



Mac Valley Views

Newsletter - Week 4, Term 1 2026

Principal: Sarah Allen



A bountiful crop from our garden!

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

Term 1 2026

- 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 (YS/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 (YS/6)
- 19 Mar - Basketball at Maroota PS (YS/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 (YS/6)
- 2 Apr - Cross country at Maroota PS
- 3 Apr - Good Friday
- 4 Apr - Easter Monday
- 7-17 Apr - Autumn School Holidays

Term 2 2026

- 20-21 Apr - Staff Development Days
- 22 Apr - Students resume for T2 2026

Principal's Report

The construction of our new shed is now well underway! A big thank you to Mr Hughes and my long suffering husband for their hard work in the heat in creating the concrete slab (with a concrete mixer that didn't work!) and taking on the "jigsaw puzzle" challenge of putting the shed together.

We are very fortunate to be in a position where extra storage is needed. Our collection of wonderful resources continues to grow, and this additional space will help us keep everything organised and accessible.

Enjoy the photos in the newsletter of the exciting gardening and cooking opportunities Ms Moss is providing for our children!

Kind regards Sarah



Valentines Day Cards made with love!



River Gum students made Valentines Day Cards for the most special people in their lives...



From the paddock to the plate!



In PDHPE, River Gum students are learning about nutrition and healthy eating from the five food groups.

On Friday we made delicious, golden scrambled eggs collected from our own, free-range chickens. A quick trip to the garden for a garnish of basil turned into 'carrot fever' when Jahan discovered ginormous, overgrown 'monsters', as Aurora called them.

Everyone then enjoyed harvesting, grating, chopping, peeling and tasting the different flavours from the garden to go along with our warm scrambled eggs. Eddie invented 'carrot sushi' (grated carrot wrapped in a basil leaf) which was then enthusiastically adapted by others. Ms Moss



From the paddock to the plate!





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

GHS GALSTON HIGH SCHOOL



OPEN DAY WED 25TH FEBRUARY POTENTIAL STARTS HERE.

Potential starts with a caring community.

Potential starts with quality teaching.

Potential starts with opportunities to grow.

Potential starts at Galston High School.

Join us on Wednesday, 25th February, for Open Day to see why Galston High School offers a compelling choice for your child's education.



Small community with BIG opportunities includes:

- An exemplary record of HSC achievement
- Extension classes for High Potential students in Year 7
- A broad curriculum catering to academic and vocational pathways
- Extensive student leadership roles
- Outstanding pastoral care program
- A wide variety of sporting, agricultural and extra-curricular opportunities
- Well-regarded music programs, including bands, vocal ensembles and musicals
- Year 7 transition activities
- Scholarships for Year 6 students living within the Galston High School catchment area
- The Duke of Edinburgh Scheme

Register NOW to secure your school tour booking.

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SUPER STEM SATURDAY WITH "DAD"

Saturday 14th March
10:30 - 12:30

Get ready to build, blast, squish, splash, and snack with our Super STEM and Sensory day!
Join us for a jam-packed morning of hands-on experiments, sensory adventures, and curious creations.
Refuel with a sizzling BBQ lunch, while the grown-ups grab a well-earned brew from the coffee van.
It's the perfect mix of science, play, and quality family time.
Come curious. Leave inspired.

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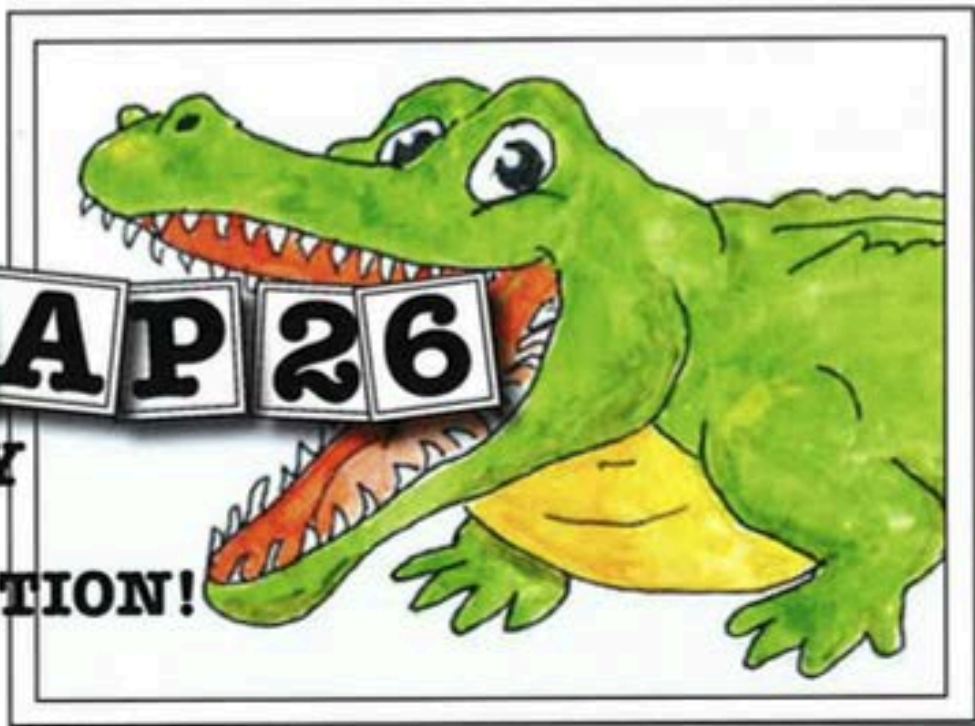
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See the school
office for an
entry form!



SNAP 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

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