



# Dillbadin

## PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Growing through learning*



### NOTICES TO BE RETURNED

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Local Excursion consent form

Photography consent form (new students only)

Digital Technology Agreement

PG movie consent (Senior only)

## From our Principal

*Penelope Harris*

Another fantastic week of learning done and dusted!

I have been regularly visiting all classrooms, and it is always reassuring at how settled and calm our students are.

### Hats

In Term 1 and Term 4 our school policy is that all staff and students need to wear hats when outside at recess and lunchtime. On days with extreme heat, we will ensure all of our students are drinking enough water and that they are in the shade on some days.



The focuses for our school in 2025 are the following:

Reading, including phonics, and student Wellbeing.

We feel these are areas that we want to keep trying to improve across our school. We will be trialling some new strategies and we hope that you will hear your child/children being really excited about what they are doing in class.

### **School Council**

It's that time of year when we need to elect our new school council.

Ever wanted to see the behind scenes working of Dillbadin Primary School? Well, here's your chance! Our School Council is on the lookout for proactive, passionate, creative, and curious individuals to help shape the future of our school.

Whether you're a numbers person, a policy enthusiast, or just someone who loves seeing kids thrive, we'd love to have you on board.

What's in it for you?

- **Insight:** Learn what actually goes on behind the scenes.
- **Impact:** Make decisions that genuinely improve the school experience for all our kids.
- **Networking:** Meet other amazing parents and staff while understanding the finer points of school policy.

If you would like to nominate for council, you just need to go to the office and fill out a nomination form. You can also nominate someone for school council but you do need the parents permission to be nominated.

We are also considering holding our school council meetings in the morning, straight after school drop off.

Let's make 2025 an unforgettable year for Dillbadin Primary. Together, we can achieve amazing things.

A huge thank you to our students, staff, and families for another wonderful week at Dillbadin Primary School . Wishing you all a safe and happy weekend.

*Penelope*

# FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

## INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

**Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.**

## CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$154 for primary school students
- \$256 for secondary school students

### HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments:** your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances:** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure

### MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.vic.gov.au/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund>



# Wellbeing Wrap-Up

*Neisha Gange – Assistant Principal*

## **Term 1 Student Support Group Meetings:**

On Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February, we are holding our term 1 Student Support Group Meetings for all students at Dillbadin Primary School. Meetings will be held onsite between 3:30 and 5:30.

The purpose of these meetings is to:

- meet your child's teacher for 2025
- discuss how the year will look for your child
- gain an insight into the learning opportunities your child is involved in at school
- collaborate and brainstorm some goals your child may work on throughout the year
- ask any questions you may have
- share information about your child that will help us support your child throughout the school day

These SSG meetings are held each term at Dillbadin Primary School. In terms 2 and 3, the focus of the meetings is to discuss your child's continued progress towards their learning goals. In term 4, meetings are focused on a celebration of the achievements each child has made and making recommendations for the following school year.

SSG meetings are booked via your Compass portal and run for no more than 20 minutes each.

Please contact the school ASAP if you have any issues logging in to Compass to book your time.



## **Compass : Late Arrivals (after 9:15am) and Early Departures**

All students must be signed in and out by parents at the office using the Compass 'Kiosk' (iPad). This will automatically update class rolls. Students being collected early will be called to the office by staff where they will be collected by parents/carers. Parents are not to go directly to the classroom unless requested by staff.

## **Compass - Absence Notifications**

All student absences must be explained by parents using Compass. Parents are asked to please ensure that the correct time date and time frame is selected when sending absence notifications. Compass has two sessions : AM (9:00am – 12:00pm) and PM (12:30pm – 3:30pm). Please be careful with selecting the appropriate dates and times for the duration of your child's absence.

## **TheirCare OSHC at Dillbadin Primary School**

Enrol in Out of Hours School Care –  
Enrolling is quick and easy! Simply set up  
your own account online via  
[www.theircare.com.au](http://www.theircare.com.au) or call 1300 072 410.







# Star Student Awards

## JUNIOR

Ayan, you have been working so hard on your handwriting. Keep up the good work!

## MIDDLE

Alexandra for always putting in her best efforts to be a brilliant learner.

## SENIOR

Mason your constant encouragement and helpful nature uplift you friends daily. Your kindness and support truly make a positive impact at DPS.

## SPECIALISTS

Rohaam for creating detailed masterpieces in Art.



# Star Student Awards





# Values Awards

## JUNIOR

### **BE RESPECTFUL:**

George for always using your manners inside the classroom and at playtime. Miss Sparkes love it!!

## MIDDLE

### **BE A LEARNER:**

Daniel has been a superstar maths learner this term by using his knowledge of place value.

## SENIOR

### **BE A LEARNER:**

Eli, well done!! You always enter the classroom ready to learn and give every activity your best effort. Keep up the great work.



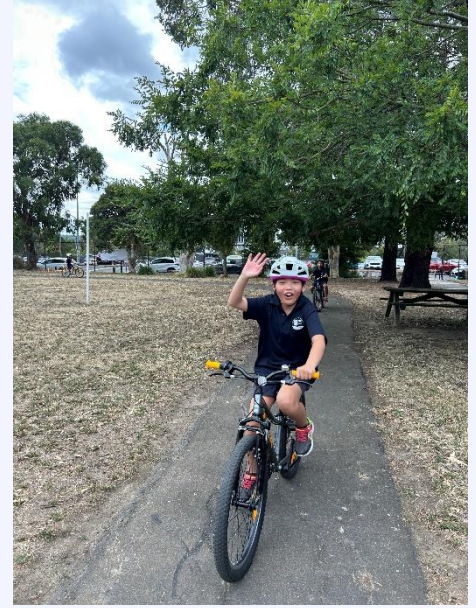
# Values Awards







# Senior Students Reward



The senior class at Dillbadin Primary School had an unforgettable SWPBS reward last week, riding the new school bikes! The excitement was electric as everyone had their own bike to ride around the oval, enjoying the freedom and fun together. For many, it was their first time on the new bikes and the energy was contagious. It was a fantastic way to bring the class together and create lasting memories. The senior class loved celebrating their hard work and many can not wait to get back on the bikes again.





# Art



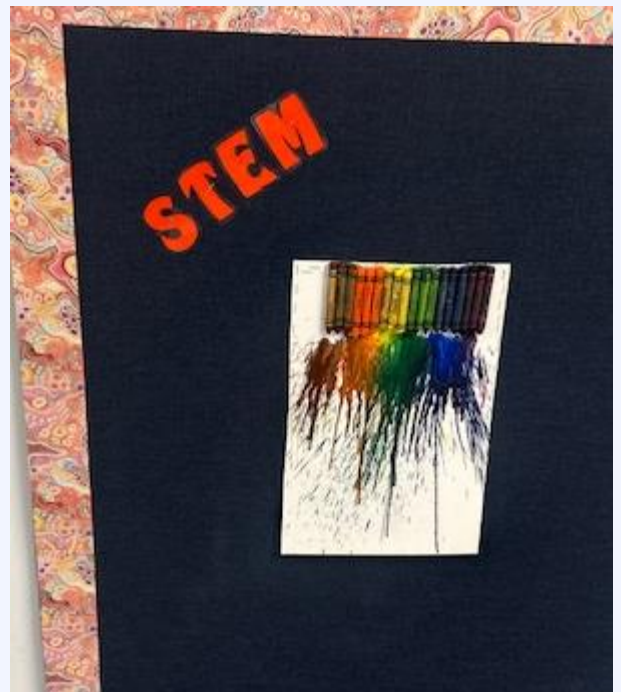
Can you find  
your child's  
self portrait?







# New Displays



Have you seen the new Specialist display in the Admin building? Make sure you pop in to check it out.



# School Wide Positive Behaviour



Our students earned 4 leaves  
the past week which is **400**  
acknowledgement of positive  
behaviour.

Amazing work everyone!



# meet the TEACHER

welcome

Mrs Blake

hello!



about me

Hi, My name is Elissa Blake.

I am so excited to be teaching at Dillbadin Primary School. I will be teaching all the classes Art and STEM.

I previously was a kindergarten teacher for many years and I decided it was time to expand my teaching experience and teach primary. I live with my husband, Nick, our two children, Matilda and Michael, and our dog Holly. I am so happy to be here and I cannot wait to get to know all of you.

favorites

Colour: Red

Food: Pizza

Drink: Coffee

Movie: Moana

Animal: Elephant

Hobby: Dancing

contact

I will be teaching Art and STEM on Thursdays and Fridays at the start of term 1, then on Wednesdays and Fridays.





# Uniforms

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SCHOOL DURING WEEK  
STARTING 24 FEBRUARY**



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# Important Dates

Date	Event
Every Friday	3:00pm School Assembly
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	School council nominations due
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Student Support Group meetings (SSGs)
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Labour Day Public Holiday – no school
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Last day of Term 1 – 2:30pm dismissal