

Macdonald Valley Public School

Weekly Newsletter

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Week 9, Term 2, 2022

23/06/2022

Dear families

Such a busy but lovely end to the term. We have just had our second swimming session at the Hawkesbury Oasis Fitness and Aquatic Centre. The children had such a great time and the learning was so valuable that we have booked again for next year.



Last Friday we joined with Maroota PS and Wisemans Ferry PS for our post flood well-being day. It was so much fun - a fabulous science show, drama, carnival games, sport and STEM activities. And to top it off, a BBQ and ice-cream. We are so appreciative of Galston Public School P&C for funding, cooking and serving the BBQ and the ice-cream. Our very special treat was to see Mrs Date who kindly came along to help cook and serve on the day and see all the children again. See page 3 for photos taken on the day.

Next Wednesday (29th June) we have the launch of our water tank. Please remember that you are all invited to attend and to join us for our BBQ lunch, see our invitation for the details.

Finally, on Saturday 25th, there is the painting workshop where the children's designs for wildlife safety signs will be painted onto the satellite dishes to be displayed around the valley. It would be lovely to see you there.



Regards

Sarah

Sarah Allen
(Principal)

We celebrated Ashton's birthday this week! Thank you to the Ephthorp family for bringing in some yummy cupcakes for us all to share!

Upcoming dates to remember.....

23 June	Athletics
25 June	Community Painting Wshop
29 June	Athletics
	Mural Launch
1 July	Last day of Term 2
18 July	Staff Development Day
18-22 Jul	NAIDOC Week
19 July	Students resume for T3
22 July	Longneck Lagoon Excursion
2 Aug	S.Schools Athletics (field)
5 Aug	S.Schools Athletics (track)
4 Aug-22 Sep	Tennis lessons
15 Sep	School Fundraising Auction At The Pickled Wombat
21 Sep	Life Education visit
22 Sep	Academic Challenge
23 Sep	Last day of Term 3
10 Oct	First day back for T4
3 Nov	School Photo Day
29 Nov	Year 7 Orientation Day-HS
15 Dec	Presentation Assembly

June Birthdays.....

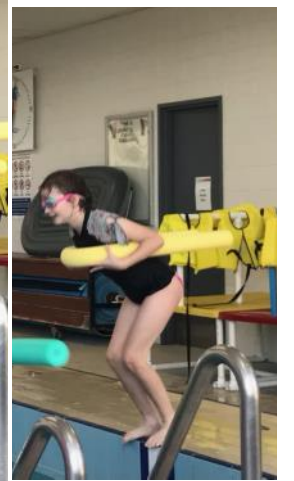
5th June - Braiden
21st June - Ashton
4th June - Ms Moss
8th June - Ms Killian
30th June - Ms Allen



Happy Birthday!

Swimming & Water Safety program

This week our students attended the last of the 2 day intensive Swimming and Water Safety program at YMCA Hawkesbury Oasis Swimming Centre at South Windsor. Thank you so much to the wonderful YMCA staff for their expertise in delivering this program to our students and to Bailey's Bus Services for providing transport to and from the event and reducing the cost for our little school.



Sports/Science Fun Day!

Last Friday our students joined Wisemans Ferry PS and Maroota PS for a Sports/Science Fun day - a collaborative well-being venture between our three schools to support and unit students affected by the recent floods in our area. Our students enjoyed a science show (sponsored by the Teachers Mutual Bank) and participated in a range of sporting, drama and science activities. Thank you to Galston Public School P&C who provided a wonderful BBQ lunch for all of the students and Retro Birdie for the ice cream treats! Thank you so much to everyone involved in making the day such a success. It was just what our school communities needed!



Sour dough success!

Following on from last week's cooking lesson, students were surprised to see how much the sour dough had risen. Now it was time for everyone to have a go at stretching the dough.....this develops the gluten to make bread rise.

Students were able to sample some freshly made sourdough which they thoroughly enjoyed. They also made a fresh batch and are looking forward to baking their own sour dough in our outdoor kitchen next week. Thank you so much to Ms Killian for teaching our students how to make this yummy bread!





Macdonald Valley Public School

In conjunction with acclaimed local artist **Luke Kelly** are very proud and excited to announce the official launch of our rural river inspired:

Water Tank Mural

Please join us in acknowledging and celebrating this beautiful and unique work of art designed by artist Luke Kelly for Macdonald Valley Public School - one of the oldest schools in the Hawkesbury.

June 29th, 2022, 12pm

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1331 St Albans Road, Central
Macdonald 2775

BBQ lunch/refreshments provided

RSVP to macdonaldv-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au or
phone: 4568 2120 by 23.6.22



Bowling Day for kids in the area

My name is Susan Archer and I am a member of the Wisemans Ferry Bowling Club. On the 7th of July we will be having a bowls day for all children throughout the area.

It is a cost of \$5:00 per child, which includes a lesson in bowls, a sausage sizzle and juice followed by a game of bowls.

**Starting time is 11:00.
Lunch at 12:00pm.**

Then a game for kids.

Parents are more than welcome to come and purchase lunch from our bistro and watch

Any enquires please contact Sarah Archer on 0479 069 788

A **Healthy lunchbox** is made up of **everyday foods**:



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Vegetables or a piece of fruit

Recess

Vegetables or a piece of fruit + 1-2 everyday snacks.

Lunch

A sandwich, wrap or roll with everyday fillings or an alternative such as pasta or fried rice.

Drink

Water and/or reduced fat plain milk

Using leftovers from the night before is a great way to reduce costs.

Chop extra vegetables while preparing the evening meal. Portion into zip lock bags or plastic containers ready for the lunchbox.

Swap a pre-packaged cheese and biscuit snack for wholegrain crackers and reduced fat cheese portioned from larger packs and save a bundle.

A huge thank you!

Thank you so much to John Palmer Public School students, staff and community. They raised money to support flood victims in the local area and donated vouchers for our families to spend at the local café/restaurant "The Pickled Wombat". We are all so grateful for their generosity and support.



Please accept this voucher
for \$50 to spend at
The Pickled Wombat



A little something for times
of need.

We hope it makes you smile!

From John Palmer Public School
Students, Staff and Community

John Palmer PS SRC Flood Fundraiser 2022



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Are you attending Macdonald Valley Association's VALLEY FOR WILDLIFE LAUNCH & SIGN WORKSHOP?

As we are finalising our catering (including our exclusive chocolate wombat poo truffles) please let us know if you are planning to attend the Launch or the Launch + Sign Workshop.

- RSVP to valleyforwildlife@macdonaldvalleyassociation.org.au before Monday 20th June.

Details - Saturday 25th June 11.00am St Albans School of Arts (all costs sponsored by MVA Wellbeing program)

- Valley for Wildlife - what we're about and how you can participate
- What about the Wombats? - we are blessed with having wombats in the valley, but many are impacted by deadly mange. What can you do to help them?
- Wildlife wellbeing - what to do when you come across an animal on the side of the road - including hearing first hand from the expert carers that have been looking after little Min the wallaroo.
- Caught on camera- trail cameras for wildlife - tips and tricks and what to look for in buying a camera.
- Wildlife - what's next? – community discussion and ideas

Lunch

- Wildlife Signage Art Workshop with local artist, Luke Kelly – Linking designs by local students, re-purposed satellite dishes and a community wildlife signage painting session.

We hope to see you there.

As you can see our local students have been very busy, coming up with some inspiration for our wildlife signs.

Thank you to Wiseman's Ferry and Macdonald Valley students and teachers for your support and beautiful work.



Macdonald Valley Community

S E S S I O N

Bring your own musical instrument &/or bring spare instruments for others to learn or play.

All ages! All abilities! All welcome!

Come for the fun of learning a new instrument, teaching others & playing music together!

Kids encouraged!

Free! Sausage sizzle prepared by Macdonald Valley Public School P&C

St Albans School of Arts Hall
Friday 24, June | 4-7pm

St Albans Community Hubs: School of Arts Hall.
Every Friday 9:30-2:30pm. **All welcome!**
Enquiries: hubs@hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au
Calendar: yourhawkesbury-yoursay.com.au/hch

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

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BRIGHT FUTURES

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#SchoolEveryDay

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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 3 (date to be advised) at 6pm in the School Library.

ALL WELCOME!

COMMITTEE

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Simone Butler

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Susan Walker & Ieva Aboltins

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**"But take me to the river,
Drop me in the water.
Take me to the river,
Put me in the water"
- Big Mouth Billy Bass**