

Macdonald Valley Public School

Weekly Newsletter

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Week 8, Term 4, 2022

1/12/2022

Dear Families,

Welcome Hayley Epthorp!

It is with great joy that I introduce to you the newest member of our community.

Hayley Isabelle Epthorp was born at 11:27am on Friday 25th November. A beautiful sister for Ashton and Savannah, congratulations to Mrs Epthorp and all the family.

Our children, along with our lovely Day Care friends, had a wonderful introduction to their future playmate from her proud brother and sister. Hayley looked very comfortable snuggled into Ashton's arms.

We all can't wait for a cuddle in person!



Community BBQ Breakfast - Thursday, 8th December

We look forward to seeing you all next Thursday morning for our community BBQ breakfast.

Warm regards

Sarah

Sarah Allen - Principal



Upcoming dates to remember.....

7 Dec	Swimming Program - Oasis
8 Dec	Community BBQ Breakfast
15 Dec	Presentation Assembly
16 Dec	Last day of school T4 for students. Movie/Fun Day
19-20 Dec	Staff Development Day
27 Jan	Staff Development Day
30 Jan	Staff Development Day
31 Jan	Students return for T1 23

December Birthdays

3 Dec - Katie
7 Dec - Adelaide

Happy Birthday!



Students now have a dedicated fridge on the Library Verandah to store any lunchbox items that need to be kept cool during the summer months.



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Robotics Program

Last Friday our students joined Maroota Public School for the final week of the Robotics Program. What a fun interactive learning experience they have all had!



New lego resources

We have purchased lots of new lego for students to do building - our own Lego Masters!



Parents - Please note:

The last day of school has changed for students for Term 4, 2022 and will be:

Friday, 16th December, 2022

Staff will continue to be on school grounds in meetings on Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th December, preparing for the 2023 school year.

New fish for the pond...

Students were very excited to discover that Ms Allen had purchased two new fish for our pond yesterday.

They were carefully acclimatised at the top of our waterfall and then released into our new pond.

It was decided to call them "Carrot" and "Noodle". We can't wait to see them grow and thrive in this beautiful environment.



Some things are better together.
 Like saving lives.

Join the Ashton's Angels Lifeblood Team and make an appointment to start saving lives at:
 - www.lifeblood.com.au
 - via the Donate Blood app
 - call 131495

Give life. Give blood.

You're invited to celebrate...

MACDONALD VALLEY PUBLIC SCHOOL'S PRESENTATION DAY

Thursday, 15th December, 2022
 @ 1pm

St Albans Hall
 7 Upper Macdonald Rd
 St Albans NSW 2775
 RSVP: 4568 2120 by 9th December, 2022

OLDER, WISER & WELL CONNECTED

Richmond Community Services Inc in partnership with Windsor Professional Centre are pleased to offer

A FREE fortnightly 3-session ongoing course

exploring the joys and challenges of getting older.

For those 60 years and over

This ongoing group will include

- Looking at challenges that occur as we age such as health, relationships, lifestyle
- Tools to increase and maintain memory
- Exploring emotions like sadness, depression and anxiety
- Looking at the loss of relationships, health and family connections
- Dealing with loneliness
- Maintaining positive relationships, dealing with the difficult ones
- Making new and maintaining sustainable relationships
- The importance of social connection

WHEN: 3 x Wednesdays
 15th & 22nd February, 1st March 2023
TIMES: 10am – 12.30pm

WHERE: Richmond Neighbourhood Centre
 20 West Market Street, Richmond, NSW

EARLY BOOKING ESSENTIAL!

TO BOOK CALL: 4588 3502
 OR E-MAIL admin@rcsi.ngo

...making a difference...

Macdonald Valley Public School

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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Bookings now open for 2023

St Marys Community and Road Education Scheme (CARES)

The St Marys Community and Road Education Scheme (CARES) is a purpose-built bicycle safety education facility that gives school students an interactive and fun way to learn about road safety.

The CARES program was created to assist in the reduction of risk, injury and death for young road users. It has been specifically designed for Stage 2 and Stage 3 students, as children in these age brackets are a

higher crash risk category of road users. The program supports your school in the delivery of its Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE) syllabus.

The CARES program teaches children how to be safe on the road as a pedestrian and as a bike rider and is delivered by the Nepean Police Area Command.



Information:

Phone: (02) 9833 3699
 Address: Creek Road, St Marys NSW 2760
 Email: caresstmarys@gmail.com



penrith.city/StMarysCARES

Transport for NSW



Webbs Creek (Ferry 45) extended closure on Tuesday 6 December 2022

On the next monthly Webbs Creek (Ferry 45) service day (**Tuesday 6 December**), Transport for NSW will replace the cable on the ferry.

To safely carry out this work, the monthly scheduled Webbs Creek service closure time (**9.30 am to 12.00pm**) will be extended from **9.30am to 2.30pm**.

Work hours for these repairs have been scheduled to reduce impacts on community members travelling to and from work or school. The ferry service will continue to operate prior to and after the scheduled work hours.

How will the work affect you?

Motorists seeking to cross the river **between 9.30am and 2.30pm on Tuesday 6 December** will need to take a detour to the south, via St Albans Bridge which will add approximately 50 minutes to journey times.

Eastbound road users will detour via St Albans Rd, Settlers Rd, Wisemans Ferry Rd, Old Northern Rd, to River Rd.

Westbound road users with detour via River Rd, Old Northern Rd, Wisemans Ferry Rd, Settlers Rd to St Albans Rd.

We appreciate this is a significant disruption and we apologise in advance for any inconvenience caused while we carry out this important work.

Emergency services needing to cross the river on Tuesday 6 December during the service extended closure **from 12 to 2.30pm** will be able to cross with a short delay of around 15 minutes to allow for the resetting of the crossing to provide ferry service. During the monthly scheduled closure time **from 9.30am to 12pm** and while the cable is being replaced, emergency services will need to take the detour.

Traffic changes

Please plan your trip and allow extra travel time. Please keep to the speed limits and follow signs and directions.

For the latest traffic updates, you can call **132 701**, visit livetraffic.com or download the Live Traffic NSW App.



Transport for NSW acknowledges the Dharug people as the traditional owners and custodians of this land and pays respect to Elders past and present.

transport.nsw.gov.au

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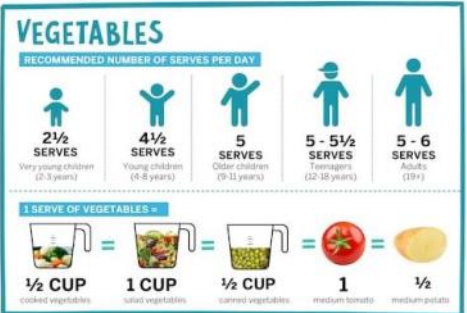
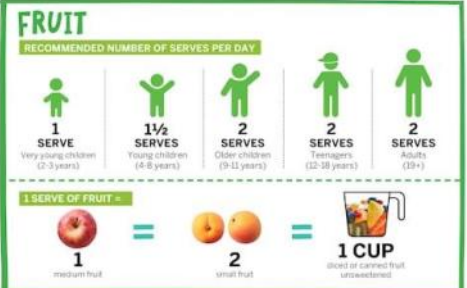
Will need to be moved/transported at own cost.

Please contact the school on 4568 2120 if you have any further enquiries.



Eating enough fruit and vegetables is important to support your children's health and wellbeing.

Do you know many serves of fruit and vegetables your family needs?



NEED MORE: To find out the amount of serves your child should be eating from all the food groups check out the food calculator at healthyliving.nsw.gov.au/food/how-much-should-i-be-eating



Education

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Your support is greatly appreciated!

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

Thank you to...

Hawkesbury City Council

Ms Robyn Preston, NSW State Member for Hawkesbury

Ms Susan Templeman - Federal Member for Macquarie

Mrs Susan Walker

Ms Joan Opbroek

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.

ST ALBANS

FREE EVENT

END OF YEAR COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

Celebrate the year that was! Everyone is welcome!

Join us for FREE pizza, finger food, live music, and lucky door prizes!
 This is an alcohol-free event.

When?
 2 December 2022 | 5 - 8pm

Where?
 Pickled Wombat Cafe

RSVP by 28 November, call 0448 9911 54 or email joanne.mcwilliams@hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au

This is a Bushfire Community Recovery and Resilience Fund Project through the joint Commonwealth/State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements.

Australian Government NSW Hawkesbury City Council

ADVERTISEMENT SPACE AVAILABLE!

Would you like to advertise your business to our local school community in our school newsletter?

Please contact Mrs Stafford at the school email: macdonaldv-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au or phone: 4568 2120



Hawkesbury Lifestyle Specialists

Phone: (02) 4566 4660 Email: office@wfr.net.au
 Visit: 11/5557 Old Northern Road, Wisemans Ferry 2775

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MACDONALD VALLEY



TERM 4, WEEK 7

It was lovely to see Evie arrive on Tuesday excited in her new birthday dress. We began the day with pass the parcel fun and Evie chose the Happy Birthday song for the party game. Each child was very happy to find smarties in their layer and we all enjoyed some morning chocolate. We got busy with our party hat decorating and making, and finished just in time for more excitement. Dale arrived with a new puppy and an indoor kitchen set-up for us! The kids had fun chasing Charlie around the backyard and enjoyed exploring the new toys. After all this fun it was time to put the party hats. Evie smiled as we sang Happy Birthday to her and we all enjoyed the super yummy cupcakes baked by Evie and Dad, Sean. Thank you! Amazingly we still had time for some balloon dancing and an excursion to the playground as requested by the Birthday Girl!



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

President

Simone Butler

Vice President

Susan Walker & Ieva Aboltins

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