Accreditation Review
Recently I sat on a committee funded by the OECD which was asked to develop an overview of school education in Australia. The study concluded that it does matter which Australian school a student attends and how that school is organised. Student academic achievement, academic self-concept and engagement and participation in school and then further study and/or work have been shown to be linked to teacher and school practices. Last Friday we had a validation panel visit the College as part of our cyclical accreditation review. The review looked at 5 areas – Administration and Governance, Financial Viability, Educational Programs and Student Welfare, Resources and Facilities, and School Improvement. The validation committee congratulated and complimented the College on what has been achieved, including the many opportunities available to the boys of the College, highlighting particularly the excellent staffing ratios, the curriculum (especially the literacy program), and the level of IT resources – currently we have a ratio of 1 computer per 2.5 students, considerably better than the state target of 1:5 – which according to one of the panel members, Prof Ian Hay from UNE, was superior to the vast majority of higher fee schools he had visited in NSW and Victoria. It was terrific to receive such excellent feedback on what we seek to do at MBBC.

Bunya to the Bay
Last Sunday MBBC was the only school invited to welcome home the 26 River ambassadors who undertook the Bunya to the Bay exploration. Congratulations to Year 5 on their excellent art work and drama production. Congratulations too to Matthew Day and Adam Ralls on being selected as River ambassadors. We look forward to hearing the stories of their adventures!

End of Term – Friday 22 September,
Parents are reminded that the last day of term is Friday 22 September. The office will be closed from Thursday 28 September – Tuesday 3 October.

Eagle Eye: Watching over Lota Creek
Our science program is to be highlighted in an international journal, called Snapshots in Education, published in the UK.

Open Day- This Friday
This Friday 15 September we are holding an open day, this time in conjunction with MBC. All boys will be involved in regular Friday class activities from 11.00 am – 2.00 pm. All boys will be dismissed at the usual time and inter school sport will still occur. I strongly encourage all parents to invite friends and those they know who are looking at schools to visit the College on Friday. A letter box drop has occurred this week (purposely distributed after all the election brochures) and boys will bring home today additional brochures for parents to give to friends. As mentioned last week, without doubt the best form of advertising is still word of mouth. It is far more effective that any ad we could place. Please use every opportunity you have to talk positively about the College whether you are on the sideline or in the shopping centre. Our best ambassadors for the College are our families.

Swimming
All boys next term (including preschool) will have swimming lessons and so should have the appropriate uniform (school togs and house sunshirt).

School Badge
A number of boys are without their school badge. Badges should be worn on the left collar for boys in Years 1-6 and the hat for boys from Year 7. Badges do not need to be worn with the formal uniform. Badges may be purchased at the office at a cost of $5.00.

Staff News
Unfortunately, for family reasons, Mrs Smith will leave us at the end of term. Mrs Schlobohm will takeover as the fulltime administration assistant from the start of Term Four.
Assembly
Congratulations to Year 5 for a great job at assembly last week. Pre-school will be leading this week’s assembly.

Memory Verse
John 4:14, “But no one who drinks the water I give will ever be thirsty again. The water I give is like a flowing fountain that gives eternal life.”

House of the Week
Congratulations to Doherty for being House of the week.

Awards

MBBC Portrait Prize
Attention all our budding artists. The MBBC Portrait Prize will be decided at the MBBC Art Show. All students are invited to submit a portrait painting of a member of staff. Any member of staff may be chosen. Artworks are limited to 50cm x 40cm or smaller. Entries on canvas, paper or cardboard may be submitted. Collage, paint, pencil or oil pastel may be used. All entries must be labelled with the artist’s name, grade and name of the sitter. Closing date for entries is 23 October. Judges’ decisions are final. Good luck to all our boys! Ms De Lange.

Choir
Boys have received a notice at choir rehearsal about our last concert for the term, Viva la Musica. A reminder that the Junior Vocal Ensemble will have an additional rehearsal on Wednesday, 13 September at 7.45-8.15am and the Senior Vocal Ensemble on Friday, 15 September 7.45 - 8.15am in preparation for this event. It is important that boys are punctual to rehearsals this week. Thank you.
Miss Hollingsworth.

Notice of Attendance
Just a reminder that if your son is absent from school, it is standard policy to inform the College of the absence as early as possible on the day and complete and sign an Absent from School notice. If your son arrives late or leaves the College grounds early, you will need to attend at the office and complete and sign a Late Arrival/Early Departure form. Thank you.

Drum Lessons
Drum lessons have now commenced at the College during school time on Wednesdays. Lessons are $25 per half hour. Please call Mr Cvitan Barac if interested on mobile ph: 0408 722 539.

You Can Do It Update
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 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.

Sometimes, students (and adults) may adopt Negative Habits of the Mind, which will lead to problems in psychological health and academic learning.

Over the next few weeks, the Negative Habits of the Mind will be introduced so you will be able to recognise them.

Low Self-Esteem means that you worry a lot about whether other people like you, or whether you will do as well at your work as you think you should.

Negative Habits of the Mind that develop Low Self-Esteem/Anxiety are:

Self-Downing: thinking I am a total failure or useless when I have been rejected or have not achieved a good result.

Needing to be perfect: thinking that I have to be successful in everything important I do and that it’s horrible when I’m not.

Needing Approval: thinking that I need people (parents, teachers, peers) to approve of what I do and that, when they don’t, it’s the worst thing in the world.
I Can’t Do It (Pessimism): thinking that, when I have not been successful at something, I am no good at anything, that I will never be good at anything, and that I’m a hopeless person.

Next newsletter, the Negative Habits of the Mind that develop General Work Avoidance will be defined. Miss Ryan.

**MBBC Sexuality Education Program - Parent Information Evening**

7 – 8.30pm, Wednesday, 20 September.

Sexuality education lessons are planned for Years 5-8 students in Term 4. These lessons will be conducted by a Family Planning Queensland (FPQ) professional and cover a number of topics, both general and year-level specific. Parents are invited to attend an Information Evening hosted by FPQ next Wednesday night (September 20) in the Year 7/8 classroom. Boys are welcome to attend in school uniform.

Please RSVP through your son’s teacher by Tuesday, 19 September if you plan to attend.

**Year 8 Maths Enrichment Activity at MBC**

Last Wednesday, the Year 8 boys and Mrs Patchett visited MBC to share in the Enrichment Week activities. The boys were divided amongst four groups and rotated through a series of engaging maths activities – 3D construction, topology, measurement and codes, as well as others. Our students were active participants in all sessions and represented the College with enthusiasm. Mrs Patchett.

**‘Friends of the Nature Refuge’ Event – All Welcome!!**

Sunday, 17 September.

8.30am – Welcome and Introduction outside the IT Lab. Walk around the Nature Refuge track (guided by Middle School Information sheets)

9.30 – 11.30am

Delegation of duties: Umbrella Tree teams, Madeira Vine teams, Photo-monitoring plot team, Weeding teams. Supervised golf ball hunt for interested children. Year 5 ‘Lota Creek Catchment’ work display.

12 noon – free Sausage Sizzle and cold drink (kindly supported by Meats by the Bay).

All participants should wear closed shoes, long pants, shirts with long sleeves and insect repellent. Gardening gloves are recommended. Any gardening tools and equipment would also be useful – wheelbarrows, secateurs, metal rakes, hand saws, etc. Please contact Mr Schinkel if you are unsure of what to bring along.

A gourmet Coffee Cart will be on site to sell hot drinks ($4 cappuccino) and fruit smoothies ($5). 15% commission will be donated back to the College. For catering purpose, please RSVP through your son’s diary or by email to Mrs Patchett (patchettd@mbbc.qld.edu.au)

**Carnival Day - Stall Donations**

Donations of small items (small toys, lollies, stationary) are still needed as prizes for the magnetic fishing stall on carnival day. All items for this stall will be collected at the office.

**Tuckshop**

This week’s tuckshop is Cheeseburger plus milk or juice ($4.50). 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 cannot be ordered on Thursday. **No change is given so please include the correct money.**

**Sport News**

**Under 14’s MBBC Eagles**

MBBC Eagles made the finals where we played against Hoopstars Red in a very exciting and nerve wracking game. The teams were evenly matched and our boys, through sheer determination shot the winning goal in the last minute to win by 1 point with the score being 23 to 22. All the boys who played contributed to a great win! Congratulations all round. We are not sure if we have made the final as it all depends on a count back of points throughout the season. Even if we do not make the final, the MBBC Eagles finished the season on a winning note. Greg Rynenberg, Manager.

**MBBC Eagles Cricket Team**

Trent O’Brien was appointed Captain of the Senior Primary Cricket team for the season. Trent will be assisted by a Vice Captain (yet to be named) and a Games Advisor, who will be selected each week to assist with the line-up for that Friday’s game. Thank you to Mrs Ogilvie for volunteering to act as Manager for this team and to Mr Wearne and Mr Campbell for their assistance with training and umpiring.
The team got off to an exciting start last Friday scoring 4/60 against Manly’s 7/44. The team provided some great fielding and batting moments with Emerson Davis leaping sideways to take a catch from his own bowling. It was a great try and he only just missed the catch. He followed up taking a ball at slips and throwing it to Benjamin Darmanin who took the run-out. William Matterson then provided great back up to Scott at square leg, William got the ball to James Ogilvie who took the next run-out. Jack Walters continued the pace taking two wickets in one over. A special mention for Nick Sabulis who took a wicket in the first over of his first game. Trent O’Brien and Scott Campbell were the top batsmen on the day with Scott hitting 3 runs off one ball. The game finished with Fraser Stevens and Jack retiring. Great teamwork and effort boys!

P&F News

Fundraising
The final fundraising total for this year’s Trivia Night & Auction was $7,400. At last night’s P&F meeting, we agreed to go ahead with construction of the cricket nets. Adding the cricket nets to other purchases such as the moveable sign and a donation to the music program – this comes to $19,250. This is on top of goal posts and line markers purchased earlier in the year.

Other up and coming fundraisers include having a fashion parade and also fitness-a-thon – so watch this space! The family fun day is also pencilled in for Sunday 19 November.

Toy Catalogues – Prep to Year 2
Orders for toy catalogues have been extended until Friday, 15 September. Thanks, Karen Austin.

Community News

UQ Robotics Workshop – September School Holidays
Just a quick note to advise that bookings are now open for UQ robotics workshops for the September School Holidays. The UQ robotics workshops are a great way to:
* teach students a fun and creative way to solve problems
* expose students and teachers to technology concepts and applications
* encourage students to work in teams
Attached is a UQ Robotics Holiday Workshop flier for your information. The UQ Robotics holiday workshops will be held on Tuesday, 26 September and Wednesday, 27 September.

Acacia Bayside Swimming Club
Acacia Bayside Swimming Club’s first night of swimming is on this Friday night – 15 September, 2006, commencing at 6.00pm. If you would like to see what it is like, please be there by 5.30pm. Any queries, please give call Merryl on 0408 887 492.

Attachments
- Robotics Flier
- Cafe Serenity Kids Holiday Program
- Wynnum Seagulls Holiday Fun Flier
- Open Day brochure

Term 3 Dates: Monday 17 July to Friday 22 September.
Term 4 Dates: Monday 9 October to Thursday 30 November

Tear Off Slips

Tuckshop Order – 1 September 2006
Name ___________________________ Class __________________
Cheeseburger
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