From the Principal

Maintaining Focus

Currently I am teaching my youngest daughter to drive. It is a challenging way to start the day, but she is a good learner and dedicated. As this is our third child, I feel I have become a hardened veteran, with nerves of steel! When people begin learning to drive, they have a tendency to drive further to the left as they are concerned about oncoming traffic. This can cause a few heart palpitations for the teacher/passenger as you get to know parked cars on an intimate basis.

As we came within centimetres of a 4WD this morning, I reflected on the challenges that learning to drive presents. Physical coordination, skill development, memory, observation, self awareness and judgement, are all aspects of driving. Some have a natural aptitude for driving and many don’t, yet we can all learn to drive through diligence and practice. Above all else, is the need to focus when we drive, the ability to put aside distractions and concentrate on the task at hand. This is the same requirement in any learning, indeed in life itself. When we look at those who are successful in society, whether successful sportsmen or businessmen or, more importantly, successful people’s people (judged on the quality of their relationships), focus is the key. It is a wonderful reminder that, to be the best that we can be, we need to maintain focus no matter how enticing the distraction.

Whether we are at school, doing our homework, playing sport or building relationships, we can maximise our effort by maintaining our focus and in doing so, soar to new heights.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Information has gone home concerning parent teacher interviews which occur next week. They are held at this time so that the semester report can be used as a basis of discussion. All boys from Year 7 onwards are encouraged to attend their interview, as it is very much a three way conversation.

Sport

The winter sports season concludes this weekend for boys from Year 8. It has been a highly successful season, highlighted by the U16s win on Nudgee’s main oval last weekend. Congratulations to all boys and staff on their efforts. In the meantime, CIC Term 3 sports had a successful start last weekend.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Marcus Gangell, Year 10, for achieving the following at the recent Australian Elite Junior Diving Championships:

- Boys Junior B 3m Springboard - 3rd
- Boys Junior B 1m Springboard - 2nd
- Boys Junior B Synchronised 3m Springboard - 2nd
- Boys Junior B Platform - 5th

From the Principal

2009 PARENT SATISFACTION SURVEY

I am delighted to announce we will shortly be circulating a confidential parent satisfaction survey which will be conducted by an independent and well known consultant - Marketshare.

The survey is an important part of the College’s strategic planning process to help us plan and prioritise for the future.

The results of the survey will help identify what is important to you, as a College parent, determine the extent to which your expectations are being met, and identify what the College is doing well, and what aspects of the school need to be improved, in the eyes of the parent community.

Have your say

The survey is voluntary, but we strongly encourage all families to have their say - frank and honest responses from a diverse cross section of the parent community will help us deliver better outcomes for all boys.

The survey is designed to be completed in 10-15 minutes, and is available both on-line and in hard copy, to accommodate your preferences.

I importantly, your responses will remain totally confidential and will not be linked to you personally. Marketshare abides and operates by a professional code of ethics established by the Market Research Society of Australia and research is conducted in accordance with the privacy Act. No one at the College will have access to your individual responses; rather, we will be provided with a summary of collated responses only.

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.

Dr Roderick Crouch
Principal
Nature Refuge Event
Friday 31 July
3:00 pm - 4:00pm
Hosted by the Senior boys in Dunlop and Flynn, there are 200 plants that need to be planted and plenty of mulch to be spread on Friday afternoon. ALL boys in the College are encouraged to attend and lend a hand.
A free sausage sizzle will be provided at the end of the event as thanks for your assistance.

Sunday 2 August
8:30 am - 11:00am
A follow-up Refuge event will be held on Sunday morning. If you have not enjoyed a morning in our Nature Refuge, we would love to see you anytime during the morning. Come dressed for gardening!

Events - Upcoming

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, Moreton Bay College, 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.

Year 3/4 Camp
Parents are reminded that there is a camp meeting in the Y3/4 classroom on Wednesday, 29 July at 6:30 pm. The meeting will describe the camp and the activities the boys will be involved in when they attend Kindilan Camp on 27 and 28 August.

Teaching and Learning

International Baccalaureate (IB) Learner Profile
"The aim of all IB programmes is to develop internationally minded people who, recognising their common humanity and shared guardianship of the planet, help to create a better and more peaceful world."

During this term, a focus of the IB will be the implementation of the Learner Profile throughout the College. This profile is a set of attributes which "express the values inherent to the IB continuum of international education". The Learner Profile lists ten attributes and descriptors which each student will address as they strive to be an internationally minded person (Inquirers; Knowledgeable; Thinkers; Communicators; Principled; Open-minded; Caring; Risk-Takers; Balanced; Reflective).

The focus on the Learner Profile will be different in each classroom and for each student. The boys will begin using the language associated with the Profile throughout all aspects of their learning. Reflection in self and peer assessment using the Profile will give students opportunities to reflect on individual aspects of their learning and themselves as a person. "The learner profile is a profile of the whole person as a lifelong learner."

As students and teachers become more familiar with the Learner Profile, it will become a central component of all IB programmes and Units of Inquiry and may be used when viewing and discussing each student’s development.

If we are to truly embrace the development of internationally minded people “we all must strive to put into practice what we believe.” (IB learner profile booklet – March 2006)

Ms Mary Youngman
PYP

Co-Curricular

New Strings Teacher at MBBC
MBBC is pleased to welcome our new strings teacher, Mrs Tamsyn Eastgate, into the music department. Mrs Eastgate has been working with the Year 3 classes since the start of Term as they embark on their violin lessons. Most boys have been able to take their violins home, and we hope they have been showing off what they have learnt so far for you! If your son has not yet been able to take his violin home, please make sure that he returns the instrument loan agreement form as soon as possible.

If your son is not in Year 3 but would like to learn a string instrument, Mrs Eastgate has a limited number of lesson spaces available. This is a great opportunity for boys, not only for the musical benefits, but also to help in developing fine motor skills, time management and thinking skills.

If you would like more information on string lessons, please contact Mr Dylan Troyahn, Music Teacher, at troyahnD@mbbc.qld.edu.au

MBBC Choir
The MBBC Choir is being reorganised and consequently, the Junior Choir which meets each Wednesday afternoon will not be running during Term 3. Ms Avenell wishes to thank all her wonderful Wednesday afternoon choir members for their hard work and dedication.

Please see Ms Avenell in her staffroom during the week for your thank you gift!
Sport

District Athletics

Lytton (Boys aged 10-12 Years) & Gateway (Boys aged 13-19 Years) – NEXT WEEK

MBBC is a member school of both the Lytton Sporting District (Primary School) and Gateway District (Secondary School) sporting organisations. Both organisations have their annual district athletic carnivals in the upcoming weeks. Selection for these events is based on the boys’ efforts during the Interhouse Athletics Carnival held late last term. If the boys are successful at either of the District carnivals, they will then progress on to the Regional carnival – Metropolitan East - held later in the term.

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

RUGBY (Secondary School – Supplementary GPS) – LAST Game this week!!

The MBBC 13s and MBBC 14s were unable to play on Saturday due to lack of opposition teams being free to play. The MBBC 16s, however, travelled to Nudgee College to play on Nudgee’s hallowed turf – Ross Oval. The oval is renowned for its history and Rugby culture, and it was an honour for the boys to have the opportunity to play on the Nudgee main oval. To win, and to succeed with the confidence and gusto the boys showed, was nothing short of inspirational and I congratulate every team member.

ALL teams will play this weekend, with Mr Pike in close discussions with Churchie to play all three games. Good luck to all teams in your final game for the season, and remember to finish the season off with the passion, devotion and attitude that is deserving of being an MBBC Rugby player – Go Eagles!

Results

MBBC 16s vs Nudgee 16 Blues - Win

If any parent who is not receiving the draw via email and who would like to, please email Mr Pike to be added to the email list. Also, please email Mr Pike any photos from any games that you have taken for the End of Season photo collection.

Mr Hamish Pike
Sports Master
pikeh@mbbc.qld.edu.au

CIC Sport

The first round of CIC Sports began last Friday and Saturday. Despite a number of students absent due to illness, all games went ahead as planned. A big thank you is extended to a number of Year 6 boys for playing two games, due to the lack of players owing to illness.

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)

Thank you for supporting your son’s sporting interests and MBBC sport.

District Athletics

Based on performances at the MBBC Athletics Carnival, a number of boys - aged u/10 (born 1999), u/11 (1998), u/12 (1997) and u/13 (1996 and in Year 7) - have been selected to compete in the Lytton District trials held on Monday 3 and Tuesday 4 August. Selection letters have been handed out to the students.

The following boys have been selected:

u/10
Tavis Bancroft (800m, high jump)
Nicholas Bogner (1100m, high jump)
Adam Fogg (1100m, 200m, 800m, long jump)
Benjamin Luck (800m)
Alexander Wilson (100m, 200m, long jump)

u/11
Jesse Bayes (100m, 200m, long jump)
Riley Carr (100m)
Michael Kosker (800m, high jump)
Joshua Stevens (800m, high jump)
Alasdair Stewart (800m)
Owain Thomas (100m, 200m)

u/12
Lachlan Angus (100m, 200m, 800m, high jump)
Lewis Davies (discus)
Dylan Hechtsch (800m)
Ryan Munro (800m)
Henry Rudman (100m, 200m)
William Zhou (100m)
**Chaplain’s Corner**

**A MATTER OF PERCEPTION**

Washington, DC Metro Station on a cold January morning in 2007.

The man with a violin played six Bach pieces for about 45 minutes. During that time approx. two thousand people went through the station, most of them on their way to work.

After 3 minutes:
A middle aged man noticed there was a musician playing. He slowed his pace and stopped for a few seconds and then hurried to meet his schedule.

4 minutes later:
The violinist received his first dollar: a woman threw the money in the hat and, without stopping, continued to walk.

6 minutes:
A young man leaned against the wall to listen to him, then looked at his watch and started to walk again.

10 minutes:
A 3 year old boy stopped but his mother tugged him along hurriedly. The kid stopped to look at the violinist again, but the mother pushed hard and forced their child to move on quickly.

45 minutes:
The musician played continuously. Only six people stopped and listened, for a short while. About 20 gave money but continued to walk at their normal pace. The man collected a total of $32.

1 hour:
He finished playing and silence took over. No one noticed. No one applauded, nor was there any recognition. No one knew this, but the violinist was Joshua Bell, one of the greatest musicians in the world. He played one of the most intricate pieces ever written, with a violin worth $3.5 million dollars. Two days before, Joshua Bell sold out a theatre in Boston where the seats averaged $100. This is a true story. Joshua Bell playing incognito in the metro station was organised by the Washington Post as part of a social experiment about perception, taste and people’s priorities.

The questions raised: in a common place environment at an inappropriate hour, do we perceive beauty? Do we stop to appreciate it? Do we recognise talent in an unexpected context?

One possible conclusion reached from this experiment could be this: If we do not have a moment to stop and listen to one of the best musicians in the world, playing some of the finest music ever written, with one of the most beautiful instruments ever made ... how many other things are we missing? It is certainly something for us to ‘stop’ and think about.

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@mbbc.qld.edu.au

**Mr Shane McCarthy**

**School Chaplain**

**College Business**

**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.

Are you wondering how to get more involved in the MBBC Community?

MBBC will be holding a temporary tattoo stall at the fun day at MBC on the 22 August. We will need parents to volunteer to run the stall. The day starts at 10:00 am and ends at 3:00 pm. Can you help out for just one hour? As we have CIC sport on this day I hope that Prep to Year 4 parents...
can do the morning and Year 5 to 11 parents the afternoon. Please let me know which time suits you. radford107@yahoo.com

MBBC Dinner Dance
This is the last week to purchase your tickets at the Early Bird price of $80 per person. Please deposit your monies into the P & F account and email Lisa Thompson at lthompson4@optusnet.com.au to advise of ticket purchase requirements and payment.

Sponsorship - Dinner Dance
Are you looking to promote your business while supporting the College? Gold, Silver, and Bronze Sponsors are required for the Dinner Dance. By sponsoring the event your business will be advertised on all promotional material for the event. Your business name will be mentioned throughout the evening and, if you wish, you can display your goods/services too. Gold, Silver, and Bronze Sponsorships are $1500, $750, and $500 respectively.

MBBC Open Day
Volunteers are required for the open day to serve tea/coffee if you could spare one hour on Friday 7 August 9.00 am - 12.00 pm please email me on radford107@yahoo.com.

Mrs Karen Austin
President
MBBC P & F

Community Notices

Your Students Could See Their Work on Television
Students in Years 6-10 are invited to write a script for the next series of television ads in the You Can Do Maths campaign - designed to get students and families thinking about mathematics and career options. The best script outlines submitted before 28 August will be used as the basis of two professionally produced ads, and some of the writers will win a trip to Melbourne to watch the filming of their segments.

Competition details are on the You Can Do Maths website: http://www.youcandomaths.com.au

Thank you to Resene Paints
Thanks to Resene Paints for its generous donation of paint to the College’s Art Department.

Resene is the manufacturer of colours, coatings, wood stains and paints for homes as well as commercial, industrial and marine painting applications. It has recently been voted “Best Interior Paint and Best Exterior Paint” in the AGM Specifier Choice Awards.

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