

Macdonald Valley Public School

Weekly Newsletter

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24/11/2022

Dear Families,

To acknowledge our wonderful community, school community of families and the Rural Fire Service, I would like to invite you all to our end of year community BBQ breakfast on Thursday 8th December, beginning at 8am. Together with the Australian Tennis Foundation we will be providing the food for the community and there will be tennis clothing and equipment to give away and gift vouchers for all the children. We are looking forward to seeing as many people as possible for breakfast to celebrate the end of the year! Please see Page 9 for more details.

As you can see by the beautiful photos and video on Facebook, our incredibly talented and creative General Assistant, Mr Hughes, has built a waterfall and fishpond for us. I cannot express just how lovely it is to sit in the playground or our classroom and hear the water tumbling down. Surrounded by flowers, ferns, hydrangeas and gardenias, it is a place of serenity and beauty. Thank you Mr Hughes for giving us such a gift of peace.



Our students continue to be a source of pride. Stage 2 attended an enrichment course at Longneck Lagoon yesterday. Today I received a phone call from the Principal of the Longneck Lagoon Environmental Education Centre congratulating the children on being such sociable, engaged, curious and just all round natural and nice kids. To have our children acknowledged in this way by a principal who sees hundreds of children is a very special and rare accolade. Well done to our beautiful students.

Sarah

Sarah Allen - Principal

Upcoming dates to remember.....

25 Nov	Robotics/Sport-Maroota PS
29 Nov	Year 7 Orientation Day-HS
7 Dec	Swimming Program - Oasis
8 Dec	Community BBQ Breakfast
15 Dec	Presentation Assembly
16 Dec	Last day of school T4 for students
19-20 Dec	Staff Development Day
27 Jan	Staff Development Day
30 Jan	Staff Development Day

November Birthdays

5 Nov - Elza
7 Nov - Mrs Walker
14 Nov - Matilda



Happy Birthday!



Dyarubbin Exhibition & Library Excursion

Last Monday students visited the Dyarubbin Exhibition at the Hawkesbury Regional Gallery. This program links to the History unit - Community and Remembrance, that they have been studying this term.

While they were in Windsor students also visited the Hawkesbury Central Library to explore their collection and facilities.

Here's what they had to say about the excursion.....

Elza

On Monday we went to the Dyarubbin Exhibition. My favourite part was the colourful glass eels. The eels travelled a long way. The Dharug people believe that Gurungatty, the eel, created the rivers. I think it was very clever to make the glass and colourful eels.



Alex

On Monday we went to the Dyarubbin Exhibition Centre. We saw Aboriginal Art on the rock wall. The Aboriginal people carved in the cave. The Aboriginal people carved in the rock.



We were interested in the Lego. We were at the Library in Windsor and we looked at the cool Lego truck and crane.



Adelaide

On Monday, my school friends and I went to the Hawkesbury Deerubbin Centre in Windsor.

The first place we went to was the Art Gallery. At the gallery was a special exhibition about indigenous people of this region, their culture, tools and stories. We saw all sorts of art. I especially liked how the pictures told a story just using drawings. The gallery also had indigenous tools like the Bula Guni which is also known as yam digging sticks. Yam digging sticks were only used by women. Every woman had different detailed yam digging sticks. Yam sticks were used to dig up yams. Sometimes the yam sticks were used to fight. This method of fighting would probably be very effective because the sticks were made of hardwood and could give you a big donk on the head!

I believe I learnt things I wouldn't have known before walking into this gallery.



Braiden

On Monday MVPS went to the Deerubbin Centre in Windsor for an exhibition. We listened to facts and looked at art and paintings. We interacted with a nice sized handmade map made from sand and rocks showing the river from Yarramundi to the reserve.

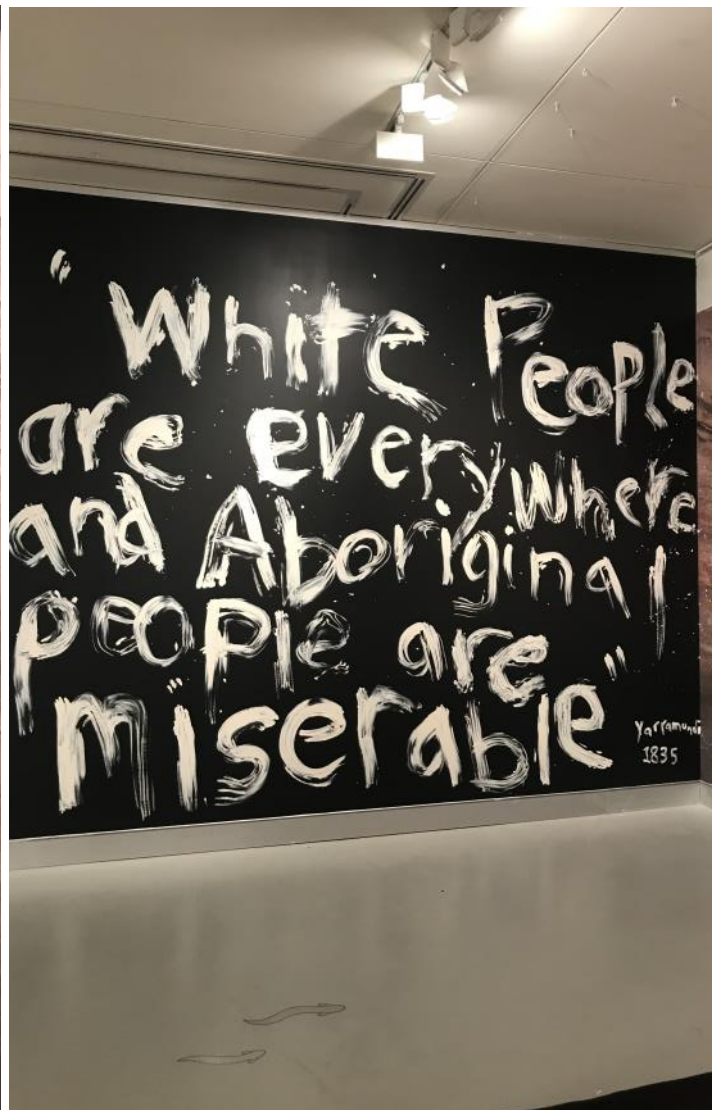
After going to see the map, we looked at a big picture of a cave with rock art on it. NO ONE saw the huge figure in the middle of the cave painting that I saw clear as day! Once we had finished looking at the painting, we went into the craft room. We did some rubbings with animal outlines. If you don't know what rubbings are, here is an explanation. A rubbing is when you get a sheet of paper then lay it on stone or something with an indented outline in it, then you get a crayon of any colour and shade on the paper over the outline.

I enjoyed all the things that I saw and had a good time looking at the pictures and the handmade art. I'm just adding this, but there was a canoe made out of bark that was the coolest thing I saw.

**Max**

On the 21/11/22 we went to the Dyarubbin Exhibition.

I picked this picture to write about because it was what the people believed almost 200 years ago. It was interesting to see how Aboriginal people may have felt a long time ago.






Pottery with Ms Priestley

Our students are thoroughly enjoying their pottery classes with Ms Priestley each Thursday.

They have been making birds out of pottery.

They had the choice of making "real" birds or unique, fantasy birds of their own creation.

We can't wait to see the end result.

Thank you so much to Ms Priestley for teaching us how to use clay.



Our new pond!

Mr Hughes has been working very hard this term constructing a new pond to enhance the surroundings of our water tank mural. Our students have been assisting him in choosing the appropriate locations for our new plants.

He has created such a beautiful, serene setting for our reading sessions each morning and our students are looking forward to adding fish life and incorporating science experiments into this unique water feature as well. This area really is a work in progress at the moment which we look forward to sharing with our school community as it evolves.

Thank you so much Mr Hughes. We all really appreciate your hard work.



In the Garden...

Students participated in a Spring time planting session with Ms Moss and Mrs Killian last week. We can't wait to see the results of their hard work!



Longneck Lagoon Enrichment Program Stage 2

Katie, Annabel and Harvey visited Longneck Lagoon Environmental Education Centre yesterday to participate in an Enrichment Program for Stage 2 students.

Students investigated a freshwater ecosystem there, collecting and identified aquatic animals, using microscopes and water testing kits.

They then discussed their findings and looked at developing strategies to protect the wetland.






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You're invited to celebrate...

MACDONALD VALLEY PUBLIC SCHOOL'S PRESENTATION DAY

Thursday, 15th December, 2022
 @ 1pm

St Albans Hall
 7 Upper Macdonald Rd
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 RSVP: 4568 2120 by 9th December, 2022





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Macdonald Valley Public School, together with The Australian Tennis Foundation, invites our school and local community to a special

Community Breakfast BBQ


At 8:00am
on Thursday, December 8, 2022

To say "a huge thank you to our Rural Fire Service" for their invaluable assistance to our community during recent flood and past fire events and also to acknowledge the resilience and supportive efforts of our amazing community.

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RSVP by 5.8.22 to macdonaldv-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au or phone: 4568 2120 for catering purposes

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A big thank you to the following individuals and businesses for their generous donations for our Presentation Day ceremony.

Thank you to...

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Mrs Susan Walker

Ms Joan Opbroek

Ms Robyn Preston, MP - NSW Parliament

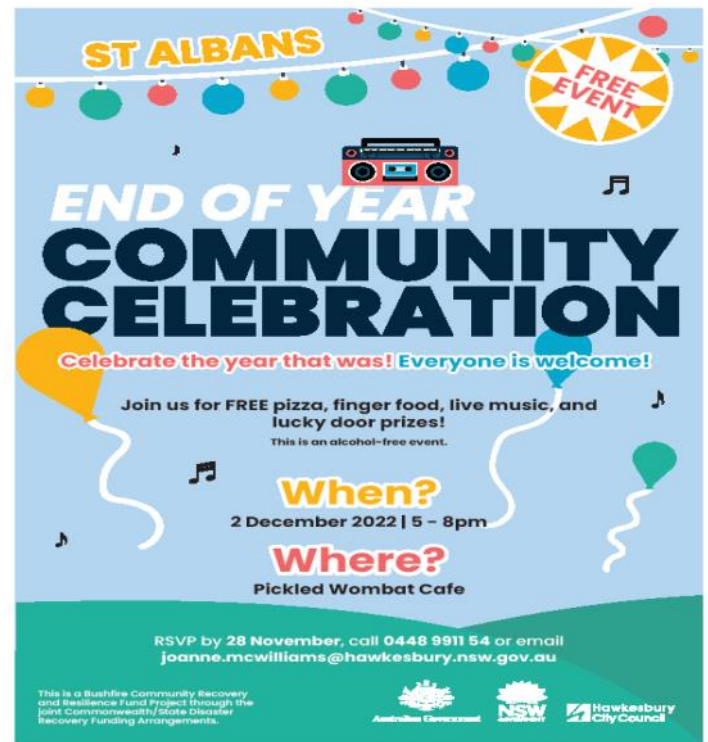
Our students are encouraged by the generosity of local business and community groups who have seen the value of promoting the pursuit of excellence. Your support of our school is very much appreciated.

If any local businesses would like to support our Presentation Day Ceremony, we would be most grateful to receive a donation for the purchase of book vouchers as prizes for our students or towards the cost of our ceremony. Donors will be acknowledged in our program and our school newsletter.

If you are interested in becoming a donor (from \$20 for a book voucher or assistance towards costs) please contact Mrs Stafford or Mrs Smart in our:

School Administration office

Phone: 4568 2120.



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TERM 4, WEEK 6

Our group activities this week were based around some favourite nursery rhymes. We had lots of fishing fun with '1,2,3,4,5 once I caught a fish alive' The kids enjoyed watching, listening and singing along to the rhyme and then acted it out with some fishing rods and magnetic fish. Our craft was using recycled bubble wrap and paper towel holders to stamp scales on some fish. Our other rhyme for the week was 'Five little speckled frogs'. The kids loved acting out this one, jumping into the 'pool' and created some beautiful frog artworks with potato stamp logs, frog sponge stamp and butterfly stamps.

Chelsea arrived on Monday asking to play the mat game again, and everyone else agreed too! Ivy got to have her first turn and everyone had lots of fun.

Next Tuesday we will celebrate Evie's 3rd birthday! And on Thursday we will be making Gingerbread cookies as I couldn't let National Gingerbread Day pass without baking!



Fresh festive swaps

Festive food can be colourful, fun and fresh!
Why not try these ideas:

- Swap from cakes and pastries to watermelon Christmas trees or mini bagel Christmas ornaments.
- For a fresh twist on dip and crackers, serve guacamole with cherry tomatoes, cucumber and red capsicum strips for a very festive look.
- Swap from gingerbread and shortbread to wholegrain cereal bites or you could try this fruit salad parfait



Find more ideas at: www.swapit.net.au



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.

MacValley Stars



We are very proud of our students' achievements in external events & 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/Mrs Smart
(School Administration Managers)**

MACDONALD VALLEY PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C NOTICEBOARD

Our P&C meetings are held once a term on a Monday in the Library.

Our next P&C meeting will be held in Term 1 2023 at a date to be advised.

ALL WELCOME!

COMMITTEE

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