



Dillbadin

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Growing through learning

From our Principal

Penelope Harris

Hello to all our school families!

It has been a busy couple of weeks with our school camps, but what a great week it has been! Despite all the excitement, learning has continued at an outstanding level. Phonics remains a highlight of each morning, and students have been enthusiastically publishing their narratives, showcasing their creativity and growing confidence as writers.

Next week is another **Special Lunch Week**, and this time the treat is **hot dogs**! Don't forget to place your order via the **Compass Event** so your child can join in the fun lunch day.

Welcome to Our New Middle Class Teacher – Tamika Osborn

We are delighted to announce that Tamika Osborn has been appointed as the new teacher in the Middle Class on Mondays and Tuesdays, following the departure of Christine Zabitis earlier this term.

Tamika is an experienced and dedicated educator who brings a wealth of knowledge and a strong passion for supporting student learning and wellbeing. We are confident that she will be a wonderful addition to our school community, providing engaging and consistent learning experiences for the students.

Tamika will officially commence with us on Monday, 1st September. Families are encouraged to pop in, introduce themselves, and make her feel welcome as she begins her journey with our school. She will be working alongside Kat in a job-share arrangement, ensuring a smooth and supportive learning environment for all Middle students.

We would also like to extend our thanks to Neisha Gange, who has done an outstanding job teaching the Middle Class on Mondays and Tuesdays during the interim period. Her dedication has ensured continuity of learning while we completed the appointment process, allowing the students to continue thriving in a stable and nurturing environment.

We are thrilled to welcome Tamika to our team and look forward to the positive impact she will have on our students' learning and wellbeing.



Middle School Camp – A Wonderful Experience for Our Students

Our Middle School Camp has just concluded, and what an incredible experience it has been for our students! Camps provide a unique opportunity for students to develop independence, resilience, and social skills in a supportive and engaging environment. Beyond the classroom, students are challenged to step out of their comfort zones, work collaboratively, and build lasting friendships. These experiences create memories that will stay with them for years to come and help to strengthen our school community.

We are extremely grateful to our dedicated staff who gave up their time to make camp possible. Neisha Gange, Kat D'Aquino, and Ben Symmons went above and beyond to ensure the camp ran smoothly, supporting our students every step of the way. Their commitment, energy, and care allowed students to fully immerse themselves in the camp activities and enjoy every moment.

Camps like this are an important part of our school program because they extend learning beyond the classroom and provide practical opportunities for personal growth. Students return with increased confidence, stronger social skills, and a deeper sense of responsibility. The success of this camp is a testament to the collaboration between staff, students, and the wider school community.

I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you once again to our camp staff for their time, enthusiasm, and dedication. Experiences like Middle School Camp enrich our students' learning journey and are only possible because of the hard work and commitment of staff who go above and beyond to support our students.

Book Week 2025 Parade, on Monday, 25 August

We are excited to announce that our Book Week Parade will be held on Monday, 25 August, due to a busy week with the Middle School camp. Students are encouraged to come dressed as their favourite character from their favourite book. We also ask that students bring the book their character is from, so they can share it with their peers and explain why it is special to them. This year's Book Week theme is "Book an Adventure", inspiring our students to explore the worlds, journeys, and discoveries that can be found within the pages of a book.

Events like Book Week help foster a lifelong love of books, encourage creativity, and promote literacy skills, imagination, empathy, and critical thinking. We look forward to seeing our students' creativity shine as we "Book an Adventure" together!

Reminder – 2025 Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey

A reminder to families that the 2025 Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey was sent out on Monday, 18 August. All families are invited to participate, and your feedback is important in helping guide our future school planning and improvement.

The survey is conducted online, takes approximately 20 minutes to complete, and can be accessed on any internet-enabled device (iPad, desktop/laptop, or smartphone). It is available in English and 10 other languages, including Arabic, Vietnamese, Simplified Chinese, Chin (Hakha), Hindi, Japanese, Greek, Turkish, Somali, and Punjabi.

The survey will remain open until Friday, 19 September. Please take the time to complete it via the link sent on Compass. Your input is greatly appreciated and will help shape the future management and organisation of our school.

Father's Day Stall and BBQ – Thursday 4th September

We are excited to announce our Father's Day Stall and BBQ, which will be held on Thursday, 4th September! This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to celebrate and show their appreciation for the special fathers and father figures in their lives.



The Father's Day Stall will give students the chance to go shopping and choose a gift for their father or a special male figure. Students can bring cash on the day, or parents can pre-pay for the stall via the Father's Day Stall event on Compass, which will be available next week.

An invitation is being sent home today to all families, allowing us to gather numbers for catering and ensure we have enough food for everyone attending. The stall and BBQ promise to be a fun and memorable occasion for students and their dads.

We look forward to seeing lots of families join us as we celebrate Father's Day together and create another enjoyable school community event!

Art Club – Starting This Thursday!

We are excited to announce the launch of Art Club, starting this Thursday at lunchtime!

Students are invited to join Mrs Blake in the Art Room for a creative and fun session where they can explore different art techniques, work on projects, and let their imagination run wild.

Art Club is a fantastic opportunity for students to develop their artistic skills, express themselves creatively, and enjoy collaborating with peers in a relaxed and inspiring environment. We can't wait to see the amazing creations that will come from our budding artists!



Wishing all our families a wonderful weekend – enjoy the time together, and we look forward to seeing you back at school next week for another great week of learning.

I can't wait to hear all the stories and highlights from our Middle Camp adventure!

Penelope



BOOK WEEK PARADE



Dress up as your favourite
book character.

Our Parade is on Monday
25th August at 9:15am in the
Middle Space

Families are welcome to
attend.





SPECIAL LUNCH DAY - HOT DOGS



HOT DOG, SWEET TREAT
AND JUICE BOX

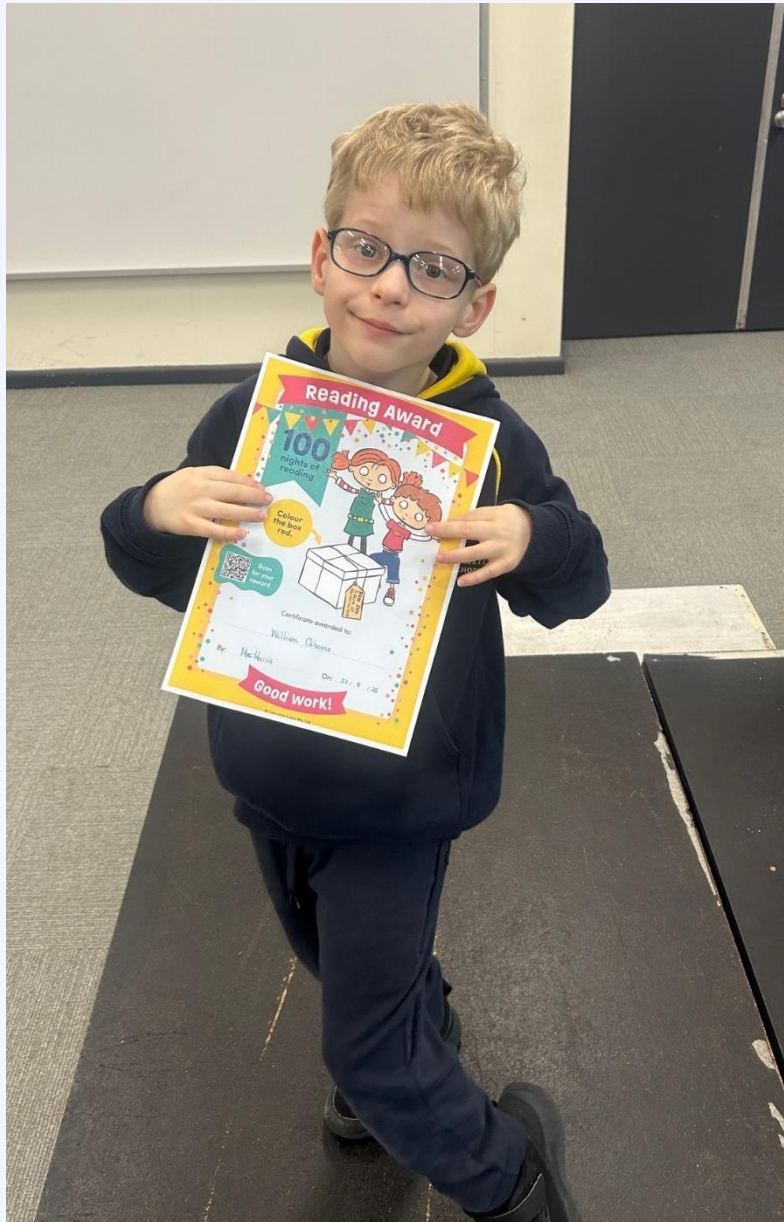
THURSDAY 28TH AUGUST



Nights of Reading Awards

100 Nights

William





Star Student Awards

JUNIOR

Sebastian for doing an amazing job on his narrative! Well done, Sebastian!

SENIOR

Oscar, fantastic work on your inquiry project this week. Keep it up!!!

SENIOR

Cooper for your amazing work on camp. You were able to step outside your comfort zone and keep going even when things got hard.



Star Student Awards





Specialist Star Awards

**MRS
BLAKE**

STEM:

Elijah, a big thanks for your help with the coding program in STEM this week.

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Performing Arts:

George for pickup up the choreography so quickly ding Performing Arts!

**MISS
GANGE**

Physical Education:
No award this week.



Specialist Star Awards





Senior Camp

Blackwood camp was an amazing experience. Our class was the first to enjoy the brand new catering service, which made the experience much better. The activities pushed us to try new things and were honestly much, much better than Garfield camp.

By Elijah

Blackwood camp was cool and the Blackwood food was delicious. The pasta was sooo good.

The activities were fun, and the glowing night archery was super cool. We had a rivalry with cabin 1, and high ropes was pretty scary(I was afraid of heights...). We did rock climbing. It was good and we did low ropes. It was pretty fun. It was a great camp.

By Gerard

Blackwood camp was an amazing experience. We did a giant variety of activities. We did high ropes to overcome the fear of heights. The obstacles were easy and the flying fox was like a rocket and it was very joyful. We also did rock climbing which challenged a lot of people and it ended in either people making it look like eating a piece of cake or some other people doing it like they just fought a pack of wolves. In the end, the cabin 1 party was great. We didn't let our neighbour sleep, but it had to end when Mr Simpson came and put an end to it.

By Faiq

Monday 11th August : We packed up for camp and were ready to go on the school bus. It was a 2-hour drive. Once we arrived, we ate Recess and our first activity was the Imagination trail it was an activity where some people fired the cannon, and the catchers were catching the balls that were fired with a bucket. Then we did bush huts where we had to make huts with logs, leaves, barks. After that, we showered, had free time, brushed our teeth and got ready for the night. We also did night archery. At night, people in cabin one were partying at 2 am.

Tuesday 12th August : Once we woke up, we ate breakfast, brushed our teeth and so on. Our first activity for today was low ropes.

By Rohaan



Senior Camp





Important Dates

Date	Event
Every Friday	3:00pm School Assembly
Wednesday 27 th August	ANAM School Concert – Middle class
Thursday 4 th September	Father's Day stall and BBQ
Wednesday 10 th September	Whole School Scavenger Hunt
Friday 19 th September	Footy Colour Day
Friday 19 th September	Final day of Term 3 – 2:30pm finish



School Wide Positive Behaviour



Our students have again earned 3
leaf in the past week, which is
300 acknowledgements of
positive behaviour.
Amazing work, everyone!