



Dillbadin

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Growing through learning



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From Our Principal

Penelope Harris

Welcome to this week's newsletter. It has been another busy and rewarding week across our school, with students engaging in a range of learning opportunities both inside and outside the classroom.

Education Week 2026

Next week we will celebrate Education Week across Victoria with the theme "Showcasing Our School."

A big thank you to Miss Fraser for organising a range of activities, visitors, and local excursions that will provide our students with opportunities to celebrate and showcase our school within the wider community.

We look forward to a fantastic week of learning, connection, and celebration.

Walk to School Day

Don't forget Walk to School Day on Friday, 22nd May.

Curriculum Day

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

Celebrating Our Education Support Staff

Tomorrow, Saturday 16 May, schools across Victoria will recognise and celebrate the incredible contribution of Education Support (ES) staff.

At our school, our ES staff play a vital role in supporting student learning, wellbeing, inclusion, and engagement every day. Their care, patience, flexibility, and dedication help create a safe and supportive environment where all students can thrive.

Whether working alongside teachers in classrooms, supporting students with additional needs, preparing learning materials, or providing encouragement and care, their impact is felt across every part of our school community.

Our school is a better place because of the amazing work they do each day. We sincerely thank our Education Support staff for their ongoing commitment to our students and school community.

We will be celebrating our wonderful ES staff with a morning tea on Tuesday next week. Please don't forget to say thank you and acknowledge the incredible work they do for our students each and every day.



Apply now to enrol your child in Foundation (Prep) for 2027

All Victorian government primary schools follow a statewide timeline for enrolling in Foundation (Prep) for the 2027 school year.

If you have a child starting primary school in 2027, **it's time to enrol**. Make sure to submit your enrolment application **by Friday, 31 July 2026**.

It is important to submit your enrolment application to us on time as it will ensure your child is included in all transition activities if offered enrolment at our school. This also allows us to plan our classrooms, staffing and transition activities, and ensures your child has the best start to school.

For more information, please read about how to enrol your child in Foundation at vic.gov.au/enrolling-foundation-prep.

If you would like to enrol your child in Foundation (Prep) in 2027, please contact our school office on 9762 2510 to book a school tour or request an application form.

We look forward to another engaging and connected week ahead.

Penelope



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Walk Safely to School Day

We're taking it in our stride on
Friday 22 May 2026

Next Friday, our school will be taking part in Walk Safely to School Day. This is a great opportunity for students and families to build healthy habits, enjoy some fresh air and practise safe behaviours around roads and traffic.

	Meeting Point:	Boronia Woolworths
	Departure Time:	8:15am sharp
	Date:	Friday 22 May 2026
	Supervision:	Staff will supervise students
	Families:	Families are encouraged to come along and support their child at this event



Walking safely to school helps children develop confidence, independence and awareness of road safety. It is also a simple way to include more physical activity in the day.



Families can support the day by:

- ✓ Walking with their child from home or part of the way
- ✓ Joining us at Boronia Woolworths for the group walk
- ✓ Parking a little further away and walking the rest of the way
- ✓ Talking with their child about safe walking and road safety



We look forward to seeing many students and families join us for Walk Safely to School Day.





Nights of Reading Awards

25 Nights

Rohaan

Ivy

50 Nights

William

Avah

Meilah

Sebastian

75 Nights

Samip

Kris



Wellbeing Wrap Up

Nick Jones – Assistant Principal

The After-School Slump

Why kids melt down at the front door – and how to help

After a big day of learning, focus and friendships, many primary aged children seem to ‘fall apart’ the moment they walk through the front door. It can look like big emotions, grumpiness, hunger, or tears over small things.

This is sometimes called after-school restraint collapse – children have held it together all day at school and finally feel safe enough to let their feelings out. It is not bad behaviour; it is a sign that home feels safe. A few small tweaks to the after-school routine can make a real difference for Dillbadin families.

A simple ‘land and launch’ routine

Land first, talk later. Allow 20 -30 minutes of quiet downtime before any questions or homework. A snack, fresh air, or time with the family pet works wonders.

Feed and water. Hunger and thirst amplify big feelings. Have a snack and water ready before they’re asked for.

Skip the interrogation. Instead of “How was your day?”, try “What made you laugh today?” or simply sit quietly together. Connection often comes before conversation.

When big feelings show up

Stay calm and close. A child in meltdown cannot problem-solve – they need co-regulation, not correction. A quiet voice, a hug, or sitting nearby can help their nervous system settle. Save any conversations about behaviour for later, when everyone is calm.

If your child is regularly arriving home overwhelmed or struggling to settle, please reach out to their classroom teacher or our wellbeing team. We are here to help families build calm, connected afternoons.

After-School Connection

What to say – and what to skip – when they walk in the door

Skip these

- ❌ “How was your day?”
Too broad. You’ll get “fine.”
- ❌ “Did you behave today?”
Sets up defensiveness.
- ❌ “Have you got homework?”
Skip this one for the first hour.
- ❌ “Why are you grumpy?”
Names a feeling and adds pressure.
- ❌ A list of reminders
Hat, bag, lunchbox, reader... save it.

Try these

- ✅ “What made you laugh today?”
Easy, specific, low-pressure.
- ✅ “Who did you sit with at lunch?”
Opens a window into friendships.
- ✅ “Was anything tricky today?”
Gives space for the hard stuff.
- ✅ “I’m glad you’re home.”
Sometimes that’s the whole script.
- ✅ ...or just sit nearby in silence.
Connection often comes before words.

A Wellbeing Wrap resource for Dillbadin Primary School families



Star Student Awards

JUNIOR

M. for always displaying fantastic listening and being a great role model to her peers.

MIDDLE

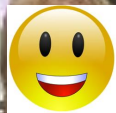
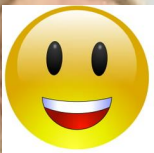
Ivy for fantastic contributions during guided reading.

SENIOR

Ruby for her amazing progress this week! We have loved seeing you spend more time in the classroom.



Star Student Awards





Specialist Star Awards

**MRS
BLAKE**

No award this week.

MISS D

Performing Arts:
George for showing ALL the Dillbadin
Primary School values in Junior PA!

**MR
JONES**

Auslan:
Kenzie for demonstrating her Personal
Best when learning verb signs in
Auslan.



Specialist Star Awards





School Wide Positive Behaviour



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

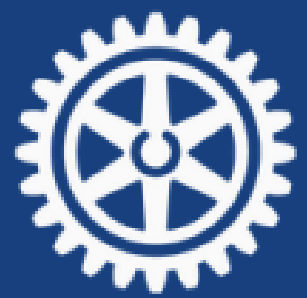


Important Dates

Date	Event
Every Friday	3:00pm School Assembly
Every 2 nd Thursday: 30 th April 14 th May 28 th May 11 th June 25 th June	Special Lunch Days
Monday 18 th May	Education Week starts
Friday 22 nd May	Walk to School Day
Monday 8 th June	King's Birthday Public Holiday
Tuesday 9 th June	School Council
Wednesday 17 th June	Curriculum Day
Friday 26 th June	Last Day of Term 2 – 2.30pm finish

Rotary

Club of Boronia



The Rotary Club of Boronia
warmly invites you to join us for our

INFORMATION NIGHT

Join us for a relaxed and friendly evening to discover how you can make a difference, meet great people, and be part of something meaningful in the Community and Globally.

Tuesday 26th May 2026

The Knox Club

6.30pm - 8.30pm

RSVP 25.05.2026

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