Building values
The development of values within our children is an essential element of parenting. Our Christian values of care, compassion, tolerance and an understanding of God’s love for each of us underpin all that we do at school. The following questions can help guide us as parents to assist our children in this important aspect of character-building:

1. Are we more often the encourager or the critic? It is tempting to react to the mistakes of others and forget to recognise the other person's successes. The parent who chooses the role of encourager improves the family atmosphere and has a closer relationship with his kids. The critic builds distance and an unhappy family.

2. Are we available to listen or more often in a hurry and distracted? There's more to conversation than just what is said. It sends many messages including how much one person values the other. Chances to be close to a child or especially a teen are missed when a parent is overly talkative about his concerns or silently aloof when his son or daughter has the airways. An available parent will be blessed with available children.

3. Are we more often a model of cooperation or competition? Fathers especially have usually experienced a competitive world and want to provide their children with a strong spirit for success, but encouraging cooperation helps avoid selfishness.

4. Do we make time available for our kids or do we have other priorities? The priorities of love are best assessed not by words but sharing your time.

Year 3, 5 and 7 Tests – 21, 22 August
Boys in Years 3, 5 and 7 started the state wide tests in literacy and numeracy today. They will conclude tomorrow and the results are usually received in late November. Boys should ensure they have a good night's sleep tonight and a proper breakfast in the morning. In conjunction with the state tests in Years 3, 5 and 7, we are obliged to gather data on families of children undertaking them. Please return the form distributed last week as soon as possible.

‘High’ School information Evening - 7.00 pm, Wednesday 29 August.
On Wednesday 29 August, we will be holding an information evening on how we organise our curriculum from Years 7-12 to enable boys to achieve their desire post school ‘destinations’, whether that be to university, a trade or something else. Ms Perry, Director of Teaching and Learning, will be the main speaker. This evening is aimed specifically at parents of boys in Years 4-7, though all are most welcome and the main focus of the evening will be on the curriculum. The information evening will start at 7.00pm in the Year 8 classroom. I hope that many will be able to attend.

Father and Son Breakfast - Friday 7 September
The annual Father and Son breakfast will be held on Friday 7 September at Shangri La function centre at 7.00 am. Tickets will be $20 per person and includes a cooked breakfast. Chris Noffke will be our guest speaker. Chris is Australia's premier long jumper, has been world junior champion and is off to compete in the Long Jump World Athletic Championships commencing in Japan next week. I do hope many ‘dads and lads’ will be able to attend. Please complete the tear off slip and return to the office.

P&F Dinner Dance
I look forward to seeing many parents at the inaugural dinner dance on Saturday. It should be a fantastic evening and there are many wonderful items to be auctioned. Details are at the end of the newsletter. Thank you to the committee who has put together a fantastic program. I am sure it will be a wonderful evening. Thank you too to all families for their support of Shop for your school. Third is a great result and the prizes are fabulous.

Roderick HW Crouch
Principal
Assembly
Congratulations to Prep for a great job at Assembly last week. Year 4 will be leading this week’s assembly. The bible reading will be 1 Peter 3: 8-12.

Memory Verse
1 Peter 3: 9  Don’t be hateful and insult people just because they are hateful and insult you. Instead, treat everyone with kindness. You are God’s chosen ones, and he will bless you.

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

Award Cards
Congratulations to the following students who received Award cards last week: **Year 2**: Callum Earle, Nicholas Christofis **Year 3**: Sumraj Dhillon **Year 4**: Nathaniel Domann **Year 6**: Benjamin Caroll, Matthew Carr **Year 7**: Matthew Wood

2006 Annual Report
The 2006 Annual Report has been available for some time on the College website. Hard copies are available as well from Reception.

Brisbane Eisteddford
Congratulations to two students who participated in the Brisbane Eisteddford on Tuesday 14 August with great results. Angus Walton (Year 5) - encouragement award and honours certificate; Connor Doig (Year 5) - honours certificate. Angus and Connor also finished second in the Poems in Pairs division.

Positive Habits of the Mind that develop Persistence
The Foundation of Persistence means trying hard and not giving up when schoolwork feels like it’s too difficult or boring.

**Positive Habits of the Mind that develop Persistence are:**
- **I Can Do It** (also called Optimism): thinking that I’m more likely to be successful that I am to fail.
- **Giving Effort**: thinking that the harder I try, the more successful I will be, and knowing that success is not caused by external factors (luck, ease of tasks), but by effort.
- **Working Tough**: (also called High Frustration Tolerance): thinking that in order to be successful in the future, I sometimes have to do things that are not easy or fun in the present.

Next newsletter, the Positive Habits of the Mind that develop Organisation will be defined.

Science Week Wrap Up
The following students received awards during science week for their projects:

**Winners:**
- Prep- Finley Mitchell
- Yr1- Johannes Ostonu
- Yr2- Callum McKechnie
- Yr3- Nicholas Thompson
- Yr4- Louis Altena
- Yr5- Daniel Scanlan
- Yr6- Lucas Martin
- Yr7- Torryn Saker
- Yr8- Thomas McManaway
- Yr9- Alex Mann

**Runner’s Up:**
- Prep- Hamish Freer
- Yr1- Bailey Dalton
- Yr2- James Cosgrove & Matthew Binks
- Yr3- Wilson Tait
- Yr4- Alasdair Stewart
- Yr5- Jackson Bennett
- Yr6- Jason Ferguson

**Highly Commended:**
- Prep- Baeddan Davies, Blair Richter, Hamish Stewart
- Yr1- Tobais Kennett, Steele Glenn, Matthew Eisenmenger, Mitchell Wallis
- Yr2- Lachlan Altena, Zac Totidis, William Stevens, Isaac Game
- Yr3- Joshua Rossi, Angus Barker, Adam Fogg, Alexander Kutschin
- Yr4- Ethan Fletcher, Christopher Binks, Joshua Stevens, Riley Carr
- Yr5- Connor Doig, Christopher Darmanin
- Yr6- Matthew Carr
- Yr7- Matthew Wood
- Yr8- Tyron Hoole, Braddley Madders
- Yr9- William Toohey

Doherty were the winners of the Inter House Science Week trophy.

Winner of the Tangalooma Whale Watching trip is Samantha Anderson.

Tuckshop
This Thursday’s tuckshop is a Chicken Strip Sub plus chocolate milk or juice for $4.50. Please fill out the tear off slip to order tuckshop and place in the silver locked box with exact money by **Wednesday 10.00am**. Tuckshop cannot be ordered on Thursday.

No change is able to be given so please include the correct money.
Middle School Canberra Trip
Parents are reminded that any outstanding payments for this trip must be made by Friday 31 August.

What’s On In Music
The inaugural school ensembles’ concert is to be held on Monday 17 September. This concert will commence at 3.15 pm and will feature the school choir, school concert band, senior guitar and junior guitar ensemble. It is expected the concert will run for approximately half an hour.

A reminder to all parents that instrumental tuition payments are now four weeks overdue. We still have many outstanding accounts that need to be settled. Please ensure prompt payment is made to your son’s tutor and that any absences your son may have are directed to the tutor directly.

Choir Performance! The MBBC choir has been invited to perform at the Moreton Bay College Viva La Musica Concert. This is to be held on Friday 7 September at Moreton Bay College. The concert begins at 6.30 pm and all choir boys will be required to be at the Moreton Bay College Music Centre no later than 6.15 pm in full formal uniform. Further information will be forwarded to choir students.

Lost Property
There are many items of clothing and personal items in the lost property situated in the office, all waiting to be collected! If your son is missing any items please feel free to check in the office.

Sports News

Middle School Inter House Soccer Competition
Soccer starts this Wednesday 22 August and runs for the following three Wednesdays from 1pm-2.45pm. Each team requires 11 players. The game will be played on a full field. Boys are to wear their house sports uniform, shin pads. Boots are optional.

Primary School Sport
Summer Sport will commence NEXT Friday for the Years 5 - 6 boys. The College will be offering three avenues for sports involvement for these boys: Interschool Cricket and AFL teams (in the Wynnum District Primary School Competition), and PE for those boys not participating in either of these sports. Sport will be played on Friday afternoons between 12.30pm and 2.45pm. The season runs for the last four weeks of Term 3 (starting Friday 31 August) resumes on the first Friday of the Term 4 and continues for a further six weeks. Nominations are now closed.

Team sponsorship is wanted to assist the boys with some school teams, particularly. Any parents/companies who could help with team sponsorship for jerseys and sundries, could you please contact Mr Pike (pikeh@mbbc.qld.edu.au). Sponsorship is $500, with a tax invoice is provided for taxation purposes. Additionally sponsoring business details will be appropriately recognised for their generosity. This is a fantastic opportunity for any business to make a charitable donation as well as receive free publicity because of their kindness.

RQYS Sail & Play School Holiday Program
Date: - 24 to 28 September
Time: 9am – 4:30pm
Ages 7 to 12
Cost: $330 (5 days) or $85/day
Sail and Play is a kids school holiday program that combines sailing with a wide range of other fun water related activities. Sailing, Island Trips, Powerboat Adventures, Raft Building, Fishing and plenty of other great activities. For more details visit www.sailandplay.com, phone 3396 8666 or email sailingschool@rqys.com.au

Sports Results
Under 16 - MBBC vs Carina Taipans - MBBC lost 40 to 38.
Under 14 – MBBC Eagles vs Hoopstars Yellow won 27 to 26.
Volunteers needed for Sausage Sizzle
The next school sausage sizzle will be held on Friday 21 September. Two volunteer serving assistants are required for the next sausage sizzle. Please call Gary Hoole on 3893 0376 if you would like to help.

EXCITING P & F NEWS! EXCITING P & F NEWS!
DINNER DANCE THIS SATURDAY!
More than 150 Lucky guests have already bought tickets and what a great night it is going to be. You’ll be disappointed if you don't go.
Here are just some of the great items we will be auctioning on the night:
♦ A 2-hour Athletic Training Session with Caitlin Willis, a Commonwealth Games Gold Medallist
♦ Fly an A320 Airbus for one hour in a real Flight Simulator. You may even get to fly under the Sydney Harbour Bridge
♦ A beautiful handcrafted Hall Table – Photos and brochures are available in the Admin Office
♦ 1/2 day fishing experience for 5
♦ 4 rounds of golf at Northlakes golf course ● Parasailing experience ● An Esky of Boutique and International Beers ● Sailing Course at Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron ● Dinner Bed and Breakfast at Stanthorpe Wine Region ● Qld Reds Signed Shirt and Football ● Mountain Bike ● Fiorelli Watch ● Children’s Dress-up costumes ● Handmade Children's Table and Chairs set
Plus much more!
Thank you to everyone who has donated items or sponsored the evening.
Tickets will be sent home this week. Please remember to bring your ticket on the night.
If you have an hour to spare during the day on Saturday, we would welcome any offers to help set-up. Just drop in to the Oriel Handley Hall at MBC between 1pm and 4pm

SHOP FOR YOUR SCHOOL CONGRATULATIONS!
A great big thank you to the Parents, friends and relatives of MBBC who supported the Shop for Your School Event.
You have won $5,168 worth of prizes for the Boys. Here is a list of the prizes:
Apple Macbook 1.3 laptop
Apple Airport Extreme
Panasonic Digital Stills Camera
Panasonic Digital Camcorder
Lexmark Colour Laser Duplex Printer
plus Texta and Stabilio packs
We look forward to seeing the prizes in use around the school!

Community Notices

Victor Broncos Cycle Racing Club- Come and Try Track Cycling Day
Saturday 25 August 2007 at 2.00pm at the Chandler Velodrome, Tilley Road, Chandler.
For more information please visit the office for a flyer.

St John Vianney’s Primary School Manly is presenting the Bay Art Community Art Show on 31 August 2007. Tickets are $10.00 Please call Nicci for more information 0414 292 129.

Acacia Bayside Swimming Club at MBC are holding a sign-on day Wednesday 29 August, 2007 from 3.30pm to 5.00pm on Pool Deck at Moreton Bay College. For further information, please call Merryl on 0408 887 492.

Rejuvenation
A relaxation CD designed as an aid for any teacher, or student in need of medicinal free, stress relief, to be used by people throughout all of secondary school. For anyone having to deal with the stress of exams, meetings, etc. it will give you a healthier more natural way to learn to cope with stress. These relaxations will teach each of you that when you learn to control your breathing, your body will respond naturally, gradually relaxing, lowering stress levels. The 4 tracks can be loaded onto an Ipod or MP3 player and used before an exam, or at any time where you may feel distressed.

Visit my website www.relaxnpeace.com to listen to samples of each track. CD’s may be ordered through the website for $27.95 + postage and handling. Alternatively email me: debbiegoodall@relaxnpeace.com
Tear Off Slips

Tuckshop Order – Thursday 23 August, 2007

Name______________________________   Year: __________

PLEASE CIRCLE DRINK OF CHOICE
Chicken Strip Sub with Chocolate Milk or Juice  $ 4.50

Please enclose exact cash (no change is able to be provided).
Please put in an envelope marked Tuckshop and place in silver locked box by 10.00am Wednesday, 22 August.

Father and Son Breakfast

Date: Friday 7 September
Time: 7.00am-8.30am
Tickets: $20
Son’s Name/s:_______________________________________________________________________________

Parent/Guardian’s Name:______________________________________________________________________
Amount:____________________

Please place this slip in an envelope in the silver locked box by Friday 24 August.