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Amalgamation Update 14

Week ending August 19, 2011

The amalgamation of Moreton Bay College (MBC) and Moreton Bay Boys' College (MBBC) is a dynamic move for the future of education on the bayside. In an effort to keep our school community informed every step of the way, we discuss a variety of topics relating to the amalgamation in an email to parents every Friday.

LATEST NEWS

Retiring Board members farewelled

The new College Boards met this week following a dinner held in honour of retiring Board members on August 11.

Chairman Geoff Diehm thanked the departing Board members from both Boards warmly for their significant commitment and contribution to the MBC and MBBC school communities. Several indicated that they remain available to assist with short term tasks on and ad hoc committees.

Open Day success

The Open Days at both Colleges were very positive, with a great show of support from prospective and enrolled families on the day.

Moreton Bay College attracted 108 families to the campus, 50 of whom were new to the College, offering visitors the chance to experience MBC on a typical school day. Families were given the opportunity to be guided around the school grounds by senior students and have any questions regarding enrolment answered. Registrars, Julia MacDonald and Melinda Lawrence very successfully coordinated a willing team of students and staff on the day.

Moreton Bay Boys' College received regular local and overseas enrolment inquiries and had 70 families (representing 82 boys) attend Open Day. MBBC Registrar, Nicola Vincent, Marketing Manager, Rachel Wilkinson, and the administration team were supported by staff, students and parents in bringing MBBC's Open Day to fruition.

Bus schedules to line up

A key meeting took place last week between both Acting Head of MBBC, Mrs Diana Patchett and Head of Students (MBC), Mrs Jan Unsworth and representatives of the bus services of Veolia Transport and Mt Gravatt Coach & Travel. The meeting discussed the optimisation of the current bus timetable to ensure the highest number of families were benefiting from the routes in place.

Working together with the Colleges, Veolia and the Mt Gravatt buslines intend to revise the bus schedules, ensure that as many students as possible can take advantage of public transport to and from school.

A key benefit of these discussions, we hope, will be fewer cars on the road, with more children getting access to their local bus. This also ties in with the MBC traffic management plan, by easing the number of vehicles in the drop-off/pick-up bay.

Socialising together

The spectacularly successful inaugural Sports Lunch was held with a packed floor of participants at Rugby Quay and mc'd by Dan Crowley with speakers Tom Lawton, Billy Moore and Alastair Lynch, drawing on the 108 shared families across the two schools and their guests from corporate Brisbane. I am looking forward



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to attending the sold out MBBC P&F organised Dinner Dance tomorrow tonight which is always a lot of fun. Several of the organising and attending parents have children at both schools.



Science Week

This week has been dedicated to experiments and explosions, with Science Week taking over not only both Colleges, but the whole country from August 13-21. Both schools have been looking forward to putting their lab coats on and conducting some experiments together.

On Tuesday, Year 2 classes from MBC and MBBC joined together for some experimental and engaging outdoor science activities and a number of girls from MBC joined their brothers with their parents at the stellar MBBC Science evening last night.

Pictured: The Science Week activity was a great success, with the children embracing the outdoors in a combined learning experience.

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If you have any additional concerns or questions, please email feedback@mbc.qld.edu.au or feedback@mbbc.qld.edu.au and we will endeavour to respond to you as quickly as possible.

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