International Women's Day has been observed since the early 1900's, a time of great expansion and turbulence in the industrialized world.

In 1908, great unrest and debate was occurring amongst women. Women's oppression and inequality was spurring women to become more vocal and active in campaigning for change.

In the new millennium, we have witnessed a significant change and attitudinal shift in both women's and society's thoughts about women's equality. With more women in the boardroom, greater equality in legislative rights, and an increased critical mass of women's visibility as impressive role models in every aspect of life, one could think that women have gained true equality. The unfortunate fact is that women are still not paid equally to that of their male counterparts, women still are not present in equal numbers in business or politics, and globally women's education, health and the violence against them is worse than that of men.

For anyone with a daughter, a sister or a wife, making sure women get a full range of opportunities has to be a priority in our society and never far from our minds.

Murphy’s Creek Challenge

In which country is Stockholm the capital city?

• a. Sweden
• b. England
• c. Sri Lanka

School Leader Badge Presentation

On Monday 9th March at noon, our school leaders and the house captains will be presented with their badges and a special certificate. The presentation will be made by our federal MP Scott Buchholz. This is an open event and attendance by the community is encouraged.

Register to use Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) on-line by following this link:

Let's Meet... Mrs Trost

Mrs Trost wears many hats at MCSS.

She is the Supervisor and Coordinator of our Before and After School Care Service. She is also a Teacher Aide that works with every year level of students supplying support and conducting individualised programs in the area of speech and social skills. Mrs Trost is a very busy mother of 4, who is also currently studying externally for her Bachelor of Education. She is a very experienced person in multiple areas including events management and we are very lucky to have her with us.

Communication between school and parents

Parents and community members play an important role in their children's education and a strong partnership between parents and schools enriches the learning experience. There are many both formal and informal opportunities for parents to find out about their children's progress at school:

Report Cards—These are written reports on your child's performance at the end of every semester.

School Annual Report—This is published on our website on 30th June and give a large amount of information specific to our school's activities and results.

Newsletters, and personal letters are also a way we keep you in touch with the happenings of the school as well as your child’s activities.

Personal appointments and Parent/ teacher/ student meetings—these can be arranged at anytime by just calling the office to make an appointment. Parent/ teacher/ student meetings happen at the end of term 1 and give all people involved a chance to discuss progress, concerns and to set achievement goals with strategies. These goals and strategies are revisited throughout the year.

Local History Comes Alive

Our Year 6 students will head for the Spring Bluff Railway Station next week to commemorate the 73rd anniversary of the Darling Downs 25th Infantry Battalion's march from Cabarlah to Spring Bluff.

Veterans, family, friends and army dignitaries will join to remember the efforts of the 25th Battalion. Our students have been invited to share in this commemoration and to learn some of our local history.

The event is held each year on March 17 to mark the day the 1000 strong battalion marched down the steep range to the rail siding at historic Spring Bluff, to head off to war.
Sleep Over is ON!

Our whole school reward this term was to have a whole school sleep over. To achieve this, the students had to cumulatively get 1500, High 5 reward slips. According to our most recent count, the students should achieve this after this week.

So in preparation for the night, a note will be sent home asking you to consider what part you and your children will play in the night. We will need to know numbers and your plans. A note will go out on Monday asking for your response.

Date:  Friday 27th March
Time:  6pm Friday to 7am Saturday

**Option 1:** Arrive at 6pm, have evening meal, have activity time, dance at the disco, have supper, watch a movie and sleep over. Be picked up at 7am Saturday. **All students in Pre, Year 1 & Year 2 must have a parent to sleep over with them.**

**Option 2:** Arrive at 6pm, have evening meal, have activity time, dance at the disco. Be picked up at 8:30pm. Parents are welcome but not compulsory for this option.

**Option 3:** Your own arrangements that fit in with your own commitments. Details supplied to school

Chess Boys do us Proud!

Congratulations to Rueben, Kale, Jordain, Ethan & Cameron. These boys took part in the Primary School’s Chess Tournament in Toowoomba this week. There results were outstanding as every boy won multiple games. There were 272 players and Rueben had our highest score, coming in at 43rd place. The boys are in training for the team tournament in May.

This weeks student of the week are:

Class O Toby
Class G Kiara
Class P Ethan

Our High Five winners for the week are: Tiana, Emily, Mitchell
Wanted immediately: House for rent in Murphys Creek area. Phone Shirley 0414 012 603

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Kids welcome!