging only 5 yrs of age, the Cougars put up a fantastic fight. The boys, Lachlan Altena, Isaac Game, Jackson Maybury, Rhys Topham, Jake Winterton, James Cosgrove and Conor Dargin-Elders were unfortunately beaten 10 - nil. It was fun watching the boys, as they had to be reminded, which end was theirs and which was the oppositions. Good Work Cougars!!!</td>
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<td>On Friday 17 March, 20 boys from MBBC participated in the annual Schools with Pools Carnival at Wynnum West State School. Although the carnival was only a participatory carnival, it was very pleasing to hear not only about the boys’ achievements, but also their excellent behaviour. The students were only able to participate in two form events, and they swam extremely well. The boys who participated were Jesse Bayes (Y3), Owain Thomas (Y3), Jordan Topham (Y3), David Witherow-Ellis (Y3), Angus Dobson (Y4), Kyle Dovey (Y4), Isaac Freeman (Y5), Cameron McGregor(Y3), Thomas Thorne(Y5), James Ogilvie (Y6), Jack Walters (Y6), Matthew Wood (Y6), Kye Symonds (Y7), Andrew Murphy (Y7). Congratulations to both the junior and senior boys for winning and coming third respectively in their relays. Mr Pike.</td>
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**AFL Under 8 at MBBC – BECOME A TEAM MEMBER!**

Thank you to all boys who have signed up for the MBBC AFL club for 2006. We still have places for boys who wish to become a team member and participate in this fantastic opportunity. I would encourage all boys in Years 1 and 2 who are interested to join. The competition is non contact, and the home venue is here at MBBC. If you would like more information or like to sign up, please see Mr Pike.

**Year 5-7 Interschool Sport**

Attendance at training has been a concern in the past two weeks. All three teams require the attendance of all players at training. It is difficult for the coaches to consider team positions and practise effectively without full attendance.

**Soccer & Rugby League Attire**

**Shorts & Socks**

Shorts and socks are now available for purchase through the Office. Soccer and Rugby League shorts are $20 each and football socks are $10 per pair. Players from last year’s soccer team will not need to purchase new gear.

**Shirts**

As a result of the generosity of Doug Barton Holden, Wynnum-Manly Seagulls RL Club and the Darmanin and Rynenberg families, we have been able to provide the interschool shirts/singlets for all our teams. We very much appreciate the generosity of these organisations and families in supporting the development of sport in the College.

A trial game has been organised for the three interschool sporting teams this Friday so please try to purchase the necessary equipment by then. Competitive fixtures will begin on Friday 31 March.

**Other Equipment Needed**

**Soccer** – must have shin pads, boots are not compulsory but are highly recommended.

**Rugby League** – must have a mouthguard, protective head gear is not compulsory but is highly recommended.

**Easter Eggs For Others**

Easter Eggs for Others is a community service in which the boys are encouraged to participate. As part of our Pastoral Care program within the College and our Easter teachings, the boys engage in giving to those less fortunate than ourselves.

Easter eggs are donated by College families which will then be distributed to elderly residents of local Nursing Homes. Boxes for collection of donations will be placed in each classroom. A representative from each class will join staff members to distribute these donations during the last week of term.

**Year 2**

The puppets all came in last week and they look fantastic. Well done boys! This week we have begun to hear about the puppets, how they were made and what problems were encountered throughout the process. Once again I have been very impressed with the work of the boys. In class we are continuing to work on number facts so please keep revising these at home.

Parent Teacher Interviews - As you all know parent teacher interviews start this week. Please be prompt as the interviews are scheduled back to back. Folios will be inside the door so please feel free to look through your son’s work before the interview. Interviews will be on the back verandah. See you then, Ms Ruddle.

**Year 5**

The boys have continued to work on the theme of *Discovery and Settlement of Australia* and have produced some excellent work. Having completed reports on a notable Indigenous Australian and Early European Explorer, they now are learning about the adventures and achievements of Captain James Cook and Captain Arthur Phillip and the First Fleet.

Last week the boys worked as a class to design an action plan for their Technology project, which was to design and make a Tall Ship. They are very excited to get started on the making component of this task and I’m looking forward to seeing the results. If you are available to come and assist the boys, please come and join us on Thursday 23 March from 1:00pm.

In English the boys are continuing with our SMART words spelling rotations and it is pleasing to witness their transference of these strategies into their everyday writing. Having just completed some fabulous camp recount posters, which are displayed in the room, the boys are now completing their narrative on life as a convict boy and their matrix on the ‘My Place’.

In Mathematics, the boys have been focusing on a range of mental and problem solving strategies. They have made use of a variety of computer programs to assist us with their learning, many of which have been listed on the Year 5 MBBC website. The boys are looking forward to Grandparents Day where they will participate in some fun mathematics investigative activities.
I am looking forward to our Parent/Teacher Interviews on Tuesday and Thursday to discuss your son’s progress. Miss Thompson.

**Year 6**

Home Reading Milestones - ‘25 Nights Reading’ has been achieved by Benjamin Darmanin, David Blackley, Jacob Grant, Joshua Kelliher, Connor Mackay and Jack Walters this week. Congratulations to Joshua Carter-Harding, William Matterson and Jackson Webster for being our first to reach ‘50 Nights Reading’ record! Great work boys!

This week the boys have begun the **Australian Readers’ Challenge**. Each boy has a list of the books that are eligible and must complete 7 of these books by September 1 (with 3 more of their own choice). Our library is stocked with most of these titles so the boys are looking forward to a regular borrowing time on Mondays to help achieve their goal.

Our first **Family Fun Night** for 2006 is scheduled for **Wednesday, April 5** when C Block will be transformed into a Space Expo site to share the boys’ work with their families. Thank you to Mrs Day (Y8) and Mrs Wood (Y6) for coordinating the catering for the event. Please let us know if you can assist them in any way.

**Tuckshop**

This week’s tuckshop is a Hamburger at a cost of $4.00 including 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.

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**P&F News**

**Weetbix TRY-athlon, Sunday 19 March 2006**

Congratulations to Jesse Bayes (Y3), Mason Buckeridge (Y3), Nathaniel Domann (Y3), Ryan Munro (Y4), Joshua Carter-Harding (Y6), Matthew Wood (Y6) and Matthew Day (Y8) for completing this year’s Weetbix TRY-athlon. All boys put in a great effort and did their own personal best. They must be immensely proud of their achievements. Well done boys!

**Trivia Night & Auction, 26 August 2006**

The date for this year’s P&F major fundraiser, the Trivia Night and Auction, is 26 August 2006; please mark it on your calendar. The evening will consist of a sumptuous banquet, tantalizing trivia questions and the ever popular silent and public auction. This year’s theme is Arabian Nights – see you at the oasis!

**Chocolate Fundraiser**

**FINAL DAYS TO SELL CHOCOLATES, ALL MONIES DUE THIS FRIDAY.** All monies need to be sent back by this Friday 24 March. Thank you to everyone who has participated. Remember Pizza Party for the class which sells the most Chocolates. Thanks, Karen (P &F).

**MBBC Website**

As discussed at this month’s P&F meeting, the P&F part of MBBC website has now been updated. The content of this section will grow over time, so watch this space.
Tuckshop Order – 23 March

Name______________________________   Class______________________

Hamburger

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.