



Mac Valley Views

Newsletter - Week 10, Term 3, 2025

Principal: Sarah Allen



Well done Mac Valley on your participation in the MMWaC Academic Challenge!



We are so proud of all of you!



UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

Term 3/4 2025

- 26 Sep - Sausage Sizzle Friday!
- 26 Sep - Term 3 ends
- 27-Sep - 12 Oct - School holidays
- 13 Oct - Staff Development Day
- 14 Oct - Students resume for Term 4
- 16 Oct-13 Nov - Tennis lessons
- 17 Nov - 8 Dec - Gymnastics lessons

We would like to take this opportunity to wish our school community a

Happy Autumn Holiday!

We rely on our school community to remain vigilant in the holidays. Please report any security concerns to:

1300 880 021

We look forward to welcoming our students and staff back on Tuesday 14th October 2025!

Principal's Report

A huge thank you to all the wonderful parents and grandparents who came out on Sunday to help with the P&C working bee! We truly appreciate your time, energy and dedication; your support helps create a beautiful and welcoming environment for our students to learn and grow - and our chickens are very thankful that they have a safe coop to live in! Thank you for being such an amazing community!

We're thrilled to announce that the personalised pavers have arrived! Thank you to everyone who purchased one to support our commemorative garden project. These beautiful custom bricks will soon be placed as part of our evolving garden design. We can't wait to see the space come to life with your names, becoming a lasting part of our school!

It's been a busy but rewarding end of term for our senior students who have done us proud in a number of competitions. In the recent PSSA Chess Competition, our novice team held their own against tough competition, finishing 35th out of 60 teams — a fantastic effort for new chess players.

We also saw outstanding results in the inter-school Academic Challenge, where students competed against three other local schools. We're proud to share that in our stage we came 1st and 2nd in spelling, and 2nd and 3rd in mathematics. Clever kids!

It's been a full term and next term promises to be even bigger as we prepare to celebrate our 180th anniversary!

Wishing all our families a happy, safe, and restful holiday break!

Kind regards Sarah

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MMWAC ACADEMIC CHALLENGE



On Wednesday the senior students from Ganangdayi travelled to Cattai Public School to compete against other students from the Small Schools Network in an Academic Challenge. To say we are proud of their efforts and achievements is an understatement. Each student competed in both a spelling bee challenge and a numeracy challenge in front of an audience of teachers, parents and peers.

After an exciting competition, Elza was awarded first place in the spelling round for Years 3 and 4 while Max won second place in the same category. In the Years 3 and 4 numeracy challenge, Elza finished in second place while Max finished third. Maddie finished in sixth place for both spelling and numeracy in the Year 5 and 6 category, avoiding elimination for several rounds in a highly competitive field.

All of the Mac Valley students shone so brightly today and should be very proud of their outstanding efforts. Simply participating in the challenge was impressive in itself and we congratulate all students on their involvement.

We missed Ashton - who unfortunately could not attend - as we know he would have enjoyed the day as well.

We extend a big thank you to Cattai Principal Mr Hawkes for his organisation and for hosting us on the day. Please enjoy the lovely photos, I think their smiles say it all.

Ms Moss



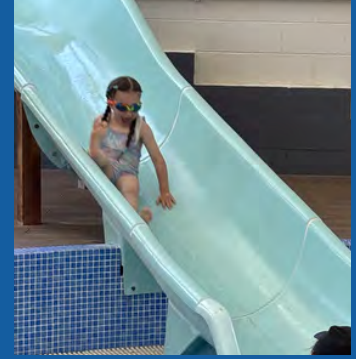


Ganangdayi students competed at the Hawkesbury PSSA Chess Competition this week coming 35th out of 60 teams! Well done Mac Valley! What a great result for our beginners!



HAWKESBURY PSSA
CHESS COMPETITION

SWIMMING & WATER SAFETY



It was another successful Swimming & Water Safety excursion to the Y at Hawkesbury Oasis last week! We can't wait for next Term's sessions.



A huge thank you to all the family and friends of Macdonald Valley Public School who assisted with the P&C's Working Bee last Sunday!

Looks like the kids and chickens all had a fabulous time as well!

Our chickens are now enjoying their beautiful new home thanks to our clever dads!





Thank you to Joan for her generous donation for Book Week of three beautiful new books for our Library!

Thank You



Students have been picking and taking home veggies including pak choi, carrots and dill. Our garden is in need of a little TLC, but there is still so much food to be found in it. Well done, veggie kids!



Mac Valley students enjoyed reading the stories that they have recently written to the Family Day Care children!

We think they enjoyed our visit as well!





Galston High School
presents



Alice in WONDERLAND

Wednesday 12th Nov
 Thursday 13th Nov
 Friday 14th Nov
 7pm



Book your
tickets now!



Tickets: <https://www.trybooking.com/DETGC>

HELP US CELEBRATE OUR 180th BIRTHDAY THIS YEAR!

There 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 #125

"Because we love to play
"Rob the Nest" in Fitness!"

MVPS River Gum students

We would love to hear from you as well!

Please contact us at macdonaldv-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
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Reason #126

Sarah Allen and Elza Aboltins
(Principal and Student)
Macdonald Valley PS

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A big thank you to the following businesses
for their generous support for our
180th Commemorative Birthday!

A huge THANK YOU to:

Bendigo Bank
The Settlers Arms
Tony Simpson and Co Law Firm

Your support of our school is very much
appreciated.



You are invited

to help us celebrate 180 years at Macdonald Valley PS

Date: Friday 14th November 2025

Time: 1.30pm for Official Presentation

3-5pm Open School

5-6pm Dinner

This is an open invitation for all to join us at our
180th Community Celebrations!

RSVP: Friday 31st October 2025

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Established in 1845

Macdonald Valley Public School is celebrating 180 years this year!

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.

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Are you coming to our 180th
Celebration on
Friday 14th November?

RSVP now to let us know for
catering purposes!

1845-2025

Celebrating 180 years!



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

Treasurer: Tanya O'Neill

Uniform Coordinator: Ieva Aboltins

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