Greetings from Harrogate!
I have had a very interesting few days in Harrogate, UK attending the National Association of Head Teachers Conference. Educational issues in the UK are similar in many ways to those in Australia, but what was interesting was the impact of a decade of national tests. Many schools had abandoned their art and music programs and were concentrating on teaching facts in order to prepare children for passing tests. The ability to think or apply that knowledge was in short supply. If children are to be fully prepared to be effective members of society, then body, mind and soul must be educated, making a diet of facts simply insufficient. The acquisition of knowledge must be supported by knowing how to think through or apply that knowledge as well as having the skills to know where to find it in the first place. They must ‘know and do.’ In addition to this, the development of one’s emotional intelligence (ie. one’s ability to relate well to others) is vital.

A number of changes have occurred at the front of the College. A new billboard has been erected and the old one moved to the northern corner of the College to face those driving down Manly Rd. A new entrance sign is awaiting lettering, while goal posts (thanks kindly to the P&F), are now in place on the oval. While the posts are there to benefit the boys, the signs will hopefully assist in advertising the College. The best form of advertising is word of mouth and I thank so many (and encourage all) parents to talk positively about the College wherever they are.

Unfortunately I won’t be back in time to join the Mother and Son Breakfast but I trust it will be a wonderful and happy morning. Thank you to our Parent Reps, Ms Ruddle and Ms Poulton for organising this event.

Mother’s Day Breakfast
For catering purposes all replies must be in by 10.00am on Wed, 2 May. **Just a reminder that the cost of the breakfast is $12.00 per Person, ie: $12 for mother and also $12 for son/s. If you have paid the incorrect amount please forward additional payment to the office by Wed 2 May.**

Roderick HW Crouch
Principal

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

Memory Verse
Romans 1:20, “God's eternal power and character cannot be seen. But from the beginning of creation, God has shown what these are like by all he has made. That's why those people don't have any excuse”.

Choir
The Senior Vocal Ensemble will rehearse this term on a **Tuesday** morning from 7.45am-8.15am in the Music/Art room. This will replace the Friday lunchtime rehearsal. New boys are welcome. The Junior Vocal Ensemble will continue to rehearse on a Thursday morning from 7.45am-8.15am. Again, new boys are welcome. Ms Hollingsworth.

Speech and Communication
Classes will re-commence next Thursday, May 4.

Art Club – Term 2
Art Club is open to boys in Y3 and Y4. The cost is $30 for the 8 week course. Places are strictly limited to 12. Art Club will be starting this Week. The boys are requested to have afternoon tea, then proceed to the Artspace at 3.00pm. Parents and Carer’s are asked to pickup their boys at 3.50 pm, from the bottom roundabout. Lots of creative fun is planned!. Please complete the tear off slip below and return together with payment to the office.
Year 1S
The holidays have brought the boys back refreshed, mature and very settled into the classroom routine and school expectations. The boys are back with renewed energy, trying their best in every task they do. Instead of just writing one sentence they are writing two or three. They are re-reading, sounding out and using the dictionary for assistance when writing and labelling their work. It is great to see the boys make such an academic and enthusiastic leap in their learning journeys.

This week we discussed celebrations, what are they and how do we celebrate. The boys created some wonderful pictures, which are displayed in the classroom. Some of the ideas the boys brainstormed about celebrations were engagements, weddings, anniversaries, welcome home parties, birthdays and news babies. They defiantly have the right idea!

The boys have prepared themselves very well for assembly this week, organising the whole event. Parents are welcome to attend assembly begins at 10am. Miss Sullivan.

Tuckshop
This week’s tuckshop is a Hot Dog 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.

Sports News

Under 12s Eagles Basketball
The U12’s had their best game yet, working together as a real team. The game saw lots of sure passing, and good receiving, with plenty of good intercepts against the opposition, with the result that the ball was predominantly in our hands. Every team member should feel proud, as everyone played hard and used other team members to good advantage. Special thanks to our Saturday coach, Julie Sherwood, who did an excellent job coaching the boys, and to Greg V. and Tim Griggs for coaching through the week. Next game 10:30 court 4.

Under 14s MBBC Basketball
The boys played a close game going down 21 to 20 to the Carina Cobras. The boys never gave up and fought hard to the end. They should be congratulated for their never say die attitude. Next game is at 9.40 am this Saturday. Greg Rynenberg, Manager.

Under 7s Cougars Soccer
The Cougars were triumphant in their first victory winning 1 Nil. Player of the match was Jacob Winterton. The Cougars now have 10 players and the extra support along with the boys growing skill and confidence level has resulted in this first win of the season. Rhys Topham also receives a special mention for kicking the goal. Well done boys!

You Can Do It! Education
The most important part of the “You Can Do It! Education” relates to the positive Habits of the Mind. As emphasised previously, Positive Habits of the Mind enable students to remain motivated and to achieve. By students adopting Positive Habits of the Mind, they are less likely to be identified as easily frustrated, anxious, or students who may not be able to manage their anger.

Over the next few weeks, the 12 Positive Habits of the Mind will be introduced.

This week, the Positive Habits of the Mind that develop Confidence are defined:

The Foundation of Confidence means not being afraid to make mistakes or to try something new.

Positive Habits of the Mind that develop Confidence are:
Accepting Myself: not thinking badly about myself when I make a mistake.
Taking Risks: thinking that it’s good to try something new even though I might not be able to do it.
Being Independent: thinking that it’s important to try new activities and to speak up even if my classmates think I’m silly or stupid.

Next newsletter, the Positive Habits of the Mind that develop Persistence will be defined.
MBBC’s annual Fund Raiser Golf Day will be held on 12 May at the Wynnum Golf Club. Please join us for a day that (like last year) promises to be full of fun and great prizes. Please see attached flyer and complete the entry form on the reverse page of the flyer. Additional flyers may be obtained at the office or on the MBBC website under Parents & Friends Association/Activities/Golf Day. Looking forward to a great day out!

**Farewell to Leanne Ruddle**
A farewell for Leanne has been organized for Friday 12 May 2006. Notices were distributed last term. If you did not receive one and would like to attend please complete the tear off slip below. RSVP Wednesday 3 May (for catering purposes). For further details please call Roseanne Wallis on ph: 3348 5976.

**Attachments**
- Golf Day Flyer
- Entertainment Book Reminder Notice
- Report to Parents Information document

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**Tuckshop Order – Thursday 4 May**

Name______________________________   Year _______________

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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**Art Club - Years 3-4, Term 2**

Name______________________________   Class_______________

My son is keen to participate in Art Club in Term 2.

Please put $30 in an envelope marked Art Club and place in Silver locked box.

Signed: ________________

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**Leanne Ruddle Farewell**

Friday 12 May 2006.

Name:______________________________________________Year:_________________

I would like to attend the Farewell Lunch at a cost of $12.00 per person which I have enclosed.

Parent Name/s:__________________________________________

RSVP: Wednesday 3 May.