From the Principal

Outdoor Education
Year 8-10 camps are in full swing this week. Year 8 boys are under canvas on Moreton Island, Year 9 are in North Queensland, boarding at All Souls and St Gabriels School, Charters Towers, and Year 10 boys are undertaking their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh expedition at Woodford.

The Outdoor Education program now extends from Prep right through the College and builds skills and resilience in a sequential manner. The opportunities for middle and senior school boys to extend themselves is tremendous, and already we have a number of boys who have voluntarily completed their Silver Duke of Edinburgh award.

I spent yesterday in Charters Towers visiting the Year 9 boys. They had a fascinating day on a cattle station, not only having a very realistic encounter with handling cattle, but also being able to see a basalt (10,000 year old lava flow) rock wall - one of only two in Australia.

Staff news
Mr David Peckham has joined the staff to teach Year 3/4, as Mrs Andrea Bowden has left the staff. Mr Peckham joins us from the UK and has already had a stint teaching Year 6 while Mr Pincott was absent.

Buildings
Work will finally commence shortly on the Senior Studies building, now we have received our DA from Brisbane City Council.

Carnival Day
Carnival Day has become an annual tradition at MBBC. It is an opportunity for boys to raise money for charities that are connected with children. This year we are supporting the Starlight Foundation. Carnival Day is an important day on the calendar, especially as it deepens our understanding of service; one of the joys of life is to give of our own talents for the benefits of others. Further details on the day are elsewhere in the newsletter.

Riverfire
Special thanks to our Leo Club for organising a family night to watch Riverfire this Saturday. It should be great fun.

AHSA
I will be attending the biennial conference of the Association of Heads of Independent Schools of Australia conference in Hobart on Monday and Tuesday next week. It should be an interesting few days.

Dr Roderick Crouch
Principal

Announcements

Parent Satisfaction Surveys
A reminder that completed surveys are due NEXT FRIDAY, 18 September.

Please make every effort to provide feedback, to help ensure the best possible future for MBBC.

Important Notice Regarding Withdrawal of Students
Please be advised that the College enrolment policy states that, should you be withdrawing your son from the College prior to the end of Year 12, written notice is required at least eight (8) weeks’ term time prior to his last day of attendance at the College. If this notice is not received, the College reserves the right to issue an account for half term fees.

For example, an end of 2009 departure would require notice to be given by Friday, 2 October.

Written notice to withdraw should be addressed to Dr Crouch and the Registrar, Mrs Vincent.

School Team Photos - Tuesday, 15 September
Please note that students involved in team sports and music ensembles/bands, plus the Semester 2 House Captains, will have photos taken at the College on Tuesday, 15 September. Students should bring to school the correct uniform for the sport or activity they participate in. A photo schedule will be distributed to the students later this week.

Doodle4Google Art Competition
The 8 MBBC round winners for the Doodle4Google art competition are:

Yr 3  Bailey Dalton, Lachlan Sheffield
Yr 3/4  Connor Roduner, Myles Cotton, Steele Glenn
Yr 4  Kieran Harbison, Joshua Sloman
Yr 9  Torryn Saker

Their entries will be sent to Google, vying for finalist placings at State and National level. The theme was 'My wish for Australia is .....'.

I will keep you all posted as to the results of the competition.

Well done boys!
keep your minds on whatever is true, pure, right, holy, friendly, and proper. Don’t ever stop thinking about what is truly worthwhile and worthy of praise.
Philippians 4:8
Father and Son Breakfast

Last Friday morning, MBBC boys celebrated the gift of fathers in their lives.

Our guest speaker was AFL footballer hero, TV presenter and radio commentator, Richard “Champs” Champion.

Mr Champion told stories of his own upbringing in South Australia and the many skills taught to him by his own father, with whom he has a close relationship. He explained how important it is for boys to have a strong male role model and the importance of parental influence in guiding a child through life. Throughout his life, Champs was encouraged to have a go at “anything”, in anticipation of where it could lead to. He encouraged the boys to cherish the special times with their families, and the teachings they impart.

Dr Crouch added to the inspirational words by sharing with the group the fact that you never stop being a son and you never stop being a father.

Wynnum Fire Brigade Visit to 4A

Last Thursday 3 September, Year 4A had a visit from a Fire Brigade crew as part of their Integrated Studies Unit ‘Off With Your Head’.

“I learnt that the Jaws of Life were connected to a machine on the truck.”  Jackson Maybury

“I didn’t realise how hard it is to be a fire fighter. It’s much harder than I thought it would be.”  Kieran Harbinson

“I liked how they showed us the tools and how they work.”  Jack Taggart

“I enjoyed looking at the fire truck and seeing all of the equipment.”  Matthew Findlay

“I learnt about foam fire trucks that are being brought in to replace the ones that use water.”
Nick Richards

MBBC Book Week 2009

What a wonderful week’s celebration of books and stories we have had.

Congratulations, and thanks to all boys, staff, friends and families who joined in our Book Week Parade on Wednesday. The costumes worn by the boys and their teachers showed the thinking and fun that had been part of the process of selecting and making these amazing items. Everyone looked absolutely fantastic, and was so excited. After careful and difficult deliberation Dr Crouch awarded the MBBC Book Week Trophy for 2009 to Year 1. Each of the boys, AND Mrs Ginney, AND Mrs Ginney’s dog were all dressed as characters from “Where’s Wally”. After the parade, classes welcomed guest readers, and some Year 3 boys showed great initiative and enthusiasm in practicing to read a book they loved to younger boys. Thank you to everyone for your involvement and support. We hope that next year this parade will be a whole school event. Boys in the Primary and Secondary schools have been involved in lunchtime activities – we groaned and laughed at many jokes on Tuesday and have listened, talked and discussed many aspects of reading, books and journeys this week.

Congratulations must go to Ryan Kelly, Daniel McBain, Jamie McCowan & Cameron Martin. These four immensely talented young men created an exciting chapter for the district’s inaugural progressive story, ‘Safari Quest’. The boys journeyed to Capalaba Public Library on Thursday to work (and it was work) with Author Nette Hilton & Illustrator Sally Bower. This experience has been one that I’m sure they will remember for a long time.

Thank you to everyone who submitted the many entries in the Book Week Photo competition. They have shown us the many VERY UNUSUAL places that boys enjoy their reading. Again, a very difficult decision but congratulations to the winners: Ewan Prosser (6R), Baeddon Davies...
From the Library

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. 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 watch the River Fire Fireworks from afar?

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

Co-Curricular

Science Club Term 4
Ms Donna Bennett teaches the highly popular Science Club fortnightly at MBBC. To learn more about Science Club and secure your spot for Term 4 please view the flyer.
Owain Thomas (u/11) – 3rd in heat 200m (30.04 seconds)
Jesse Bayes (u/11) – 8th Long Jump (4.14m)
Ben Luck (u/10) – 6th 800m (2 minutes 40 seconds)

Results:
particularly Adam Fogg who placed 2nd in the u/10 800m and will now represent Met East at the State Championships in October.

Last Friday, five students represented MBBC and Lytton District at the Met East Track and Field Championships. Congratulations to all boys,
Met East Athletics

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

MBBC Annual Interhouse Swimming Carnival – Term 4
The annual MBBC Interhouse Swimming Carnival will be held in Term 4. All boys from Prep through to Year 11 will participate in this two day event. All boys in Years 4 to 11 will participate on Thursday, 19 November in an all day carnival from 8.30 am until 2.45 pm. The carnival will be held at the MBC pool. Further details will be provided early next term.

HPE Swimming Lessons for ALL boys in Prep - Year 6 - STARTS WEEK 2 of Term 4
The MBBC HPE department runs a swimming program for all boys from Prep to Year 6, and all boys will be provided with swimming lessons from a nationally accredited and national coach, Mr Shaun Crow and his swimming coaches from MBC. Boys will be transported to and from the MBC pool, and lessons will occur within the normal school day. Note that boys attending the 8:30 am session or finishing at 2:30 pm will need to be dropped off at/collected from the MBC pool. All boys will require a swimming “ rashie” to swim in (house colour) as well as MBBC swimming togs, towel and goggles (goggles are not compulsory however they are very highly recommended). Parental assistance is vital for the Prep to Year 2 swimming program and parents will be required to assist in the swimming pool for these classes. If you can assist, please see your son’s class teacher ASAP.

Auskick - STARTS 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) and will run from 3:00 pm until 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 according to their year level in groups 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 webpage or by paper registration when they are made available to the College from AFL Qld.

CIC Sport
Last Friday, all basketball teams played Gregory Terrace. Well done to Ms Nafranowicz's 6B team for winning MBBC's first CIC basketball game!

Unfortunately no tennis games were played on Saturday due to rainy weather.

A report on the CIC Track and Field Championships held this week will be given in next week’s newsletter.

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


This week we play Villanova in the last round of basketball and tennis. Good luck to all boys!

Basketball singlet returns
Basketball singlets are to be returned, clean, to Mr Pincott on Monday, 14 September. Please make sure you return them to him as he will be recording what number and size singlet you return. Do not ask another student to return them for you.

Met East Athletics
Last Friday, five students represented MBBC and Lytton District at the Met East Track and Field Championships. Congratulations to all boys, particularly Adam Fogg who placed 2nd in the u/10 800m and will now represent Met East at the State Championships in October.

Results:
Adam Fogg (u/10) – 2nd 800m (2 minutes 32 seconds), 7th 200m
Ben Luck (u/10) – 6th 800m (2 minutes 40 seconds)
Jai Bayes (u/11) – 8th Long Jump (4.14m)
Owain Thomas (u/11) – 3rd in heat 200m (30.04 seconds)
What a challenge to be a father. I believe there is no greater calling in a man’s life than being a good dad. I remember the day my first child, my son, entered the world. My wife gave birth and then due to some complications had to be wheeled into theatre. Her sudden exit left me sitting in a chair in the corner of the delivery suite holding this little bundle and feeling more scared than I ever have in my life. Even more scared than I was on my wedding day.

As I gazed into that little face, I watched in awe as these little fingers wrapped themselves around one of my fingers. I knew that things had taken a big change in my life. Somehow my life had become that little bit more serious and important.

Sadly we live in a world where many men do not take this challenge and responsibility as seriously as they should. More and more studies are published telling us what an important role a father plays in the life of developing child. However, many men seem to turn away and prioritise themselves before these precious gifts.

I look at my sons today: 14 and 12 years old and big strapping lads. And even today, at the start of their teenage journey, I can still see the look in their eye. The look that says, “My dad is the best”. The look that says, “I want to be like my dad”. The look that says, “When I can wrestle dad and pin him, then I will know that I have made it.”

And I hope and pray that not only by the look in my eye, but also by my words and by my actions, I might say to them, “I am so proud of you my children!”, “I will do everything I can to love and protect you” and finally, “bring it on, you young pups!”

My prayer for all you dads out there after this father’s day is the same prayer that I have for myself: may we indeed be the men that our bright eyed children believe that we are.

Let me leave you with this prayer written by Kirk Loadman:

Let us praise those fathers who have striven to balance the demands of work, marriage, and children with an honest awareness of both joy and sacrifice. Let us praise those fathers who, lacking a good model for a father, have worked to become a good father.

Let us praise those fathers who by their own account were not always there for their children, but who continue to offer those children, now grown, their love and support. Let us pray for those fathers who have been wounded by the neglect and hostility of their children.

Let us praise those fathers who, despite divorce, have remained in their children’s lives. Let us praise those fathers whose children are adopted, and whose love and support has offered healing. Let us praise those fathers who, as stepfathers, freely choose the obligation of fatherhood and earned their step children’s love and respect. Let us pray for those fathers who have lost a child to death, and continue to hold the child in their heart.

Let us praise those men who have no children, but cherish the next generation as if they were their own. Let us praise those men who have “fathered” us in their role as mentors and guides. Let us praise those men who are about to become fathers, may they openly delight in their children. And let us praise those fathers who have died, but live on in our memory and whose love continues to nurture us.

Amen

I hope and pray that all you dads out there had a great Father’s Day. That you smiled with joy at all the hankies, socks and jocks you may have received as presents and may you cherish and enjoy your children not only this weekend.

Oh … one final thought for all dads, a profound and thoughtful gem of wisdom from Red Buttons:

Never raise your hand to your kids. It leaves your groin unprotected.

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

College Business

Book Club
Thank you to everyone who placed an order in our last book club issue. Books have now been distributed; however, we do have one order that was submitted without a name so if you haven’t received your order please contact the library. Scholastic is having a massive sale & brochures were distributed to students (Prep- Year 7) this week. There are some fantastic books on offer at greatly reduced prices. All orders are due in by Wednesday 9 September.

Important before/after school care notice
PERMANENT BOOKINGS CHANGE FROM 21 SEPTEMBER 2009
We have a fantastic new Online Enrolment and Bookings system.

You can go online, enrol and make and edit your bookings as and when you need to!
We need you to start using the new system, especially the Permanent Bookings section, by 21 September 2009 please. If you are already using the Online Permanent Booking System, great!

OLD BOOKINGS ARE BEING REMOVED
The old system of parents making verbal changes to Permanent Bookings with the coordinator is being phased out. The new system is much more reliable and safer for your family.

Any old permanent bookings not done online will be phased out by 21 September 2009. If you haven't done your bookings online before then, then otherwise your child won't appear on the rolls. If you aren't sure, simply login and double check your bookings.

IT'S EASY TO ENROL AND BOOK ONLINE
Simply go to https://www.oshclub.com.au/view.htm and follow the prompts. Still unsure? Email us at admin@oshclub.com.au and we can send you an instruction guide. If you don't have internet access, please see the Co-ordinator for access or use your local library. You will need an email address and credit card, savings account or cheque account details to setup your account.

CANCELLATIONS
Remember to give the co-ordinator 24 hours notice if you wish to cancel a booking, otherwise you will be charged. Cancellations are not done online. Remember to remove Permanent bookings online when you no longer need them to avoid being charged.

CASUAL BOOKINGS
You can still make a casual booking, as long as you are enrolled online. Simply call the co-ordinator.

So remember, even if you have made verbal changes to your bookings in the last few weeks with the Co-ordinator, we do need you to go online and ensure your bookings are correct. Those old bookings will be removed on 21 SEPTEMBER 2009.

Outside School Hours Care – Assistants Required
We are currently seeking an Assistant to work a few shifts a week in our Outside School Hours care program. We also have shifts available for school holiday program work.

Outside School Hours Assistant
Working as an Assistant is a great way to be involved in the Community supporting the care of children attending the program whilst also having flexibility in your working week. Shifts typically run for between 2 and 3 hours at either end of the day (ie before school or after school). This works presents as a great opportunity for university students or older professionals looking for a change in career.

School Holiday Program Assistant
We are also seeking staff for our next holiday program - 14 September through to 2 October. Each program has a range of excursions and incursions happening everyday. Our numbers are large as our programs are sought after.

Interested?
Send your cover letter and resume to Melissa Martin and Elizabeth Davis at jobs@oshclub.com.au. For enquiries call 03 9543 3077. We look forward to hearing from you.

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
Thanks to all sponsors and supporters of the Dinner Dance 2009.

WE RAISED AN AMAZING $13,000
Photos
Thanks to Caroline Gibson from New Generation Photography for taking photos on the evening and donating all the proceeds to MBBC P&F. Check out the P & F site for more photos.


Feedback from the night
“Thank you so much for all of your efforts, the Prep parents had a fabulous evening and have pledged to attend every year.” Renee Hughes

“This year was the first year that we have attended the annual college dinner dance. We saw it as a good opportunity to spend time with friends we have made through the College and to contribute towards raising money for our son’s education.”

“It was obvious that a lot of work had gone on behind the scenes to make the night special and enjoyable and the P & F should be congratulated on their excellent effort.” Sharon Atkins

“Once again the P&F has organised a wonderful fundraising event. Our whole table had a wonderful and entertaining night with games, auctions, great food, dancing and socialising with parents and teachers alike. I am very pleased to have been part of it from start to finish, and I know that the parents who participated for the first year will be back again next year. ” Suzi Fisher
Thanks to our sponsors

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... and to all who helped set up for the evening:
Takeala, Wayne, Tallin & Antiga Jones; Natasha, Benji, Max, Alex & Zac Punin; Lisa & Ali Thompson;
Hayley & Stephanie Finnis; Audra Tucker; Andrew Munro & Gavin Austin.

Thanks to our Parent Reps for sourcing donations:
Renee Hughes; Jacyn Webster; Tania Mcpain; Jane Davies & Suzi Fisher.

... and additional sponsors for their kind donations (additional to the many kind individuals
and families listed in last week's newsletter): The Zelich Family; The Gill Family and Andrew Williams.

Lost property
If you are missing either a black jacket or black scarf from the dinner dance, please let me know.

Carnival Day
Volunteers are required to run the toy stall at Carnival Day. If you are able to assist, please let me know at radford107@yahoo.com. All proceeds go to the Starlight Foundation.

Mrs Karen Austin
**Community Notices**

**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 5:00 pm. For more information on the Festival please [view the Festival flyer](#).

**Rugby League Skills Program**
For children between 6 - 12 years of age. Program held during the September holidays at Kourgari Oval, Manly West. For more information please [read the Rugby League Skills 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 armed 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, [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

**RQYS Holiday Sailing Program**
Royal Queensland Yacht Squadron Sail & Play Program
Sailing, Powerboating, Fishing, Rafts, Kites, Island Trip and More!
28 September - 2 October
For ages 7 to 12
Visit [www.sailandplay.com](http://www.sailandplay.com) or phone 3396 8666 for more information

**RQYS Introduction to Sailing**
Includes Yachting Australia Basic Skills 1 & 2 Certification
21 - 23 September
Suitable for Years 7 to 12
9:00 am to 4:30 pm each day

**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 recreational 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.

**Dance Classes at PCYC Carindale & Mt Gravatt**
Jazz, Funk & Hip Hop dance classes are now available at PCYC. For more information on these fun dance classes please [view the Dance flyer](#).

**Special Offer to MBBC Community**
If you are selling your home, list with Platinum Private Properties (Gold Sponsor of the MBBC Dinner Dance) before 30 September 2009 and receive a discount of $3000 against standard REIQ (conditions apply). Plus go in the draw for a weekend for 2 at Q1 Surfer’s Paradise. Contact Lesley Benson on 0414 492 507 or 3890 8969.