



Mac Valley Views

Newsletter - Week 6, Term 3, 2025

Principal: Sarah Allen



UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

Term 3 2025

- 29 Aug - Hawkesbury Zone Athletics Carnival
- 1-5 Sep - SASS Recognition Week 2025
- 5 Sep - Swimming Program - all years
- 9 Sep - Stage 2 Leadership
- 18 Sep - Tennis lessons
- 19 Sep - Swimming Program - all years
- 22 Sep - PSSA Chess Competition - Yrs 4/5
- 25 Sep - Tennis lessons
- 26 Sep - Term 3 ends
- 13 Oct - Staff Development Day
- 14 Oct - Students resume for Term 4

Reminder

Please approve online or return:

-Polo shirt orders
-Swimming & Water Safety notes
-Commemorative Tea Towel Orders

Principal's Report

Dear Families and Friends,

A huge thank you to our school community for supporting the purchase of personalised pavers. These will be a lasting feature in our new commemorative garden, can't wait to see how Mr Hughes incorporates them into the garden design!

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Book Week celebrations, braving the wet weather to attend the parade and other book week activities. It was lovely for the children to have an audience for their dressing-up and to be able to share a good book with you.

We believe that reading opens doors to imagination, knowledge, and connection—thank you for helping us share this joy with our students.

Kind regards
.....Sarah



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BOOK WEEK!



LIBRARY EXCURSION



As you can see the children thoroughly enjoyed the Book Week activities at Windsor Library during their excursion last week! Thank you to the Sonia and the staff at Windsor Library for accommodating our school and to Ms Moss for assisting with transport on the day!



LIBRARY EXCURSION





Who is old enough to remember using these rods in school? And can you remember what they are called? Cuisenaire rods - a fantastic (and old) resource for teaching multiple concepts in Maths. Our senior students are currently using them to explore equivalent fractions.



Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

Please let us know if your child is absent...

The wellbeing of our students is extremely important to us.

One way we protect the wellbeing of your child is by fulfilling our responsibilities as both parents/carers and school staff by reporting and monitoring student absences.

Please always contact **the School Office** on **4568 2120** or via the **School Email**.

This is best done early in the morning if your child is going to be away or late for school so your child's absence can be recorded correctly and we can provide appropriate support for you and your family.

For your convenience absences can also be recorded by parents in the School Bytes Parent Portal.

Doctors Certificates (for absences of 3 days or more) can also be uploaded to the Portal.

NSW Department of Education

Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to:



Learn



Make friends



Build skills through fun

Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just... they miss weeks per year and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight = **4** weeks = Over **1** year missed

1 day per week = **8** weeks = Over **2.5** years missed

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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 #96

MVPS students

We would love to hear from you as well!

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

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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 12th September 2025

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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.

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

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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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