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Amalgamation Update 16

Week ending September 2, 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

Policy development continues

Work is continuing across both Colleges to develop policies that will both enhance the administration of our schools and lead to financial savings.

The process for achieving consistency in financial reporting across the two colleges is near completion and will be in time for the presentation of similarly structured budgets. As part of the budget process, evaluation of financial policies to develop consistency is also taking place.

Consideration of aligning the selection and purchase of 2012 text books is also underway.

The marketing departments of both the MBC and MBBC are also working closely together to make savings. They are currently using their combined buying power to purchase joint advertisements in the media.

The administrations of both Colleges are also coming closer together with a streamlining of policies at an executive level.

This will lead to better alignment for parents who have students in both schools as they can be confident that many of the policies of MBC and MBBC will be aligned.

Heads of College

We are close to being able to announce the appointment of the substantive Heads of College and expect to make these announcements prior to the end of Term 3.

Community collaboration and cross-over evident

Moreton Bay Boys' College was this year's host of the annual MBC/MBBC Tournaments of Minds competition.

Students from Years 3-6 were invited to take part in the annual event that encourages mixed teams to compete against each other in a series of academic challenges.

These included spontaneous thinking challenges, a script writing challenge, a Maths Masters event, a construction challenge and numerous lateral thinking challenges.

The standard and quality of the work produced by all students was outstanding and made judging the overall winners a very difficult but enjoyable task. We are very grateful to all the wonderful parents and teacher aides who assisted us on the day. Without this support events such as these would not be possible.

MBBC also hosted the first round of this year's Maths Masters competition. This brought together almost 300 students from 10 schools in the region including MBC. MBBC students used their problem solving skills to take out the competition. There are four more of these events scheduled across the rest of Term 3 and 4.

Year 12 QCS



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Year 12 students across both schools were in our prayers earlier in the week as they sat their QCS exams. MBBC Chaplain, Shane McCarthy, and MBC Chaplain, Jenny Busch, offered prayers for all of our students sitting these very important exams.

We are grateful to our Chaplains and the College communities as a whole for their continued support of these young adults as they make the transition from school to further study or employment.

Looking forward

This Saturday night Moreton Bay Boys' College will host the Riverfire Fireworks night and invite all College families to join in the fun.

William Matterson, MBBC student and President of the Leo's Club, took the Initiative to use both college newsletters to invite families from both MBC and MBBC to enjoy the annual Riverfire Fireworks amongst friends on the MBBC oval. Both the MBBC middle and senior school rock bands will be providing entertainment on the night. Revellers will be able to purchase glow sticks on the night and the College is also running a sausage sizzle.

Families are welcome to bring along a blanket and picnic basket, although please leave the alcohol at home as it is a family event. We will be kicking off at 5.30pm and entry will be a gold coin donation.

Quote of the week

It would appear that the amalgamation message is starting to filter through to our students. One of our students was heard to say to her brother this week; "Well, with the amalgamation, I will be spending a lot more time at your school!"

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Contact Us

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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