

Mimosa Matters

Friday 17th October, 2025



We acknowledge that our school is, was and always will be situated on Aboriginal land. We respectfully acknowledge the Elders past, present and emerging of the Saltwater People and thank them for taking care of this beautiful bushland on which we live, learn and grow over thousands of years. We extend our respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and welcome them to our school.

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Important Dates

- 20th October - Mimosa Great Book Swap
- 20th October- Year 2 Swim Scheme begins
- 22nd - 24th October - Year 5 Camp
- 24th October - Kindy Gibbergong Excursion
- 27th - 28th October - STAR Kindy 2026 Orientation
- 28th October - P&C Meeting Online
- 3rd - 4th November - STAR Kindy 2026 Orientation
- 10th November - Year 6 Camp
- 11th November - Remembrance Day
- 13th November - Davidson High Performing Arts Evening
- 14th November - Instrument Trials for 2026 Training Band
- 18th November - Training Band Parent Information Evening
- 19th November - Kindy Proms 10am - 11am
- 25th November - Year 6 Fair
- 27th November - Surf Skills Program



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Principal's Update



Dear Families and Friends,

Welcome to Term 4! We have many new families commencing with us this week and I warmly welcome them to the Mimosa Public School community. We hope that everyone took the time to rest and relax over the spring break and have returned ready for an exciting Term 4. We have camps, excursions, student leadership and many other end of year activities planned over the next 9 weeks, so please ensure you reference our calendar regularly.

I have loved returning this week and reconnecting with our students and families after a lovely break at the end of Term 3. I would like to sincerely thank Mrs Fiona Smith, the executive and administration team who did an outstanding job leading the school during my absence. It was certainly a busy time, with many wonderful events and student achievements. As always, I am very grateful for the exceptional team at Mimosa PS who provide such incredibly rewarding experiences for our students.

Student Leadership

Our Year 5 students have commenced the selection process for the 2026 Student Leadership positions and we are looking forward to working with all students over the coming weeks to fulfill the various roles available for 2026. Whilst all Year 6 students are school leaders in various capacities, the official positions include:

- Student Leadership Team
- House Captains
- Dance and Band Captains
- Library Monitors
- Green Team
- Technology Team
- Wellbeing Ambassadors

We look forward to announcing the new leaders towards the end of this term.

New School Website

We are excited to inform you that our website is currently undergoing a renovation and will be ready for our community to explore from Week 6 this term. We hope to provide a vibrant new feel and an easy to navigate experience for our community.

Swimming Carnival - Friday Week 9



Due to the success of our swimming carnival last year, we have made the decision to again hold our swimming carnival at the end of this term, rather than at the beginning of next year. The carnival will be available for all students currently in Years 2-5, along with any Year 1 students who will be turning 8 in 2026 and are already competitive swimmers. Our newly appointed House Captains will be leading this event and it will be a lovely event to enjoy at the end of the year.



Class Formation for 2026

It is hard to believe that we will shortly commence the process of forming classes for 2026! To assist in this process, please advise the office as soon as possible if you will no longer be attending Mimosa next year.

Our class formation processes have been sent out this week. **Parents will have the opportunity to submit any significant or updated information by no later than Friday Week 6 (21st November).** Parents wishing to provide such information should do so via email marked: Student Information 2026 to: mimosa-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

As stated clearly in the information distributed, great care is taken when forming classes each year to ensure the best possible outcomes for every student.

Student Allocation Process:

The allocation of individual students to particular classes will be based upon the individual needs of students which may be social, intellectual, emotional or physical. The identification of these needs will be achieved through:

- Professional deliberations of staff who are familiar with each student.
- Consideration of academic and wellbeing data.
- Student's educational history (previous classes, special circumstances etc).
- Student's nomination of positive peer relationships (5 students nominated per student - allowing each student to be allocated to a new class with at least one of their nominated peers).
- Parent presentation of significant information about their child (health, history, social or emotional factors).

Composite Classes

We often receive questions from parents regarding **composite classes**. In reality, every class is actually a composite class when you consider that there may be up to an 18 month age gap between students in a class, and a range of up to 4 grades in achievement levels between students within any given class.

Great care is taken by our teaching team to determine the most suitable students for a composite class to ensure a positive experience, both socially and academically, for our students. If a composite class is formed for 2026 and your child is selected for it, you will be notified before the end of the year.

Band Tour



Congratulations to our students who attended the 3 day band tour at the end of last term. We have received outstanding feedback from the schools they performed at regarding not only their incredible performances, but also their respectful behaviour, friendliness and cooperative spirit. What lovely feedback to receive!

Our thanks to Mrs Lucy-Rose Tyler for her organisation of the tour, and to their conductor Mr Gerald Steinman and accompanying teachers, Mrs Renee Phegan, Mrs Melissa Ord and Ms Alice Shaddick. Thank you also to our parents who supported the event planning and execution, especially Mr Mark and Mrs Tanya Robb.



Until next time,

Mrs Leesa Martin
Principal



Proud to be public!



Questions, Suggestions, Thanks or Congratulations

Do you have a question or a suggestion for our school or would just like to say Thank you or congratulations? As our part of our commitment to building and maintaining an inclusive school community where all voices are heard, we invite parents and carers to use this link to our Questions, Suggestions, Thanks or Congratulations form to share their thoughts.

[Link here](#)

Questions asked, suggestions made, or thanks and congratulations received will be shared through our newsletter where appropriate.

Deputy Principal's Update

Deputy Principal's Report – Term 4 – Week 1

Presentation Day Assemblies

The annual Presentation Day assemblies for students are a celebration of learning that has occurred throughout the year. They are events where outstanding effort and achievement, personal growth and good citizenship is recognised and celebrated.

This year, Kindergarten and Stage 1 assemblies will be celebrated separately. At both assemblies students will reflect on their school year, some awards will be presented and the students will entertain the audience with their singing.

At the 3-6 assembly, a range of awards are presented, the new student leaders for 2026 will be formally announced and the Senior Band will perform.

If your child is receiving an end of year award (Years 1-6), you will be notified by the school via email. All Kindergarten students will receive a certificate. Parents are most welcome to attend these assemblies. If you would like to join us, please take note of the dates and times below.

Kindergarten	Tuesday 9th December	Mimosa PS hall	9:30am – 10:45am
Years 1 & 2	Tuesday 9th December	Mimosa PS hall	11:30am – 12:45pm
Years 3-6	Monday 8th December	Davidson High School hall	9:30am – 11:00am

Positive Behaviour for Learning

In Term 4, Pink Kirinari Merits will continue to be distributed in Weeks 1-6. Students have the opportunity to be awarded a Pink Kirinari when they consistently demonstrate the school values across different settings.

Respect	Responsibility	Effort	Resilience
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Week	Focus Setting
1	Playground
2	Moving Around the School
3	Assembly
4	Canteen
5	Lining Up
6	Office
7	Toilets
8-10	All settings

If your child has collected 3 Values Certificates for one of the values (E.g. 3 x Effort certificates), please ask them to bring their 3 certificates to the school office. They will then be awarded a values badge at the next assembly.

Transition to Davidson High School

A group of students who are transitioning to Year 7 at Davidson High School have been working with a group of Year 9 Multimedia students to produce a short video about moving from primary school to high school. This week our students developed questions they have about high school, and today they have been filmed asking their questions. We are looking forward to hearing the answers to all of our questions in the video when it will be produced in the coming weeks.

Kind regards,
Fiona Smith
Deputy Principal

IN TRAINING



CHESSIE HAS BEEN A BUSY LITTLE IN TRAINING THERAPY DOG AT MIMOSA. UNDER THE CARE OF HER SPECIAL DOG TRAINER, LAUREN, LITTLE MISS CHESSIE IS QUICKLY LEARNING HOW TO CALMLY BEHAVE AT SCHOOL. HER MUMMY, MRS WOODWARD, IS DOING A FANTASTIC JOB TRAINING CHESSIE AND MRS FERRARI IS ALSO LEARNING HOW TO BEST SUPPORT CHESSIE AT SCHOOL.

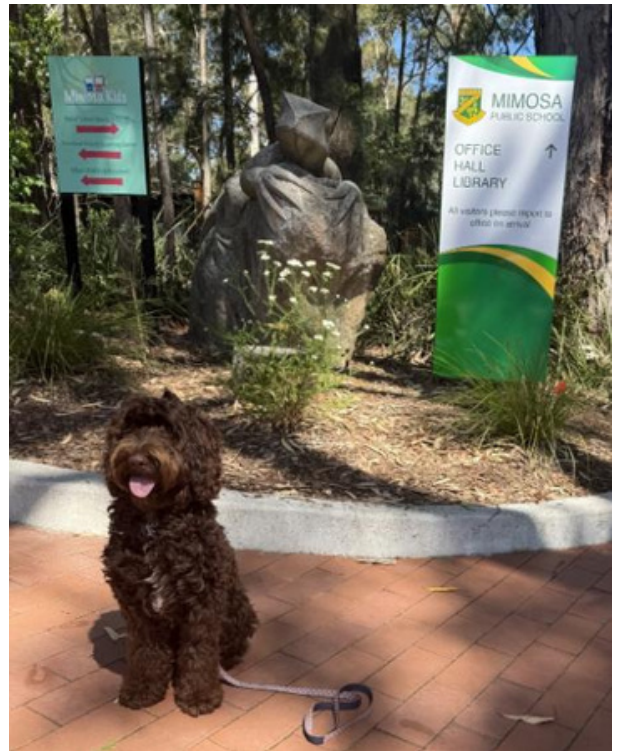
CHESSIE WOULD LOVE TO THANK ALL THE WONDERFUL MIMOSA CHILDREN WHO ARE SENSIBLY FOLLOWING THE RULES WHEN THEY SEE HER, ALLOWING HER THE BEST SUCCESS WITH HER TRAINING. WE ALL KNOW THIS MEANS.....



✓ KEEPING A NICE CALM DISTANCE FROM CHESSIE WHEN SEEING HER AROUND THE SCHOOL.

✓ APPROACHING CHESSIE ONLY WHEN YOU HAVE BEEN GIVEN PERMISSION BY HER HANDLER.

CHESSIE LOVES IT WHEN SHE SEES CHILDREN GIVING HER A FRIENDLY WAVE INSTEAD OF CALLING OUT HER NAME. WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE CHESSIE'S CONFIDENCE GROW AND HER JOIN BENJI, OUR CALM THERAPY BUNNY, TO SUPPORT AND HELP ENCOURAGE OUR STUDENTS WITH THEIR READING.



Year 4 PE

These Year 4 legends used problem solving and team work during our weekly PE lesson to score a hole in one for their team! The ultimate 100 point winner Kira, was the first to score on the ultra hard long distance target set up by Mr F.



Garden Club News

Garden Club News

Last term Garden Club was still quite productive, despite it being a winter term.

We removed dead growth and maintained the weeds while harvesting the last of our produce, including one last pumpkin, some varieties of spinach and our herbs. Students enjoyed pumpkin muffins, which were a BIG hit, made with home grown pumpkin puree, as well as spinach and herb pizza slices with feta and some little pumpkin bread puffs made with grated pumpkin!

This term we have had some soil delivered which will be a lot fun when we top up the garden beds ready for our Summer crops! Garden Club is on every Wednesday lunch, after eating time. Come and join the fun!

C. Littlefield
Science Teacher



Recycling



Well done Mimosa, for all your recycling efforts in Terms 2 and 3!

I have dropped off two more bags of whiteboard markers and textas to officeworks, where they will be repurposed into new stationery items.

I also put a multitude of batteries into the Woolworths Glenrose battery recycling box, where they will separate the components for use in other products. Did you know that 95% of the components of a battery can be recycled?

FYI, in case you hadn't noticed, Woolworths has reinstated their soft plastic recycling, so families can recycle their own soft plastic at Glenrose. Don't forget to snip off any paper stickers, such as delivery labels or use-by-date stickers, so it doesn't contaminate the waste stream. Be the change you want to see in the world. These bags are recycled and made into many different practical products, such as garden beds, bollards and seating.

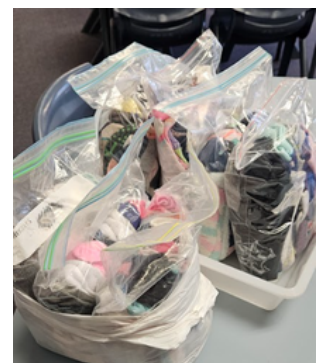
Our Garden Club has also boosted their \$ total, via the in-school return and earn scheme and we are ready to buy seedlings for the next growing season!

The most exciting news of all though is that, thanks to our community, we have collected enough clean old socks to provide most classrooms with 'sock dusters' for 2026, which will eliminate the need for plastic-backed whiteboard dusters, including our itty-bitsy teeny-weeny impact on the manufacturing, packaging and transport of these products. A huge thank you to all who have contributed their clean old socks. We will still collect clean used socks to further boost our supplies, as currently it is on a 1 sock-ish between 2 students basis throughout K-6.

We will also continue to recycle prescription glasses through the initiative at Forestway OPSM, where prescription glasses will go to remote communities (no sunglasses, nor glasses cases sorry) and I will recycle any batteries and oral care items, as well as the whiteboard markers, textas and highlighters that we use at Mimosa.

What could you do at home? Be the solution, not the pollution.

C. Littlefield
Science Teacher



Bush Regeneration

Last term in weeks 9 and 10, 4O and KG planted some native tubestock around the front entrance of our school and in the garden around the KG classroom. These native plantings will add to Mimosa's diversity of plants and when grown some more, will encourage a wide range of animal species to inhabit the area as well. Students planted species such as Dianella, Acacia, Bottlebrush and lovely scented Native Mint.

In addition to this beautification, KG has made some gorgeous labels for our new native flora using Artline pens and watercolours. Our community will be able to easily identify each species of plant as they grow. Look at some of their stunning Acacia, Callistemon and Banksia labels in the following pages.

A HUGE thank you to Griffin and Jeanna (Remi KG) for facilitating this planting for us and showing our students how to successfully plant up tubestock and educating them about their growth, further greening our beautiful school grounds.

C. Littlefield

However, this is just the beginning....

Mimosa Public School contains one of the last fragments of critically endangered "Duffy's Forest" bushland in Northern Sydney, and we think it's worth protecting for our kids, the school, and the wider community.

There are 100 year old trees in the school with galah and cockatoo families living in their hollows, and there's even a resident echidna!

Multiple generations of Mimosa parents have taken time out of their busy lives to care for this bushland, and we want to continue this tradition.

What is bushcare?

Bush care is the practice of restoring degraded bushland areas into healthy natural ecosystems. We will be controlling weeds, improving wildlife habitat and planting local native species.

Our aims:

- A monthly bushcare meetup with planting, weeding and caring for the bush on the school grounds.
- A quarterly working bee for the wider school community with food, educational workshops, planting and improving the school grounds.

This group will be:

Kid-friendly
Beginner-friendly
Educational

Please reach out via our email mimosabushcare@outlook.com to register your interest - many hands make light work!

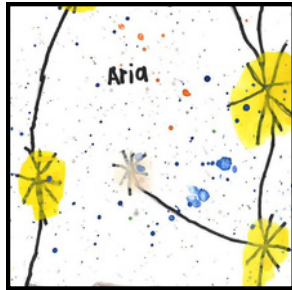
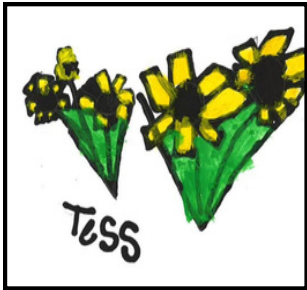
Griffin and Jeanna



See photos of our local flora below



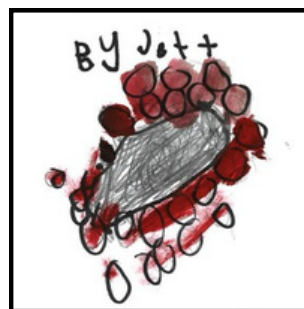
White Wattle – Acacia Linifolia



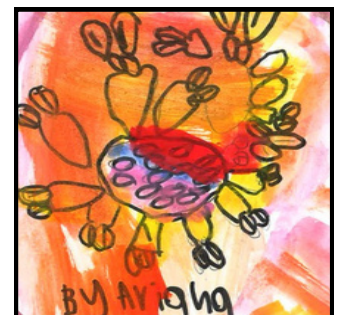
Bush Pea – Pultenaea Daphnioides



Saw-Sedge - Gahnia Seiberana



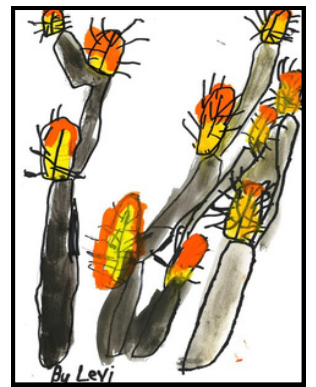
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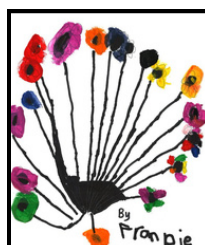
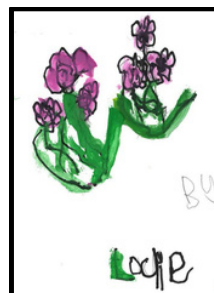
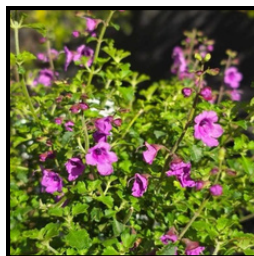
Lantern Banksia - Banksia Ericifolia



Lantern Banksia - Banksia Ericifolia



Native Thyme – Prostanthera Incisa



Sydney North Athletics Carnival

On Monday, 22nd September, 17 students from Mimosa attended the Sydney North Area Athletics Carnival at Homebush. The level of competition at this regional level is highly competitive, with many students in attendance receiving specialist coaching through Little Athletics or private tuition. Our students performed admirably and should be extremely proud of their results. Many students achieved PB's in their events and represented our school with honour and pride.

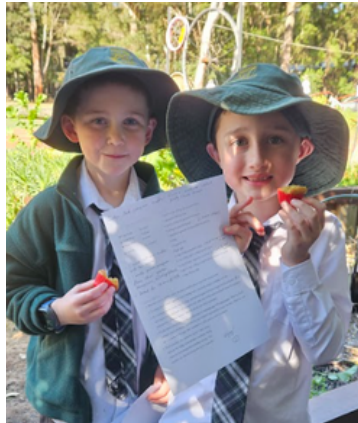
Special mention must be made of **Rahni M (9yrs 100m)**, who has qualified for the NSWPSA State Athletics Championships next week. This is an enormous effort and she has certainly put in the dedication at training to achieve such wonderful results. We wish you all the very best Rahni!

Mimosa PS Results

<u>Juniors</u>	<u>11yrs</u>	<u>Seniors</u>
Ella O 8yrs Girls 100m: 30 th	Finn S 11yrs Boys 100m: 27 th 11yrs Boys High Jump: 4 th 11yrs Boys Long Jump: 11 th	Leo B 12yrs Boys 100m: 25 th Senior Boys 200m: 21 st
Rahni M 9yrs Girls 100m: 3 rd <i>(qualified for NSWPSA)</i> Junior Girls 200m: 17 th	Charlie L 11yrs Boys 200m: 20 th	Lucy W 12yrs Girls 100m: 15 th Senior Girls 200m: 17 th Senior Girls Long Jump: 10 th
Ella W 9yrs Girls 100m: 25 th	Addison B 11yrs Girls Discus: 15 th	Anthony M 13yrs Boys 100m: 11 th
Daniel M 10yrs Boys 100m: 12 th Junior Boys Long Jump: 7 th		Freya T Senior Girls 800m: 8 th Senior Girls 1500m: 10 th
Poppy M 10yrs Girls 100m: 20 th		Mia T Senior Girls High Jump: 21 st
Isabella W Junior Girls Long Jump: 21 st		SENIOR GIRLS RELAY Lucy W, Mia T, Charlie M & Isla M 12 th
JUNIOR GIRLS RELAY Rahni M, Ruby I, Isabella W & Poppy M 6 th		

Mathew Duff
Assistant Principal

Photo Gallery



Comprehensive Excellence



Davidson
HIGH SCHOOL

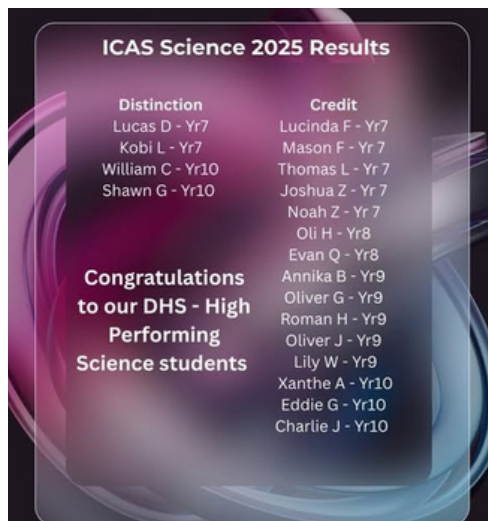
Davidson's Science Stars

Congratulations to our DHS Science Stars!

We are so pleased for our students who achieved Distinctions and Credits in the ICAS Science 2025 competition.

Your hard work, curiosity, and dedication to Science have truly paid off — what an outstanding achievement!

Well done to all our high performing students.



Year 12 HSC Nominations

Congratulations to our talented Year 12 students who have been nominated for the following categories:

SHAPE - The SHAPE exhibition recognises outstanding student projects from across the state, celebrating creativity, innovation, and excellence in design and technology.

Harry N (Industrial Technology - Metals and Engineering)

Asia B (Industrial Technology - Multimedia)

Hikari M (Industrial Technology - Multimedia)

ENCORE - Encore is a showcase of exemplary works from the HSC Music course. It is a highly sought after award and an honour to be nominated.

Lalo R (Yr 11) - Lalo is an accelerated Music 2 student

CALLBACK nominations for HSC Dance.

Chloe L. (Core and Major Performance)

Nikita G. (Core Performance)

Sienna H. (Core and Major Performance).

Davidson High School's Ensembles

Evening 2025

Get ready for an unforgettable evening as Davidson High School's talented Performing Arts Ensembles take to the stage for a spectacular Variety Show - packed with music, dance, and drama!

Featuring special guest performances from our brilliant Primary School HPGE stars. This is a night of entertainment you won't want to miss!

Come cheer, clap, and be amazed - it's one night of endless talent!

Tickets can be purchased from Glen St Theatre - <https://glenstreet.com.au/what-s-on/davidson-high-schools-ensembles-evening-2025>



Year 12 Last Day

Whata journey for Year 12 - The Class of 2025. We are extremely proud of this year's cohort and wish them all the best for the HSC starting this week.





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or REGISTER FOR 2026

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**MUSIC KEYBOARD CLASSES AT MIMOSA PS
LESSON ON FRIDAY 3.20-4.05PM OR 4.05-4.50PM**

Limited vacancy!

- *45-minute weekly sessions in small groups.*
- *Instrument not required initially.*
- *\$33 per session – follows the school term. New students are welcome to join mid-term.*
- *Ideal for beginners!*



**Music helps build confidence, focus,
creativity and it is a lot of fun too!**



**To enrol, call 9411 3122 or visit:
www.learnmusicatschool.com.au**



CHESS!!

Learn to be a chess champion! Coaching for students at Mimosa Public School is held on Fridays from 3:15pm to 4:15pm, starting on 17 October 2025.

Learning and playing chess helps children develop their logical thinking and problem solving skills, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment. Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chess board or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving and fun practice games.

Students earn merit awards by making checkmates, or by displaying skills and positive qualities, which all good chess players strive to develop.

Each student in the Chess program will also receive access to Chess Squad <https://www.chesssquad.com/> which is an online teaching/playing platform.

If your child is interested in taking part in the class, please email office.sydneyacademy@gmail.com for an enrolment form. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.

