



# Dillbadin

## PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Growing through learning*



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## **From our Principal**

*Penelope Harris*

It has been wonderful to welcome our students back to Dillbadin Primary School and to see how positively they have begun the week.

Across the school, students have settled in quickly, showing a calm, focused approach and a readiness to engage in their learning. Classrooms have had a purposeful feel, with students listening carefully, following routines, and taking pride in being part of their class communities.

This strong start reflects the high expectations our students have of themselves and the supportive environment created by our staff.

Being ready to learn, respecting others, and contributing positively to the school community are values we continue to emphasise, and it has been pleasing to see these on display from day one. We look forward to building on this excellent beginning as the term progresses, and thank families for their ongoing support in helping students arrive each day ready to learn.

# A Positive Change to Our Daily Start

We are introducing a small but important change to how each school day begins at Dillbadin Primary School, designed to support student wellbeing and learning.

From now on, our mornings will start with Morning Movement. Music will sound at 8:55am, signalling for students to move to the basketball court to meet their teacher. Students will then participate in a 10-minute physical activity. This may include walking the oval, shooting hoops, or engaging in another light movement activity appropriate for the group.

There is strong research evidence that when children engage in physical activity before learning, it improves focus, memory, and overall cognitive function. Simply put, movement helps prepare the brain for learning, resulting in better engagement and stronger academic outcomes in the classroom.

Following Morning Movement, our reading program will begin promptly at 9:10am. Students will start with a 20-minute targeted session focused on either phonics or spelling, depending on their learning needs. This explicit teaching will then carry over to the other essential components of reading: fluency, accuracy, comprehension, and oral language.

This structured and active start to the day supports both the physical and academic development of our students. We appreciate your support in ensuring students arrive on time so they can fully benefit from this new routine, and we look forward to the positive impact it will have on learning across the school.

## Special Lunches are Back

We're excited to announce that our Special Lunch is returning starting next week! Each lunch will include:

Pasta bake, Juice box, Sweet treat

The event will be set up on Compass by Monday, and will run every second week – that's 5 lunches per term.

Cost: \$8 per lunch or \$35 for the whole term – a bit of a saving!

Last year, the money raised from Special Lunches went towards buying iPad covers, and this year we hope to support more great school resources.

Don't miss out – order your Special Lunches and enjoy a delicious treat while helping our school!

# Welcome to Mr. Jones



We are very pleased to welcome Mr Nick Jones to Dillbadin Primary School, who will be joining us this year as Assistant Principal while Ms Neisha Gange is on leave to welcome her first baby. We wish Neisha all the very best during this special time.

Nick brings a wealth of experience to our school, and we are extremely fortunate to have him join our team. In addition to his leadership role, Nick will be teaching Auslan and Physical Education and will be working closely with students, staff, and families in all areas of wellbeing. Supporting positive relationships, student engagement, and a strong sense of belonging will be a key focus of his work.

Nick also has strong digital technology skills, which he will incorporate into his teaching and interactions with students, further enhancing learning opportunities across the school.

Please join me in welcoming Nick to Dillbadin Primary School. We are confident he will be a valuable addition to our community and look forward to the positive impact he will have on our students and families.

## Services coming to our school

We are very lucky to be partnering with Teeth on Wheels (dental services) and the Glasses in School Program (vision services) this year.

These programs will be visiting our school to provide free dental and vision checks for our students and families.

We're excited that our students will have access to these important health services right here at school – making it easier for families to take care of their children's teeth and eyes.

More details about how to participate will be shared soon.

# Wellbeing Wrap-Up

Nick Jones – Assistant Principal

Hi everyone!

It's a real privilege to join a school with such a strong sense of community, care, and commitment to student growth.

Meeting students and families this week has been a highlight. Thank you to everyone for being so warm and welcoming.

I'm passionate about student wellbeing, building positive relationships, and supporting both students and staff to thrive. A key focus of my role will be strengthening student voice and ensuring every child feels safe, supported, and valued at school.

I will also be teaching Auslan and PE on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

I'm really looking forward to getting to know our students, families, and staff over the coming weeks. Please feel free to say hello. I'm always happy to chat; nothing is too big or small.

I'm excited for what's ahead and to be part of the Dillbadin Primary School journey

Thanks Nick



## Notices to be Returned

- Local Excursion Permission Form
- Dietary Requirements Form
- Digital Technology User Agreement

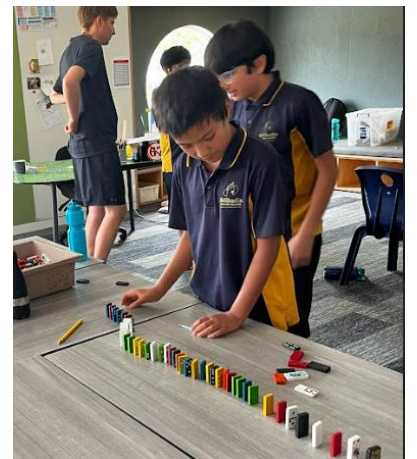


# First Day Back





# Senior Class





# New Shade Sails





# School Wide Positive Behaviour



We have updated our SWPBS tracking board. We are very excited to see how many cockatoos each class receive each week.



# Important Dates

Date	Event
Every Friday	3:00pm School Assembly
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> February Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> February Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Special Lunch Days
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	SSG meetings (Parent/Teacher Meetings)
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Formula 1 Excursion (Senior Class)
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Labour Day – PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Harmony Day
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	CURRICULUM DAY – No students at school
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Last Day of Term 1 – 2.30pm finish