From the Principal

Leading Australia's Schools

This week I have been in Melbourne attending the call back session for the Leading Australia’s Schools program I attended in May. The main focus of the last two days has been to review the challenges we set ourselves over the last few months. At MBBC, one of our goals for the year has been the introduction and development of the International Baccalaureate program. This has gone extremely well. The staff spent several days in the last holidays, as well as more recently, developing and reviewing units of work with consultants to ensure they were strongly inquiry based and catered for the different ability levels in each class. The enthusiasm and dedication of the staff has been impressive and I am fortunate to work with such a talented and professional bunch of men and women.

Another of our goals is how we remunerate staff to reward them for their efforts and contribution. All staff undertake an annual appraisal which has a focus on student outcomes, quality teaching and learning, and contribution to the life of the College. As parents are aware, the staff give over and above to ensure the best outcomes for the boys. Parents may also be aware that such an appraisal is not widely common practice in education but reflects the high level of professionalism and standards of all the staff, both teaching and non teaching at MBBC.

P&F Dinner Dance

What a fantastic night Saturday was. The band, the food, the company, the prizes, the masks - all terrific. Congratulations to the P&F executive, particularly President Karen Austin, for all their efforts. Well done everyone.

Father and Son Breakfast

This Friday morning, we celebrate dads!

The father-son relationship provides critical foundations for the life of a child. Beyond the warmth and love a dad gives, his time, insights and approach to life effects every aspect of his child's being, with research showing a loving, nurturing and involved father:

- is important for a child's happiness, well being and academic success.
- increases security, confidence, and attachment.
- promotes problem-solving competencies and independence in the child.
- increases school readiness, and behavior.
- contributes to stronger cognitive, motor, and verbal development. Children who had fathers who read to them regularly were more likely to do much better in many important cognitive skill categories.
- helps his children to be more confident and successful in solving complex mathematical and logical puzzles.
- helps kids make wise life choices.
- can help curb violence in boys - rough playing and wrestling is a way for dads to show boys appropriate masculine behaviors and release of energy.
- helps kids develop empathy and compassion. Fathers spending regular time alone with their children translate into children who became compassionate adults.
- can encourage gender equity. Involved fathers pass on a greater respect for women to the next generation via their influence on their sons.
- can help define gender identity. The father plays a pivotal role in a boy's normal development as a male.

Excerpt from fathermag.com

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We urge every family to take the 15 minutes required to complete this – either on paper or online – so that your feedback can be taken into account as we move forward with our planning.

Your time and input into shaping the future of MBBC is highly valued and we look forward to sharing some of the major findings – and actions – arising from the survey with you throughout the remainder of the year.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jayne Cusack, MBBC’s Marketing Manager, or Colin Caust, Executive Director of Marketshare at colin.caust@marketshare.com.au or 07 3305 0777.

Events - Highlights

Year 3 Camp
The Year 3 boys set off last Thursday for their first outdoor education experience. We ventured to the bush setting of Kindilan in Redland Bay.

The boys were involved in kayaking, team challenges and water sampling from the lake. It was a wonderful time to share our strengths with each other and learnt the importance of “MIRROR” attributes to the test.

The weather was kind to us and the boys were extremely well behaved.

Thanks to Mr Park and Mr Wright for attending the camp on Thursday evening to help out.

The boys are now well prepared to embark upon the Year4/5 camp in 2010, confident in their abilities and newfound independence.

Mrs Andrea Bowden & Miss Cara Ryan
Year 3 Teachers

Year 7 Camp to Currimundi Recreation and Activity Centre

Don’t tell people how to do things, tell them what to do and let them surprise you with their results - George S. Patton

Great leaders don’t just lead; they bring out the best in everybody else too and I think that this is the big lesson that the Year 7 boys learned on camp last week. What began as a highly anticipated week away from home and school evolved into a week of “bringing out the best” that each boy had to offer the group. At times they really did surprise themselves with what they were capable of achieving. Those who didn’t think they were leaders, found the strength to motivate and lead; those who were petrified of heights found the courage and determination to step off the edge and those who normally prefer to work alone discovered the benefits of team building activities. In the many and varied activities - fencing, low ropes, high ropes, raft building, surfing, catapults and team building activities, each boy discovered what it meant to have strength of character; that sometimes we don’t necessarily do things because they are easy, we do things because they are hard, and by doing so, we bring out the best in ourselves. It was a fun and exhausting week that was enjoyed immensely by both the Year 7 boys and the teachers who accompanied them. One week well worth the week away.

Naomi Williams, Year 7 Teacher

Tournaments of Minds

On Saturday boys from Year 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 represented the College at the annual Tournament of Minds competition. The boys worked in teams of seven to complete both a spontaneous problem solving challenge and a long term challenge that they have been working on for 6 weeks. Each of the MBBC teams received excellent feedback from the judges. An honourable mention to the Senior Language Literature team who were outstanding on the day. Congratulations to all boys for the effort and work over the past 2 terms.

Mrs Meagan King
Coordinator of Gifted Education

Results from the Redlands Eisteddfod

The Redlands Eisteddfod has been a successful and fantastic experience for all of the students who participated in this event. A big CONGRATULATIONS and thank you to all of the students and parents who worked hard. The boys represented MBBC very proudly.

The results are as follows:

- Prep Y - Matthew Richards (3rd Place for Duo Poetry)
- Year 2 - Ben McLaughlin (3rd Place for Duo Poetry)
- Year 2 - Finley Mitchell (3rd Place for Duo Poetry)
- Year 4 - Nicholas Richards (2nd Place for Humorous Verse),
- Year 5 - Tavis Bancroft (Highly Commended for Storytelling).

Miss Mai-Lin Hagiwara
MBBC Speech and Communication Tutor

Events - Upcoming

Father & Son Breakfast - 4 September 2009 7:00am - 8:15am

Our annual Father & Son Breakfast will be held at the Shangri-La Gardens Reception Lounge, 1969 Wynnum Road, Wynnum West. This is a wonderful opportunity for boys to show their appreciation for all the wonderful things dads do in their boys’ lives, so we encourage you to come along and enjoy some quality time with your son.

The cost for attending the breakfast is $22.50 per person. If you would like to attend the breakfast RSVPs have been extended to Wednesday, 2 September 2009.

Canberra Trip
20 September 2009 - 25 September 2009

Australian Government assistance for National Capital excursion

Students from our school will soon be undertaking an educational tour of the National Capital. While on this tour, they will participate in a variety of educational programmes focusing on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of their civic and citizenship education. To assist parents in meeting the cost of the excursion, the Australian Government is contributing funding under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) program toward the travel expenses incurred. This contribution will be paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

We hope that the excursion is a rewarding experience for all students.

Mrs Diana Patchett
Assistant Principal

MBBC Book Week 2009

This year we have some wonderful new activities for our Book Week celebration.

- Monday - We wish to formally congratulate Daniel McBain, Ryan Kelly, Jamie McCowan & Cameron Martin on being selected to participate in the first District Progressive Story entitled ‘Safari Quest’. Fourteen local schools will work together to produce two stories that originated from the same first chapter. Each school has selected two authors and two illustrators to work on a chapter. Each story has seven participating schools. The boys did not know how the story had unfolded until it reached them. Our four talented boys had half a school day to complete their chapter before sending it on to the next school. On Thursday, the boys will travel to Capalaba Library to work with the other participating school students, author Nette Hilton, and illustrator Susy Boyer, to complete the final chapter of their book.

- Tuesday - Comedy Corner. The library will become a comedy club. Boys are invited to perform in the comedy club in exchange for a cup of popcorn.

- Wednesday - We will be holding our first ever Book Character Parade. Students are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character (please don’t forget to pack school uniform). Family and friends are invited to view the parade, commencing at 8.35am. A trophy will be awarded to the best dressed class, as selected by Dr Crouch. Following the parade, those classes who will be celebrating with a Story Sharing Safari - many thanks to the volunteer guest speakers.

- Thursday - Surfing Safari in the library. We will be exploring audiobooks, e-books and literary computer surfing. Progressive Story participants will be travelling to Capalaba Library to work on last chapter of their book.

- Friday - Science Fiction Safari. Quite often the technology used in science fiction novels becomes a reality. Boys are invited to chill out in the library whilst watching some awesome ‘Thunderbirds’ action.

Photo competition extended until this Friday. We have had some wonderful entries. Photos can be dropped into the Library, Administration or emailed to library@mbbc.qld.edu.au.

Carnival Day 2009

Carnival Day is on its way! For those new to the College, this annual event is organised on the last day of Term 3 each year. It aims to raise money through class organised stalls and activities - like a mini fair - for a chosen charity.

This year ‘The Starlight Foundation’ has been chosen to receive our donation. We are currently seeking parents who are willing to donate prizes for the ‘fun run’ that will be preceding the carnival day activities. If you can help out please email Miss Moore moorek@mbbc.qld.edu.au.

Each class will be responsible for their own stall, so keep an eye out for what your son’s class is organising. We look forward to a fantastic day on Friday, 18 September, while raising funds for such a worthy cause.

Mrs Alex Givney and Miss Kim Moore

River Fire College Edition 2009

Need a cheap family night out close to home? Why not join us on the MBBC oval on Saturday, 12 September from 6.00 pm to 8.30 pm to
This inaugural family event has already attracted more than 200 people, and it is not too late to join in on the fun. Just email Mrs Givney at givneya@mbbc.qld.edu.au to RSVP.

Read the attached flyer for more information. Hope to see you there!

MBBC Leos

Teaching and Learning

LOTE - Japanese
If you think about it, we probably all speak a little bit of Japanese language in our everyday lives. Toshiba, Mitsubishi, Honda, Sushi, Karaoke, Anime ... it’s no wonder, given our Japanese neighbours in the capital city of Tokyo are only a short 9 hour flight away.

In this age of electronic dictionaries and internet translation, why bother learning Japanese as a second language?

The Australian government has long emphasised the crucial importance of professions with language skills, particularly Asian languages. Japanese is the language of one of the world's major economies and is of enormous importance to Australians. Knowing Japanese will enhance employment opportunities in the hospitality and tourism industry, in areas of trade and commerce as well as in the teaching profession.

The Department of Education and Training credits learning a LOTE with helping students understand how languages in general work. Students’ literacy skills can improve through comparing the features of one language with those of another, new means of expression is developed, and students become more confident in problem-solving. These enhanced skills can help improve learning in all curricular areas.

The International Baccalaureate Program, which the College is about to embark on, acknowledges that learning additional languages greatly contributes to the holistic development of students. The International Baccalaureate Program aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect. Learning a second language, such as Japanese, lends itself perfectly to this objective.

So, Japanese language skills will not only help when travelling or watching a Japanese anime, they can improve cognitive function and make a graduate stand out in a field of job applicants. Ganbatte kudasai! Sayonara!

Mrs Sarah Devonshire (formerly Smith)
Year 9 & Japanese Teacher

Sport

Basketball (Secondary School - Supplementary GPS)
Congratulations to the Year 8 and Year 10 teams on their FANTASTIC wins!

What a weekend of basketball. I was truly inspired by both the determination and effort that our Year 8 team showed at the game, as well as the grit and "never give-up" attitude of the Year 8, 9 and 10 boys who played in the MBBC Year 10 team. Both teams played brilliantly against BBC, with the Year 8 boys scoring a massive win in 52 to 2 against the BBC 8Ds. The MBBC 10 team played the BBC 10Ds and, after a shaky start, hung on and won 18-11.

As soon as match details are provided to the College (usually Tuesday afternoon), players will be advised and details posted to the Secondary Basketball website http://www.mbbc.qld.edu.au/item.asp?pid=1570.

Auskick
Begins Week 1 (Tuesday) of Term 4

Auskick has been running at the College since its inception, and has to be one of the best sporting programs offered to children by any sporting organisation. The emphasis of Auskick is having fun while improving a child's sporting skills, co-ordination, health and fitness, and social skills. The boys always love their Auskick - with the bonus of receiving a back pack and playing Mad Eagle.

The program will run every Tuesday of Term 4 (8 weeks) from 3:00 - 4:00 pm on the MBBC oval. All boys from Prep through to Year 7 are able to participate and the program is structured so as the boys play in groups according to their year level and in two distinct programs (Auskick Rookie and Auskick Pro).

Further information will be available in upcoming newsletters. You can pre-register at the MBBC AFL Auskick centre location page or by paper registration when forms are made available to the College from AFL Qld.

Mr Hamish Pike
Sports Master

CIC Sport

This week we played Nudgee Junior College in Basketball and Tennis. The Year 7 basketball teams did not play due to camp and only three of the four tennis teams played because a number of boys were required to do Tournament of the Minds.

Please view the sport specific newsletters by clicking on the links below for results, game reports, training times, draw and other information.

Track and Field - (http://www.mbbc.qld.edu.au/item.asp?pid=1433)

Next week is the second last week of CIC Sport for the year! All teams will play Gregory Terrace.
The annual CIC Track and Field Championships will be held next Monday (800m and field events) and Wednesday (remaining track events). Students have been notified of their selection in this team with a select note handed out today. The CIC Track and Field Team representing MBBC for 2009 is:

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Lachlan Angus | Cameron McGregor  
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Congratulations to all those selected and equally, those who tried out for the team.

Regional Athletics - MET EAST Trials
This Thursday and Friday the following students will be competing as part of the Lytton District Athletics Team at the Met East Trials held at the Queensland Sport and Athletics Centre (QSAC) at Nathan.

Lewis Davies, Jesse Bayes, Owain Thomas, Benjamin Luck and Adam Fogg. Good luck boys.

State Softball Championships
This Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Sam Jones will be competing as a member of the Met East Softball team at the state titles held in Ipswich. Good luck Sam.

Mr Jack Pincott
CIC Co-ordinator

Chaplain’s Corner

Where Everybody Knows Your Name

It is amazing that there are so many different types of clubs and groups and organisations that we can be a part of. We are all looking for that place where we are welcomed and loved and accepted. We all want to feel like we belong somewhere.

A television show I enjoyed in the past was a show called “Cheers” which ran from 1982 to 1993. It was a situation comedy based in a Boston Pub. There were two things about this show that I particularly loved. The first thing was the theme song. I have added the lyrics here for you.

Cheers Theme Song Lyrics
Where Everbody Knows Your Name
By Gary Portnoy and Judy Hart Angelo

Makin’ your way in the world today takes everything you’ve got.
Takin’ a break from all your worries, sure would help a lot.
Wouldn’t you like to get away?

Sometimes you want to go, where everybody knows your name,  
and they’re always glad you came.  
You wanna be where you can see, our troubles are all the same,  
You wanna go where everybody knows your name,  
You wanna go where everybody knows your name.

The second thing I loved was this running gag where, whenever this character called “Norm” walked into the bar, everyone sitting in the bar would welcome him with a hearty “Norm!”

Watching this show I loved the idea of walking into a place where I was well known and where everyone was glad that I was there. It raises the idea of our need for belonging. Right from a very early age we are trying to fit in and be accepted. We want to know that we are acceptable and loveable and valuable. Generally, we search until we find a place or group that gives us these feelings, often to the great worry and distress of our parents.

The Bible tells us that our need for belonging can be filled in God. Faith plays a crucial role in forming our identity and giving us a sense of belonging and meaning. Finding our belonging in God can give us the foundation from which we can face anything that life throws our way.

This idea is conveyed in a song by the Christian group ‘Superchick’ called “I Belong to you.”
I Belong To You lyrics
Everybody needs to belong somewhere. Life can feel so alone without someone who cares
And when life becomes something just to get through, That's when I'm glad that I belong to you

[Chorus:]
I belong to you, I belong to you
You're the one who will never let me down, Won't let me down
I belong to you, I belong to you

Sometimes life brings more pain than we can bear alone
When hope is gone and I have no strength to stand on my own
When nothing helps, there's nothing that I can do, You surround me and show me

[Chorus]

When love is gone, there's no arms to run to anymore,
I'm all alone, there's none to come for me to live for
Letting go of the things I've always clung to, That's when I need to feel that

just remember God wants you to be a part of his family, and to meet that need for a place to belong that dwells in all of us. So the next time you are thinking about your place in this world and where you truly belong, I pray that you might consider God.

If I can be of assistance to you or your family or if you would like to give me any feedback on any 'Chaplain's Corner' article please feel free to do so, on mcCarthy@mmbc.qld.edu.au

Mr Shane McCarthy
School Chaplain

College Business

Viral Gastroenteritis
In the past two weeks many students have been absent from school due to gastroenteritis. For information on Viral Gastroenteritis, please follow the link to Queensland Health.

Tuckshop
Please note that ALL grades need to pre-order tuckshop on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Please ensure you have checked your son's order is correct and has the total amount of money owing for tuckshop included. If the correct money is not supplied, a note will be sent home advising of this.

Blizzard Frozen Drinks: New Product Arriving Soon
Blizzard Frozen Drinks will be on offer very soon from the school tuckshop. These drinks are 99% fat free and contain 99% fruit juice.

They contain no artificial flavours or colours. The tuckshop will be selling Cola and Tropical flavour. Regular is $2 and Large is $2.50. Please visit the tuckshop for more information.

Late to school
If your son is late to school, you are required to sign your child in at the school office. Children in younger grades (up to Year 5) are NOT to be sent into the office without a parent.

Drop Off Your Children Safely
A reminder to all parents that the roundabout is NOT a drop off zone - this is both very dangerous for our children, and contributes to traffic congestion around this already busy area.

Please use the designated zones for both parking and drop offs.

Visiting the College
A reminder to all parents, family and friends who come into a classroom to help, visit a student etc will need to sign in at the administration office.

Parents & Friends

Dinner Dance
What a fantastic night for College families to come together and enjoy each other's company in a relaxed atmosphere.

Thank you to the MBBC P & F Committee 2009 for your valuable help in organising the MBBC Masquerade Dinner Dance Auction.

Thank you in particular to the following families and businesses for your generous support and donations towards making the night a huge success.

Platinum Private Properties, 35 Lighting, Fruition Tuition Manly, Royal Brunei Airlines, Samies Girl, Jillien Star Photography


Thanks to Mike Van Acker for being our MC for the evening.

Thanks to Andrea Thompson for her assistance with the tickets, Lisa Thompson, Caroline Fogg, Hayley & Stephanie Finnis, Suzi Fisher
Community Notices

Authors, Authors Everywhere
- Ipswich Festival of Literature 31 August to 8 September – chances to meet many authors and illustrators. http://www.learningplace.com.au/deliver/content.asp?pid=7628
- Brisbane Writers’ Festival – celebrations and workshops http://www.brisbanewritersfestival.com.au

Wynnum Spring Festival
The annual Wynnum Spring Festival will be held from 9 October until 11 October. There will be rides, stalls and a lantern parade on Friday 9 October from 5pm.

For more information on the Festival please view the flyer.

Rugby League Skills Program
For Children between 6 - 12 years of age during the September holidays at Kourgari Oval, Manly West. For more information please read the flyer.

Da Vinci Machines Exhibition
Extended for one month – book now to avoid missing out
The world-renowned Da Vinci Machines Exhibition has been wowing crowds since it arrived in Brisbane, on loan from the Il Museo di Leonardo da Vinci in Florence. Due to unprecedented demand, the exhibition’s stay in Brisbane has been extended for one final month, until 6 October 2009.

The exhibition features creations and concepts devised more than 500 years ago by brilliant scientist, inventor and artist, Leonardo da Vinci.

The collection features replicas of the major and most striking inventions of the original Renaissance. More than 60 machines will be on display, many of which are interactive.

In an exciting development, two new Da Vinci machines have arrived from Florence, including the military tank: the design of this unique, heavy armored vehicle, a prototype of the modern tank, is one of Leonardo’s most fascinating ideas.

A rare educational experience, the Da Vinci Machines Exhibition has a special offer for school groups, as attached. Suitable for students of all ages, the Da Vinci Machines Exhibition covers a broad spectrum of educational disciplines including Science, History, Engineering, Art-History, Architecture, Town Planning, Graphics, Woodwork, and much more.

For more information regarding the exhibition and school bookings, please contact:
Tom Rizzo – Exhibition Manager and Artisan of Florence
Mobile: 0421 175 339
Email: info@davincimuseum.com.au
Web: www.davincimuseum.com.au

RQYS Holiday Sailing program
Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron Sail & Play Program
Sailing, Powerboating, Fishing, Rafts, Kites, Island Trip and More!
28 September - 2 October
9:00 am to 4:30 pm each day
For ages 7 to 12
Visit www.sailandplay.com or phone 3396 8666 for more information.

UQ Sport Holiday Programs - UQ Kids
UQKids is all about having fun. We are dedicated to ensuring children are spoilt for choice with the widest range of activities possible - we want kids to come back wanting more!

Let your kids enjoy the warmer weather this spring and keep them active and happy by enrolling them into one of our fun-filled sports or recreation programs today! Find out what activities UQKids have on offer this spring!

You and your child have a wide range of options when choosing which program to attend. From sport specific clinics to multi-sport sessions and recreational activities, there is something to grab everyone’s attention. All participants attending a full week’s program will receive special UQKids merchandise. Find out more about the school holiday programs offered.

For any further information or a brochure, please contact Mr Pike at pikeh@mbbc.qld.edu.au

Andy Griffiths
Redland Libraries are celebrating the launch of Andy Griffiths’ new book ‘Robot Riot’.

You are invited to a FREE family evening session
When: Thursday, 10 September
Venue: Redland Performing Arts Centre, 2-16 Middle Street, Cleveland
Session Time: 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Books available at the event for $15 each. Signing after the session until 8:00 pm.
Bookings are essential for this free event. Contact the Box Office on 3829 8131 to reserve your tickets.