



Dillbadin PRIMARY SCHOOL

Growing through learning



INSIDE, WE ALSO TALK ABOUT:

Nights of Reading

Wellbeing

Award winners

Important Dates

From Our Principal

Penelope Harris

As we head into the final week of term, I would like to take a moment to reflect on what has been another busy and rewarding week at school. Across every classroom and learning space, our students have continued to demonstrate resilience, growth, and a willingness to embrace new challenges. It has been wonderful to see the progress our students have made throughout the term and the positive relationships that continue to flourish across our school community.

Curriculum Day Professional Learning

Earlier this term, our staff participated in a highly valuable Curriculum Day focused on strengthening our understanding of autism, neurodiversity, and inclusive practices that support all learners to thrive.

We were fortunate to learn from **Chris Varney**, Founder and Chief Enabling Officer of the **I CAN Network**, Australia's largest autistic-led organisation. Chris founded the I CAN Network in 2013 with the vision of creating a world that embraces autism and proving what autistic people can achieve. Through mentoring programs, professional learning, and advocacy, the organisation works alongside autistic and neurodivergent young people to build confidence, belonging, self-acceptance, and optimism.

Chris shared both his professional expertise and his lived experience as an autistic person, providing our staff with valuable insights into the experiences of autistic and neurodivergent students. The professional learning challenged us to think beyond a deficit-based view of autism and to focus instead on strengths, interests, and capabilities, and on the importance of creating environments where students feel safe, understood, and valued.

Throughout the day, staff explored practical strategies to:

- create a greater sense of safety and belonging for neurodivergent learners
- recognise and respond to anxiety and overwhelm
- understand how sensory, social, and communication differences impact learning
- support students through strengths-based and interest-based approaches
- foster self-advocacy, confidence, and positive identity
- reduce barriers to engagement and participation in the classroom
- build strong partnerships with families and carers.

One of the key messages from the day was the importance of seeing the individual behind the diagnosis and recognising that every student has unique strengths, interests, and ways of experiencing the world. By understanding and embracing these differences, we can create learning environments where all students feel empowered to succeed.

The learning from this Curriculum Day aligns strongly with our school's commitment to inclusion and ensuring every student feels safe, supported, respected, and able to achieve their full potential. We thank Chris for sharing his knowledge, experience, and passion with our staff, and we look forward to continuing to embed this learning in our daily practice.

Superheros

Recently, I was reminded of the saying, "Not all superheroes wear capes." As I reflected on this, I couldn't help but think about the incredible staff at our school.

Every day, our teachers, education support staff, administration team, wellbeing staff, and allied health professionals go above and beyond to support our students. They are problem-solvers, mentors, encouragers, advocates, listeners, and champions for every child. They celebrate successes, provide support through challenges, and work tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure our students feel safe, valued, and ready to learn.

Like superheroes, they don't seek recognition for what they do. Instead, they quietly and consistently make a positive difference in the lives of our students and families. Whether it's supporting a student through a difficult moment, adapting learning programs to meet individual needs, helping families navigate challenges, or simply providing a smile and a welcoming presence each day, their impact is immeasurable.



As we approach the end of another successful term, I would like to sincerely thank every member of our staff for their dedication, compassion, professionalism, and unwavering commitment to our students. Our school is a special place because of the people who work here, and I am incredibly grateful for the difference they make every day.

Together, we continue to create a school community where every student can thrive.

Have a great weekend, and I will see everyone on Monday.

Penelope



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OF ACTING!**



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24 JUNE



3:30PM – 4:30PM
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The Cockatoo Theatre Company Takes the Stage!

We are incredibly excited to present the very first production by **The Cockatoo Theatre Company** next Wednesday, 24 June!

Over the past term, our students have been working hard to develop their acting skills, learn lines, create characters, and prepare for what promises to be a fantastic afternoon of entertainment. Every student has an important role to play, and we are so proud of the commitment, enthusiasm, and teamwork they have shown throughout the rehearsal process.

This year is particularly special as it marks the launch of **The Cockatoo Theatre Company**, a new initiative that provides students with opportunities to build confidence, creativity, communication skills, and teamwork through the performing arts. The students have embraced the challenge and have thoroughly enjoyed bringing their performances to life.

To make this year's production even more memorable, we are also upgrading our stage lighting. These improvements will help create a true theatre experience for our students and audience, adding an extra touch of magic to the performances and showcasing the students' hard work in the best possible way.

Families are warmly invited to join us from **3:30pm** for tea, coffee, and afternoon tea before the performance begins at **3:45pm**. We cannot wait to share the students' talents, creativity, and hard work with our families and community.

Thank you for your ongoing support as students prepare for the big day. We know they are excited to perform, and we are equally excited to celebrate their achievements with you.

We look forward to seeing you there and sharing this very special milestone for our school!



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At Dillbadin Primary School, every child is known, valued and supported to reach their full potential.



PERSONALISED LEARNING

Every child, every opportunity.



STRONG ACADEMIC RESULTS

Challenging minds. Inspiring success.



FOCUS ON WELLBEING

Happy minds learn best.



A SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITY

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APPLICATIONS FOR
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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

Xavier

75 Nights

William



Wellbeing Wrap Up

Nick Jones – Assistant Principal

Big Feelings, Small Bodies

Building emotional vocabulary at home

Children do not arrive with a built in dictionary for feelings. They learn the words for what is happening inside them from the adults around them. I often see how much smoother a child's day becomes once they can say "I feel frustrated" instead of throwing a shoe. Emotional vocabulary is one of the highest leverage skills a parent can build at home, and it pays off across friendships, learning and behaviour at school. This week's family resource gives you a starter set of feeling words beyond happy and sad, three simple home routines, and three quick script swaps for the tricky moments.

Why this matters

When children can name what they feel, their thinking brain comes back online faster. Psychologists call this "name it to tame it." The same child who knows the words for hot and cold, blue and red, also needs the words for embarrassed, disappointed and overwhelmed. The good news: this is taught, not born. Every feeling word your child hears at home becomes a tool they can reach for when feelings get big.

Beyond happy and sad: a starter vocabulary

- **Happy:** proud, content, calm, cheerful, excited, hopeful, relieved, grateful
- **Sad:** disappointed, lonely, hurt, gloomy, left out, glum
- **Angry:** frustrated, annoyed, irritated, cross, furious, jealous
- **Worried:** nervous, anxious, uneasy, overwhelmed, scared, stressed
- **Useful extras:** confused, embarrassed, surprised, curious, shocked, stuck



Three small things to try at home

1. **Name what you see.** Be a feelings sportscaster. "Looks like you are frustrated. Your hands have gone tight and your voice has gone louder." You do not need to fix it. Just name it.
2. **Use your own feelings out loud.** "I am feeling stretched today. I am going to take five minutes before I start dinner." Children learn the language of feelings by hearing it modelled.
3. **The two minute weather check.** At dinner or bedtime, ask, "What was your weather today? Sunny, cloudy, stormy, or somewhere in between?" Small ritual, big payoff over weeks.

Try this instead of that

- **Instead of "calm down," try:** "Your body is telling you something big. Let's slow our breathing together."
- **Instead of "you're fine," try:** "That looked tricky. Do you want to tell me what happened?"
- **Instead of "stop being silly," try:** "Something has made you laugh. Tell me what is funny."
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Star Student Awards

JUNIOR

Avah for using her “Superflex Brain” to work with new people and try new games and activities.

MIDDLE

Lily for making fantastic connections during Reading!

SENIOR

Xavier for your outstanding rap and ballad. Mr Simpson has had it stuck in his head all week!



Star Student

DILLBADIN PRIMARY SCHOOL



SHINING BRIGHT EVERY DAY!



RESPECT



RESPONSIBILITY



RESILIENCE



TEAMWORK



EXCELLENCE



Specialist Star Awards

**MRS
BLAKE**

Visual Arts:

Rohaan for his fantastic effort in Art and creating a spectacular Dragon's Eye masterpiece.

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Performing Arts:

Aazaan for always putting 1027% into every rehearsal! You are a STAR!

**MR
JONES**

Cooper for his leadership and fantastic participation in Morning Movement.



Specialist Star

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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



SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Every Friday

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



SPECIAL LUNCH DAYS

Every 2nd Thursday

30 April • 14 May
28 May • 11 June
25 June

Order details will be sent home closer to the date.



SEMESTER ONE REPORTS

Friday 26 June

Student reports will be available on Compass.



LAST DAY OF TERM 2

Friday 26 June

School finishes at 2:30pm.



TERM 3 STARTS

Monday 13 July

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



Stay up to date!

Keep an eye on Compass, class communications and our school newsletter for updates.



Thank you for supporting our school and helping our students shine!

White as Snow

WINTER 2026 HOLIDAY PROGRAM



Toy Story 5



Talking T-Rex



Animal Sidekick Safari



Disney on Ice

Book now at [TheirCare.com.au](https://www.TheirCare.com.au)

Save up to 80% with the Child Care Subsidy

Scan to find your nearest holiday program location



Holiday Program Important Information!

What to bring

- A healthy morning tea and lunch
- A labelled drink bottle for water
- Suitable clothing for an active day – closed toe shoes and jacket if wet/cold
- SunSmart hat for Spring and Summer holidays
- Medical Management Plan & Medication if applicable – see below for details



Don't forget!

- Keep your lunchbox nut-free to keep everyone safe
- Do not include food items that need to be reheated
- Label all items with child's name!
- Bus departure and arrival times are indicative only. For an accurate estimated time of arrival and departure please contact your service directly.



Personal belongings

Electronic devices, money and other valuables should be left at home.

If brought to the service, these items remain the responsibility of the family. TheirCare does not accept responsibility for loss or damage.



TheirCare provides

- Breakfast and afternoon tea snack
- Sunscreen
- Water to refill bottles



Unexpected changes to activities

In the unlikely event that an activity is unable to run, an alternative activity will be provided.

Activities and times are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances such as severe weather or provider availability. If an alternative cannot be sourced we will update your invoice to reflect this.

General daily advertised activities are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances, at the discretion of the service coordinator.



Serious stuff!

Medical Management Plan & Medication



All children who have been diagnosed with a medical condition including allergies, food/chemical intolerances, anaphylaxis, asthma, epilepsy will need to provide:

- a completed Medical Management Plan with a colour photo
- necessary medication

Please note it is a legal requirement under the Education & Care National Regulations and the Terms and Conditions for booking that these are provided.

In the interests of child safety, care may be refused on the day should the appropriate documentation or medication or medication not be supplied.

Child Care Subsidy

Please note that subsidised hours are calculated and allocated by Centrelink on a fortnightly basis. Check Centrelink for eligibility.



Fortnightly childcare subsidised hours

Each session is calculated using the full service operational hours, not the hours attended by the child.

Additional Child Care subsidy will not cover any hours beyond the subsidised hours per fortnight.

Refer to TheirCare Holiday Program FAQ <https://theircare.com.au/holiday-programs/> for further information and example.

Changes to your booking

Simply log into your account anytime to make the relevant changes or call us between 8:30am - 9:00pm weekdays on 1300 072 410.



Fees for changes to your booking

More than 5 days	Less than 5 days*	On the day
No Charge	\$10.00	Full Fee

*Less than 5 days from the start of the booking (120 hours from the start of the session)

When making additional bookings, the \$10.00 fee is eligible for the Child Care Subsidy, which means you may only need to pay the gap, depending on your family's circumstances.



With the maximum CHILD CARE SUBSIDY. **Without the CHILD CARE SUBSIDY. Please note all prices are current at the time of printing and may be subject to change without notice.

Excursion & Super Excursions days: Arrive at the service by 8:00 am. Pick-up after 3:30 pm - please note this is an indicative time only, check with service coordinator to confirm pick-up times. Wear runners & socks.

There are 2 types of Child Care Payments.

1. Child Care Subsidy

The amount you can get depends on:

- 1 your family's income
- 2 the type of childcare you use
- 3 the age of your child
- 4 the hours of recognised activities you and your partner do

Up to **90%** of Child Care costs can be covered by Child Care Subsidy!



2. Additional Child Care Subsidy

This is **extra support** for some families including:

- 1 grandparents / great grandparents
- 2 families moving from an income support payment to work
- 3 those experiencing temporary hardship

Claim these subsidies via **myGov**

For more information, call Theircare on **1300 072 410**

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>29 JUN</p> <p>Spellbound Kingdom</p> <p>Join us as we explore a world of dragons, fairies, and fantasy through exciting activities. Take part in the thrilling Dragon Crossing group game, get creative with enchanted crown crafts, and design your very own nature wand using magical resources from nature. To finish the day, enjoy a sweet treat with enchanted apple pops.</p> <p>From as low as \$252* Full Fee \$25.17**</p>	<p>30 JUN</p> <p>Pass the Popcorn</p> <p>Lets go to the movies and see Toy Story 5! The boys are back and this time, Buzz Lightyear, Woody, Jessie and the rest of the gang's plan are challenged when they come face-to-face with Lightyear. Back at service, we will make our own Fork Friend, and compete in a group challenge of Pin the Face on the Potato.</p> <p>From as low as \$20.76* Full Fee \$20.82**</p>	<p>1 JUL</p> <p>Treasure Island</p> <p>Set sail on a Treasure Island scavenger hunt! Solve clues, crack pirate codes, and race to uncover hidden treasure before time runs out. A nautical-themed adventure packed with puzzles, teamwork, and high seas fun! Then, continue the fun while we make our very own Red Hatler inspired top hat, and play a fun game of line tag and musical hop scotch.</p> <p>From as low as \$25.7* Full Fee \$25.17**</p>	<p>2 JUL</p> <p>Car-Chow!</p> <p>Get ready for an action-packed day all about cars, speed, and creativity! Kick things off with the traffic lights group game, get crafty and design your own Popcorn Stick Cars and Inventor as we build and race Indian powered cars. To finish the day, test your speed in the ultimate challenge, the parking toy race!</p> <p>From as low as \$132* Full Fee \$25.17**</p>	<p>3 JUL</p> <p>Wheels of Wonder</p> <p>Get your skates on, we are going rollerblading! After all the skating fun, ROLL into some cool crafting and create a fun breathing dragon. Followed by a competitive game of rollerblading ice skate tag.</p> <p>From as low as \$20.76* Full Fee \$20.82**</p>
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>6 JUL</p> <p>Heroes v Villains</p> <p>Get ready for an action-packed day of fun and super-sized challenges! Create your very own superhero mask and design a shield friend. Bring your characters to the with the Pipe Cleaner Super Heroes, then test your skills in an exciting game of Hero vs Villain Tag! We haven't seen the day, or will the villains take over?</p> <p>From as low as \$252* Full Fee \$25.17**</p>	<p>7 JUL</p> <p>Bandaar Dreaming</p> <p>TheirCare services come together for a day of culture and connection at the MARRI Bandaar Dreaming (Joy Kangaroo, First Nations Led Workshop)! Explore Indigenous artifacts, bush survival, music, storytelling, art, and games. Small wonder songs and dance. The fun continues back at service with a group game of e-mu (Sm.)</p> <p>From as low as \$23.07* Full Fee \$23.08**</p>	<p>8 JUL</p> <p>Talking T-Rex</p> <p>Lets make our own Talking T-Rex friend! Stuff your own dinosaur and back it inside - will it roar, tell a joke, or share a secret? It's your voice, your dinosaur, and endless fun in one cuddly package! Then, enjoy BY clearly dog craft, dinosaur hot craft, and a fuzzy dinosaur STEAM experiment!</p> <p>From as low as \$2.17* Full Fee \$2.17**</p>	<p>9 JUL</p> <p>To Infinity and Bounce</p> <p>JUMP into fun times as we head to our favourite indoor trampoline venue! Bounce to new heights of fun as we take on the Indoor Trampoline! Back at service, the fun continues with on the chair craft activity, and a group game of dog catch.</p> <p>From as low as \$20.76* Full Fee \$20.82**</p>	<p>10 JUL</p> <p>Animal Sidekick Safari</p> <p>Get ready for a wild adventure today you will create your very own Safari Sidekick to sport creature's up close, then get moving in a silly game of crab walk tag. Unleash your creativity with a playful stinky dog craft and finish the day with the classic banana game doggy doggy, where is your nose?</p> <p>From as low as \$23.07* Full Fee \$23.08**</p>



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