From the Principal

Raising Capital

Last night I went to an informative seminar on capital raising in the current economic climate. As many would know there are two main methods: increasing debt or increasing equity.

Schools are very much about raising capital and increasing equity. By this, I mean the purpose of a good school is to increase the social capital of its students. Social capital is the skill set we all need to manage life. The greater our collective skill set, the greater our social capital and the more we can do for society. The Mirror attributes we seek to develop in our students at MBBC are specifically designed to raise social capital, as indeed is the primary school’s You Can Do It! program, and the Duke of Edinburgh award that all Year 10 students undertake. We are a rare school that enables all students to mix with each other in a safe environment, thus increasing their ability to interact appropriately. As parents are aware, we encourage boys to be the best they can be for the world. I am constantly impressed with the way our senior boys interact with each other, and the younger students in the College, and equally importantly, with other members of the community. Service is very much an aspect of the life of all our boys, and their social capital will again be on display this Friday at Open Day.

To grow as a school, we are also committed to increasing equity. That is, one’s emotional investment in or commitment to the College. As we move to graduate our first students next year, I have invited all Year 5 (and soon Year 6) parents in groups to a series of functions to have the opportunity for a more personal conversation with my senior staff and me about the success and growth of the College, and the opportunity this affords. I will write more on raising equity in next week’s newsletter.

Senior Studies Building

We are anxiously awaiting Brisbane City Council approval so we can commence our next building. The application has been with BCC for nearly 6 months and we are hoping that we will receive approval shortly.

Open Day

Our second open day this year will be held this Friday, 7 August from 9 am - 12 noon.

Dr Roderick Crouch
Principal

Announcements

Swine Flu Update

We now have confirmation of cases of swine flu in every year level. Keep an eye out for email updates.

Events - Highlights

Term 3 Nature Refuge event

A big thank you to all the staff and students that were involved in organizing last Friday’s Nature Refuge event - particularly the hosts, Dunlop and Flynn. We managed to complete our Lomandra plantout of the swale, and then start work on the eastern side of the Refuge with new plantings and mulching of recently weeded areas.

On Sunday, a small but determined group continued the mulching of the swale, enjoyed a tour of the Refuge (where we found what may be wild pig tracks as well as some koala poo!), then planted a few more trees on the eastern side of the Refuge. A glorious morning to spend in the Australian bush.

Next Refuge event is scheduled for 16 and 18 October, when we hope to see our rare and threatened Swamp Orchid in bloom.

Pictured above right: Teddy Spence (Prep 2009) and Mr Spence working together to plant a tree in the Refuge.

Events - Upcoming
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. Aimed to raise money through class organised stalls and activities for a chosen charity, like a mini fair!

This year "The Starlight Foundation" has been chosen to receive our generous 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 Kim 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.

Library News

Readers’ Cup is over, BUT we are still reading... Boys are very excited about increasing the number of points their class is accumulating towards their end of term goals, and new boys join the programme regularly.

Also, from 31 August - 4 September we will be going on a Science Safari at MBBC. We are celebrating the wealth of stories and science that we have, so brush off the clothes in the dress up box, and clear away the cobwebs as there will be lots of questions and activities for enquiring minds to be involved in, and lots of prizes. Watch this spot for further information!

MBBC Open Day - invite family and friends!

Friday, 7 August 9:00 am - 12:00 noon

If you have friends or family looking for educational options for their sons, please invite them along to our next Open Day. They can take the opportunity to tour our campus, see classes in action and speak with the Principal, teaching staff and senior boys. The morning will also allow parents to find out more about our internationally benchmarked curriculum, dedicated primary and middle school programs, multiple pathways for seniors and our progressive approach to learning - based around the strengths, interests and goals of the individual.

Our sister school, is also hosting its Open Day during this time, making it an ideal opportunity for parents of both girls and boys to see what the Moreton Bay Colleges offer.

Jeans for Genes Day

We will be hosting our Jeans for Genes Day next Friday 14 August. This is a major fundraiser for The Children’s Medical Research Institute.

For a gold coin donation boys may wear jeans and casual shirt and shoes on this day. Jeans must be neat and tidy; shirts must not have inappropriate pictures or slogans and shoes must be covered for safety reasons.

The Leos boys will be selling a variety of Jeans for Genes items including wristbands and badges towards the end of this week and throughout next week. Please save wearing these items to school for our denim day on the 14 August.

We look forward to seeing everyone looking groovy in denim and helping to raise money for this very worthwhile cause.

Science Week (17 August to 21 August) and Family Science Night (20 August)

Once again MBBC joins in the national celebration of Science Week in a variety of ways. Across all grades boys will be undertaking a variety of projects that will be judged during Science Week. One highlight will be the launching of the Year 10 rockets on the oval. A science show, "Is there a doctor in the house?" will be performed to both primary and Middle/Senior assemblies.

Task sheets for the Science Fair Projects will go home with students this week. For more information on the year level task see your classroom teacher.

Another opportunity to celebrate is the Science Family Night, 20 August 6.30 pm to 8.00 pm. This is a very well attended evening that gives parents and students alike the opportunity to undertake a variety of science experiments.

Co-Curricular

Piano Students of Mrs Jackie Cuny

Please note that Mrs Cuny will not be at MBBC for her students lessons next Tuesday 12 August.

Make up lessons will be on Monday 17 August, normal lessons will resume Tuesday 18 August.

Co-Curricular Group Drama at MBBC A Dramatic Turn of Events!

The Year 6 Co-Curricular Drama Group at MBBC have been working hard on their Wacky Races performance.

Parents and friends are cordially invited to attend our performance on Thursday 17 September in the Auditorium at Moreton Bay College at 6:00pm. So mark this date in the diaries! You will receive a letter including more information on the evening.

The Year 8 Extra-Curricular Drama Group will be performing early in Term 4. So stay tuned!

If you have any questions about the performance please do not hesitate to contact Mai-Lin Hagiwara on 04212 34640.

Miss Mai-Lin Hagiwara
Co-Curricular Drama Tutor

Public Speaking

Another opportunity for all students in Years 7 – 11 to be involved in a Public Speakers’ Invitation Meet at MBC on Friday, 4 September from about 3.30pm. Any MBBC student who would like to participate can gain more information from his English teacher or Mrs Green in the Library. Parents also are invited to this event. More information in the next newsletter.

Sport
**District Athletics – Lytton (Boys aged 10-12 Years) and Gateway (Boys aged 13-19 Years) – THIS WEEK**

Good luck to all boys who are representing MBBC at the annual District Athletics carnivals. These carnivals are the stepping stone for the boys to Metropolitan and State representation for athletics, and as such are both very competitive as well as highlights for the boys who have put in the effort.

Both today and Thursday, 40 secondary school students will compete in over 150 events. The following boys will represent the College at the Gateway Secondary school Athletics Carnival:


All boys who have been nominated for these carnivals have received notes regarding their nominations. If you have any queries, please kindly contact Mr Pincott for Lytton Trials and Mr Pike for Gateway Trials.

**RUGBY (Secondary School – Supplementary GPS) – What a season!!**

Congratulations boys on a marvellous season. Last weekend saw the last three games played for 2009, with MBBC having a tough struggle against Churchie. All teams had to battle it out against their opposition, with the 14’s and 16’s finding the opposition just too strong. Congratulations to the 13’s who played what can only be described as “text book” rugby and who rose to the occasion to conquer the might of the Churchie 13D’s. It was a tough season for the boys, however the passion, determination and tenacity that the boys showed all season was unbelievable, and the fact that all boys never gave up, is a true credit to both themselves and MBBC Rugby. I know that MBBC rugby in 2010 will be HUGE – and here is to an unbelievable season in 2010!

**Results**

MBBC 13’s vs Churchie 13D’s – Win  
MBBC 14’s vs Churchie 14D’s - Loss  
MBBC 16’s vs Churchie 16D’s – Loss

**MBBC Cricket – Primary and Secondary School**

In an effort to provide a well-rounded cricketing pathway for all students at MBBC from Prep to Year 12, we have recently established a relationship with the Wynnum Manly District Cricket Club.
The WMDCC and MBBC will work together to ensure that MBBC boys are able to play both club cricket and MBBC School Cricket.

To become a proficient cricketer, the following club/school pathway would be ideal for your son:

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All cricket games are played on Saturday mornings.

SIGN ON DAYS for the WMDCC

When: EKKA day Wednesday 12 August
10am – 2pm

Saturday 22 & Sunday 23 August
10am – 2pm

Sunday 30 August (Sign on & group training)
11am – 2 pm

Where: Wynnum Manly District Cricket Club, Boundary St, Tingalpa

Keep up to date with what's happening at WMDCC:
Follow this link to the junior website

Fees: Remain the same as last season.

- In2Cricket – have a go $90
- In2Cricket – have a game (Under 9’s) $100
- Half Season $130
- Full Season $170

For Further details please contact:
Registrar:  Les Homes 3393 4013
Secretary: Denise Egan 0418 111 947
Email: wmdccjunior@gmail.com

Mr Hamish Pike
Sports Master
Interhouse Soccer 2009

At last Friday’s Primary Assembly, Year 6 House Vice-Captains for Doherty (Riley Carr) and Flynn (Daniel O’Brien) accepted the Patchett-Bowman Cup as joint winners of this year’s Interhouse Soccer
Competition.

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As you can see, it was a very close result for all the places! Congratulations to all the boys for their enthusiasm and good sportsmanship in this annual interhouse event.

CIC Sport

Last Friday and Saturday all CIC tennis players, basketballers and athletes improved on their first round performances. It always takes a week or two to understand the requirements of a season and your patience does not go unnoticed.

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


Next week we play The Southport School in Tennis and Villanova and Churchie in Basketball.

The third Track and Field Lead-up Meet will be held at the same venue, UQSPORT Athletics Centre.

Please note that the Year 5B side will be playing this Wednesday afternoon at 4 pm on the MBBC Basketball Courts.

District Athletics

Yesterday and today 19 primary school athletes competed in the Lytton District Athletics Trials. Results from will be reported at this week’s assembly and in next week’s newsletter.

Mr Jack Pincott
CIC Co-ordinator

Chaplain’s Corner

A REASON TO CELEBRATE

Last week I went to a florist and bought a bunch of flowers for my wife. I like buying flowers for my wife and do it fairly regularly. I always find it interesting when I buy flowers. Not always, but often I end up having a little conversation with the florist (especially if they are female) that seems to follow the same lines. Let me share it with you:

Florist: This is a lovely bunch of flowers. Are they for anyone special?
Me: Yes they are for my wife.
F: Oh, is it a special occasion?
M: No.
F: Ohhh, done something wrong have we?
M: No, I just want to buy my wife flowers because she likes flowers.

It is an interesting little conversation but it has always struck me as being a little strange that the only times I am allowed to do something special for my wife is on a special occasion or after I have done something wrong. So that means that as long as I behave myself and don’t upset her then I only have to do nice things for her on her birthday, our anniversary, Mother’s Day, maybe Valentine’s Day and Christmas. Well that certainly makes things a bit easier. But the problem is, that seems a little bit cold and legalistic to me and not very loving.

This has got me thinking. Why do I need a special reason to do something special for my wife? For that matter why do I need a special reason to do something special for my children? After all, who doesn’t enjoy receiving a little surprise and knowing that someone cares about you and loves you?

It doesn’t have to be something big, kids love a 50c ice-cream cone from McDonald’s or Hungry Jacks. It just has to be something that says, “Hey I want to bless you because you are special to me.”

I know I tend to be hitting on the same theme a little lately, but we all can get so busy that we simply take those people closest to us for granted. We act like they will always be there, so we don’t have to worry about them because they KNOW that we love them and so they drop to the bottom of our crowded priority list. But the sad fact is our kids will not always be there. They will grow up and move on with their life. And even
sadder again, if we take out partner for granted they might not always be there either.

Though I find the Kinder Surprise TV advertisement very annoying, it does have a point. It is fun to do something unexpected to bless another person. Sure we might help around the house, we might spend time together under the same roof, we might even do a whole heap of running around after others. But rightly or wrongly those things tend to be seen as everyday expectations rather than affirmations. Sometimes we just need to do something a little different for absolutely no reason other than we care about someone, to show them that we DO care about them. So when was the last time you did something on the spur of the moment to bless someone you love?

If it has been a while then may I suggest that it is time to do it again? Why wait for a reason to celebrate? Believe me you won't regret it!

Learning and Your Child's Brain, Growth and Motor Skill Development, Managing Challenging Child Behavior

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 mccarthys@mbbc.qld.edu.au

Mr Shane McCarthy
School Chaplain

Chicken Pox
Please note that we have had a few cases of the Chicken Pox reported in the junior and senior school.

For information on Chicken Pox, please view the Queensland Health website.

Head Lice
We have been notified of a few cases of head lice in students in the primary sector. Please check your son's hair for head lice and eggs.

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.

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.

Lost Property
We currently have many items in lost property without names. So that lost articles can be identified and returned to their owners, please label your son's name clearly on all items of clothing and items brought to school.

Parents & Friends

If you need to deposit money into the P & F Bank account, please use these details: Westpac Bank BSB 034 053 A/C No. 175600. Reference: child's surname and year.

MBBC Dinner Dance
Tickets are available for $90.00 per person. To buy tickets please deposit your monies into the P & F account and email Lisa Thompson at sthompson4@optusnet.com.au to advise of ticket purchase requirements and payment.

Sponsorship - Dinner Dance
We have some wonderful items for auction - 4wd course, gym membership, beauty vouchers, wii fit, bike, weekend away just to name a few.

Bronze Sponsor Fruition Tuition Manly
A leader in the tuition industry, provides extraordinary personal tutoring for all learners - prep, primary, secondary and adult.

Fruition Tuition delivers individual tuition, tutoring and coaching solutions for every learner. Thank you to Fruition Tuition for sponsoring our event and providing a prize for auction. If you are considering tuition please contact Heather or Sarah on Ph: 3396 9920.

If you would like to be a Gold or Silver Sponsor please contact me.

Masquerade Masks
If you are wanting to purchase a mask have a look at www.venetianmasks.com.au. There are some fantastic masks. This company will donate 10% of sales to MBBC. When placing an order please use the code MBBC and in the shipping choose “pick up Southbank”.

The masks will be delivered to the college on the 12 August where you can pick them up.

MBC Fun Day Stall
Volunteers are required to help on the tattoo stall that MBBC will be running at the Fun Day. Can you help for one hour between 10:00am - 3:00pm. Please email me at radford107@yahoo.com

Are you considering Insulation for your home. Please see attached flyer. Natural Choice Insulation will donate $25 from every sale/ install to Moreton Bay Boys’ College P&F. Just Mention MBBC when ordering.

Mrs Karen Austin
President
MBBC P & F

Community Notices

Moreton Bay College OPEN DAY
Friday 7 August 9:00 am - 12:00 noon

Join us at Open Day and view the College on a typical school day with students engaged in their usual daily learning and classroom activities.

Our Open Day program includes a personalised tour of the College and an opportunity to meet with Principal, Ms Jennifer Haynes and senior and specialist staff to discuss your daughter’s educational needs.

You will be escorted around our spacious campus by a current College student who will be equipped to answer your questions about the College’s
facilities, academic achievements and diverse co-curricular programs. For more information contact our registrars on 3249 9322 or view the flyer.