Homework
Homework is one of those perennial issues in schools. For some there is too much, for others too little. Equally for some it can be too hard, for others, too easy. Often homework can be a ‘battleground’ at home, causing stress for all concerned! Our homework policy is as follows:

All boys will receive Homework from Monday to Thursday inclusive. Year 7, 8 may also have weekend homework. Homework, unless it is completing projects or finishing other work is not normally set on weekends as boys need time to play and rest. Homework should not be new work, rather it should consolidate what has been taught that day to reinforce a boy’s understanding of the work covered. Homework may be set on either a weekly contractual or a nightly basis. As a guide, homework times should be as follows:

Year 1-3: 15 mins per night
Year 4: 20 mins per night
Year 5, 6: 30 mins per night
Year 7, 8: 45-60 mins per night

Though it may be included in the homework, boys are strenuously encouraged to spend 10-15 mins reading each evening.

If boys are taking considerably longer to complete homework, please let your son’s teachers know. One great way of assisting your son with his homework is to spend some of Monday night with him helping him to plan his week, allowing time for homework, play, and the various activities that all children undertake. Remember homework is to assist boys! This is particularly important for older boys who receive multi part projects that are to be completed over several weeks. In doing this, it helps us review with our children whether they are trying to do too much. Once a weekly plan is made, set aside a time and a space for homework and when that time is finished stop. Assist if help is needed but otherwise leave your son to get on with it. At the end of the time, if as parents, you feel they have been working well and it is of an appropriate standard, yet they are still to finish, write a note and let us know.

Staff News
Sadly Mrs Dovey is unable to keep teaching PE to boys in P-2 after this week. Mrs Michelle Rhodes will be taking her place.

Open Day
Open day is Friday 26 May. All boys will be involved in activities from 11.00 am – 2.00 pm and should wear normal school uniform to school. All boys will be dismissed at normal time on that day and inter school sport will operate as per usual. Please bring a friend to show them the College.

Clean Shoes
To encourage clean shoes, I will be conducting some RST (random shoe testing) inspections on various mornings for boys in Years 4-8. Boys ‘caught’ in these inspections will be required to hire polish from the College to ‘clean up their act’. All hiring fees (50c) will be donated to our major charity this year.

Lost Property
Boys are reminded to take responsibility for their belongings. The end of the two breaks each day always brings many homeless items, such as drink bottles and lunch boxes. As a result the lost property bin is overflowing. On Monday morning the lost property bin will be placed outside the school office from 8.00am to 10.00am. Please come and have a look through for any items you may be missing. Any unclaimed items will be donated to Charity on Friday 17 May. It is imperative that all Student belongings be labelled!
The Long And The Short Of It!
The attached photo was taken at the recent Commonwealth Games. It shows several champions of quite different stature. Often we can think that only those who are taller or stronger or older can succeed. Whatever one's physical attributes, we are all capable of being a 'champion' by the way we act and interact with others. The goals we set, the effort we make, the attitude we bring and the language we use will all be greater contributors to our future success than any of our physical attributes.

Roderick HW Crouch
Principal

Assembly
Congratulations to Year 1W for a great job at assembly last week. Year 7/8 will be leading this week's assembly.

Memory Verse
Romans 3:23-24 "All of us have sinned and fallen short of God's glory. But God treats us much better than we deserve, and because of Christ Jesus, he freely accepts us and sets us free from our sins".

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

Awards
Congratulations to the following students for receiving award cards:

Y1: Jackson Maybury, Mitchell Burke-Torrens, Patrick McCormack, Jack Brady, James Cosgrove, Callum McKechnie.

Y2: Liam Wallis, James Armstrong.

Y3: Alasdair Stewart, Riley Mackey, Ryan Homes, Riley Carr, Bailey Reinke.

Y4: Michael Moutsias.

Y5: Michael Wong, Campbell Thomson.

Y6: Trent O'Brien, Jacob Grant, William Matterson.

Y7/8: Matthew Day.

Music
We are seeking more musicians to join our exciting private instrumental program. All boys wishing to learn an instrument at school should ask for an application form available at the office. Ms Hollingsworth.

Congratulations to the following boys for their recent performance at Eisteddfods: Yianni Sines (Y5) to be commended for his 9 yrs ‘Australian Song’ performance, Tim Thorogood (Y5) received third place in his 10yrs ‘Action Song’ performance and also was commended on his 10 yrs ‘Sacred Solo’ performance. Nat Domann (Y3) received highly commended for his two piano performances. Well Done Boys! Mrs Cuny.

Year 1S
The boys continue to amaze me with their knowledge and skills. Over the last 2 weeks they have created high quality show and tell documentation of their Easter holidays and have shared informative book reviews. They have been prepared and organised and are displaying confidence when speaking in front of an audience. It is great to see the boys putting in so much effort!

This week the boys have continued to explore time, using their own clocks to manipulate the hands and display o'clock intervals. They enjoy testing one another by orally telling a time and waiting for the other to display it on their clock correctly, they have absorbed so much in a short amount of time.

Our classroom is looking very bright as the boys are becoming enthusiastic about how they display their work and what they wish to share about their learning. They are becoming more independent in all the tasks they take on and I am relishing this new trend. They enjoy taking the hands on approach in all aspects of their work, such as publishing their writing on the computer or simply hanging up a work sample in the classroom, which in turn earns them more responsibility in the classroom.

Once again the boys have stepped up and proven what great public speakers they are at Chapel on Monday. Well done boys! Assembly photos from Friday 5 May are on display outside the classroom.

Year 6
Middle School Science
Last Friday, all Middle School boys received the task details for their Human Body System Research Report for Term 2. This report is due on Friday, May 26. Please see the MBBC website if you require any further information. Every Tuesday, the Middle School boys are required to hand in their Weekly Science Puzzler. These tasks will require some research effort each week in order to explain a puzzling scientific phenomenon. Congratulations to the following boys for their very high standard of work in the ‘Red Blood Cell’ task: David Blackley, Vasilis Cassimatis, Joshua Kelliher, Matthew Day, Alex Mann and William Toohey. Mrs Patchett.
Japanese Cultural Day

Last Wednesday, the Middle School students were treated to an afternoon of special activities as part of a Japanese Cultural Day. Many of the students enjoyed an Obento (Japanese box lunch) as part of the experience before breaking into two groups for some hands-on activities. The boys practised the ancient arts of shuuji (calligraphy) with black ink and brushes on real rice paper and then origami (paper folding). Two black belt instructors from the Australian Academy of Martial Arts impressed the boys with an explanation and demonstration of the martial art of Karate. Each student was presented with two VIP Gold Cards for one free Karate lesson. If anyone is interested in trying out this skill, there are a few passes left at the Office. Many thanks (arigato) to Mazola sensei and Kikkawa sensei for the time and effort they put in to the organisation of this day. Mrs Patchett.

Under 8’s Week

Under 8’s Week begins next week. The theme for this year is “Celebrate”, so to celebrate this event the P – 3 classes will join together for a fun filled morning of activities on Wednesday 24 May. This will be in the Preschool area and will finish with a shared Morning Tea/Lunch. An invitation to all P-3 parents will be sent home later in the week. If you require further information, please see your son’s class teacher.

Tuckshop

Please Note: We have been advised by MBC tuckshop that due to increased costs, the MBBC tuckshop lunch has increased to $4.50. This week’s tuckshop is a cheeseburger plus milk or 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 7 Cougars Soccer

A good performance yet again by the Cougars, who were unfortunately beaten. Our "Man of the Match" was Conor Dargin-Elders and special mention to Jack Taggart who played his heart out once again. All are welcome to come and barrack for the Cougars at next week’s match at 10:30am at the Bayside United grounds. Nicole Dargin-Elders.

Under 8 - Bayside Destroyers

The Y3 boys meet their match this week against the Annerley Dingoes being defeated by 7-5. They rose to the challenge and played fair but a tough consistent game - well done boys. Josh Stevens and David Witherow- Ellis were players of the match. Special thanks to Keri Thomas for giving the boys each a soccer shirt and drink bottle. Training is Friday morning at 7am. Next game is a home game, Field 3, 9.30am. Sandra Buckeridge, Manager.

Representative Sport

Kye Symonds and Andrew Murphy were invited to trial for the Wynnum District Primary Schoolboys Rugby League Open Team last Thursday afternoon. They joined over 50 boys from the District hoping to secure a place in the team. Both boys represented Moreton Bay Boys’ College with enthusiasm and skill. Andrew is to be congratulated on his successful selection to the training squad for the team that will participate in the 2006 Brisbane Primary Schools Rugby League Metropolitan Cup in Term 3.

Joshua Carter-Hardgrave, Emerson Davis and Joshua Kelliher were invited to trial for the Wynnum District Open Soccer team. All three boys stood out in the field of over 40 players at the trials. Emerson and Joshua Kelliher were successful in making it through to the second round of trials where 25 boys vied for 14 positions. The competition was fierce, with the majority of players being a year older than both boys. Joshua Kelliher was successful in being named in the team that will compete in the Metropolitan East Selection carnival on 30/31 May.

Interschool Sport

Soccer: MBBC v Gumdale. Score 1-2. This was a close game and a huge effort was made by the MBBC Boys. Unfortunately the game resulted in a loss, however the boys played extremely well and draw would have reflected a more accurate result of how the game was played. Josh Kelliher, Captain.

Does your family drink Pauls Milk? If you do, MBBC needs your caps! Please send them along to the Science Lab, where our collection crate is very close to full. It would be great to fill it before the end of this term.
**Date Claimer**
The Annual MBBC P&F Trivia Night and Auction will be held on 26 August, 2006. The past two of these events have been absolutely resounding successes. It's a tremendous opportunity for us to all to let our hair down, socialise, exercise our brain cells, and have a great night out with our friends. On average, we have also raised $10,000 each year. With your help, we aim to make this year's event even better. We would like to ask that we all work together to secure a large and varied array of items to be auctioned. If you know of a business (local or otherwise) who may be interested in supporting our school, please approach them for a donation (large or small). They will receive a letter and a certificate of thanks from the MBBC P&F, acknowledging their support. We will also ensure that their business name and sponsorship details are displayed on the night. Our theme this year is "Arabian Nights", so start brushing up on your trivia knowledge and join us at the oasis. Karen Carter (BH) 0418 741014 or (AH) 38930696.

**Entertainment Book**
Thank you to all the families who purchased the 2006/2007 Entertainment Book. There are still a few books outstanding. Please return either the book or money to the office as soon as possible. Thank you to Lara Rennie (Y5/3) for coordinating the sales.

**Shop For Your School**
Please be aware that if you are shopping at Garden City and hand in your docket slips you need to mention that the School is registered at Carindale Westfield.

**Open Day Sausage Sizzle – 26 May**
A P&F sausage sizzle will be held on Friday 26 May at a cost of $3.00, includes drink and sausage. (Please note that only chocolate milk or juice may be purchased). Please complete the tear off slip and return to the office no later than Monday 22 May.

**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. Thank you to the families that have sent in some delicious recipes – 20 recipes so far – we need many more! 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.

**Discounted Dreamworld Tickets**
For a limited time Dreamworld is offering Adults @ kids prices. If you are interested, please collect a voucher from the office.

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### Community Notices

**121 Wynnum/Manly Army Cadet Unit**
For young people aged between 12- 17 years. Learn new skills, self confidence and leadership in a social environment. Cadets meet at the Wynnum North State High School on Wednesday nights from 6pm – 9pm. Come along on any Wednesday night for more information, or contact Captain Sharon Stewart on ph: 0419 038292 after 4.30pm.

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   - Monday Oct 9 – Thurs Nov 30 | **Term 4**
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**Attachments**
- Children’s Conference Newsletter
- Brisbane Kids Games Information Note
**Tuckshop Order – Thursday 17 May**

*Cheeseburger*

Name______________________________   Year _______________

Chocolate milk or apple juice (please circle drink of choice)

$4.50 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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**Sausage Sizzle – Friday 26 May**

Boys Name:______________________________________________________ Year:______________

Quantity:_____________________

Milk/Juice (please circle)

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

Please put in an envelope marked ‘Sausage Sizzle Order’ and place in silver locked box no later than 10.00am Monday, 22 May.