



Dillbadin

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Growing through learning



INSIDE, WE ALSO TALK ABOUT:

Wellbeing

Photos from
Gecko Sport

Important Dates

From our Principal

Penelope Harris

What a fantastic first week of full learning! Students have settled in beautifully, and it's wonderful to see them engaging so positively with their teachers and peers.

Parent-Teacher Goal Setting Interviews

We have set aside time for Parent/Teacher Goal Setting Interviews on Tuesday, 24th and Wednesday, 25th February (3.30 pm – 5:30 pm). These meetings are an important opportunity for our teaching staff to build strong partnerships with families. Working in partnership and having consistent expectations between home and school leads to better outcomes for our students.

Each interview is strictly 20 minutes, providing a focused discussion on your child's learning and goals. If you feel a longer conversation is needed, please arrange a follow-up meeting. Bookings will be available online via the Compass App.

A reminder that hats are compulsory outside during Term 1. As a SunSmart school, we strictly enforce the use of hats. Students who don't have a Sun Smart hat will be directed to play under the shade sail at the stage area.

Morning Movement: A Strong Start to the School Day

This week, students have enjoyed our *Morning Movement* initiative. From 8:55 am, they can choose to play basketball, skip, use cup-and-ball equipment, or walk before lessons. When the music starts, they head to the court for 10 minutes, then start learning at 9:10 am – a calmer, more focused start.

Research shows that morning physical activity improves classroom behaviour, attention, and readiness to learn. Students who engage in brief morning activity are more on-task, alert, and socially regulated, helping create a positive learning environment. Even 10 minutes of movement can boost focus, working memory, and overall engagement for the day.

By moving first thing, students arrive in class energized and ready to learn – proving that a little morning movement goes a long way!

Introducing our New SWPBS Tracker



We are excited to share a new way to recognise and celebrate students demonstrating our school values through the SWPBS (School-Wide Positive Behaviour Support) framework.

Previously, we tracked positive acknowledgements using a tree and leaves system. Now, we've switched to cockatoos! Each cockatoo represents 100 positive acknowledgements, making it easy to see just how much positive behaviour is happening across the school.

The cockatoos were chosen to reflect our school's name and logo, making the system even more meaningful and connected to our school identity. Every time a student demonstrates our values, their actions contribute to our collective flock of cockatoos, symbolising the positive culture we are building together.

SWPBS is all about reinforcing the behaviours we want to see – being respectful, responsible, safe, and ready to learn – and acknowledging students when they demonstrate these expectations. By collecting cockatoos, we can celebrate not only individual achievements but also the collective effort of our school community in living our values every day.

It's a fun, visual way to track positive behaviour, and we can't wait to see how many cockatoos we collect this term! Keep demonstrating those fantastic behaviours and contributing to our positive, supportive school culture.

Wellbeing Wrap-Up

Nick Jones – Assistant Principal

Every Day Counts The importance of regular school attendance.

At Dillbadin Primary School, we prioritise regular school attendance. We will work with families to ensure students are in class with their peers and teachers and enjoying all the benefits that brings. Attending school every day means experiencing what counts – the learning, friendship, fun and opportunities that can shape your child's future.

We understand that there are times when your child will need to miss school, but to minimise disruption to their education, please consider scheduling family holidays or medical/dental appointments outside school hours. If your child is well enough to attend but is worried about friendships, schoolwork or exams, please encourage them to come to school. Avoiding school can make these feelings worse and can create a negative pattern of behaviour.

If your child is having difficulty attending school, talk to their teacher, Penelope Harris, or Nick Jones about getting support.

If your child is away for two days without explanation, we will send a courtesy text to check in. After three days, a teacher will call to confirm everything is okay and to see if there's any support we can provide.

We know that parents and carers can be juggling challenges daily to get your children to school. If your child must miss school, notify us as soon as possible by calling the office or Compass so we can work together to support them.

Remember, **Every Day Counts**.

Thanks Nick



Every day counts

Missing **one day per fortnight** adds up to missing **four weeks** of school a year.

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Annual Privacy Reminder for Our School Community

Our school collects and uses student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' privacy policy.

Our Photographing, Filming and Recording Students policy, describes how we collect and use photographs, video and recordings of students. The policy also explains when parent consent is required and how it can be provided and withdrawn.

We ask parents to also review the guidance we provide on how we use technology safely at the school and what parents can do to further protect their child's information.

For more information about privacy, refer to: Schools' privacy policy: information for parents.



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's financial circumstances and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS and EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school excursions, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or support an out of home care student you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid directly to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is \$400 for all school students.

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.vic.gov.au/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund>

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments:** your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances:** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.



Star Student Awards

JUNIOR

George, your teacher is so proud of you and for having such an amazing start to the year.

MIDDLE

Rubee for being UNSTOPPABLE with all her learning this week!

SENIOR

Xavier, congratulations on your first full week. Your answers in wellbeing this week were particularly insightful.



Star Student Awards





Specialist Star Awards

**MRS
BLAKE**

STEM:

Lily for drawing an amazing detailed diagram of the human body in STEM.

MISS D

Performing Arts:

Mason for consistently demonstrating the DPS values in Performing Arts and for his outstanding mime skills!

**MR
JONES**

Auslan: Rubee for demonstrating her best in Auslan tasks this week.
PE: Charlie for demonstrating resilience and his personal best in PE.



Specialist Star Awards





PE with Gecko Sport





School Wide Positive Behaviour



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



Important Dates

Date	Event
Every Friday	3:00pm School Assembly
Thursday 19 th February Thursday 5 th March Thursday 19 th March Thursday 2 nd April	Special Lunch Days
Tuesday 10 th February	Digital Tech Safety Incursion (Middle and Senior Class)
Thursday 12 th February	Discovery Day (Senior Class)
Wednesday 18 th February	VIS Athlete Incursion (Middle and Senior Class)
Thursday 19 th February	Teeth on Wheels visit
Tuesday 24 th and Wednesday 25 th February	SSG meetings (Parent/Teacher Meetings)
Thursday 5 th March	Formula 1 Excursion (Senior Class)
Monday 9 th March	Labour Day – PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Friday 20 th March	Harmony Day
Friday 27 th March	CURRICULUM DAY – No students at school
Thursday 2 nd April	Last Day of Term 1 – 2.30pm finish

2026 OPEN NIGHT!



Secondary Families Welcome!

BORONIA
K-12 COLLEGE

DAY

9.30am	School Tour
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EVENING

5.00pm	Welcome Sausage Sizzle
5.30pm	Information Session
5.45pm to 7.15pm	School Tours Music performances Learning area exhibits Meet the teachers

**TUES
24
MARCH**



WHY CHOOSE US

- ✓ Choose your own electives inc. Dance Robotics, Food, Music and Art
- ✓ New Fitness Centre & Dance Studio
- ✓ Student led Cafe and Clubs
- ✓ Odyssey Program for High Achievers
- ✓ Elite Basketball Program
- ✓ Year 7 Scholarships
- ✓ Strong Academic Emphasis

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