



Dillbadin

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Growing through learning

From our Principal

Penelope Harris

It's hard to believe we've already reached the end of Week 3—Term 4 is certainly flying by!

Our students have been having a wonderful time, learning lots, engaging in exciting activities, and making the most of the warmer weather outdoors. There's a great sense of energy and enthusiasm around the school as we head toward a very busy and enjoyable end to the year.

Twilight Christmas Market

Our upcoming Twilight Christmas Market promises to be a highlight of the school year, featuring more than 30 stallholders, including a wonderful variety of food vendors.

A key feature of this event is the meaningful involvement of our students. Throughout the evening, students will be showcasing their learning, creativity, and school spirit in a range of ways. Each class has been preparing two Christmas carol performances, which they will present during the market. In addition, students will join East City Sound—a local choir that rehearses weekly in our GP room—for a special collaborative performance that will no doubt be a highlight of the night.

The event will also include an exhibition of student artwork, celebrating the talent and effort demonstrated across all year levels. Many of our senior students will be assisting with the operation of the school-run stalls, gaining valuable leadership and community service experience.

As this is a whole-school celebration and an important community event, we ask that all students attend and participate. Their involvement is an essential part of the evening's success, and we greatly appreciate the support of our families in ensuring students are present to represent our school with pride.

We look forward to sharing this special night with our families and wider community as we celebrate the festive season together.

To stay up to date with the stallholders and attractions at our market, please follow us on Facebook or Instagram.



Special Lunch

Our next Special Lunch will be held on Thursday, 30 October. This time, students can look forward to a delicious serving of mac and cheese, a sweet treat, and juice—all for just \$8.

Orders and payment can be made conveniently through Compass, or alternatively, families may send cash to school or visit the office to pay by card.

Please ensure all orders are placed by the due date so that we can prepare enough meals for everyone. We look forward to another enjoyable Special Lunch day!



2026 Prep Transition

Today we held our very first 2026 Prep Transition session, and it was a wonderful success! Our newest students enjoyed a tour of the school and took part in fun “getting to know you” activities designed to help them feel comfortable and excited about starting school.

It was fantastic to see so many happy faces and eager learners taking their first steps into our school community.

If you know of any families who are still considering schools for 2026, please encourage them to visit and learn more about what makes our school special—our small class sizes, dedicated teachers, and balanced focus on both academic growth and student wellbeing.

Container Deposit Scheme

Did you know that since the Container Deposit Scheme began in November 2023, more than 1.8 billion containers have already been collected across Victoria? This incredible initiative is helping to reduce waste, support recycling, and give back to local communities.

We are excited to share that our school will soon be introducing the Container Deposit Scheme as part of our sustainability efforts. Families will be able to collect eligible cans and bottles and donate them to our school, helping us raise funds while caring for the environment. More information about how the scheme will operate at our school will be shared soon.

Wishing everyone a wonderful weekend!

We hope everyone has a fantastic weekend! Take some time to relax, enjoy the sunshine, and spend quality time with your family. Make the most of those special moments together, and we'll see you back on Monday, ready for another great week of learning and connecting with friends at school.

Penelope



Visual Art



SPECIAL LUNCHES MENU

1

16TH OCTOBER

Pizza, sweet treat and juice box

\$8

2

30TH OCTOBER

Mac and Cheese, sweet treat and juice box

\$8

3

13TH NOVEMBER

Pasta Bake, sweet treat and juice box

\$8

4

27TH NOVEMBER

Sausages in Bread, sweet treat and juice box

\$8

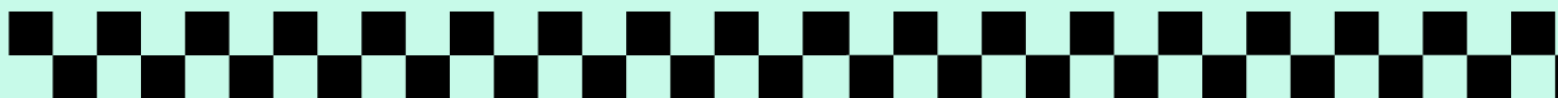
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11TH DECEMBER

Chicken Nuggets and Hash Browns, sweet treat and juice box

\$8

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Friday 5th December
4:30pm - 7:30pm

DILLBADIN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Twilight Christmas Market

Handmade gifts
Food stalls
Christmas carols
Arts and crafts
Face painting
...plus a visit from Santa!



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Nights of Reading Awards

25 Nights

Oscar		

50 Nights

75 Nights

Kaylee		
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100 Nights

Ivy		
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125 Nights



Nights of Reading Awards



Wellbeing Wrap-Up

Neisha Gange – Assistant Principal

Building Resilience in Our Kids: Coping Skills at School and Home

At Dillbadin Primary School, we know that learning goes far beyond the classroom. One of the most important life skills we can nurture in our students is resilience. Resilience is the ability to bounce back from challenges, manage emotions, and keep going even when things get tough.

A fantastic resource we've been exploring at school is "50 Coping Skills for Kids", which offers a colourful and engaging visual packed with practical strategies children can use to manage stress, anxiety, and big emotions. These strategies are simple, accessible, and most importantly, effective.

What Are Coping Skills?

Coping skills are tools children can use to regulate their emotions, calm their minds, and feel more in control. These might include physical activities like riding a bike or jumping on a trampoline, creative outlets like drawing or making slime, or calming techniques like deep breathing, journaling, or using positive self-talk.

Using the Visual at School and Home

The visual resource is a vibrant poster-style collection of 50 coping strategies. It's perfect for displaying in classrooms, wellbeing corners, or even on the fridge at home. Children can refer to it when they're feeling overwhelmed or unsure of how to manage their emotions.

Here's how we can use it:

In the classroom: Teachers are beginning to introduce one coping skill each week during morning circle time or wellbeing lessons. Students can reflect on which strategies work best for them and even create their own 'Top 5 Tools' list.

At home: Families can encourage children to try different strategies and talk about what helps them feel calm or happy. You might even create a 'Toolbox' with items like a stress ball, colouring pencils, or a favourite book.

Why These Strategies Work

Each strategy on the poster supports emotional regulation differently:

Physical activities like bouncing a ball or going for a walk help release built-up energy and reduce stress.

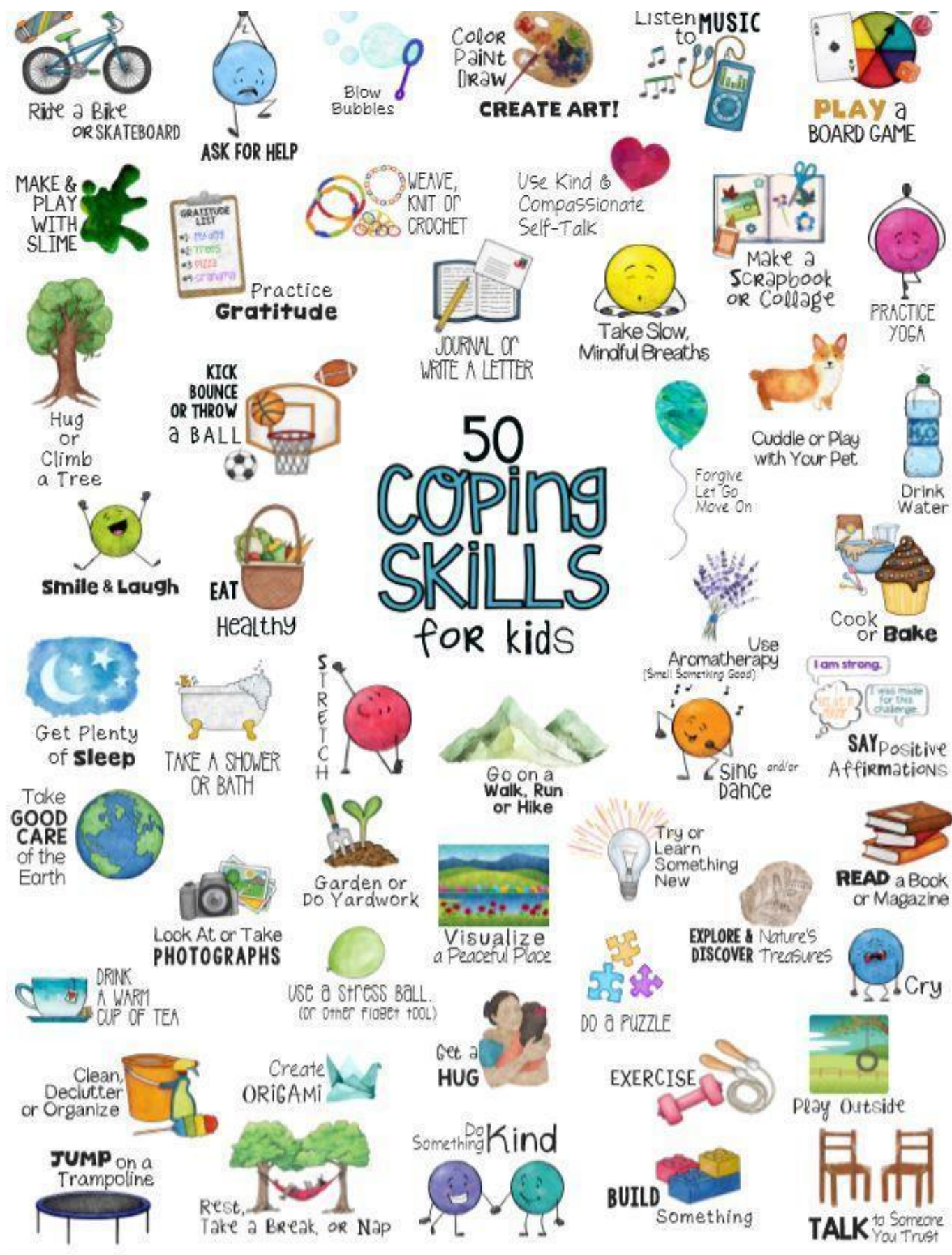
Creative outlets like drawing, painting, or making a scrapbook allow children to express feelings they might not have words for.

Mindfulness techniques such as deep breathing, yoga, or visualising a peaceful place help calm the nervous system and bring focus back to the present moment.

Connection-based strategies like talking to someone you trust or getting a hug remind children they're not alone.

Wellbeing Wrap-Up

Neisha Gange – Assistant Principal





Star Student Awards

JUNIOR

Jozee for working so hard on your “Mem Fox style” story! Miss Sparkes loves your work!

MIDDLE

Ivy for being respectful during class discussions and sharing great ideas!

SENIOR

Mason for his fantastic work this week. We have loved hearing you read aloud in class this week and your Blitzmaster has gone to another level!



Star Student Awards





Specialist Star Awards

**MRS
BLAKE**

STEM and Visual Art:
Kai for excellent participation in Art and STEM.

MISS D

Performing Arts:
The Junior Class for showing impressive focus, listening skills and musical timing when playing the boom whackers!

**MISS
GANGE**

PE:
Oscar for participating in Gecko Sport with enthusiasm and improving his touch rugby skills.



Specialist Star Awards





Important Dates

Date	Event
Every Friday	3:00pm School Assembly
Tuesday 4 th November	Cup Day Public Holiday
Tuesday 11 th November	Curriculum Day – NO STUDENTS AT SCHOOL
Monday 17 th – Friday 28 th November	Whole School Swimming Program
Friday 5 th December	Twilight Christmas Market 4:30pm
Tuesday 9 th December	Statewide Transition Day
Friday 19 th December	Last Day of the Year 1:30pm finish
Friday 19 th December	Semester 2 Reports released on Compass

Future Dates for 2026

2026	Start Date	Finish Date
Term 1	28 th January	2 nd April
Term 2	20 th April	26 th June
Term 3	13 th July	18 th September
Term 4	5 th October	18 th December



Important Dates



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PREP TRANSITION SCHEDULE

1

FRIDAY 24TH OCTOBER, 9.30 - 10.30AM

2

FRIDAY 7TH NOVEMBER, 9.30 - 10.30AM

3

FRIDAY 21ST NOVEMBER, 9.30 - 10.30AM

4

FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER, 9.30 - 10.30AM

5

TUESDAY 9TH DECEMBER, 9.30 - 1.30PM

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School Wide Positive Behaviour



Our students have again earned 5
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500 acknowledgements of
positive behaviour.
Amazing work, everyone!



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