



Mac Valley Views

Newsletter - Week 10, Term 2, 2025

Principal: Sarah Allen



UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

Term 2/3 2025

- 4 July - Athletics Carnival at Maroota PS
- 4 July - Last day of Term 2
- 21 July - Staff Development Day
- 22 July - Students resume Term 3
- 24 July - Tennis lessons
- 25 July - MMWaC Longneck EEC Excursion
- 31 July - Tennis lessons
- 1 Aug - Primary Principal's Day
- 5 Aug - Small Schools Athletics Field events
- 8 Aug - Small Schools Athletics Track events

Reminder

Please approve online or return:

-Combined Athletics Carnival note
-180th Publicity Permission notes
-MMWaC Longneck Lagoon excursion note/payment

Principal's Report

Dear Families and Friends,

As we come to the end of another busy term, I'd like to thank everyone for their efforts and support. I hope you all enjoy a well-earned break, take time to rest, and recharge so you're ready to fight off those winter lurgies and return feeling well.

Our 180th commemorative garden is moving on well. Mr Hughes is keeping everyone abreast of its development by showing the children each stage and explaining what is happening. The children's comments show their understanding of the vision of the pond and waterfall in the garden - Luca; "that will look beautiful with our mural". Eddie; "It will look like the river in front of the mural". Jahan; "it would be good to have a bridge," to which Mr Hughes replied "there will be a bridge." Well, that was exciting news to the children!

If you haven't already, I encourage you to keep watching the 180th celebration videos. I know there are a lot of them, but they're well worth it. The videos are heart-warming, funny, and provide an amazing snapshot of how much our school means to so many people.

Enjoy the holidays — we look forward to seeing everyone back next term!

Kind regards.....Sarah



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THE TATER CHRONICLES



What a spud-tacular adventure we have all been having with our potato growing! Our mini garden enthusiasts have been digging into the dirt and get their hands a little grubby! They have been keeping their eye out for those green sprouts peeking through the soil like they're trying to get a glimpse of the outside world and they weren't disappointed. It was time for the grand harvest! Some of these potatoes are triple the size of the hands that planted them! Well done Mac Valley!



THE TATER CHRONICLES



We all had fun spending the whole day together Wednesday, making the most of the short bursts of sunshine and even enjoying some imaginative play with our umbrellas when it was raining lightly. Our day began using our measurement skills to sort the impressive potato crop from smallest to largest and estimating the total weight. All guesses were within a pretty close range, but Elza was spot on with her estimate of 7.5kg!



We used a variety of scales to experiment with balance and weight, discovering that we could balance the scales with 11 small potatoes on one side and just 1 large one on the other. Fabulous teamwork and a rich experiential learning opportunity. After a great discussion about potato recipes we look forward to hearing about what the students might cook at home with this wonderful crop.



MID YEAR REFLECTIONS



As Term 2 comes to a close, students reflected on their skills and achievements for the first half of the year, creating a beautiful flower representation of this with Mrs E. We then used a gorgeous leafy bunch of greens from the garden along with some yummy fruit to make a healthy green smoothie. We were so impressed that everyone tasted the green concoction. Jahan declared, "I don't like it, I love it!" Max enjoyed a few glasses of the smoothie as evidenced by his lovely green moustache.

Finger painting Trees: students completed a mixed medium artwork making finger painted trees using pencils, pens and paint. They creatively mixed their own paint colours to make a beautiful vibrant tree as unique as they are!



GREEN SMOOTHIE MAKING





Ms Mulic and Ms Allen



END OF TERM FRENCH - LE PARTIE!



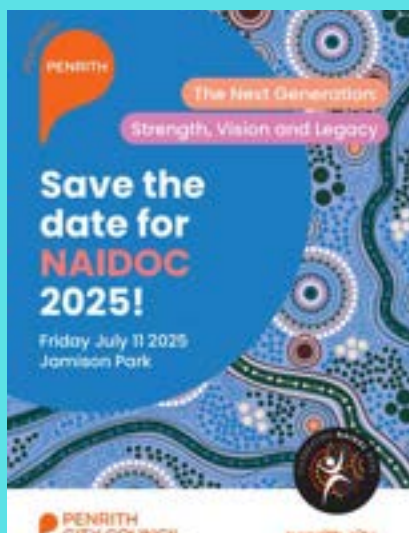
We all love our traditional end of term French party! Thank you Madame Catherine for all the yummy treats - Baby Belle and La Vache Qui Rit cheese and biscuits and croissants - plain and au chocolate! Topped off with a lovely juice or sparkling apple drink. Miam Miam!

Carers for school aged children are urgently needed.

Become a foster carer with Wesley Dalmar and make a difference.

Wesley Dalmar provides respite, temporary, adoption and permanent placements for children from birth to 18 years of age. Aftercare support is available for young people transitioning into adulthood.

Call 1300 325 627
Support, training and allowance provided.



HELP US CELEBRATE OUR 180th BIRTHDAY THIS YEAR!

Here are more reasons we love Mac Valley published on Facebook this week!
What's your reason? Contact us or send us an email! We'd love to hear from you!

Macdonald Valley Public School is celebrating 180 years this year!
We are considered to be the 3rd oldest continually operating government public school in NSW!

180 reasons!

To commemorate our 180th birthday this year we asked students, staff and parents (past and present), as well as visitors what they liked most about our school! We loved their responses!



Reason #37
Briony Windy Student!

We would love to hear from you as well!
Please contact us at macdonalddv-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au or via phone: 4568 2120



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Reason #38
Eric Windy Student!

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Reason #39
Joshua and Maxine (Year 4 students)

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Reason #40
Macdonald Valley Public School students and Family Day Care children

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Reason #41
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Reason #42
Hunter Year 1 Student

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Reason #43
Aurora Kindergarten student

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Calling all alumni!

Please share your memories and achievements!

Established in 1845, Macdonald Valley Public School is proud to be celebrating 180 years providing education to the St Albans and surrounding districts this year! We are considered to be the third oldest continually operating public school in NSW!

We would love to hear from former students, parents and staff and extend an invitation to join us at our 180th Community Celebrations on Friday 14th November 2025.

Please contact us at macdonalddv-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au or via phone: 4568 2120

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1845-2025
Celebrating
180 years!



Macdonald Valley Family Day Care

MACDONALD VALLEY



ENROLLING NOW FOR TERM 3!

VACANCIES MONDAY AND THURSDAY

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 Monday and Thursday.

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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NEXT WEEK

Our last week of Term 2 will be a pyjama and movie week! Children are welcome to stay in their PJs all day! If you would like to, please include a change of clothes for outdoor play.

On Thursday it is Banjo and Eden's last day with us, although it will be sad to see them go, we will have a fun party day for them!



NEXT TERM

Day Care has a few changes next term and will only be open Monday and Thursdays. We will miss Rachel on Wednesdays, but hopefully she will be back very soon.

We currently have two vacancies on Monday, and one on Thursday, so please let us know if you would any extra days for your little one/s.



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 in Term 3, 2025

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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