



# Dillbadin

## PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Growing through learning*



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## From Our Principal

*Penelope Harris*

Welcome back to Term 2! We hope everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday break and a wonderful Easter—hopefully without too many chocolate eggs or bunnies!

I would also like to take a moment to apologise for missing the final week of last term. I had to undergo emergency surgery and then used the school holidays to recover. I missed everyone and am very happy to be back.

We would also like to officially welcome Kody Fraser (Miss Fraser) to our junior class. Our junior students are already having a wonderful time learning with her, and we are very pleased to have Kody join our school community.

### **Curriculum Day**

We have a curriculum day scheduled for Wednesday, 17th June – no students will be at school that day.

### **Term 2 Dates**

We have a lot of exciting events happening this term. Please make sure to check the Important Dates page at the end of the newsletter for full details.

## Student Artwork at Boronia Station

We are proud to share that the wonderful mural created by our students has now been installed at the bus interchange on the Erica Avenue side of Boronia Station. It is fantastic to see our students' creativity showcased in the community.

A special thank you to Elissa (Mrs Blake) for her time, thoughtful planning, and creativity in working with all of our students to bring this project to life during Art.

Our students have also been invited to take part in a photo opportunity at the site to help promote this amazing artwork. Well done to everyone involved—this is a fantastic achievement for our school community!



## Huge thank you to Knox Photography Group

We would like to extend a very big thank you to the Knox Photography Group for generously volunteering their time at our school.

The team did a fantastic job cleaning up the front of the school, making a noticeable difference to the presentation of our grounds. They also got started on work in the sandpit garden, which is already looking refreshed and full of potential.

This group of amazing helpers worked incredibly hard, and their efforts are truly appreciated by our whole school community. Their willingness to give their time and energy has made a positive impact on our students and staff.

We are very grateful for their support and community spirit. Thank you again!



## School Photo Day – Tuesday 28th April

School Photo Day will take place next Tuesday, 28th April. All photo orders are to be completed online via the SchoolPix portal.

Please ensure students come to school in full school uniform, looking neat, clean, and ready with their best smile!



## Grade 6 to Year 7 Transition

Starting secondary school is one of the biggest steps in your child's life. As there are a variety of options for your child's secondary education, choose a school to suit your child's needs. You may want to make a list of things that are important to you and your child or visit the schools you are interested in; they welcome enquiries and will organise a time to visit.

An important step is to involve your child in deciding which secondary school they will attend. The following questions may assist you as you consider which secondary school will best benefit your child:

Will the school cater for your child's needs and interests?

How does the school support children with additional needs?

How important is it that your child knows other children at the school?

Does your family have a connection to a particular school?

Do you have older children already attending a secondary school?

It is important that families read this information carefully and adhere to the timeline provided.

All enrolment forms for Year 7 were sent home today to all Grade 6 students and need to be returned to school by NO LATER THAN FRIDAY MAY 8.

The Department of Education has a website that will help you to identify your local public school online. By clicking on the following link and entering your home address, you will see the school catchment area in which you live. [www.findmyschool.vic.gov.au](http://www.findmyschool.vic.gov.au)

## Enrol now for 2027

We are currently receiving a high level of interest for our 2027 Prep enrolments and need to confirm how many siblings of current students will be starting at Dillbadin Primary School next year.

As per our enrolment priorities, students who live within our school zone and siblings of current students are given the highest priority for placement.

If you have a child due to start Prep in 2027, we ask that you please complete your enrolment as soon as possible. All enrolments are now completed online via: <https://www.vic.gov.au/enrolling-foundation-prep>

Thank you to those families who have already finalised their enrolment.

I hope everyone has a great weekend in this beautiful weather.

*Penelope*



YOU ARE INVITED TO

MOTHER'S DAY OR  
SPECIAL PERSON'S

*Afternoon Tea*

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7 MAY | AT 2:30 PM

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SCONES WITH JAM AND CREAM AND  
TEA AND COFFEE WILL BE PROVIDED

OUR MOTHER'S DAY STALL WILL ALSO  
BE OPEN FOR STUDENTS ON THIS DAY

PLEASE JOIN US FOR

# GRANDPARENTS' SPECIAL FRIENDS' DAY

MONDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> MAY

The event begins at 12:20 pm, when students and guests will have lunch together.

From 12:50 to 1:50 pm, guests are welcome to visit classrooms for activities or attend the book fair.





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# Nights of Reading Awards

## 25 Nights

Lily

Samip

Elijah



# Wellbeing Wrap Up

Nick Jones – Assistant Principal

Helping children navigate big feelings is one of the most important (and challenging) parts of parenting. Below are five evidence-informed strategies to support connection, reflection and calm boundaries at home. These approaches align closely with the wellbeing practices we use here at school.

Every child and family is different, and what works beautifully one day may not the next. If you'd like to talk through any of these ideas, or discuss strategies specific to your child, I'd genuinely welcome the conversation. Please feel free to drop by the office, give the school a call, or send me an email.

Thanks,  
Nick Jones

## WHAT YOUR CHILD NEEDS FROM YOU

### 1. CONNECTION BEFORE CORRECTION

If your child feels unsafe, they won't listen or share. Start with presence, not questions or judgement.

### 2. VALIDATION COMES FIRST

Help your child feel understood before solving anything.

Examples:

- "That makes sense."
- "I can see why you'd feel that way."

### 3. SPEAK THE TRUTH (NOT YOUR OPINION)

Children believe what you say about them.

- ✗ "You're so rude"
- ✓ "I can see you're upset. Let's find a better way to say that."

### 4. HELP THEM REFLECT

Growth happens when children understand their feelings.

Ask:

- "What do you think was going on there?"
- "How were you feeling?"

### 5. SET CLEAR, CALM BOUNDARIES

Children feel safer when limits are steady and confident.

"I love you, and I'm not going to let you speak to me that way."



# Star Student Awards

## JUNIOR

Meliah for working hard to be a great and respectful listener!

## MIDDLE

Kenzie for creating great “Big Ideas” during our class discussion about “The Giving Tree”.

## SENIOR

Zayan for your fantastic first week back! You have tried your very best and have shown great focus.



# Star Student Awards





# Specialist Star Awards

**MRS  
BLAKE**

STEM:

Oscar for figuring out a way to cut with scissors without his thumb in an experiment in STEM!

**MISS D**

Performing Arts:

M. for being confident and clear in her acting during “Ice-cream Shop”.

**MR  
JONES**

Auslan:

Rhain for working hard when signing emotions in Auslan!



# Specialist Star Awards





# ANZAK Day Service

Senior Class students attended the ANZAC Day ceremony at the Tim Neville Arboretum, representing the school with respect, maturity, and quiet reflection. Throughout the service, they remained attentive and contemplative, demonstrating a genuine understanding of the significance of the occasion.

Students listened carefully to speeches from Mayor Paige Kennett and local MLA Jackson Taylor, who both spoke about the importance of remembrance and community.

A particularly impactful moment came from Andrew Fraser, whose reflections on the HMAS AE2 and his personal connection to ANZAC Day deeply resonated with those in attendance. His speech encouraged students to think about sacrifice, courage, and the ongoing importance of honouring those who served.

Alongside 11 other schools, our students took part in a wreath-laying ceremony, showing unity and respect. Before departing, they also visited the War Memorial to pay their respects individually. The experience was both informative and emotional, providing students with a meaningful opportunity to connect with Australia's history and reflect on the values commemorated on ANZAC Day.





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Mrs Harris





# School Wide Positive Behaviour



Our students earned 3 cockatoos over the past week, representing **300** acknowledgements of positive behaviour. Amazing work, everyone!



# Important Dates

Date	Event
Every Friday	3:00pm School Assembly
Every 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday: 30 <sup>th</sup> April 14 <sup>th</sup> May 28 <sup>th</sup> May 11 <sup>th</sup> June 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Special Lunch Days
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	School Photo Day
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	School Council
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Book Fair
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Mother's Day Stall and Mother's Day Afternoon Tea
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Grandparent's Day
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Walk to School Day
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Education Week starts
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	King's Birthday Public Holiday
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	School Council
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Curriculum Day
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Last Day of Term 2 – 2.30pm finish

## DILLBADIN PRIMARY SCHOOL, BORONIA

SchoolPix is coming to photograph on:

# Tuesday, 28 April 2026

### SIBLING ORDERS

must be placed prior to 8am on  
Tuesday, 28 April 2026



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# Tuning in to Kids

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for parents of primary school aged children

## Would you like tips and strategies to:

- Better communicate with your child?
- Help your child learn to manage their emotions and deal with conflict?
- Manage challenging behaviours?
- Parent anxious children?

## Children with emotional intelligence:

- Have greater success with making and keeping friends
- Show improved concentration at school
- Have increased wellbeing

**Please note: this an interactive program via Zoom. Participants are expected to have cameras on and join from an appropriate setting.**

**When:** 6 afternoon sessions  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May - 12<sup>th</sup> June 2026

**Time:** 12:30 to 2:30pm

**Location:** Online via Zoom

**Cost:** Free of charge  
(bookings essential)

## Enquiries:

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