



— Edition 20 - 2026 —

Dillbadin

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Growing through learning



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From Our Principal

Penelope Harris

Welcome back to Term 3!

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday break and enjoyed spending quality time with family and friends. It has been fantastic to welcome our students back to school, ready for another exciting term of learning, growth and new experiences.

We have a very busy term ahead with lots to look forward to. Our Senior Class and Middle Class students will both be heading off on camp, which promises to be a fantastic opportunity to develop independence, teamwork and create lasting memories with their classmates.

We are also excited that Miss D is once again bringing back The Cockatoo Theatre Company. After the success of last term's performance, we can't wait to see what our talented students have been working on for their end-of-term production. Families are encouraged to keep an eye out for more details later this term.

Breakfast Club

Our Breakfast Club, run by the wonderful Julie, is available every **Monday and Friday from 8:45am in the library**. Students can enjoy a healthy breakfast including cereal, toast, and sometimes a warm Milo or a refreshing freshly squeezed orange juice. Everyone is welcome, and there is no need to book—just come along!

At Dillbadin Primary School, we never want hunger to be a barrier to learning. Breakfast Club is about much more than food; it's also a wonderful opportunity for students to chat with friends, build positive social skills, and start the day feeling happy, connected and ready to learn.

Whether you come for breakfast, the company, or both, we'd love to see you there!



Parent-Teacher Interviews

A reminder that Parent-Teacher Interviews will be held next Tuesday and Wednesday after school. If you haven't already done so, please ensure you book an appointment with your child's teacher.

These interviews are a valuable opportunity to celebrate your child's achievements, discuss their progress, and work together to set goals for the remainder of the year. Research consistently shows that when schools and families work in partnership, students achieve better academic, social and emotional outcomes. We look forward to meeting with you and continuing to support your child's learning journey together.

Enrolments for 2027

Planning is already well underway for 2027 enrolments. If you have a child starting school in 2027, or you know a family looking for a caring, inclusive and high-quality primary school, we'd love to welcome them to Dillbadin Primary School.

The best way to experience our wonderful school is by booking a personalised school tour. Tours provide families with the opportunity to visit our classrooms, meet our friendly staff and students, explore our beautiful learning spaces and discover what makes Dillbadin such a special place to learn. If you know someone who may be interested, please encourage them to contact the school office to arrange a tour.



Special Lunches Are Back!

Our Special Lunch Days return next Thursday, and we're kicking things off with one of the students' favourites—sausages in bread!

These lunch days are always a highlight, with plenty of excitement around the school as students enjoy a special treat with their friends. They also provide a wonderful fundraising opportunity that helps support programs and resources for our students. Thank you to everyone who supports these events throughout the year.

Have a great weekend, and I hope the sunny weather continues.

Penelope

The Importance of **READING** Every Day

Just **15 MINUTES** each day can make a **BIG** difference!

We've noticed that reading at home has dropped off recently, and we'd love to see this become part of our students' daily routine again.



Every page read is a step towards confidence, curiosity and success —
at school and in life.



WHY DAILY READING MATTERS



Builds Vocabulary

Children learn new words and how to use them.



Improves Fluency

Regular reading helps children read more smoothly and confidently.



Strengthens Comprehension

It helps children understand what they read and think more deeply.



Develops Imagination

Stories spark creativity and inspire big ideas.



Increases Confidence

Success in reading builds self-esteem and a love of learning.



Supports Success Across All Areas

Reading is the foundation for learning in every subject.

MAKE IT PART OF YOUR DAY

Whether your child reads independently, reads aloud to you, or you enjoy reading together, those 15 minutes each day are an investment in their future.

15 minutes today can change tomorrow!



TIPS FOR READING AT HOME

- ✓ Find a quiet, comfortable space
- ✓ Set a regular time each day
- ✓ Let your child choose books they enjoy
- ✓ Ask questions and chat about the story
- ✓ Celebrate their effort and progress!



Thank you for supporting your child's journey. Together, we can help every child become a **confident** and **capable** reader!



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Nights of Reading Awards

125 Nights

Kris

Samip

Elijah





DILLBADIN WINTER WALK TO SCHOOL!

FRIDAY
17TH JULY

FRIDAY
31ST JULY

FRIDAY
14TH AUGUST

FRIDAY
28TH AUGUST

≡ Fresh air. Friendly chats. Start the day strong. ≡



MEET US AT

Genista Reserve

8:20AM

Let's walk together!

MEET US AT

Woolworths

8:30AM

Join us for the rest of the walk!

MEET US AGAIN AT

Genista Reserve

8:40AM

See you on the way back!



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



HEALTHY KIDS,
HAPPY KIDS!

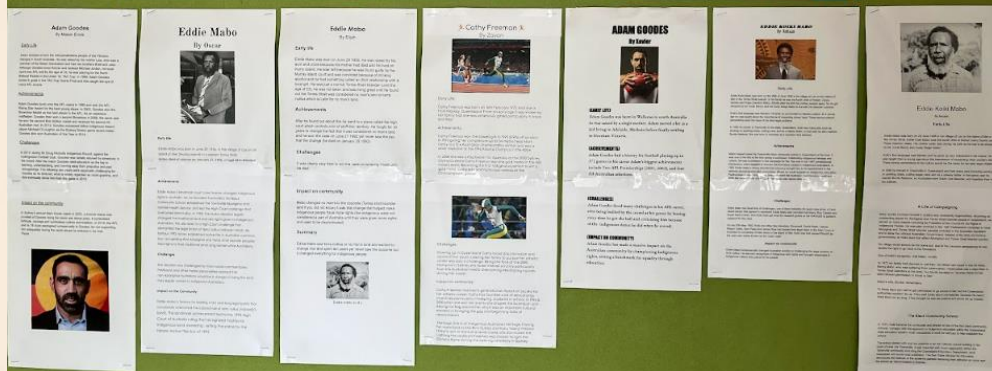
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CELEBRATING NAIDOC WEEK

The Next Generation:
Strength, Vision & Legacy

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF NAIDOC

We're Celebrating NAIDOC Week History, Culture, Achievements



Our Senior Class has enjoyed celebrating NAIDOC Week by learning about the lives and achievements of some of Australia's most inspiring Aboriginal Australians.



Students chose to research people such as Cathy Freeman, Eddie Mabo and Adam Goodes, discovering how their determination, courage and leadership have made a lasting impact on our country.



It has been wonderful to see the curiosity and respect students have shown as they explored Indigenous history and culture.



This year's theme, "The Next Generation: Strength, Vision & Legacy," also marks 50 years of NAIDOC, reminding us of the importance of celebrating and learning from the rich cultures and contributions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.



Together,
we grow,
we learn,
we achieve.



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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!



Wellbeing Wrap Up

Nick Jones – Assistant Principal

Week One – Well Done! *You made it through the first week back!*

A big week for everyone

The first week back is one of the most demanding of the year. Children have been holding themselves together across long school days, navigating friendships, new routines and the return of learning expectations. By Friday, many are running on reserves. If your child seems more tired, emotional or quieter than usual this weekend that is not a problem. It is a sign they gave this week everything they had.

WHAT YOU MIGHT NOTICE AT HOME

More tired than usual.

School days are cognitively and socially demanding. Fatigue after week one is completely expected.

"Fine" when asked how school was.

Children often process their day on their own terms. It frequently comes out later: over dinner, at bedtime, or the next day.

Big feelings once they're home.

They hold it together all day. Home is the safe place to release. This is a sign of a secure attachment, not a problem.

Quieter or more clingy than usual.

Both are normal responses to the effort of a big transition week.

Weekend conversation starters

What was one moment from this week you'd want to remember?

Was there anything this week that felt harder than you expected?

Who did you play with at school this week?

THE WEEKEND RESET

Prioritise sleep.

An early night on Friday and a gentle sleep-in on Saturday makes a measurable difference by Monday morning.

Reduce the schedule.

A quieter weekend after a big first week is not wasted time, it is recovery. Children do not need to be busy to be well.

One-on-one time.

Even 15 minutes of phone-free, focused attention goes a long way after a week of high social demand.

Gentle movement and fresh air.

A walk, a ride or unstructured time outside (without pressure or a plan) is deeply restorative.

Wellbeing Wrap Up

Nick Jones – Assistant Principal

LOOKING AHEAD THIS TERM

Week two is usually much smoother.

Routines become familiar, friendships settle and energy levels recover. Hang in there.

Keep mornings calm and consistent.

A predictable morning routine is the single most effective thing for a smooth school day.

Stay connected with school.

If anything is affecting your child, at home or socially, let the classroom teacher know early. We are always here.

Thank you for getting your child to school every day this week. It takes effort, especially after a break, and it matters. We have had a wonderful start to the term at Dillbadin Primary School and we are looking forward to everything ahead.

WEEK ONE — WELL DONE!

You made it through the first week back — thank you for coping and fresh starts.



MAKE YOUR MIND NOTICE & FOCUS

It's okay to feel wobbly



● Name 3 small wins

Notice the positives, including small things (e.g. got up, school, kindness shown).



● Think "one step, then the next"

Big things feel less scary when broken down.



● Do one good thing today

A kind act (big or small) can lift your mood and someone else's.



● Notice one nice thing around you

Look for one good thing in your surroundings (nature, people, etc.).



BE KIND TO YOUR BODY

Recovery is not a race



● HYDRATE FIRST

Have a drink of water and keep it handy today.



● Rest when tired

It's okay to take a break. Your body and brain need it.



● Gentle-move time

A short walk, stretch or extra play helps your mood.



● NOURISH YOURSELF

Eat regular, balanced meals and snacks.



LOOKING AHEAD FOR A TRY

Small steps, big wins



● What's one small goal today?

Pick one kind or realistic thing to work on.



● Plan for tiny steps

Break big things into 2–3 simple steps you'll try.



● Stay kind to yourself

Some days are tougher — that's okay. You're still doing your best.



● Ask for or give help

You don't have to do it all. Reach out or offer support.



One week down — you're doing great!





Star Student Awards

JUNIOR

Alex for making a fantastic start to Term 3. Well done!

MIDDLE

Alexandra for having amazing ideas in her narratives!

SENIOR

Zayan for a great start to the term. Your effort in writing and maths has been excellent.



Star Student

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SHINING BRIGHT EVERY DAY!



RESPECT



RESPONSIBILITY



RESILIENCE



TEAMWORK



EXCELLENCE



Specialist Star Awards

**MRS
BLAKE**

Visual Arts and STEM:
Azaan for fantastic focus, creativity
and contributions to Art and STEM.

MISS D

Performing Arts:
Poppy for being a superstar during the
Pause/Play activity – very impressive!

**MRS
BLAKE**

Auslan:
Jane for fantastic focus and
participation in Auslan.



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

Way
to go!



TOGETHER, WE MAKE DILLBADIN A GREAT PLACE TO LEARN AND GROW!



Our students earned
4 COCKATOOS
over the past week, representing
400 acknowledgements
of positive behaviour.

Amazing work, everyone! ♥



BE RESPECTFUL

We treat others
with kindness.



BE SAFE

We look after
ourselves and others.



BE A LEARNER

We try our best and
keep improving.

EVERY CHOICE COUNTS. EVERY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT MATTERS!

Birthdays

FOR THE

WEEK!



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*Happy Birthday to our amazing
students celebrating this week!*

*Wishing you all a fantastic day
filled with joy and laughter!*



You're all stars!



What's Coming Up?



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Important dates for your diary



**EVERY
FRIDAY**

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Every Friday

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



**EVERY
THURSDAY**

SPECIAL LUNCH DAYS

Every Thursday

• 23 July • 6 August • 20 August
• 3 September • 17 September



**TUESDAY
21
JULY**

100 DAYS OF SCHOOL JUNIOR CLASS CELEBRATION

Tuesday 21st July



**MONDAY
10
AUGUST**

SENIOR CLASS CAMP

*Monday 10th August to
Wednesday 12th August*

More details to come!



**THURSDAY
27
AUGUST**

FATHER'S DAY STALL & BBQ

Thursday 27th August

Stall during the day
BBQ from 5:00pm



**WEDNESDAY
9
SEPTEMBER**

MIDDLE CLASS CAMP

*Wednesday 9th September to
Thursday 10th September*

More details to come!



**FRIDAY
18
SEPTEMBER**

FOOTY COLOURS DAY

Friday 18th September

Wear your favourite
footy team colours!



**FRIDAY
18
SEPTEMBER**

LAST DAY OF TERM 3

Friday 18th September

School finishes at 2:30pm.



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!*



ABN: 46 388 517 509

Wing Chun Kung Fu For Kids Ages 5-12

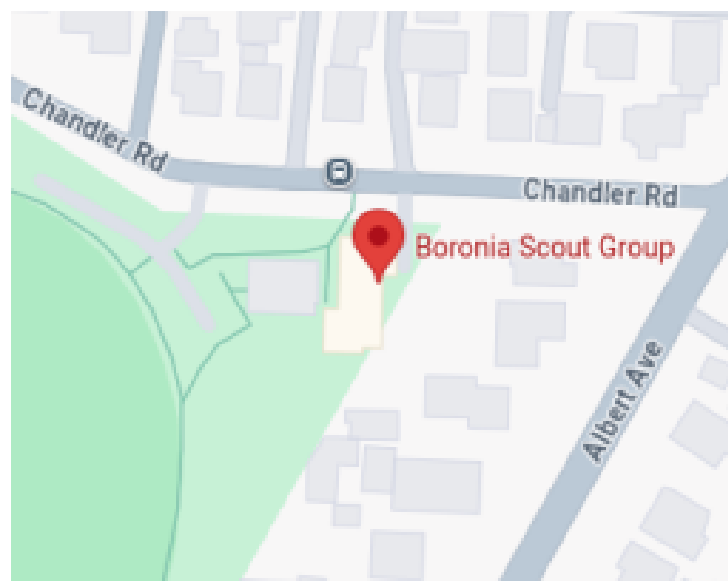
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**Develop Confidence, Focus, Awareness,
Growth Mindset, Patience, and Discipline**

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