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Amalgamation Update 17

Week ending September 9, 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

Heads of College announcement

The Chair of the MBC and MBBC Boards, Mr Geoff Diehm and I had hoped today we would be able to announce the new Heads of College for both Moreton Bay College and Moreton Bay Boys' College.

Arrangements for the announcements have been in place with the schools from which the respective appointees come for some time.

Unfortunately, due to a series of unforeseen circumstances, and, out of respect for the needs of those schools, we are unable to proceed with the announcements at this time.

We can however inform you that, following an extensive search that took us throughout Queensland, interstate and overseas, we have made two external appointments.

The selection process was conducted by respected executive recruitment agency, Fish and Nankivell, specifically with Ms Kathy McLean, herself a respected former educator.

The search for both positions was run simultaneously and attracted a field of over 65 Queensland, interstate and international candidates.

The selection panel consisted of a representative from the agency, myself as, Principal of MBC and MBBC, an MBC/MBBC board member and the Principal of a respected Queensland boys' school.

From a shortlist of extremely capable local and interstate applicants, we have chosen two Impressive educational leaders to help take our two schools well into the future.

Both have long, distinguished careers in both private and public education and have high level school leadership experience. They will bring with them a depth and breadth of experience and knowledge.

It is worth noting that the decision by the panel was unanimous. We have completed contract negotiations with both appointees and they will begin work with us on January 1, 2012, and with time release to orient themselves to MBC and MBBC in Term 4.

We are extremely disappointed that we are unable to make these announcements today as we had planned.

However, once we are able to more fully explain the circumstances surrounding these announcements we are sure you will understand the situations we were presented with.

We are looking forward to making this announcement in the first weeks of Term 4.

We also thank and commend the current leadership teams at each school for their management during this period. They will continue until the end of the year.

Riverfire a hit

Last Saturday saw the MBBC Leos host another great family event for our college community. Families from both MBBC and MBC joined together under threatening skies to enjoy the annual Riverfire fireworks over Brisbane City.

Fortunately the rain held off long enough for all to enjoy the event and for Leos to cook up a storm, selling close to 400 sausages and several hundred glow-sticks to raise \$1000 for the schools in Africa.



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These proceeds will go towards buying school resources for Maasai schools in villages in Tanzania.

The performance of the Middle School Rock Band, "Kids Eat Free", was another highlight with the night taking on the feel of a rock concert, complete with screaming teenage girls courtesy of MBC! An added bonus was the sight of Jesse Bradford, fresh from the barbecue, drumming up a storm while wearing a pink apron.

I was delighted to talk with a number of MBC girls there and to hear their parents talk with appreciation for the education their sons are currently or have in the past received at MBBC.

LOOKING FORWARD

It's Family Fun Day at Moreton Bay College this Saturday, September 10. All MBC and MBBC families are invited to join in the carnival atmosphere from 10am to 3pm, with an exciting selection of rides for all ages set to be one of the highlights.

Condolences

The staff and students of MBC and MBBC extend our deepest condolences to the Thompson family and to the staff, students and wider community of Somerville House and Rainworth State School for their recent losses. They are in our prayers with the hope that peace and comfort can be found by all at this very sad time.

HOW TO KEEP UP TO DATE

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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