



Mac Valley Views

Newsletter - Week 2, Term 1 2026



Principal: Sarah Allen

Teamwork makes the dream work!
Yay! Basketball is BACK!



UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

Term 1 2026

- 9 Feb - Basketball
- 11 Feb - Stage 3 Information Session
- 18 Feb - K-2 Information Session
- 18 Feb - Windsor HS Open Day
- 25 Feb - Galston HS Open Day
- 26-27 Feb - Leadership Camp (Yrs 5-6)
- 6 Mar - Swimming Program (K-6)
- 9 Mar - Dental Health visit
- 11-23 Mar - NAPLAN
- 20 Mar - HPGE-Middle Dural PS (Yrs 5-6)
- 23 Mar - NSW Police visit
- 24 Mar - Swimming Program (K-6)
- 26 Mar - Basketball at Maroota (Yrs 5-6)

A Warm Welcome

to the Papadatos family who have joined our beautiful school community this year with Thalia commencing in Kindergarten!

Principal's Report

Dear Families and Friends,

Welcome back everyone!

We hope you all enjoyed a wonderful Christmas break and managed to survive the heat and ever-changing weather we have been experiencing.

This year, although a little quieter than last year, is already ramping up to be full of exciting opportunities for the children. Old favourites have returned, as you can see from the photos in this newsletter, with our much-loved basketball coach Kate back again to work with the students.

Please keep an eye on the newsletter for upcoming events, including the first Stage 3 parent information session next Wednesday afternoon (11th February) followed by the K-2 Information session the following week (18th February).

We are looking forward to another great year ahead.

Kind regards Sarah

First Day!



What a fabulous first day we had with all our students returning to school! A warm welcome to Thalia who has commenced Kindergarten with us this year!



Basketball



Students were excited to discover Coach Kate had returned to coach them in basketball again this term!



Selective high school or opportunity class entry in 2027

Apply now if your child is currently in:

- **Year 4 – for opportunity class** entry in Year 5
- **Year 6 – for selective high school** entry in Year 7.

Applications close 20 February 2026.



Windsor High School

OPEN DAY

Tuesday 17th February 2026
5:00pm - 7:00pm

Our Principal, Mrs. Jennifer Hawken, and our school leaders will meet visitors at the school hall at 5pm, followed by a tour of the school in small groups.

Parents and students of the Hawkesbury community are invited to come and learn about the great facilities and wide-ranging opportunities, including our High Potential and Gifted programs. This will be particularly relevant to parents of primary-school-age children who are making the decision as to which high school they will enrol in the future, as well as families new to Windsor High School.

Contact Us

(02) 45877122
windsor-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Mulgrave Rd, McGraths Hill, NSW 2756



GHS GALSTON HIGH SCHOOL 2026 OPEN DAY

SAVE THE DATE

Wednesday 25th February 2026



Join us for 2026 Open Day!

Discover what makes Galston High School truly exceptional!

On Wednesday 25th February 2026, 9:30am-12:00pm, we invite you to experience firsthand the unique opportunities and vibrant community that sets our school apart. Led by our students, this open day offers you a chance to explore our classrooms, engage with passionate learners, and see how our school fosters growth, achievement, and excellence.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to see how Galston High School can shape a brighter future for your child. Join us and be a part of something extraordinary!

[Register Online](#) on the Galston HS Website

~ Peppercorn Children and Families ~ CIRCLE OF SECURITY

A FREE 8-WEEK ATTACHMENT BASED PROGRAM FOR PARENTS/CARERS OF CHILDREN AGED 0-12 YEARS
MONDAYS 9TH FEB - 30TH MARCH
10AM-12PM

Circle of Security can support you to:

- Read the emotional needs that lie beneath your child's behaviour.
- Support your child's ability to manage their own emotions and improve their confidence and self esteem.
- Strengthen your skills in observing opportunities to connect with your child.
- Learn effective ways to respond to your child's emotions and behaviours.

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Email: dropin@peppercorn.org.au
Phone: (02) 4577 9804



Peppercorn Children and Families presents...

TRIPLE P

A 5 week parenting program for parents/carers with children 0-10 years of age. Using engaging videos and real-life examples, the sessions give practical, simple strategies to help build strong, healthy relationships. It focuses on promoting positive behaviours, teaching new skills and managing challenging behaviours in calm and consistent ways.

- Wednesday Evenings, 5pm - 7pm
- 25th Feb, 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th March
- South Windsor Family Centre 6 Greenhills Way, South Windsor

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Phone Number
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Transport for NSW

Free child car seat safety check

2 in 3 car seats are not being used correctly

Make sure your child is safe with a free inspection by a Transport for NSW Authorised Restraint Fitter. You can have your child car seats and booster seats checked for safety and correct fit.

Date: Wednesday, 18 February 2026 from 9am - 1pm

Location: North Richmond Community Centre, 33 William St, North Richmond

Contact: To book in call Council's Road Safety Officer on (02) 4560 4278

Go4Fun Online

Free 10-week family healthy lifestyle program for NSW primary school-aged children.

Your family's health goals, your way.



Join now



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1800 780 900



Aboriginal Grant Christian Mens Group

Term 1 2026

1st February

29th March

15th February

12th April

1st March

15th March

Every Second Sunday

10am - 12pm

Bring your young fellas along

Come Along For
Some Food,
Yarns &
Cultural Activity

2/20 West Market St
Richmond - Merana

CONTACT 02 4588 5144
MERANA - admin@merana.org.au



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MERANA ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION FOR THE HAWKESBURY INC

PLAYGROUP

LET'S PLAY

Merana provides a supported playgroup for Aboriginal children and their parent's/carer's and all family members.

Everyone is welcome to come along and have a fun morning of activities with friends.

**GAMES, ARTS & CRAFTS,
MUSIC, OUTDOOR PLAY,
PLAYING WITH FRIENDS AND
MORE!**

MORNING TEA IS PROVIDED



WHEN & WHERE?

Every Monday Morning (school terms only)
9:30AM - 11AM

2/20 West Market Street, Richmond

For Ages
0 - 5

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT MERANA ON
(02) 4588 5144 OR ADMIN@MERANA.ORG.AU

FOLLOW MERANA ON SOCIALS



Macdonald Valley Public School is willing to support advertisements for local businesses and community functions for our youth, however parents will need to assess for themselves the quality of products and services advertised and the suitable management of functions attended by their children.

MAC VALLEY STARS!

We are very proud of our students' achievements in external events and competitions and are committed to recognising their achievements, however, this cannot happen unless we are informed.

Please ring us or send us something in writing if your child or a group of students achieve success in external events so we can recognise their achievements in our weekly newsletters.

Mrs Stafford
School Administrative Manager



P&C NOTICEBOARD

Our P&C meetings are generally held once per term (at a time to be advised).

ALL WELCOME!

P&C Committee

President: Emily Streckfuss

Vice Presidents: Susan Walker & Ieva Aboltins

Secretary: Fiona Kelly

Treasurer: Tanya O'Neill

Uniform Coordinator: Ieva Aboltins

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