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### Dillbadin PRIMARY SCHOOL

Growing through learning



### From our Principal

### Penelope Harris

### Thanks for a great week!

Our learning expectations are well established, and it's fantastic to see students continuing to engage with their learning programs, even in the absence of their regular teacher.

We maintain high expectations—both academically and in terms of wellbeing—as we know both are essential to driving meaningful learning.

### Celebrating Our Amazing Staff - Staff Wellbeing Week

At Dillbadin Primary School, we are incredibly fortunate to have such an amazing team of staff. Their hard work, dedication, and care for our students and community never go unnoticed. This week, we've taken the opportunity to give back and show our appreciation through Staff Wellbeing Week. From shared lunches and morning teas to games and friendly challenges, the week has been filled with moments to relax, laugh, and connect.

These small gestures are our way of building morale, strengthening team spirit, and, most importantly, saying thank you. Our staff truly are the heart of our school, and we're grateful for everything they do every day.

A special thank you to Miss Gange for coordinating all of the Staff Wellbeing Week events—your efforts helped make it a fun and uplifting experience for everyone!

### **Acknowledging Our Incredible Education Support Staff**

Each year, schools across Victoria celebrate Education Support (ES) Staff Appreciation Day, recognising the vital role ES staff play in supporting students, teachers, and the entire school community.



While we're a little late in marking the occasion this year, the delay was intentional—so we could ensure that everyone was at school to receive the full benefit of the acknowledgment they deserve!

Our ES staff work tirelessly and with great care to support the learning and wellbeing of all students. Whether it's providing individual assistance, helping with classroom activities, or making sure every child feels included and capable, their dedication is seen and appreciated every day.

A personal thank you from me. You are truly the heart and soul of our school. You know the ins and outs of everything that keeps us running smoothly, and your support extends far beyond the classroom. We are so incredibly lucky to have each of you as part of our Dillbadin PS family.

To our ES team, thank you for everything you do. Your contribution makes a real difference in the lives of our students, and we are so grateful for your continued care, compassion, and commitment.

#### Whole School Visit to Boronia Library - Simultaneous Storytime

This week, our entire school took part in a special event – a visit to Boronia Library to participate in National Simultaneous Storytime.

Each year, schools and libraries across the country join together to read the same book at the same time, celebrating the joy of storytelling and the importance of reading. It was wonderful to be part of this shared moment with students, staff, and the local community.

Our students loved exploring the library, listening to the story, and engaging in fun activities afterwards. Events like this not only help foster a love of reading, but also strengthen our connection with the wider community and highlight the value of shared learning experiences.

A big thank you to Boronia Library for hosting us and to our staff for helping make this excursion such a success. We look forward to continuing our partnership and creating more memorable literacy experiences for our students!

#### **School Counsellor**

We have a school counsellor available on-site every Monday and Friday to support the wellbeing of our students.

Seeing a counsellor can offer children a safe space to talk about their feelings, build resilience, develop coping strategies, and improve emotional and social skills. Whether it's navigating friendships, managing anxiety, or building confidence, counselling can be a valuable part of a child's overall development.

If you would like your child to see the school counsellor, please visit the office for a consent form or email the school to request one.

#### **School Photos Have Been Sent Home!**

School photos have been sent home with students, and they look fantastic! These are our very first school photos featuring our new school name and uniform, making them extra special.

If you missed placing an order, don't worry—there's still time! Your child has brought home the ordering details.

To order group photos, please refer to the information in the graphic to complete your order online.



#### **Open Afternoon - Celebrating Our Writing!**

We're excited to invite you to our upcoming Open Afternoon on Friday, 30th May at 2:30pm, where students will have the opportunity to share the information reports they've been working on.

It's always wonderful to hear what each class is learning, and this event is a great way to celebrate students' writing. Sharing their work with an audience gives students an authentic purpose for writing and helps build confidence, pride, and communication skills.

We look forward to seeing you there and celebrating the fantastic learning happening across our school!

#### Special Lunch - Thursday 29th May

Our next special lunch will feature party pies and sausage rolls, with a vegetarian option available. Money is due by Tuesday, 27th May.

### Curriculum Day - Tuesday 24th June

Please note that **Tuesday 24th June** will be a **Curriculum Day**, and **no students are required at school** on this day.

Staff will be using this time to work collaboratively on the **findings from our recent school review**, using these insights to establish **goals and strategies for future improvement**.

#### Reminder: Shop Local - Support Boronia!

We're still collecting receipts from any Boronia small business—drop them in the box at school to help us win **\$2000**!

Have a great weekend, and we look forward to all the exciting learning ahead next week!





### 5 STEPS TO ENROL

BOOK A TOUR WITH OUR PRINCIPAL AND LEARN MORE ABOUT WHAT DILLBADIN PS HAS TO OFFER

ATTEND A TOUR WITH OUR PRINCIPAL. IT IS A GREAT WAY TO SEE LEARNING IN ACTION. YOU CAN ASK QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATIONAL NEEDS

FILL IN AN APPLICATION FORM OR COMPLETE AN ENROLEMT FORM ONLINE

ATTEND OUR STEP INTO PREP PROGRAM IN TERM 4.
A TRANSITION PROGRAM DESIGNED HELP NEW CHILDREN FEEL HAPPY AND SAFE AT SCHOOL

START YOUR LEARNING JOURNEY WITH US IN AN EXCITING AND ADVENTUROUS PLACE WHERE LEARNING IS ENGAGING AND FUN!

#### IT'S HERE!!

### Our Next Special Lunch Day Is Thursday 29th May





ORDERS DUE IN TUESDAY 27<sup>™</sup> MAY

Dillbadin PS are holding some special lunch days as a school fundraiser.

### MENU FOR THURSDAY 29TH MAY

Each order will have:

An assortment of party pies and sausage rolls

1x baked sweet treat (muffin/cookie etc)

1x juice box

#### **HOW TO ORDER**

Orders need to be placed before Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May.

Please send \$8 in an envelope/ sandwich bag/ brown paper bag with your child's name written on the front, or pay via credit card at the office. You can add dietary requests on to the bag/ envelope (halal/ vegetarian) if required.



## Boronia Shop Local: Win for your school!

Support your school and boost local businesses by participating in our exciting campaign!

#### HOW IT WORKS:

**Shop Local:** Shop at small businesses in Boronia (excludes major chains and franchises).

Collect Receipts: Submit eligible receipts for your school.

Win Big! The school that collects the most receipts, scaled to student numbers, during the campaign will win a \$2,000 sports prize for their school!

#### CAMPAIGN DATES:

Start: 28 April 2025 End: 9 June 2025

#### WHY PARTICIPATE?

Support Local Businesses: Help boost the local economy and support the small businesses that make our community strong.

Strengthen Community Bonds: Connect with other families and local traders, and work together for a common goal.

Incentives for Schools: Enhance your school's programs with the chance to win fantastic prizes!

Find out more at: www.knoxbiz.com.au



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### **Wellbeing Wrap-Up**

Neisha Gange - Assistant Principal

### Celebrating Our Incredible Staff Staff Wellbeing Week Wrap- Up

At Dillbadin Primary School, we're incredibly lucky to have such a dedicated, passionate, and caring team of staff who work tirelessly to support our students and school community. This week, we celebrated Staff Wellbeing Week- a special time set aside to pause, reflect, and recognise the incredible people who make our school such a welcoming, supportive and positive place.

Staff Wellbeing Week isn't just about saying 'thank you' (although we did a lot of that!); it's also a chance to put a spotlight on the importance of looking after our own wellbeing, supporting each other, and nurturing the wellbeing of our students. It's a time to pause, connect, reflect, and most importantly, to celebrate the everyday wins at Dillbadin Primary School and the people behind them.

Throughout the week, staff took part in a range of fun activities designed to boost morale, strengthen connections, and add a bit of fun to our busy school days. Some of the highlights included:

- Baby Photo Guessing Competition This was extraordinarily hard!
- The Launch of Our Inaugural Pirate Game An adventurous new staff tradition has officially set sail!
- Treats and Snacks Galore Because a little bit of sugar and a lot of laughter goes a long way!

These moments reminded us that wellbeing isn't just about big programs – it's also in the connections we share with our colleagues and how we work as a team.

We know that when our staff are thriving, our students benefit too. That's why we remain committed to nurturing a school culture where wellbeing is a daily focus- not just during Wellbeing Week, but all year round.

### Coming Up: Student Wellbeing Week - Term 3

Looking ahead, we're excited to announce that Student Wellbeing Week will take place in Term 3! Just as we've spotlighted our staff, we'll be turning our attention to student wellbeing with a week full of activities, conversations, and events designed to empower our students to take care of themselves and each other. Stay tuned for more details- we can't wait to share what's planned!

To our staff- thank you for all that you do. Your care, energy, and commitment make Dillbadin Primary School a place where everyone belongs and grows.



### Star Student Awards

**JUNIOR** 

William, congratulations on presenting your information report with confidence and a clear, loud voice.

**MIDDLE** 

Alexandra for her incredible presentation on Fish!

**SENIOR** 

Samip, congratulations! Your reading this week has been exceptional. Keep it up!



### Star Student Awards





### Specialist Star Awards

### MRS BLAKE

Visual Art:
Oscar for doing some amazing drawing in Art.

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Performing Art:

Mason for his fantastic and realistic acting skill sin PA this week!

MISS GANGE Learn to Play:

Rubee, for some creative solutions to solving problems in the Learn to Play room this week.



### Specialist Star Awards





### Simultaneous Story Time















# Premiers' Reading Challenge



The Premiers' Reading Challenge begins on the first Monday in March each year and ends on the first Friday in September.

2025 Premiers' Reading Challenge is now open.

The Challenge encourages children and students to read a set number of books over the year and record their efforts online.

Please speak with your child's classroom teacher for more information.



### **Important Dates**

Date	Event
Every Friday	3:00pm School Assembly
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May	2.30pm Information Reports open session
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Boronia Library Visit
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Incursion – Musica Viva
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Public Holiday – King's Birthday
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	School Council – 9am
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Boronia Library Visit
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Middle - NGV Excursion
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	CURRICULUM DAY
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Boronia Library Visit
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Last Day of Term 2 – 2.30pm finish



### School Wide Positive Behaviour



Our students have again earned 6 leaves in the past week, which is 600 acknowledgements of positive behaviour.

Amazing work, everyone!

### Victoria Police

Knox PSA Neighbourhood Policing Forum



The Victoria Police Neighbourhood Policing Forum welcomes local services and community members to talk with police about what issues are important in your community.

The forum will explore topics including:

- · Current crime trends and crime prevention
- Family violence
- Young people
- Road policing
- Drugs and drug related crime.

The Neighbourhood Policing Forum will be run by a Victoria Police panel and questions will be taken from the audience throughout the event.

Registration is a must.

To attend, please register by sending your details to:

ED2-PROACTIVEPOLICINGUNIT-OIC@police.vic.gov.au (Ctrl + Click to follow link)

or scan the QR code.

To submit a question prior to the forum:

KNOX NHP questions

(Ctrl + Click to follow link) or scan the QR code.

#### Event details

Date:

Thursday 12th June 2025

Time:

6pm – 9pm (Doors open 5:45pm)

Location:

State Basketball Centre Function Room 291 George Street Wantima South 3152



Scan here to register your attendance



### Got a question for police?

Scan the QR code to submit prior to the forum

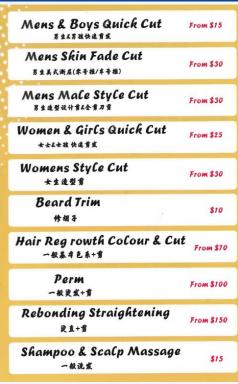


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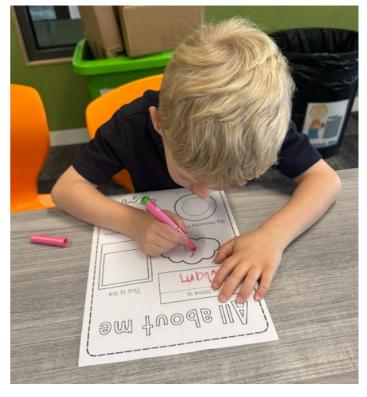




For more information regarding enrolling your child in primary school in 2026 including timelines please click on the link below:

**Enrolling in primary school for 2026** 









### Digital Enrolment

Parent/Carer Quick Reference Guide

#### Enrolling your child is quick and easy using your laptop or desktop

#### Before you begin



Google Chrome is the recommended browser



Ensure your listed Emergency contact is someone **other than** Adult A or Adult B



Use of a laptop or desktop is recommended



Check your details are complete **before** submitting

You can't edit after submission



Use the **Save** button if you need to walk away



Have all your digital documents ready as they must be uploaded to your application

e.g. Birth certificate, Proof of Address, Proof of Residency

### Finding your designated neighbourhood school

Use <u>Find My School</u> to view a map of available government schools in your area, including your designated neighbourhood (local) school.

### Register for an account

- Click the following link: <a href="https://students.educationapps.vic.gov.au/s/">https://students.educationapps.vic.gov.au/s/</a>
- 2. Scroll down and select Register
- 3. Read the acknowledgement and select Continue
- 4. Enter the requested details
- 5. A verification email will be sent to your inbox (check spam folder)
- 6. Click the link that has been emailed to you to complete registration
- 7. You will be prompted to set a new password
- 8. Select Change Password
- 9. You will land on the portal homepage





### Ongoing access to the portal

- 1. Select the following link: https://students.educationapps.vic.gov.au/s/
- 2. Enter your credential details
- 3. Select Log in
- When logging in on a new device, you will be prompted for a verification code
  - · check your email for the code
  - · enter code and select Verify
- 5. You will land on the portal homepage
- 6. To log out, navigate to the drop-down menu and select Logout





### Submitting an application

- 1. From the portal homepage, select Apply
- 2. Enter new school application details
- Read the privacy notice and then select Continue
- 4. Enter details for each section (including documentation upload)
- Read Review and Declaration and check all details have been provided and are correct

Note: Once an enrolment enquiry is submitted, enrolment details cannot be edited via the Portal

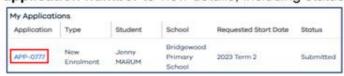
- Select Submit
- 7. The Application Submission screen will appear and then select Close
- 8. You will be taken to your application list

# Start a new application Enquire and apply directly to local schools in your area

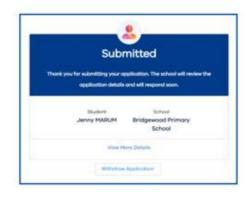


### Viewing, withdrawing or adding files to an application

1. In the portal, select application number to view details, including status



- You can monitor the application status along the top status bar, view application details, withdraw the application or view and upload files
  - To withdraw: select Withdraw Application, enter a reason and the application will be closed
  - To add files: select Add Files at the bottom of the browser and follow instructions





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### Accepting or not accepting an enrolment offer

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Please only accept ONE enrolment offer. All enrolments **must** be accepted via the portal.

- When a school makes an offer of enrolment, you will be notified by email and the status in the portal will be updated
- Select the link in the email, and you will be redirected to the portal
- 3. In the portal, My Applications will display Place Offered
- 4. Select application number
- Select Accept Offer to accept the enrolment offer (only accept ONE) and you will be prompted to provide additional information
- 6. Read the privacy notice and select Continue to proceed
- 7. Enter details for each section (including documentation upload)
- 8. Click Submit
- When the school finalises the application, you will be notified by email notification and the status in the portal will be updated
- 10. If you received multiple enrolment offers, or you no longer wish to proceed with your enrolment application:
  - select Do Not Accept (for each offer to be declined)
  - enter a reason and the application will be closed

NOTE: Your personal and health information will be shared with the school once you have accepted an enrolment offer.

#### We are here to support you

If you have any questions regarding your enrolment, please contact your school. For information about this process, visit <a href="https://www.vic.gov.au/how-choose-school-and-enrol">https://www.vic.gov.au/how-choose-school-and-enrol</a>.

