



Dillbadin

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Growing through learning



**INSIDE,
WE ALSO
TALK
ABOUT:**

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From Our Principal

Penelope Harris

As we move further into Term 2, I would like to begin by congratulating our students and families on the positive start to the term.

One area that continues to make a significant difference to student success is **attendance and punctuality**. Every day at school matters, and arriving on time ensures students are ready to learn from the very beginning of the day. Consistent attendance helps children build strong learning habits, maintain friendships, and maximise every opportunity available to them.

With the colder weather now upon us, I would also like to remind families of the importance of students wearing the correct school uniform.

Our uniform promotes a sense of belonging, pride, and equality amongst students. We understand that wet weather and washing can sometimes create challenges; however, students are expected to attend school in their full school uniform. If there is a genuine reason why your child cannot wear the correct uniform, it is the responsibility of parents and carers to contact the school and advise us of the circumstances. Thank you for your support in maintaining our high expectations and positive school culture.

One of the highlights of the week was welcoming members of the **Boronia CFA** to our school. Our Junior students thoroughly enjoyed the visit and were excited to learn about fire safety, emergency response, and the important role that firefighters play in our community.

Opportunities like these help bring learning to life and strengthen students' understanding of how people work together to keep our communities safe. We are incredibly grateful to the Boronia CFA volunteers for generously giving their time to support our students and provide such a valuable learning experience.

I would also like to thank our families for their continued support of our **Reading at Home** program. Reading regularly at home remains one of the most powerful ways to support your child's learning. The partnership between home and school is incredibly important, and it is wonderful to see so many families making reading a daily priority. Together, we are helping our students develop a lifelong love of reading and learning.

At Dillbadin Primary School, we firmly believe that the best outcomes for children come when schools and families work together. We value our relationships with the community and are always looking for ways to improve. If you have suggestions, ideas, or feedback about how we can continue to strengthen our school, please do not hesitate to reach out. We welcome your thoughts and appreciate the opportunity to work in partnership with you.

Chess Club Comes to Dillbadin!

We are excited to introduce **Chess Club** at Dillbadin Primary School! Chess is a fun and engaging way for students to develop important skills such as critical thinking, problem-solving, concentration, memory, and strategic planning.

Beyond the board, chess helps students build resilience, patience, confidence, and sportsmanship. These skills support learning across all curriculum areas, particularly in mathematics and literacy.

Our students have already embraced the challenge and are enjoying learning new strategies and competing with their peers. Looking ahead, we are excited to explore friendly competitions, skill-building opportunities, and potential inter-school chess events. We can't wait to see our young chess players continue to grow—one move at a time!

Student Reports - Semester 1

Dillbadin Primary School will provide Semester 1 Student Achievement Reports as usual this year. Reports will be available to families through **Compass** and will include important information about your child's learning progress and achievement against the Victorian Curriculum.

Due to industrial action undertaken by the Australian Education Union earlier this year, teacher reports will not include the detailed written comments that have traditionally accompanied student reports.

We remain committed to keeping families informed about student learning and progress. We encourage parents and carers to discuss their child's achievements and next steps at our upcoming **Student-Parent-Teacher Conferences**. As always, families are welcome to contact the school at any time to arrange a meeting with their child's teacher should they wish to discuss their child's progress further.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our students, staff, and school community. Together, we continue to create a school where every child is known, valued, empowered, and able to thrive.

See you all on Tuesday, as Monday is a public holiday.

Penelope

READING AT HOME

Small moments.
Big impact.



Reading at home every day helps children grow, learn and succeed – **now and in the future.**

WHY READING MATTERS



BUILDS STRONG BRAINS

Reading helps children develop vocabulary, improve memory and strengthen concentration.



IMPROVES LEARNING

Good readers understand more, write better and feel more confident in all areas of learning.



SUPPORTS WELLBEING

Stories help reduce stress, build empathy and allow children to explore and understand the world.



DEVELOPS COMMUNICATION

Reading together sparks conversations, builds listening skills and helps children express their ideas.



BUILDS A BRIGHTER FUTURE

Children who read regularly at home achieve more, dream bigger and have more opportunities.



15 MINUTES PER DAY

MAKES A BIG DIFFERENCE!

IT CAN BE DONE ANY TIME!



STRAIGHT AFTER SCHOOL

A great way to unwind and relax after a busy day.



ONCE IN BED

A calm, quiet time to share stories and end the day together.



IN THE MORNING

Start the day with a story and a positive mindset.

TOGETHER, LET'S HELP OUR CHILDREN
LOVE READING – FOR LIFE!

Thank you for making reading at home a priority. It truly makes a difference!



The Cockatoo Theatre Company

An Afternoon of Acting – A New Performing Arts Tradition Begins

The Cockatoo Theatre Company is proud to present *An Afternoon of Acting*, a vibrant showcase of short plays performed by our very own Dillbadin Primary School students.

This exciting event will be held on **Wednesday 24 June**, from **3:30pm to 4:30pm**, with doors opening at 3:30pm and the first performance beginning at 3:45pm.

This year marks the debut of The Cockatoo Theatre Company, a new initiative created to give our students a platform to develop and share their performing arts skills.

Every performer involved is a Dillbadin Primary School student, and this event is the culmination of weeks of rehearsal, creativity, and teamwork. Families can expect an afternoon filled with laughter, memorable characters, and engaging performances that highlight the enthusiasm and talent of our young actors.

Afternoon tea will be provided, making it a wonderful opportunity for families and community members to gather, celebrate, and support our students.

We kindly ask that all students attend, as each play relies on its full cast to ensure the performances run smoothly and as rehearsed. Their presence is essential to honour the commitment they have made to their peers and to the success of the show.

Entry is free, and we warmly encourage everyone to come along and enjoy this special new tradition in our school's arts program.

Don't miss the show – we look forward to seeing you there.





THE
COCKATOO

THEATRE COMPANY

Presents

**AN AFTERNOON
OF ACTING!**



WEDNESDAY
24 JUNE



3:30PM – 4:30PM
DOORS OPEN 3:30,
SHOW STARTS 3:45



**DILLBADIN
PRIMARY SCHOOL**



Join us for an afternoon of laughs, memorable characters and entertaining plays performed by our talented students.



★ **AFTERNOON TEA PROVIDED** ★

★ **DON'T MISS THE SHOW!** ★



Junior Class – PMP

Our Junior students have been having an amazing time participating in their weekly PMP (Perceptual Motor Program) sessions. PMP is a specialised movement program designed to help children develop the physical, social and cognitive skills that are essential for learning and everyday life.

Through a variety of fun and engaging activities, students practise skills such as balance, coordination, body awareness, spatial awareness, agility and motor planning. These skills provide an important foundation for success in the classroom, helping children with tasks such as sitting upright, concentrating, handwriting, following instructions and working cooperatively with others.

Each PMP session is carefully designed to challenge students while encouraging them to build confidence, resilience and independence. Activities such as navigating obstacle courses, balancing on equipment, crawling through tunnels, scooter board challenges and ladder activities help students strengthen both their gross motor skills and their problem-solving abilities.

One of the most rewarding aspects of PMP is seeing the joy and enthusiasm our Junior students bring to every session. Their smiles, determination and willingness to have a go demonstrate just how much they love learning through movement. Students eagerly encourage one another, celebrate their successes and take pride in mastering new challenges.

PMP is much more than physical activity—it is an opportunity for children to develop confidence, perseverance, teamwork and a positive attitude towards learning. We are incredibly proud of the effort our Junior students show each week and love watching them grow stronger, more capable and more confident as they participate in these exciting sessions.

We look forward to many more fun-filled PMP adventures throughout the year!





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Where Every Child Thrives

Building skills, confidence and fun!

JUNIOR CLASS PMP SESSION

LEARN. PLAY. GROW. TOGETHER!



Developing coordination and agility



Exploring movement in fun ways!



Strength, balance and body control



Having fun while building resilience!



Teamwork makes the dream work!

PMP
PHYSICAL LITERACY
IN ACTION!

KEEP UP THE AMAZING WORK
JUNIOR CLASS!

Every move matters. Every child thrives.



Nights of Reading Awards

50 Nights

Kiara

Alexandra

Lily

75 Nights

Meliah

100 Nights

Samip

Kris





Dillbadin PRIMARY SCHOOL

Where Every Child Thrives



**WE ARE A
HIGH
PERFORMING
SCHOOL**



SCHOOL TOURS
Every Thursday
at **12pm**
or by appointment



PERSONALISED LEARNING

Every child, every opportunity.



STRONG ACADEMIC RESULTS

Challenging minds. Inspiring success.



FOCUS ON WELLBEING

Happy minds learn best.



A SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY

Together, we achieve more.



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Building confident, capable learners.



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Wellbeing Wrap Up

Nick Jones – Assistant Principal

Screen Smart – A guide to healthy screen time

Screen time is one of the most common topics of conversation I have with parents, guardians and carers as Mental Health and Wellbeing Leader. The honest answer is that there is no magic number that works for every family, but there are clear principles that consistently help.

Australian guidelines recommend no more than two hours of recreational screen time per day for primary aged children, with sleep, movement, schoolwork and face to face connection coming first. This term we are sharing a one page guide with practical strategies you can actually use, including four simple rules and a starter family screen agreement.

Print it, stick it on the fridge, and pick one shift to try this week. Small, consistent boundaries protect sleep, attention, friendships and family connection.

What the guidelines say

The *Australian 24 Hour Movement Guidelines* recommend that children aged 5 to 17 limit recreational screen time to no more than two hours per day. Schoolwork screens do not count towards this limit, but quality and context still matter.

Four rules that work

The bedroom rule.

Keep screens out of bedrooms, especially overnight. Charge phones and tablets in the kitchen or living room. This is the single biggest win for sleep.

The model rule

Children copy what we do, not what we say. Put your own phone down at meals, school pickup and bedtime, and they will learn to do the same.

The type rule

Not all screen time is equal. Creating, learning and connecting (video calls with family, age appropriate games with friends, drawing apps) is healthier than passive scrolling or autoplaying videos.

The together rule

Co view when you can. Watching a show or playing a game together opens up conversations about content, advertising and online behaviour.

Start a family screen agreement

A short, written agreement works better than reactive rules. Sit down together and agree on:

Screen-free times: meals, mornings before school, the hour before bed

Screen-free zones: bedrooms, the dining table, the car for short trips

Daily limits for recreational use, and what comes first (homework, jobs, movement)

What to do if something online feels unsafe or upsetting, and who to tell

A regular check-in (every term) to revisit and adjust as your child grows

When to seek further support

Reach out if screen use is interfering with sleep, school attendance, mood, friendships, eating, or your child's usual activities. Helpful starting points include your child's classroom teacher, me (the school Mental Health and Wellbeing Leader), your GP, and the eSafety Commissioner at esafety.gov.au.



Star Student Awards

JUNIOR

Rhain for going new tasks a go and trying his best. Well done Rhain!

MIDDLE

Rylee for working hard and moving up in Blitzmaster!

SENIOR

Aazaan for your brilliant Europe presentation and a great start to poetry!!



Star Student

DILLBADIN PRIMARY SCHOOL



SHINING BRIGHT EVERY DAY!



RESPECT



RESPONSIBILITY



RESILIENCE



TEAMWORK



EXCELLENCE



Specialist Star Awards

**MRS
BLAKE**

Art:

Rhain for his wonderful artwork of a koala that he has been working on for two weeks.

MISS D

Performing Arts:

Rohaan for consistently demonstrating the DPS values and for also being a brilliant actor!

**MR
JONES**

Auslan:

Rubee for consistently demonstrating her personal best in Auslan.



Specialist Star

DILLBADIN PRIMARY SCHOOL



THANK YOU FOR
SHARING YOUR TALENTS
AND MAKING A DIFFERENCE!



VISUAL ARTS



PERFORMING ARTS



PE / SPORT



LANGUAGES



DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES



STEM



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 8 th June	King's Birthday Public Holiday
Tuesday 9 th June	School Council
Wednesday 17 th June	Curriculum Day
Friday 19 th June	Winter Walk to School NEW!!!
Friday 26 th June	Last Day of Term 2 – 2.30pm finish

COMMUNITY
SPORTS
CAMPS



COACH



TWO DAY SCHOOL HOLIDAY AFL CAMPS!

Community Sports Camps are back these holidays! A great opportunity to improve skills, make new friends and most importantly have fun!

Programs include

- ✓ 9am to 3pm each day
- ✓ Delivered by quality coaches
- ✓ Suitable for kids aged 4- 12 years
- ✓ One and Two Day Options available

Locations

AFL @ Dobson Park - 6, 7
July 2026

Netball @ Knox Regional
Netball Centre - 2, 3 July
2026

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FAMILY FUN DAY

**Saturday 27 June 2026
10am to 1pm**

The day will include:

- Animal Farm
- Face Painting
- Ballon Twister
- Jumping Castle
- Sausage Sizzle

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Early Education
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