Community
This week we received several enrolment applications for Year 8 in 2017! It led me to reflect on just how far the College has come in such a short time. This year we will have entered boys in inter school cricket, AFL, rugby league, soccer, swimming, athletics and chess competitions as well as had school teams in club basketball, AFL, futsal and soccer, while several boys have represented the College in golf. A sailing program is close to being finalised for boys in Years 7-8. To assist in the development of the boys' musical abilities, we now have an in-class instrumental program in strings in Year 3 and brass and woodwind in Year 5 while an additional 45 boys are learning an instrument or undertaking speech and communication lessons privately. The College has won several awards for its whole school approach to science and has entered teams in a number of maths competitions. When we add our own annual community events such as our breakfasts or service activities, and that the number of students has increased by over 500% since the first opening… it has been a remarkable period of growth given that the College is not quite 4 years old. Yet there is still more to come! In our desire (or impatience) to make it all happen now, we can forget how much has been achieved through our community working together to ensure the best opportunities we can for all the boys of the College.

More importantly we are building strong links as a community on a range of levels; as our own College, with MBC and in the wider bayside. As we seek to encourage and support our boys to soar to new heights, it is essential that they have an understanding that each of us has an important and essential contribution to make to the community in which we live. There is a delightful feeling of community at MBBC and this is one of the great strengths of our young College. We are all involved in a range of communities – extended family, church, local area, Brisbane and so on, but the most effective communities are those in which each member contributes in some way or another to the benefit of others. The way in which we all contribute at MBBC will underpin not only our physical growth as a campus, but more importantly the character of the young man that is to become an MBBC graduate.

Father & Son Breakfast
Last Friday’s breakfast was a tremendous success with over 180 dads and boys attending. We heard an excellent message from Craig McRae. He spoke about the importance of having a dream. He then encouraged the boys to work towards that dream and not to be put off by nay sayers, for in striving towards a goal or dream, one achieves success. It was a terrific morning. Thank you to all those who assisted in ensuring the success of the breakfast, particularly Ms Poulton and the parent representatives from each class.

2007 Vacancies - Open Day 15 September
On Friday 15 September we are holding a second 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. We hold Open day on a week day so that prospective parents and visitors can see the College as close to ‘normal’ as possible. 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. Whilst we have run an advertising campaign in the local press leading up to the day, 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.

For information of parents, Preschool, Year 1, 3, 4 and 6 are full for 2007 (with waiting lists especially in pre school and year 1) but we still have vacancies in Year 2 and in Years 5, 7 - 9. If parents are aware of families considering these year levels, please encourage them to contact Ms Poulton or me as soon as possible.

2007 Buildings
Currently we are starting our budget preparations for 2007. Into this mix goes staffing, student numbers, additional facilities and so on, before fees for 2007 are determined. We have received funding to expand the library once we are able to move the admin. At this stage we anticipate 13 or 14 separate classes which is why exact student numbers are so crucial. Once decisions are made, an information evening will be held for parents, as was the case last year. The exact date will be advised, but is likely to be in late October.
School Accreditation

All independent schools in Queensland are accredited by the Non State Schools Accreditation Board every five years. On Friday we have a group of people arriving to validate the work we have done for our accreditation review. This group comprises Alan Grummitt, Chairman of the MBBC Board of Directors, Karen Carter, President of the P&F, Mrs Diana Patchett, Assistant to the Principal, Mr Mark Kumarathash, MBBC accountant, Mr David Baskerville, Principal of Parkridge Christian College and Professor Ian Hay from the University of New England.

Child Protection Policy

As part of our accreditation review, we have been reviewing and updating our school policies. Many of our policies are adapted from those developed for all independent schools by Independent Schools Queensland. A statutory requirement for all schools is that their child protection policy be available. The executive summary of this policy is available on the website and the full policy is kept in the office.

Uniform

Winter uniform (long sleeve shirt and tie) for boys in Years 4-8 is worn, Mondays and Fridays, till the end of this term. Summer uniform (short sleeve shirt, no tie) is worn every day in Term 4.

Letter Of Appreciation

I received a delightful letter yesterday congratulating the choir for their efforts at the recent Manly Retirement Village Fair. The letter complimented the boys both on their singing and their behaviour. Well done boys!

Roderick HW Crouch
Principal

Assembly

Congratulations to Year 3 for a great job at assembly last week. Year 5 will be leading this week’s assembly.

Memory Verse

John 3:27 “John replied: No one can do anything unless God in heaven allows it”.

House of the Week

Congratulations to Dunlop for being House of the week.

Awards


Head Lice

A few cases of head lice has been reported in the school, please check your son’s head and treat appropriately.

Choir

Boys will receive a notice this week at choir rehearsal about our last concert for the term, Viva la Musica. It is important that boys are punctual to rehearsals this week. Miss Hollingsworth.

Inter-School Sport

Years 5-7 students that have elected to play AFL or Cricket, this competition begins on Friday 7 September. Please ensure that boys have all the equipment they need for their sport including a sports cap, water bottle and sunscreen. Locations as follows:

AFL – Vikings AFL Club, Kianawah Road, Wynnum West
Cricket – Kianawah Park, Wynnum Road, Tingalpa

Students may be collected from the venue at 2.30pm. Those returning to the College by bus may not arrive until 3pm. Mrs Patchett.

You Can Do It Update

Following on from last newsletter when the Head Hassler, and the Mind Master were introduced, this week we will be exploring the Blockers that lead to poor psychological health for students (and adults) and poor results in their learning and achievement.

The BLOCKERS as defined in the “You Can Do It! Education” Program are as follows:

Low Self Esteem/Anxiety: means that you worry a lot about whether other people like you, or whether you will do well at your work. You may get emotionally upset when others reject (e.g. tease) you or when you do not achieve at the level you think you should.

General Work Avoidance: means that you put off doing tasks and chores because they are frustrating, boring or hard. You give up easily after having started something that is difficult or boring to do, or you may rush things to finish your
work so that you can do fun things. You may also spend a lot of time having fun and enjoying yourself even when there is work to be done.

General Disorganisation: means that you do not have a definite direction for how you use your time. You do not have goals to do well in any area of your life, and you are unable to keep track of when important things have to be done and the steps you have to take to get them done.

Selfishness/Rebelliousness/Anger: means that you break important rules at home and at school even if property is destroyed or people get hurt. You act defiantly towards people in authority. You may lose your temper easily when faced with people who block you from getting what you want.

The four Blockers all inhibit the development of Resilience, and therefore a person may develop poor emotional resilience if one or all of the blockers are the usual mode of behaviour and thinking. Miss Ryan.

Soar Outback and Beyond 2007 (repeat from previous newsletter)
Attached to this newsletter is a flyer concerning an optional holiday adventure for MBBC families in June/July 2007. If you are interested in this tour please register at the office. All members of the MBBC community are welcome to participate, however children must be in Year 5 or above in 2007. An information evening will be held early next term.

Second Hand Book Stall
Thank you to all the boys, parents and staff who bought books from the book stall last week. The money raised bought construction toys for the boys to create great things in the library at lunchtime. The $1.00 book stall will be open again on carnival day. Please come along and support this stall so that more fantastic items may be bought for the library. Thank you, Mrs Stevens.

Carnival Day - Stall Donations
Donations of small items (small toys, lollies, stationary) are needed as prizes for the magnetic fishing stall on carnival day. All items for this stall will be collected at the office. Thank you. Miss Hollingsworth.

Library News
Thank you to staff, students and parents who worked together to make this the best Book Week I can ever recall celebrating. The classroom displays were amazing with Pre-School taking out the Book Week trophy, which was kindly donated by the Scanlan family. By all accounts it was a difficult decision for Mr Crouch as the quality was very high all round. Well done everyone. The daily activities were well received. On Wednesday we painted a gigantic crocodile on the verandah, while on Thursday, Mr Kerry Domann amazed us with his incredible Magic Show during first break. On Friday, our library became a giant bed complete with pillows and bears for National Simultaneous Storytelling Day. Many thanks to Mr Kerry Domann and Ms Kerry McGregor for their large part in the week’s events.
The Book Swap was also held, an amazing feat given the weather. Thank you to those who donated and bought books. We have sorted through & put aside hundreds of dollars worth of wonderful books that will become part of our library collection. We also raised $104 which we have used to purchase construction toys such as Magnetix. Special thanks to Mrs Jo Stephens for all her hard work. We shall be setting the stall up again for Carnival Day. ‘The Australian Readers’ Challenge’ also concluded on Friday. Well done to all those boys who completed the challenge, your certificates should be arriving soon. Again many thanks for your enthusiasm and participation.
Mrs Wyatt.

Congratulations to Mitchell Davis for being accepted into the Australian Youth Choir. We wish him every joy and success!

Tuckshop
This week’s tuckshop is Hot Dog 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 played our final game of the season against Hoopstars Yellow and without two of our regular players who are enjoying the sites of Brisbane River, we went down 37 to 24. Our thanks go to Tyler Brown who helped us out. I would like to commend the boys for the way in which they bound together as a team and represented their school proudly since the beginning of the year. As only a few of these boys had played basketball previously, they used their athletic skills and have developed greatly. I also appreciate all the parents who supported and helped make the MBBC Eagles a success. Greg Rynenberg, Manager.

P&F News

MBBC Family Favourites Recipe Book
Entries have now closed! Thankyou to all the families who contributed their family favourite recipes to the recipe book. We have an excellent assortment of 70+ mouth watering delights! Keep watch in the newsletters in Term 4 when we announce that the MBBC Family Favourites Recipes Book is available.

P&F Meeting – 11 September
Next P&F meeting is on 11 September at 7pm, in Year 7/8 classroom - everyone is welcome. On the agenda this month:- Trivia night - what did we do well? What can be improved? Planning for other fundraisers/activities for the rest of the year. Hope to see you there!

Community News

Australian Air Force Cadets
The Australian Air Force Cadets 217 (Shire of Redland) Squadron are currently recruiting for their second intake of the year. The Air Force Cadets is the only Australian Defence Force Cadet Unit in the Shire which can offer students an opportunity to learn to fly. For those students interested in a career with the Defence Forces, this also provides a good introduction to the Forces. To join the Australian Air Force Cadets you need to be aged between 12 ½ to 17 years of age, be an Australian citizen and be passed as medically fit. (From 2007 the intake age limit will be raised to 13 years, 12 ½ year olds are encouraged to apply now.) The Cadets parade Monday nights at Cleveland District High School during school term and anyone interested in joining or has any questions on the Air Force Cadets can contact the Squadron on 3286 9777 or Flying Officer Paul Rowbotham on 0422 297 269.

Attachments
- Invitation to assist in the MBBC Nature Refuge
- Soar Outback and Beyond Flyer

Term 3 Dates: Monday July 17 to Friday September 22.

Tear Off Slips

Tuckshop Order – 7 September 2006
Name______________________________ Class_____________________

Hot Dog
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