



Dillbadin

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Growing through learning



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From Our Principal

Penelope Harris

Welcome to Week 2 of Term 2.

It has been wonderful to see students settling back into their learning routines after the break and engaging positively across all areas of school life. Our classrooms are already filled with energy, curiosity and a strong sense of purpose as we move through the term together.

Phonics continues to be a strong focus across our school. In our junior years, students continue using Little Learners Love Literacy to build strong foundations in phonics and early reading.

In our middle and senior classes, students are now branching into a more formal spelling program, focusing on spelling generalisations and developing their understanding of grammar and punctuation rules.

We look forward to another productive and engaging term ahead.

Curriculum Day

We have a curriculum day scheduled for Wednesday, 17th June – no students will be at school that day.

Heads Up - Education Week is coming

Education Week is an annual celebration of public education in Victoria. From Monday 18th May to Friday 22nd May, schools across the state will come together to celebrate Education Week 2026.

This year's theme, 'Showcase your school', encourages school communities to highlight and share what makes their school unique and special. It is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the learning, achievements, programs and people that make our school what it is..

At Dillbadin Primary School, Miss Fraser is currently busy planning an engaging and meaningful way for us to showcase our school community. We are looking forward to sharing more details about how students, staff and families will be involved in celebrating this special week.

Further information, including specific days, times and events, will be provided in the next newsletter and via a Compass post closer to Education Week.

Foundation 2027 Enrolments

Enrolments for Prep students for 2027 have now opened. If a student has a younger sibling who will be attending Dillbadin Primary School in 2027, now is the time to submit your online enrolment.

Please visit the following VicStudents Portal to complete the online enrolment process and ensure all required documents are attached to your enrolment.

<https://students.educationapps.vic.gov.au/s/>

Foundation 2027 Information Packs can be collected from the office and include information on the transition sessions that will be run in Term 4.

School Uniform Reminder

A reminder to all families that students are expected to attend school each day in a full school uniform.

Our uniform consists of navy bottoms (shorts, leggings, skorts, or tracksuit pants) paired with a logoed item, such as a polo shirt, hoodie, or bomber jacket. We also have a logoed summer dress available for students.

Please note that all logoed uniform items and the summer dress are available for purchase via the EduThreads website. Navy bottoms may be sourced by families from any retailer, provided they are plain navy.

As we move through 2026, old Boronia West uniforms are no longer part of our school uniform and should not be worn.

Thank you for your support in maintaining a consistent and proud school appearance.

I hope everyone has a great weekend in this beautiful weather, before a colder and wetter next week.

Penelope



YOU ARE INVITED TO

MOTHER'S DAY OR
SPECIAL PERSON'S

Afternoon Tea

7 MAY | AT 2:30 PM

SCONES WITH JAM AND CREAM AND
TEA AND COFFEE WILL BE PROVIDED

OUR MOTHER'S DAY STALL WILL ALSO
BE OPEN FOR STUDENTS ON THIS DAY

PLEASE JOIN US FOR

GRANDPARENTS' SPECIAL FRIENDS' DAY

MONDAY 11TH MAY

The event begins at 12:20 pm, when students and guests will have lunch together.

From 12:50 to 1:50 pm, guests are welcome to visit classrooms for activities or attend the book fair.





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Nights of Reading Awards

25 Nights

50 Nights

Kris	William	Meliah
Elijah	Samip	

Wellbeing Wrap Up

Nick Jones – Assistant Principal

Helping our children stay safe, healthy and balanced online

A message for our school families

Dear families, we know that life at home can be busy and that every family looks a little different. Many of you are juggling work, caring for family members, and the everyday cost of living and we truly appreciate everything you do to support your child's learning and wellbeing.

The information below from the eSafety Commissioner is free, practical, and written for every family. If anything in this newsletter is hard to understand, or if you would like to chat with someone at school about screen time, devices or online safety at home, please reach out – we are here to help, and no question is ever too small.

**Working together makes our students safer, happier and stronger learners.
Thank you for being part of our school community.**

Screen time for your child – 7 tips

Consider your child's screen use in the context of their overall health and wellbeing – for example, is online time getting in the way of their sleep and exercise? Is it impacting on their face-to-face connections with family and friends? The answers to these questions will guide you and help strike the right balance of online and offline activities for your child.

1. Be involved

Sharing screen time and online activities like gaming with your child helps you gauge the appropriateness of what they are doing and manage potential risks. It's also a great way to start conversations with your child about their online experiences.

2. Work with your child to set boundaries for screen use

If you decide that setting screen time limits is right for you and your child, discuss these new rules with your child. Older children are more likely to cooperate if they have been part of the decision-making process. Colourful pictures or charts of daily limits and other important activities are a fun way to get younger children on board.

3. Be clear about the consequences of not switching off

Part of our role as parents is to set clear limitations and boundaries. The same applies to technological limitations; being clear and consistent about the consequences for your child if they do not stick to these rules is paramount. The Raising Children Network provides some useful tools and advice.



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4. Set device-free zones and times at home

Device-free zones can help you manage your family's digital use. Here are some ideas for setting digital boundaries within your home:

- No devices in the bedroom for younger children.
- All screens off in bedrooms after a certain time for older children.
- All screens off at least one hour before planned bedtime.
- All family members switch off at dinner time.
- Charge devices overnight in a place your child cannot access.

5. Ask your child to explain their screen use

Get your child in the habit of explaining why they want to be in front of a screen or online. It's a great way to get them thinking about their own digital habits and balancing screen time with other activities.

6. Use tech tools to help manage access

There are many products and device features that let you see which apps are being used in your home and for how long. But try not to use these tools to secretly monitor your child.

Instead, be open about the process and check the whole family's usage, including your own. Start with Google Family Link for Android devices, or parental controls and Screen Time for iPhone/iPad.

7. Lead by example

Your behaviour is one of the most effective ways to help your child develop a positive digital mindset. Show your child you can put down your device, too.

Need more support?

For more free advice for families, visit esafety.gov.au/parents, or contact the school office to speak with a member of our wellbeing team.





Star Student Awards

JUNIOR

George for making a great effort to show up and be ready to learn this week!

MIDDLE

Ayva for always doing her best and putting in lots of effort!

SENIOR

Cooper for your brilliant work on your information report all week. Mr Simpson has learnt so much about Holdens.



Star Student Awards





Specialist Star Awards

**MRS
BLAKE**

STEM:

George for showing great enthusiasm by contributing to our discussion about animal features in STEM.

MISS D

Performing Arts:

Rhain for giving everything a go and sharing some great ideas!

**MR
JONES**

Auslan:

Sebastian for outstanding problem solving and coding skills shown in digi-tech!



Specialist Star Awards





STEM



Our mealworms have arrived!

Mealworms are the larval stage of the darkling beetle and are commonly studied in biological science to help students understand life cycles, growth and metamorphosis.

They also provide a hands-on way to explore how living things adapt to their environment and interact within ecosystems.



Important Dates

Date	Event
Every Friday	3:00pm School Assembly
Every 2 nd Thursday: 30 th April 14 th May 28 th May 11 th June 25 th June	Special Lunch Days
Tuesday 5 th May	School Council
Thursday 7 th May	Book Fair
Thursday 7 th May	Mother's Day Stall and Mother's Day Afternoon Tea
Monday 11 th May	Grandparent's Day
Friday 15 th May	Walk to School Day
Monday 18 th May	Education Week starts
Monday 8 th June	King's Birthday Public Holiday
Tuesday 9 th June	School Council
Wednesday 17 th June	Curriculum Day
Friday 26 th June	Last Day of Term 2 – 2.30pm finish

Mother's Day

MORNING TEA + KIDS CRAFT

Celebrate Mother's day! Join us at Boronia Library for a special morning tea that brings mums, grandmas, kids and families together.

Sat 9 May
10:30 - 12:30pm

Sitting 1:

10:30am to 11:00am

Sitting 2:

11:15am to 11:45am



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Tuning in to Kids

Emotionally intelligent parenting
for parents of primary school aged children

Would you like tips and strategies to:

- Better communicate with your child?
- Help your child learn to manage their emotions and deal with conflict?
- Manage challenging behaviours?
- Parent anxious children?

Children with emotional intelligence:

- Have greater success with making and keeping friends
- Show improved concentration at school
- Have increased wellbeing

Please note: this an interactive program via Zoom. Participants are expected to have cameras on and join from an appropriate setting.

When: 6 afternoon sessions
Friday 8th May - 12th June 2026

Time: 12:30 to 2:30pm

Location: Online via Zoom

Cost: Free of charge
(bookings essential)

Enquiries:

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[Click here to book!](#)



PARENTZONE