



Mac Valley Views

Newsletter - Week 3, Term 1 2026

Principal: Sarah Allen



Congratulations Elza on her selection for the Hawkesbury Dance Troupe 2026

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

Term 1 2026

- 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)
- 27 Feb - Canteen resumes for Term 1
- 5 Mar - Basketball at Maroota PS (Y5/6)
- 6 Mar - Swimming Program (K-6)
- 9 Mar - Dental Health visit
- 10 Mar - Welcome Breakfast
- 11-23 Mar - NAPLAN
- 12 Mar - Basketball at Maroota PS (Y5/6)
- 19 Mar - Basketball at Maroota PS (Y5/6)
- 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 PS (Y5/6)
- 2 Apr - Cross country at Maroota PS
- 2 Apr - Basketball at Maroota PS (Y5/6)
- 3 Apr - Good Friday
- 4 Apr - Easter Monday
- 7-17 Apr - Autumn School Holidays

Principal's Report

Dear Families and Friends,

It was wonderful to see all the Stage 3 parents attend our recent Parent Information Session. Your genuine interest in your children's learning truly reflect the supportive and engaged community we are fortunate to have.

Research consistently shows that when parents are actively involved in their children's education, students achieve greater success — academically, socially, and emotionally. Successful learners are supported by engaged families, and we are proud to partner with parents who value and prioritise their child's growth.

We are now looking forward to River Gum's meeting next week and continuing these important conversations. Throughout the year, we are excited to share students' progress and celebrate their achievements during our Learning Journeys. Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to your children's education.

We have begun the year with a beautiful gift from a plant grower from Sydney markets who kindly donated a tray full of miniature carnations for the garden, and lilies for inside the classroom. He was thrilled to think that the children would be able to plant and care for the plants.

Congratulations Elza - dancer extraordinaire! Can't wait to watch you perform in the Hawkesbury Dance Troupe.

Kind regards Sarah

Beautifying our school!



The children have enjoyed helping Mr Hughes plant new flowering varieties in our garden





Macdonald Valley Public School

warmly invites you and your family to attend a

WELCOME BBQ BREAKFAST

**TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2026
8:00 AM - 9:00AM**

Please join us in welcoming our
new Kindergarten family to our
school!



**GRANDPARENTS
& EXTENDED
FAMILY
WELCOME**

Please RSVP for catering purposes to the School Office on
ph: 4568 2120 by Thursday March 5, 2026, or via email:
macdonaldv-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

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

MERANA'S GURUNG GROUP (CHILDREN)

NEW AND IMPROVED

Come Along for an Afternoon of Fun, Cultural Activities, and Food
All School Aged Children (5-13) are Welcome!

Every Wednesday (School Terms)
If School is on, Gurung is on

3:30 - 4pm: Show Up When You Can
5:30: Finish

Parents/Carers must sign the child in and out each week

Transport is available, contact Merana to book your spot
assw@merana.org.au
02 4588 5144

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Aboriginal Community Outreach

Merana invites you to our Aboriginal Community Outreach Day.
Outreach is a great way to get in touch directly with organisations and yarn about services provided directly to assist community members.

Tuesday
24 March 2026
10am - 12pm
2/20 West Market St, Richmond

Come along anytime between 10-12pm and have a yarn. If there are any organisations you would like to have a yarn with, please reach out to Merana.

Light refreshments will be provided

For more information, please contact Merana on (02) 4588 5144 or admin@merana.org.au

Yanma Bulbulwul Program (Walk Strong)

Thursday's 10:30am - 12:30pm

This program was developed to empower and support senior Aboriginal people.

The program includes exercises, which challenge, balance and improve strength and a yarning circle which focuses on fall risk factors.

Program Includes
Yarning Circle
Exercise
Morning Tea

Exercise Physiologist – Rebecca Hanlon will be leading the exercise program monthly

Register by contacting Merana on (02) 4588 5144 or admin@merana.org.au

Follow Merana on Facebook

See the school
office for an
entry form!



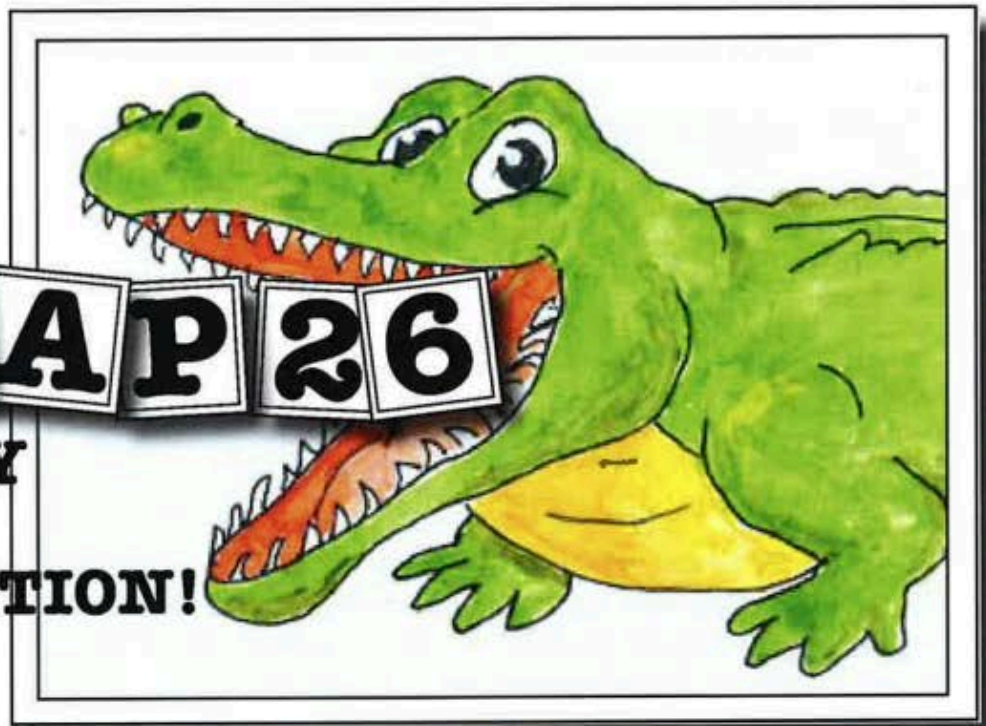
S N A P 26



**A VALLEY
PHOTO
COMPETITION!**



PRIZES!



SNAP 26 PHOTO COMPETITION

**The first Macdonald Valley photography competition will take place in April/May 2026!
Grab your entry form and start SNAPPING!**

SNAP 26 is open to anyone with a camera (including phone cameras) and an eye for a good photo. The subject must be within the boundaries of Webbs Creek and Wollombi Village (excluding Wollombi Village itself), extending on the St Albans side of the Hawkesbury River between the Webbs Creek and Wiseman's Ferries (including the River). You don't need to be a local resident to enter.

Photos must have been taken later than 1 January 2026. Make sure there is consent or no objection to you taking a photo of a person or their property.

Six photos is the maximum entry. Any size up to A4.

Age groups: * 12 yrs. and under. (No entry fee.)

* 13-18 yrs. (\$2 each photo entered or \$5 for 4 or \$8 for 6)

* Adult. (\$5 each photo or \$15 for 4 or \$20 for 6)

Categories: (You can enter more than one photo in each category.)

1. Landscapes
2. Buildings and structures of the valley (or parts of them)
3. Living creatures of the Valley
4. Plants, trees, fungi

Put your name, plus the name and category/ies you are entering, in an envelope and put it in the marked box at the Village Church Hall with the entry form and money in the second box **by 24th April 5pm.** The boxes will be in place from April 8th with a pile of entry forms alongside.

There is also a **People's Choice prize.** As many entries as possible will be displayed in the Village Church Hall, The Pickled Wombat, The Settlers Arms Inn and the Barn space. View the photos and vote by completing a voting form and putting it in the box at the Barn or The Pickled Wombat.

The winners will be announced on **Saturday 9 May at the Church Hall.** The judge is from outside the Valley. Prizes for each category will be awarded.

All proceeds to go to St Phillips Church in Higher Macdonald and St Alban the Martyr for building refurbishment, after administration costs and prize allocation.

Any **questions** please go to Facebook Messenger via Sue Inman or Ruth Green. Or email Sue at spinman41@gmail.com Prize sponsors appreciated

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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