



Mac Valley Views

Newsletter - Week 7, Term 1, 2025

Principal: Sarah Allen



UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

Term 1 2025

- 17 Mar-7 Apr - Basketball lessons (Mondays)
- 14 Mar - Swimming & Water Safety Yrs 1-5
- 12-24 Mar - NAPLAN
- 27 Mar - High Potential & Gifted Day Yr 4/5
- 28 Mar - Swimming & Water Safety Yr 1-5
- 2-4 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,

We are excited to announce the installation of our stunning new mural created to commemorate our 180th anniversary! The mural beautifully captures the Macdonald River and the vibrant local wildlife, including our much-loved wombat. The children have enjoyed 'spotting' the birds and animals which nestle into the environment, just like they do here at school.

This artwork is a wonderful tribute to our community's rich natural surroundings, we are thrilled to have this mural as a part of our school's history, and it will undoubtedly be a source of pride for students, staff, and visitors for years to come. Thank you to Edugrafix Creative for its creation and installation.

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Ruth, an experienced and passionate storyteller, for visiting our school and sharing her gift with our students. Throughout her visit, Ruth exposed our students to a rich and dynamic language experience, helping them expand their vocabulary and ignite their creativity. We are grateful to Ruth for working with the children in such a meaningful way.

Yesterday we had the honour of a visit from our Executive Director, School Performance (Regional North) Mr Tim McCallum and our Director, Educational Leadership Ms Kelly Deakin. It was a wonderful opportunity to share our school's progress and successes. Their dedication to our school and the community was evident and we are grateful for their leadership and continued support.

Kind regards.....Sarah



Notes due back...

- ...Forms for Envision Eyecare visit
- ...See Saw consent forms
- ...Annual General Permission forms
- ...High Potential excursion Yrs 4/5

Inspiring Joyful Learning



Kindergarten and Year 1 have been super busy over the last two weeks.

Our senior peers have taught us to play Checkers, Snakes and Ladders and even Trouble!

We've also been practising how to count - we've been counting forwards by ones and we've been playing lots of different games to help us to learn and remember how to do this. We've become quite the experts!



Mac has been one of our favourite additions to our class! We love taking Mac home and including him in all the fun things we do. The best part is coming back to school and sharing news with our friends.



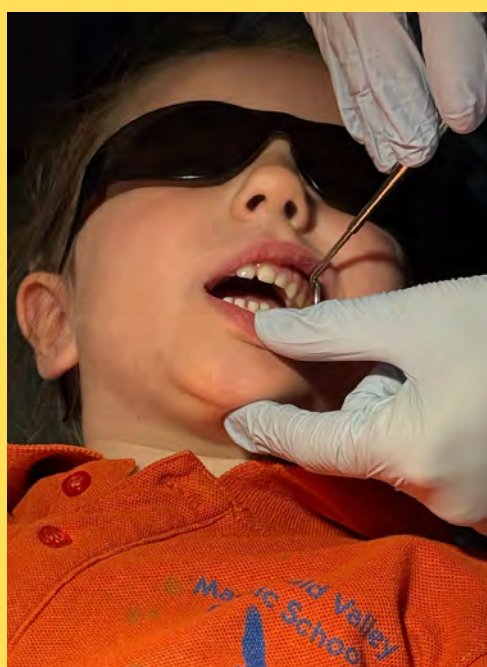
Our learning about 'Places' has inspired us to create artworks based on Garry Fleming's book 'So Close Your Eyes and Just Imagine'.



This week River Gum students were very fortunate to have a special visitor to their classroom - Author and Story Teller - Ruth Atkinson. Ruth unlocked the imaginations of our Kindergarten and Year 1 students by diving into the world of stories through puppetry and paper folding. Our students thoroughly enjoyed her lessons. As you can see we think Ms Allen did too! Thank you so much Ruth!



DENTAL HEALTH VISIT



A huge thank you to Nepean Dental Health for visiting our school once again this year for our annual dental health check visit.

Their team performed individual dental check ups for all of our students and our Family Day Care children.

We are so grateful to be able to provide this wonderful service to our school community.



COMMEMORATIVE MURAL FOR 180 YEARS OF MAC VALLEY!



It was so exciting to view the installation of our new Commemorative mural on Tuesday. Here are some of the progress pics taken during the morning...

School student travel information for parents and students

School Travel Passes

Students who require a School Opal card or travel pass but have not yet applied need to apply or update their details as soon as possible.

In the Opal network, students should travel with a Child/Youth Opal card until they receive their valid School Opal card. If outside Greater Sydney, parents should contact their local bus operator to discuss their travel needs.

Students living in rural and regional areas will receive their travel pass from their nominated transport operator. It may be issued via their school or be sent directly to them at home. Note: some rural and regional operators do not issue travel passes. Students/parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

Terms of Use

Students using School Opal cards must tap on and tap off in line with the Opal terms of use.

This includes travel within the approved times between 6.30am and 7.00pm from Monday to Friday on school days only. Students must use their Child/Youth Opal card for any travel outside these times.

All students are required to comply with the Student code of conduct. The code of conduct aims to ensure the safety and well-being of school children and other passengers. It is important that parents ensure their child is aware of this, as failure to comply with the code of conduct can result in a suspension from travel.



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ENVISIONING BRIGHTER FUTURES

At Envision Eyecare, we provide on-site comprehensive eye tests for students at school, aiming to detect any vision problems as early as possible.

We will also be extending our services to family members and the wider community.

To schedule an eye examination, please visit our website and register under the 'Contact Us' section.

OUR SERVICE:

- ✓ On-site program at school
- ✓ Comprehensive eye exams
- ✓ Bulk-billed under Medicare
- ✓ Free Spectacle Program for eligible students and members of the community

CONTACT US

0452 203 605
www.envisioneyecare.com.au

- We are here to support your child in getting the most out of their learning, which starts with them attending school every day.
- If your child cannot be at school because they are sick, have a medical appointment or other reasons, please inform us of their absence. You can contact our School Office on: 4568 2120



NEW everyday lunchbox ideas

Kids love variety and there are always new things to try.

Have you tried any new everyday lunchbox items recently?

Here's some ideas:

- Mini rice wheels
- Roasted fava beans
- Zucchini slice
- Scones – plain, fruit or with a thin spread of topping



Mini rice wheels



Fruit scone



Roasted fava beans

**THE SCHOOL
PHOTOGRAPHER**

Term 2

Thursday 8th May 2025

**COMING
SOON!**

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

MACDONALD VALLEY



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**



Windsor High School

SCHOOL TOUR

**Tuesday 18th
March 2025
4:30pm**

Our Principal, Mrs. Jennifer Hawken, and the senior executive team will meet visitors at the administration office at 4:30pm, followed by a tour of the school.

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 that are currently available at Windsor High School. 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.

**Bookings are essential.
Please contact the school
on 45877122 to reserve
your spot.**

Contact Us

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

Mulgrave Rd, McGraths Hill,
NSW 2756



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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, 2 April 2025 from 9am - 1pm
Location:	Glossodia Community Centre, 162 Golden Valley Drive, Glossodia
Contact:	To book in call Council's Road Safety Officer on (02) 4560 4278



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MACDONALD VALLEY



TERM 1, WEEK 5

There were lots of different wheels, vehicles, machines and things that go in Day Care this week. The children enjoyed a creating a different vehicle each day with craft materials. On Monday Logan wanted to make a helicopter, on Tuesday Jackson was keen to make a truck, on Wednesday the boys wanted to make a digger and on Thursday we had to make Zander's favourite - a train! The children also explored paint and vehicles, making tractor prints and car paintings. As well as our usual favourite songs we learnt some new ones - Hurry hurry fire truck and Edward tractor and the children loved exploring and playing in the road works sensory table. And a big thank you to Logan for bringing in his vehicle and machine books and toys to share with his friends.



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 time to be advised
in Term 2 2025

ALL WELCOME!

P&C Committee

President: Emily Streckfuss

Vice Presidents: Susan Walker & Ieva Aboltins

Secretary: Fiona Kelly

Treasurer: Tanya O'Neill

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