Commonwealth Games
There are days, no doubt, we all wish that our boys would put as much effort into their academic studies as they often do into their sport (or indeed that as a nation we care as much about research and intellectual pursuits as we do about sports)! However one of the great things about sporting events is seeing determination and effort overcome great odds. When watching an event like the Commonwealth Games, often the most inspiring stories are not necessarily about those who come first. For me winning isn’t necessarily about finishing first. Winning or more accurately, being successful, is about constant improvement and making a positive contribution to society in whatever field we walk. Some of our boys will be professionals, some will be entrepreneurs, some will be tradesmen, some will own or work for businesses, but each of our boys can be a leader in his field and be successful by constantly seeking to be better than he was yesterday. By knowing how to acquire and apply knowledge and how to relate to God and others (i.e. the MBBC 3Rs) our boys can be leaders who lead with faith and integrity. In this way all boys can soar to new heights.

Staff News
Sadly I advise parents that Ms Thompson is leaving the staff at the end of term due to personal circumstances to return to Perth. In her short time here, Ms Thompson has already made an impact upon the College and we wish her well. Equally sad, Ms Ruddle will be moving to Tasmania during next term to join her husband who has pursued a business opportunity in Hobart. Ms Ruddle has been here since the commencement of the College and her energy, passion and commitment to the development of MBBC and the boys in her care have been quite phenomenal.

I will be interviewing for both positions this week and will advise parents when appointments have been made.

National Association of Head Teachers Conference, Harrogate UK.
I have been invited to represent Australian Principals and present a paper at the National Association of Head Teachers Conference in Harrogate, England. My participation is being fully funded by the Australian Government. Consequently I will be absent from the College from Wednesday 26 April till Friday 5 May. Though I will still be in contact by email, any questions or concerns during that time should be addressed to Ms Ruddle as Assistant to the Principal-Primary in the first instance.

P-3 Camp Out
The camp out is this weekend at MBC. I cannot stress enough that no vehicles may be driven on the ovals. The camp out starts at 3pm. and will conclude after breakfast as we are required to vacate MBC completely by 8.30 am. An information sheet was sent home last week detailing all the information required concerning the camp. If you are attending, can you please return the RSVP tear off slip to your son’s class teacher or to the office by Thursday 30 March.

Easter Service
The Easter service is on Thursday 6 April and will be held at Creek Rd Presbyterian Church, Creek Rd, Carindale commencing at 6.30 pm. All boys are expected to attend and will be Involved in the service in some way. Summer uniform is to be worn. All boys will be attending a rehearsal at the Church during the day on Thursday 6 April. Boys will be bussed to/from the church. Please complete the tear off permission slip for this rehearsal and return it to your son’s class teacher. There will be a collection at the service and all monies raised that evening will be donated to the CYCLONE LARRY appeal.

Anzac Day Service
We will be holding an Anzac day ceremony on Monday 24 April commencing at 11.30am. All parents are welcome to attend.

Uniform for Terms 2 and 3
In Terms 2 and 3 all boys in Years 4-8 are to wear their formal uniform (shirt and tie) each Monday and Friday. The long sleeve shirts must be tucked in, so boys who have the new shorts should wear a belt.
Grandparents Day – Tomorrow 29 March
We are looking forward to welcoming all grandparents tomorrow. There is no parking on the lower roundabout however it will be open so that grandparents can be dropped off and collected. Parking will be available in the car park and on the grass area – please follow the directions. A final reminder that assembly starts at 9am, followed by class visits and morning tea. Morning tea will be the responsibility of Year 2 parents. With so many attending the morning tea, we need to enlist urgently the assistance of Year 3 parents. Please see the separate note that went home today.

Swimming
Swimming lessons finish next Tuesday 4 April. There will be no swimming on Thursday 6 April due to the Easter service rehearsal.

After School Activities
The ‘Active Community’ after school sports activities conclude this week. Next week, only chess and training for interschool sport will take place. Attached to the newsletter is a voluntary survey regarding the Active Community After School Sports activities. It would be appreciated if this could be completed and returned to the office by this Friday.

Roderick HW Crouch
Principal

Assembly
Congratulations to Year 2 for a great job at assembly last week. Year 3 will be leading this week’s assembly.

Memory Verse
Psalm 119: 97 “Oh, how I love your law! I meditate on it all day long”.

Award Cards
Congratulations to the following students for receiving Award cards: Liam Wallis (Y2), William Matterson (Y6), Alasdair Stewart (Y3), Owen Smith (Y6), Emerson Davis (Y6), Jackson Bennett (Y4), Zachary Yang (Y2), Jack Carstairs (Y1), William Stevens (Y1), Nicholas Christofis (Y1), Thomas Thorne (Y5), Ben Carroll (Y5).

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

Choir
The Senior Vocal Ensemble will rehearse on Tuesday 4 April from 7.45-8.15am in the Music/Art room. If any boy is unable to attend please advise Miss Hollingworth.

Percussion
We welcome percussion teacher Sveden Barac to MBBC. Mr Barac teaches on Wednesday’s in the music practice rooms. Boys interested in learning drums can contact Mr Barac on 0408 722 539.

Traffic Lights - Turning Right Into Manly Road
We have been in regular contact with Brisbane City Council since 3 February regarding a green arrow to enable traffic to turn right into Manly Road. Our last communication with BCC was that this option is “not in this year’s budget” and “will most likely not be in next year’s budget”. This is unacceptable as this is a dangerous turn and there have been accidents and many near misses already. The College will be writing to the local Councillor and BCC to try and push the issue but we would encourage any other parent to write as well. The job no. with BCC is 890674 and you would need to address the letter to the Team Leader - Signals Operations with a copy to the local Councillor Mr Peter Cummings. These addresses are as follows:

Mr Peter Cummings
3A/212 Bay Terrace
Wynnum Q. 4178

Team Leader - Signals Operations
Brisbane Administration Centre
Brisbane City Council
GPO Box 1434
Brisbane Qld 4001

Year 5-7 Interschool Sport
Soccer games this Friday will be held at Memorial Park as follows:
Junior Boys v Gumdale B at 1pm
Senior Boys v Gumdale at 1.30pm
We are still to receive the Rugby League draw.
**Basketball**

**Under 12’s MBBC Eagles**

Looking fantastic in their new uniforms, the Eagles were no match for the top team this week losing 53 - 6. Although undermanned the effort was terrific and the team never gave up. Also pleasing is the improvement in skills demonstrated each week. Next week's match - 8am against Hoopstars Blue.

**Under 14’s MBBC Eagles**

Also looking great in the new uniform the Eagles played a very tight game which resulted in a draw, 21 all. The team are really learning to play together and if they can achieve a higher conversion rate when shooting they will become a very competitive outfit in the games ahead. Well done!  Steve Brown, Coach.

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**Club Soccer**

**8D- Destroyers (Year 3)**

The boys had a brilliant away game this week against the Brisbane Olympic Bombers. With excellent goal scoring from Owain, Jesse, Mason and Joshua and strong defence from Ryan, Ewan, Jordan and David. the boys were able to win 7-1. Well done boys! Next week's game is 11.30am at Bayside United Fld 3.

**U7C – Cougars (Year 1)**

The Cougars showed keen spirit and much improvement from their first game last week. Our “Man of the Match” was Rhys Topham scoring our first goal for the season. A special mention also to Jacob Winterton for his great effort as goalie. Score 3-1 against us. Keep up the good work Cougars!

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**Easter Eggs for Others**

Easter Eggs for Others is a community service in which the boys are encouraged to participate. As a 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 have been placed in each classroom. Representative from each class are being chosen to join staff members to distribute these donations during the last week of term. Please reinforce with your son the reasons for the donations and the need to care for others in our community.

**Year 1W**

The next couple of weeks will see the boys complete a great deal of collaborative work with 1S in order to prepare our Term One Celebration of Year 1. The boys are working together to plan, coordinate and organise the event and are coming up with some wonderfully detailed ideas about how to share their learning with their parents. We will be sending home invitations for the events shortly and information about the afternoon.

Last Tuesday we celebrated Harmony Day in 1W. We discussed what this day signifies and what this means to us. The boys came up with terms like – “living together”, “being nice”, “sharing”, “love”, “Australia” and “Getting Along”. We drew pictures to show what Harmony Day meant to us and these are displayed as a book in the classroom.

It was fantastic to catch up with so many parents last week and share the progress the boys have made this term. It has been a busy term, full of changes and new concepts and skills for the boys and they should be extremely proud of the way they have challenged themselves and worked to achieve their personal best.

**Year 5**

The Tall Ship designs are looking fantastic and I’m thrilled with the team work and planning which has gone into this project. I’m very much looking forward to the finished product on Friday. On Tuesday, we will be having another session to work on our Tall Ships, from 11:30 – 12:45pm where parents are most welcome to come along and assist the boys. It is a wonderful time to see all the boys at work.

Last Friday the boys had a trial Interschool Sporting session and returned to school both exhausted and pleased with their efforts. This Friday they will commence their first game and I wish them all the very best. As the Interschool sport coincides with the St Helena excursion, I have had to change the date to Thursday 30 March! The details still remain the same for the day. The boys will note down things they need to take with them in their Diaries.

I have noticed a lot of reading happening amongst the boys and this is wonderful to see. As all the boys are involved in this year’s Readers’ Challenge, I’d like to encourage the boys to share some of the books on the list by bringing them into the room for others to read. Please ensure that all books are clearly named so we can prevent any losses.
There are a number of boys who still have not paid their registration fee of $5. I would like to be able to have all payments made by the end of the term please.

The work sample portfolios are going home this week and I do hope you will enjoy perusing your son’s work with him. The boys have put together their own portfolios and I think you’ll agree with me in feeling delighted with the efforts they have made and the progress they have made during this first term. Ms Thompson.

**Pizza Meal and Space Expo Night (Y6,7 & 8)**

A reminder that all boys attending this event will need to complete their pizza order forms by Thursday March 30. A flyer regarding this night is attached to this newsletter.

**Tuckshop**

This week’s tuckshop is a Macaroni Bolognese 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.

**Uniform Shop**

The following items have now arrived at the uniform shop:

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**MBC Uniform Shop Trading Hours**

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**P&F News**

**P&F Meeting**

The next P&F meeting is on 3 April 2006, at 7pm in the Year 7/8 classroom. Items on the agenda this month include: setting of fundraising objectives for this year and an update on current fundraising activities. Everyone is welcome.

**MBBC Family Favourites Recipe Book**

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. Only 5 recipes received so far. Be sure to provide your family name and name and grade your son/s are in [e.g. SMITH family – Sam (Preschool)]. Your son/s will be delighted to see their names featured in this recipe book – let’s make it a fantastic one! Closing Date for recipes – 31 August 06.

**Sausage Sizzle**

The next P & F sausage sizzle will be held on April 5. Please complete the tear off slip below and return to the office no later than Monday 3 April.

**Term Dates for 2006**

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**Attachments**

- The Aussie Software Store Brochure
- Space Expo Flyer
- Parent Feedback Questionnaire
**Tuckshop Order – Thursday 30 March**

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 no later than 10am Wednesday.

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**P – 3 Camp Out – Saturday 1 April**

TO BE RETURNED NO LATER THAN THURSDAY MARCH 30

Child’s Name:______________________________________  Year:_________________

Parent’s Name:_____________________________________

We will be attending the MBBC P-3 Camp out at MBC on Saturday April 1 to Sunday April 2. We understand that a parent has to remain with the student and that we are to supply our own camping equipment as well as food for dinner and breakfast.

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Signed

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**Sausage Sizzle – Wednesday 5 April**

Boys Name:________________________________________  Year:___________

Quantity:______________________________

Milk/Juice (please circle)

Cost: $3.00 (includes drink and sausage) $1.50 for any additional sausages thereafter.

Please put in an envelope marked ‘Sausage Sizzle Order’ and place in Silver locked box no later than 10am Monday 3 April.

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**Permission Slip**

**Easter Service Rehearsal Thursday 6 April**

Boys Name: ________________________________________  Year:____________

I give permission for my son to leave School premises and travel by bus to the Creek Road Presbyterian Church, Carindale.

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Signed

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