



Mac Valley Views

Newsletter - Week 8, Term 1, 2025

Principal: Sarah Allen



UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

Term 1/2 2025

- 24 Mar-7 Apr - Basketball lessons (Mondays)
- 12-24 Mar - NAPLAN
- 27 Mar - Small Schools
- 28 Mar - Swimming & Water Safety Yr 1-5
- 3-4 Apr - Envision Optometrists - eye tests
- 4 Apr - X Country Carnival at Maroota PS
- 11 Apr - Last day of Term 1, 2025
- 14-24 Apr - Autumn School Holidays
- 28-29 Apr - Staff Development Day
- 30 Apr - Students resume for Term 2 2025
- 8 May - School Photo Day
- 21 May - National Simultaneous Storytime
- 9 June - King's Birthday

Principal's Report

Dear Families and Friends,

...and we're back at The Y at Hawkesbury Oasis for another year of great swimming lessons! Miss Kat ensures that our children have the best instructors to support them to build confidence, learn essential water safety and swimming skills, and, of course very importantly, have fun in the water!

This is now the 4th year we have partnered with The Y at Hawkesbury Oasis and we truly value the opportunity they have provided for our students to learn how to swim. We look forward to and are excited for another year of swimming with our lovely instructors.

Please remember to book a spot for your free eye test with Envision Eyecare (see page 7). This is a great opportunity to have your eyes checked at no expense and with no long distance travel. Call the school if you would like more information. *Kind regards.....Sarah*



Stage 2/3 students have been learning about Harmony Week and values by reading "My Two Blankets" by Irena Kobold and started artworks connecting two cultures.



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

SWIMMING & WATER SAFETY



Thank you to the wonderful instructors at The Y at Hawkesbury Oasis for delivering the first of our Swimming & Water Safety lessons for Term 1 last Friday for students in Years 1-5.

Our students are transported to the Y's indoor swimming stadium at South Windsor twice per term to participate in water safety education and swimming lessons.

A huge thank you to Vella Iverson for supporting our school by advertising in our weekly newsletters. Their advertising contributions subsidise the cost of these lessons, enabling us to provide this important education program/life skill to our students.



SWIMMING & WATER SAFETY



RIVERGUM LEARNING



River Gum students had fun recently creating a puppet show theatre for their soft toy friends! We loved their enthusiasm performing in the show! We think the spectators loved it too!



"The World" in Playdough created by River Gum students





NAPLAN

Maddy has been working hard sitting her Year 5 NAPLAN exams over the past couple of weeks. Well done Maddy, we are super proud of you!



Merana Aboriginal Community Association for the Hawkesbury Inc



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TWILIGHT MARKETS

**FRIDAY
28 MARCH 2025
5PM - 8PM**

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March Birthdays!

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

17th - Luca

Happy Birthday
Luca!



Thank you to Luca's
mum for the yummy
cupcakes! Yumm!

Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



Learn



Build friendships



Develop life skills

education.nsw.gov.au



Minutes lost = days lost per year

A couple of minutes here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss days per year

5 mins
per day



=

3 days



30 mins
per day



=

18 days



**Patterns of lateness
can have a serious
impact on your child's
education.**

THE SCHOOL
PHOTOGRAPHER

Term 2

Thursday 8th May 2025

**COMING
SOON!**

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

MACDONALD VALLEY

FAMILY DAY CARE

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



envision eyecare
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

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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, 2 April 2025 from 9am - 1pm
Location:	Glasslodia Community Centre, 162 Golden Valley Drive, Glasslodia
Contact:	To book in call Council's Road Safety Officer on 052 4560 4278



childcarseats.com.au
An initiative of your local council as part of the Local Government Road Safety Program



MACDONALD VALLEY



TERM 1, WEEK 6

The children were just amazing visiting the dentist. They waited patiently for the dentists to arrive and set up, and then listened to and followed instructions really well. They were all weighed and had their height checked before entering the 'clinic' and having their teeth checked and counted. Well done everyone and thank you to all the Mums who were able to come in and take their little one in.

HAPPY 2ND BIRTHDAY ZANDER!

We had lots of fun celebrating Zander with our favourite games, craft and dancing. Thank you to Kim for bringing in beautiful homemade Paw Patrol cupcakes and also to Samantha for the yummy banana and chocolate cake to share.



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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