



Mac Valley Views

Newsletter - Week 7, Term 3, 2025

Principal: Sarah Allen



UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

Term 3/4 2025

- 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
- 16 Oct - Tennis lessons



Reminder

Please return:

-Polo shirt orders
-Commemorative Tea Towel Orders

Principal's Report

Dear Families and Friends,

This week we celebrate our wonderful support staff as part of the School Administrative and Support Staff (SASS) recognition Week. To the amazing Mrs Stafford, we say thankyou for being not only the warm and welcoming face of the school both in the office and over the phone, but for being an incredible professional, managing the school finances and resources, communication, human resources, student records and enrolments, facilities and operations...basically everything that keeps the school running so great teaching and learning can happen without disruption. She is ably supported on a Friday by Mrs Kelly, who has recently joined us and seamlessly stepped into the admin role to support the daily school operations.

To Mr Hughes we say thankyou for creating and maintaining our inspirational garden and grounds. We boast a frog pond, two waterfalls and two fishponds - totally unheard of in a school! His vision, creativity and hard work ensure that everyone who drives into our grounds comments on its beauty. It's clear to see what his motivation is when he watches with immense pleasure as the children play 3 billy goats gruff on the bridge that goes across the new pond!

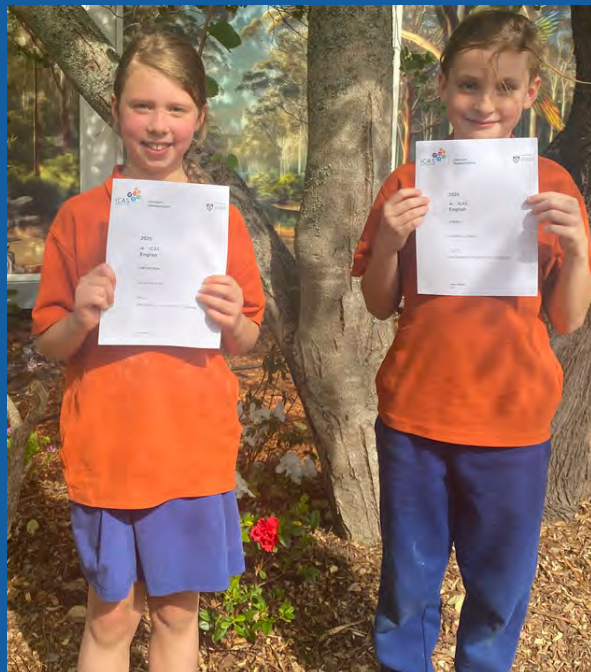
Our school wouldn't be the place it is without Nicole, Mick and Fiona's commitment, care and attention to detail.

During SASS Recognition Week, and every week, we thank you for all you do. You make a real difference in the lives of our students and the entire school community. *Kind regards Sarah*

Inspiring Joyful Learning



Our Year 4/5 students, under the expert guidance of Ms Moss, cooked up a storm today to organise a special SASS lunch of a cheese platter, pumpkin soup with freshly made bread and a delicious yoghurt dessert served with with fruit kebabs for Mr Hughes, Mrs Stafford and Mrs Kelly for SASS Recognition Week. Well done, they absolutely loved it! Students served the lunch with style and panache!



Well done to all of our Year 4/5 students for participating in the ICAS English Competitions and congratulations to Elza on achieving a Distinction and Max for achieving a Credit award. ICAS (International Competitions and Assessments for Schools) are a series of online, skills-based academic competitions for primary and secondary school students worldwide, assessing higher-order thinking and problem-solving skills in subjects like English, Mathematics and Science.

Congratulations also to Elza on achieving 3rd place in her heat at the Hawkesbury Zone Athletics Carnival.

Thank you to the Department of Education for all the work they have been doing around our school lately. There has been repairs to our playground area and a topsoil delivery and a generator was supplied to assist the school with the power outage on Tuesday!

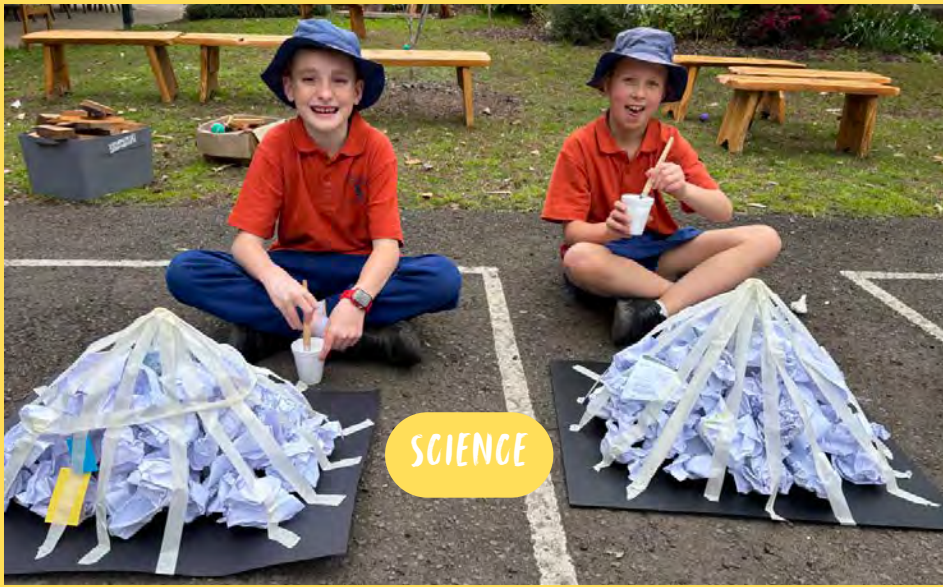


**FRENCH WITH
MADAME CATHERINE!**

Students enjoyed sampling a special gateaux in French lessons this week - miam, miam! Thank you Madame Catherine for always make French so special!

TENNIS LESSONS

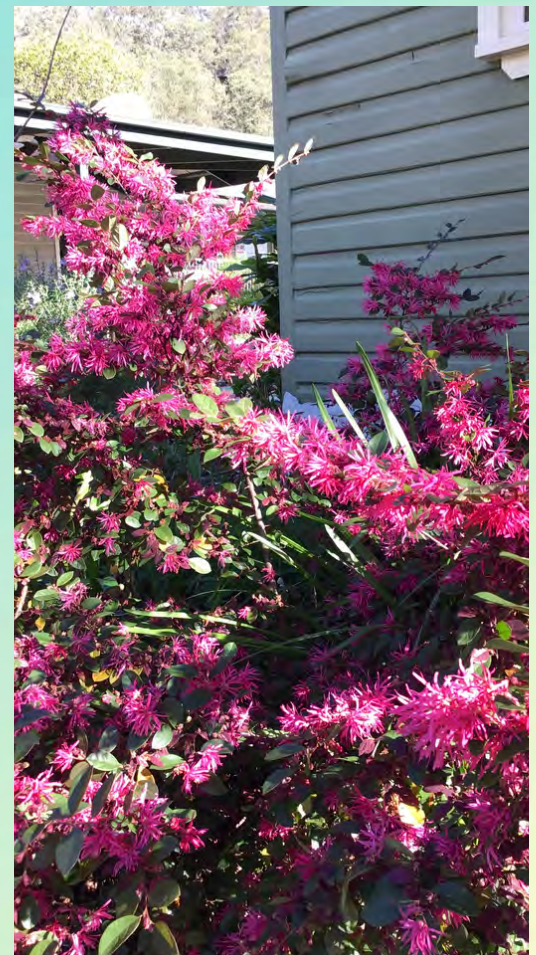




Year 4/5 students have been making paper mache volcanoes! We look forward to sharing the final results soon!



River Gum students have been on a search for "Gratitude and appreciation" - important qualities to foster in our children. A wonderful way to do it is to start where we learn and go in search of beautiful things that make us happy and help create a wonderful place to be. We are so lucky! Plovers nesting and protecting their eggs, flowers blooming and places to play imaginative games (the beautiful thing was to watch their joy as they played).





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 #105

Ms Allen (Principal) &
Mrs Stafford (SAM) with
MVPS 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 #103

Maxwell O'Neill
MVPS Student

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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.

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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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