



Mac Valley Views

Newsletter - Week 3, Term 1, 2025

Principal: Sarah Allen



UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

Term 1 2025

- 17 Feb - 7 Apr - Basketball lessons
- 10 Mar - Dental Health visit
- 14 Mar - Swimming & Water Safety Yrs 1-5
- 12-24 Mar - NAPLAN
- 28 Mar - Swimming & Water Safety Program
- 1 Apr - Envision Optometrists - eye tests
- 11 Apr - X Country Carnival at Maroota PS
- 11 Apr - Last day of Term 1, 2025

Principal's Report

Dear Families and Friends,

Welcome back to what is sure to be an exciting year filled with laughter and valuable learning experiences!

We're thrilled to have our wonderful children from last year return, with the sad exception of Annabel, who has already settled in beautifully at Galston High.

We're also excited to welcome our new group of six Kindergarten children. They've made an outstanding start to the year, with no tears in sight! They've been joyfully playing, making connections with their peers, and learning the daily routines.

In the photos throughout this newsletter, you'll get a glimpse of the fun activities they've been enjoying. It seems the pond and the inground trampoline are the new playground favourites!

We look forward to connecting once again to our beautiful community this year. Watch out for forthcoming information about our celebration of the school's 180th birthday.

Now that's a milestone! Kind regards.....Sarah

Reminder

Notes due back...

...Forms for Dental Health Visit

Don't forget to subscribe to our School Apps - See Page 8

Inspiring Joyful Learning



First day of
school 2025





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Reminder: Applications close for OC and SHS Entry in 2026 on 21 February 2025

Selective high schools and opportunity classes are specialist school settings that group together high potential and gifted students. Learning with classmates who have similar abilities helps students' academic development and wellbeing. Students still follow the NSW curriculum, but teachers may use special teaching strategies for high potential and gifted learners.

Applications are now open for selective high school and opportunity class entry in 2026. Applications close 21 February 2025.

Need more information?

Check the following webpages for more detailed information.

Webpages for parents and carers

- **Selective high schools and opportunity classes:** education.nsw.gov.au/shs-oc
- **Selective high schools:** education.nsw.gov.au/shs-yr7
- **Opportunity classes:** education.nsw.gov.au/oc

Webpages for students

- **Selective high schools and opportunity classes information for students:** edu.nsw.link/shs-oc-students
- **Applying for an opportunity class:** Student resource hub: edu.nsw.link/OChub
- **Applying for a selective high school:** Student resource hub: edu.nsw.link/SHShub

Social media

Join our official department Facebook groups:

- **Selective high school placement:** edu.nsw.link/shs-fb
- **Opportunity classes:** edu.nsw.link/oc-fb

Contact us

Contact the Selective Education Unit at:

Email: ssu@det.nsw.edu.au

Phone: 1300 880 367



Thank you to Kate from Hawkesbury District Basketball Association for delivering basketball lessons to our students every Monday this Term. We are very grateful for the continued Sporting Schools Grant funding that enables us to provide weekly sporting opportunities and additional sporting equipment for our kids!



Basketball



Well done to Elza (Year 4) who auditioned this week for the Hawkesbury Dance Troupe at Windsor High School.

We are very proud of the effort and energy that we were advised she put into the audition.

There was an overwhelming response with 41 students from 13 school auditioning and whilst Elza was not successful on this occasion, the selectors were very impressed with her performance and strongly encourage her to continue to work on her craft and they hope she will consider auditioning again next year.

Elza should be congratulated on her enthusiasm and for being part of the audition process.



Communicating with our School

School communications at Macdonald Valley Public School rely heavily on email. Please ensure we have the latest contact details for your family. We publish a newsletter which is emailed to parents/caregivers every week. Hard copies of the newsletter are distributed to each child on Fridays and the newsletter is also always available on our School Website and through the School App. The Macdonald Valley Public School newsletter provides the latest news/events and community announcements.

Our **School Loop App** gives our school the capacity to create and send instant push alerts to our school community keeping parents/caregivers well informed of important messages from our school.

Additionally parents can give consent, sign forms and respond to attendance alerts in our **School Bytes** app. Parents can download the "**Skool Loop**" and "**School Bytes**" apps from the app store or google play and subscribe to receive email alerts (see instructions below).

Macdonald Valley Public School also has an official social media presence within the popular social networking site Facebook.

School Bytes
Parent App
Available now!
Download on the App Store or Google Play by clicking the image below.

Key Features

- Get real time push notifications from your school
- Stay signed in and save your card for secure payments for fees and excursions
- Give consent, sign forms and respond to attendance alerts
- View the school calendar and news

Download on the App Store
GET IT ON Google Play

To give consent for permission notes for excursions, etc, sign forms and respond to attendance alerts

To receive important information alerts and notices from our school

All our school news in one place

Download The Skool Loop App Today

THE SKOOL LOOP APP

Simple free download: In Google Play & App Store search 'Skool Loop' and choose our school once installed.

Parents please note: If your child is absent, please notify the School Office by either by phoning: **4568 2120**, emailing the school (macdonaldv-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) or completing an absence advice on School Bytes. Doctor's Certificates are required for 3 or more days absent. **If you are signing your child in late or picking them up early please do so at the School Office.**

Behesht Retreat

KIDS YOGA CLASSES

Calm, Confident and Resilient Kids.

Term 4 Wednesdays 4:00-5:00pm @ Wrights Creek

Starts 23rd October to 11th December 2024

8 classes for \$120

Only 10 spaces available for children in Year 4,5&6

To secure your child's place or for more information contact
Jen 0408680849 or email behesht2775@gmail.com

Enroll Now!



Active After Schools Vouchers Accepted

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ENROLLING NOW FOR 2025

MONDAY ☀️ TUESDAY ☀️ WEDNESDAY

Are you looking for care for your little one in a safe nurturing environment? We provide the opportunity for 0-5 year olds to have fun learning experiences and make some new friends in our Valley community. We are located at Macdonald Valley Public School, Central Macdonald, and have spots available on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. If you would like to know more please email or phone us.

macvalleyfdc@outlook.com

Simone Butler on **0413 683 553**

Rachel Slater on **0459 420 261**

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TERM 1, WEEK 1

We had a great week celebrating our graduates and enjoyed baking our favourite recipes for the morning tea. On Monday by special request from Chelsea we baked Anzac cookies, and on Tuesday by special request from Aurora we baked choc chip cookies. It is was really lovely to see all of our graduates and their families on Wednesday. There was a big feast of our favourite recipes and the children all enjoyed seeing each other before they started school on Thursday. Thank you to all the parents for bringing your not so little ones, and also for bringing all the extended family to celebrate this special time. We wish all the children, all the best, for the start of big school!

NEXT WEEK

It is National Healthy lunchbox week. Our activities and learning will be all about healthy food choices and we will be cooking some healthy recipes. To see what we are cooking each day please check our new Food and Beverage sign above the shoe box when you come in.



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 held once a term. Our next P&C meeting will be held (at a date to be advised) in Term 1 2025.

ALL WELCOME!

P&C Committee

President: Emily Streckfuss

Vice President: Susan Walker & Ieva Aboltins

Secretary: Fiona Kelly

Treasurer: Tanya O'Neill

Uniform Coordinator: Ieva Aboltins

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