



Dillbadin

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Growing through learning



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ABOUT:**

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From Our Principal

Penelope Harris

It is hard to believe that we are already approaching the end of Term 2. The term has certainly flown by, and with only two weeks remaining, there is still plenty happening across our school.

Firstly, thank you to all families for your support in ensuring students come to school in the correct school uniform. We appreciate your efforts in helping our students take pride in their appearance and represent our school positively.

As a reminder, our former Boronia West Primary School uniforms are no longer part of our approved uniform and have not been permitted since the beginning of 2026. We ask families to please ensure that students wear the current Dillbadin Primary School uniform moving forward.

A reminder that **Wednesday is a Curriculum Day**, and there will be no students at school. Please ensure this date is marked in your calendar.

We have some exciting events coming up over the next fortnight. On Thursday, students will participate in **Ruccis Circus**, where they will have the opportunity to learn a range of circus skills while building confidence, coordination, teamwork, and resilience. It promises to be a fantastic experience for all students.

On Friday, we will be holding our **Winter Walk to School Day**. We encourage all students and families who can to join us in promoting healthy lifestyles, physical activity, and active travel to school.

We are also very excited to showcase our students' creativity and performance skills later this month. On Wednesday, 24 June, students will present their first performance with the **Cockatoo Theatre Company**. Students have been working incredibly hard writing, rehearsing, and preparing their plays, and we look forward to sharing their efforts with our school community.

Today, our Grade 4–6 students completed the **Attitudes to School Survey**. This annual survey provides students with an opportunity to share their thoughts and experiences about school, including areas such as learning, wellbeing, student voice, inclusion, relationships, and school connectedness. We encourage students to take the survey seriously, as their feedback helps us better understand what we are doing well and where we can continue to improve.

The information gathered plays an important role in informing future school planning, wellbeing initiatives, teaching practices, and programs to ensure we continue providing the best possible learning environment for all students. Thank you to our students for approaching the survey thoughtfully and respectfully and for sharing their valuable perspectives.

As the semester draws to a close, a reminder that **Semester One student reports** will be available on Friday, 26 June. Due to ongoing AEU industrial action, reports will not include written teacher comments. Parent-Teacher Interviews will be held during Week 2 of Term 3, providing families with an opportunity to discuss their child's progress, achievements, and next learning goals. If you have any concerns before then, please contact the school to arrange a meeting with your child's classroom teacher.

It has been wonderful to present so many reading awards at our recent assemblies. These achievements reflect the hard work of our students and the fantastic support they receive at home. Thank you to all families for encouraging regular reading and fostering a love of books and learning.

I hope everyone has a wonderful weekend. My family and I are looking forward to heading to Flemington Racecourse to see Cirque du Soleil, which should be a fantastic experience and a great way to celebrate all things circus ahead of our school event next week!

Thank you for your ongoing support of our school. I look forward to seeing everyone on Monday.

Penelope



DILLBADIN WINTER WALK TO SCHOOL!

FRIDAY
5TH JUNE
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FRIDAY
19TH JUNE

Fresh air. Friendly chats. Start the day strong.



MEET US AT
8:20AM

Genista Reserve

Let's walk together!



MEET US AT
8:30AM

Woolworths

Join us for the rest
of the walk!



MEET US AGAIN AT
8:40AM

Genista Reserve

See you on the
way back!



Walk to school,
get **stamps** and
earn a **prize!**



HEALTHY KIDS,
HAPPY KIDS!



THE
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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!** ★

NEXT THURSDAY

WE HAVE A

CIRCUS INCURSION!

**A FUN,
HANDS-ON,
ACTION-PACKED
WORKSHOP!**



Next Thursday, Rucci's will bring their "suitcase of circus" and treat students to a hands-on, action-packed workshop where they'll get to try their hand at a range of exciting circus skills, including:



Experienced Rucci's coaches will guide students through each activity in a fun, supportive, and non-competitive environment – perfect for all abilities.



PARENT/CARER CONSENT IS REQUIRED

Please provide consent for your child to participate in this **FREE** incursion on Compass.

We can't wait for our students to enjoy this fantastic experience!





Chess Club

♟️ Introducing Chess Club at Dillbadin Primary School! ♟️

We are excited to announce the launch of **Chess Club** at Dillbadin Primary School!

Beginning this term, students will have the opportunity to participate in Chess Club every Tuesday lunchtime with Miss Fraser and Miss D.

Chess is much more than a game—it is a powerful learning tool that supports academic achievement and develops important life skills. Through playing chess, students learn to think strategically, plan ahead, solve problems, and make thoughtful decisions. These skills transfer directly into the classroom, particularly in Mathematics, critical thinking, and problem-solving activities.

Research has shown that chess can help students develop:

- ♟️ Critical and creative thinking skills
- ♟️ Problem-solving and strategic planning abilities
- ♟️ Concentration and focus
- ♟️ Patience and perseverance
- ♟️ Memory and reasoning skills
- ♟️ Sportsmanship and resilience
- ♟️ Confidence in decision-making

Whether students are experienced players or complete beginners, everyone is welcome. Chess Club is a fantastic opportunity to learn a new skill, challenge yourself, make new friends, and have fun in a supportive environment.

If you've ever wanted to learn how to play chess, now is the perfect time! Come along, sharpen your thinking skills, and discover why chess has been enjoyed by learners and thinkers around the world for centuries.

We look forward to seeing many students at Chess Club on Tuesday lunchtimes!

Think. Plan. Play. Learn.





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CHESS CLUB

EVERYONE WELCOME!



**EVERY
TUESDAY**



**AT
LUNCH TIME**



**IN THE
JUNIOR
CLASSROOM**

**COME FOR A GAME.
STAY FOR THE FUN!**



THINK. STRATEGISE. PLAY. HAVE FUN!





Nights of Reading Awards

25 Nights

Jane

75 Nights

Ayan

100 Nights

Elijah





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.



KNOWN. VALUED. EMPOWERED.

Building confident, capable learners.



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EXPERIENCE**

COMING IN 2026!



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Wellbeing Wrap Up

Nick Jones – Assistant Principal

Supporting Your Child at Home

A practical guide for Dillbadin families: strategies, supports and where to start

Parents and carers are the single biggest influence on a child's wellbeing. At Dillbadin, we know that what happens at home shapes what unfolds at school, and the reverse is also true. This guide pulls together the strategies that most consistently help primary aged children, alongside a directory of trusted Australian supports your family can access at home, often for free.

How to guide and support your child

Lead with connection. Five minutes of genuine interest, most days, builds more trust than long scheduled conversations once a week. Sit alongside them. Notice. Ask one open question, and let it breathe.

Listen first, fix second. When your child shares something hard, resist the urge to leap to solutions. Reflect what you hear ("That sounds really tricky"), then ask, "Would you like ideas, or do you just want me to listen?"

Hold the routine. Predictable mornings, mealtimes and bedtimes are the scaffolding children lean on. When life is busy, protect the anchors rather than the extras.

Co regulate before you correct. Big feelings need a calm adult, not a quick lesson. Slow your breath, soften your voice, sit nearby. The teaching moment comes once everyone is back in their thinking brain.

Model help seeking. Children learn the language of support by hearing it. Try, "I went for a walk because I felt cranky," or, "I called Nan because I needed to talk something through."

Notice strengths, and name them specifically. "I noticed you kept trying even when it got tricky." This builds the inner voice your child will carry into harder moments.

Supports your family can access at home

All services listed below are Australian, trusted, and either free or low cost. Save this list somewhere accessible.

For your child to access directly

Kids Helpline. 1800 55 1800 or kidshelpline.com.au. Free, confidential, 24/7 phone, WebChat and email counselling for children and young people aged 5 to 25.

Smiling Mind app. Free Australian mindfulness app with age appropriate programs for children, including a Kids and a Family program.

Wellbeing Wrap Up

Nick Jones – Assistant Principal

For parents and carers

Raising Children Network. raisingchildren.net.au. Australia's leading evidence based parenting site, with articles and short videos covering everything from sleep to behaviour to friendships.

Parentline Victoria. 13 22 89. Free, confidential phone counselling for parents and carers of children aged 0 to 18 (8am to midnight, every day).

ReachOut Parents. au.reachout.com. Practical articles, parent coaching and forums for parents of older primary and secondary aged children.

Mental health and emotional wellbeing

Beyond Blue. 1300 22 4636 or beyondblue.org.au. Information, online forums and 24/7 phone support for anxiety, depression and tough times.

Emerging Minds. emergingminds.com.au. Trusted, free resources focused specifically on infant and child mental health, including parenting through stressful times.

headspace. headspace.org.au. National youth mental health service. From age 12, with family and friends sections that are useful for primary school parents preparing for the transition to secondary.

Online safety

eSafety Commissioner. esafety.gov.au. Australia's online safety regulator. Parent guides by age, advice on apps and games, and reporting tools for cyberbullying or harmful content.

In a crisis

000. For immediate danger to your child or anyone else.

Kids Helpline. 1800 55 1800. 24/7.

Lifeline. 13 11 14. 24/7 crisis support for anyone aged 12 and over.

When and how to engage our school supports

You do not need to wait for things to feel big before reaching out. A short conversation early often prevents a longer one later. There is no wrong door at Dillbadin.

Classroom teacher first. They know your child best at school. A quick note, email or chat at pickup is often the right starting point.

Mental Health and Wellbeing Leader. I am available to meet with families to discuss concerns, plan school based support, and help connect you with the right external service.

External pathways. Where helpful, we can support families to access community services, including a referral to your GP for a Mental Health Treatment Plan (which provides Medicare rebated sessions with a psychologist).

***You do not need to know everything. You just need to know where to start.
We are partners in this with you, and we are always glad you reached out.***



SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD AT HOME

Simple strategies that make a big difference



*Small daily actions can have a lasting impact
on your child's wellbeing, confidence and success at school.*



5 SIMPLE WAYS TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD



1 CONNECT DAILY

Spend a few minutes each day talking and showing interest.



2 LISTEN FIRST

Sometimes children need understanding before they need solutions.



3 KEEP ROUTINES CONSISTENT

Regular sleep, meal and school routines help children feel secure.



4 STAY CALM DURING BIG FEELINGS

A calm adult helps children learn to manage emotions.



5 FOCUS ON STRENGTHS

Notice effort, persistence, kindness and growth.

HELPFUL SUPPORTS FOR FAMILIES



1800 55 1800



Parentline
Victoria



13 22 89



1300 22 4636



eSafety
Commissioner



esafety.gov.au



Raising Children
Network



raisingchildren.net.au



WE'RE HERE TO HELP



Speak with
your child's
teacher.



Contact our
Mental Health &
Wellbeing Leader.



We can help connect
families with additional
support services.



*You don't need to know everything.
You just need to know where to start.*



BORONIA CFA VISIT



Learning about fire safety to keep ourselves and others safe

This week our junior class had a special visit from **Boronia CFA**.

The firefighters shared their knowledge, answered our questions and showed us how they help keep our community safe. We learned so much!



Thank you Boronia CFA for visiting our school!



WHAT WE LEARNED

- ✓ Firefighters help people in emergencies and keep us safe.
- ✓ Smoke alarms save lives – we should test them and tell an adult if they don't work.
- ✓ We have a fire plan – know two ways out and a safe meeting place.
- ✓ Stop, drop and roll if your clothes catch fire.



WHY TEACH FIRE SAFETY?



It builds confidence

Children feel more prepared and less afraid in an emergency.



It keeps everyone safe

Learning what to do can prevent injuries and save lives.



It empowers students

Knowledge helps children make smart, calm decisions.



It creates a safer community

When we all know what to do, we can look out for each other.



BE PREPARED. BE AWARE. BE SAFE.

A big thank you to Boronia CFA for inspiring our junior students and helping us build a safer future together.

Heroes in our community!





Star Student Awards

JUNIOR

Poppy for showing great enthusiasm and fantastic listening during the firefighter incursion.

MIDDLE

Rubee for writing an amazing concrete poem about oceans!

SENIOR

George for his amazing control and participation all week. Keep it up!!



Star Student

DILLBADIN PRIMARY SCHOOL



SHINING BRIGHT EVERY DAY!



RESPECT



RESPONSIBILITY



RESILIENCE



TEAMWORK



EXCELLENCE



Specialist Star Awards

**MRS
BLAKE**

No award this week.

MISS D

Performing Arts:
Ollie for enthusiastically bringing his character to life during rehearsals!

**MR
JONES**

Auslan:
Xavier for his outstanding attitude towards learning in Auslan and PE!



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 4 cockatoos over the past week, representing **400** acknowledgements of positive behaviour. Amazing work, everyone!

WHAT'S Coming Up?

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Every Friday



SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

3:00pm in the School Hall. Everyone is welcome!

Every 2nd Thursday:

30 April
14 May
28 May
11 June
25 June



SPECIAL LUNCH DAYS

Don't forget our yummy Special Lunch Days! Order details will be sent home closer to the date.

Tuesday
16 June



CHESS CLUB STARTS

Join Miss Fraser and Miss D at lunchtime for our new Chess Club! All welcome!

Wednesday
17 June



CURRICULUM DAY

No students at school. Staff will be participating in professional learning.

Thursday
18 June



RUCCIS CIRCUS INCURSION

Get ready for a day of fun, laughter and circus skills! A fantastic hands-on experience for all students.

Friday
19 June



WINTER WALK TO SCHOOL

Let's celebrate active travel and healthy living! Wear your beanie and walk, scoot or ride!

Friday
26 June



SEMESTER ONE REPORTS

Student reports will be available on Compass.

Friday
26 June



LAST DAY OF TERM 2

School finishes at 2:30pm.

Monday
13 July



TERM 3 STARTS

We look forward to welcoming everyone back for another exciting term of learning!

SPECIAL LUNCH DAYS



THURSDAY
30 APRIL



THURSDAY
14 MAY



THURSDAY
28 MAY



THURSDAY
11 JUNE



THURSDAY
25 JUNE

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Tuesday 7 July @ 12.30pm

Thursday 23 July @ 7.00pm

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