



Dillbadin

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Growing through learning



INSIDE, YOU WILL FIND:

Nights of Reading

Award winners

Important Dates

From Our Principal

Penelope Harris

It has been another busy and productive week at Dillbadin Primary School, with students continuing to work hard and show great enthusiasm for their learning.

Across the school, students are developing their narrative writing skills, creating engaging stories using rich vocabulary, interesting characters and exciting plots. In Mathematics, classes are exploring concepts including shape, length, area and perimeter, building important problem-solving and measurement skills through hands-on learning.

There is also a real sense of excitement around the school, with just one week to go until our Senior Class heads off on camp. Camp is always a wonderful opportunity for students to develop independence, strengthen friendships and create lasting memories. We can't wait to hear all about their adventures.

Unfortunately, Mr Jones has been unwell this week, and we wish him a speedy recovery. We are all hoping to welcome him back to school next week.

From the PRINCIPAL



Stronger together.
Every child. Every day.
Every opportunity.



We're making it easier to stay connected!

At Dillbadin Primary School, we know that when schools and families work together, students thrive.

To support our home-school partnership, **twice each term** your child's teacher will share a **Classroom Learning Update** via Compass.



These updates will give you a clear snapshot of what your child will be learning in:



READING

Building strong readers who understand, explore and enjoy a variety of texts.



WRITING

Developing confident writers who express their ideas clearly and creatively.



MATHEMATICS

Exploring concepts, problem-solving and building mathematical thinking every day.



WELLBEING

Learning important skills to support resilience, relationships and emotional wellbeing.



WHY DOES THIS MATTER?

These updates help you have meaningful conversations with your child, understand the purpose behind their learning and feel more connected to their school day.

When we work together, amazing things happen!

WHAT YOU CAN DO



Ask your child what they're learning and share in their achievements.



Build a stronger home-school partnership that supports success.



Reinforce learning and wellbeing strategies at home.



The wellbeing section will explain the focus being taught in class and why it is important. **This helps families understand the skills being developed and reinforces these important conversations at home.**



We encourage you to read these updates when they are released on Compass and use them as a conversation starter with your child.

Even a short discussion can make a big difference!

Kind regards,

Penelope Harris
Principal



Every Day Counts – Attendance Matters

At Dillbadin Primary School, learning begins each day promptly at 8:55 am, and we ask that all students arrive on time and ready to learn. Being at school before the bell allows students to settle into the classroom, connect with their classmates and begin the day feeling calm and prepared. Every minute of learning counts.

Regular attendance has a significant impact on a child's learning and wellbeing. Missing one day of school every fortnight adds up to around 20 days each year—that's approximately four weeks of learning missed. Over the course of primary school, this equates to around 160 days, or almost a full year of schooling. Even missing one day each month adds up to around 10 days a year, which is almost two weeks of learning. Every lesson builds on the one before it, so consistent attendance helps students make steady progress, build strong friendships and develop positive routines.

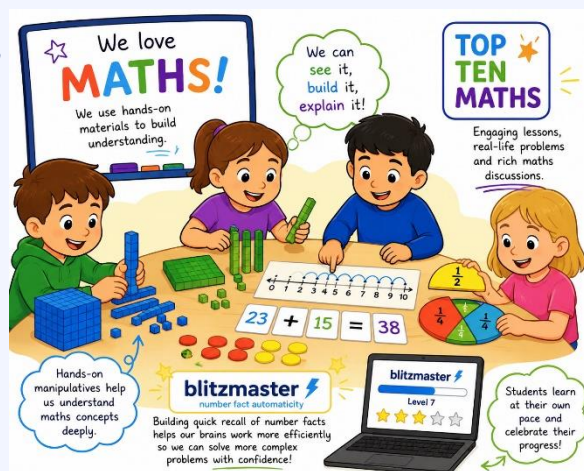
We understand that there are times when children are unwell, or families face challenges. If your family is experiencing barriers to getting your child to school or arriving on time, please reach out. We are here to work alongside you, offer support and help find solutions so every child has the opportunity to succeed.

Mathematics at Dillbadin

If you've visited our classrooms recently, you may have noticed students using a variety of hands-on materials during mathematics lessons. These manipulatives—including counters, place value blocks, number lines, fraction pieces and other concrete resources—help students develop a deep understanding of mathematical concepts. Rather than simply memorising procedures, students can see, build and explain their thinking, creating strong foundations before moving to more abstract learning.

Our teachers also continue to make great use of Top Ten Maths, a high-quality resource that provides engaging, structured lessons and rich mathematical discussions. Combined with explicit teaching, Top Ten Maths supports students to develop problem-solving skills, mathematical reasoning and confidence while ensuring learning is appropriately challenging for every student.

Another exciting part of our mathematics program is Blitzmaster, our number fact automaticity program. It helps students build quick recall of essential addition, subtraction, multiplication and division facts. Students work at their own level and progress at their own pace, celebrating milestones as they move through the program. Developing automatic recall of number facts reduces the load on working memory, allowing students to focus on more complex mathematical thinking and problem solving with greater confidence.



Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support of our school and your partnership in your child's learning. Have a wonderful weekend.

Penelope



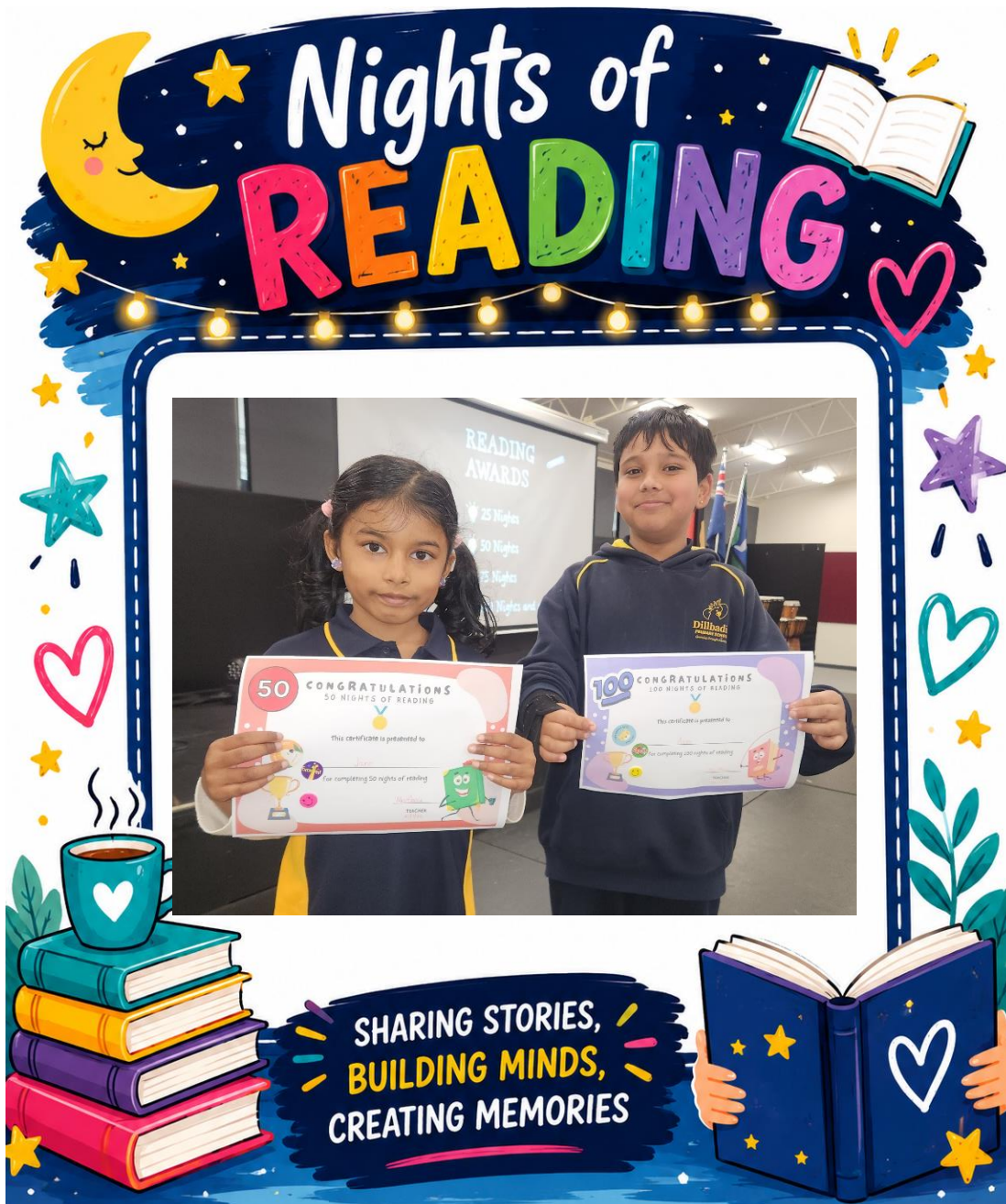
Nights of Reading Awards

50 Nights

100 Nights

Jane

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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!

Growing through learning



DILLBADIN
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PYJAMA

★ DAY ★

WEAR YOUR
FAVOURITE
PYJAMAS
TO SCHOOL!



GOLD COIN DONATION

All gold coin donations will be donated to the **Pyjama Foundation** who support children living in foster care.



the
pyjama
foundation

Love of learning
starts early

AUGUST 7TH

FIRE SAFETY

AT HOME



As the school year continues, many students are using devices such as laptops, tablets, phones, e-bikes and e-scooters. Most of these devices contain lithium-ion batteries, which have become part of everyday life, but need to be used safely.

**KEEP YOUR FAMILY SAFE FROM
LITHIUM-ION BATTERY FIRES**



Fire services are responding to an increasing number of fires caused by lithium-ion batteries, often caused by incorrect charging or leaving devices unattended. **That's why fire safety at home is especially important during the school year.**



YOU CAN HELP REDUCE THE RISK BY:



Only using the charger and battery designed for each device



Unplugging devices once fully charged



Never charging devices on soft surfaces like beds or couches



Not charging devices overnight, or when no one is home



Charging larger devices such as e-bikes and e-scooters away from living spaces and keeping them clear of exits



Regularly checking devices and stopping use if a battery looks damaged, swollen or overheats



You can watch Fire Rescue Victoria's safety video [here](#) (opens in a new window).



**DON'T FORGET
YOUR SMOKE
ALARMS!**



It's also important to make sure smoke alarms are working and tested every month.



Fire Rescue Victoria recommends installing smoke alarms in bedrooms, living rooms and near areas where devices are charged—because **working smoke alarms save lives.**



For more tips on lithium-ion battery safety, visit:

<https://www.frv.vic.gov.au/battery-safety>

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**A FEW SIMPLE HABITS CAN HELP
PROTECT YOUR HOME AND YOUR LOVED ONES.**





BIDMAS &

 2^3 $\times$ $=$

PRIME NUMBER

SCAVENGER HUNT

BIDMAS

- B** Brackets
- I** Indices
- D** Division
- M** Multiplication
- A** Addition
- S** Subtraction



This week our students took part in an exciting **BIDMAS** and **Prime Number Scavenger Hunt** around the school.



Students worked individually and in teams to search for hidden maths cards containing a range of BIDMAS equations. To uncover each number, students needed to carefully apply the correct order of operations using brackets, indices, division, multiplication, addition and subtraction.



Once they solved an equation, students located the matching number on a 100s chart and then decided whether it was a prime number, composite number, or neither. The activity combined movement, teamwork and problem-solving, making maths both active and engaging.



It was wonderful to see students discussing strategies, checking each other's working and showing persistence when they encountered challenging questions. The scavenger hunt included easy, medium, hard and extension-level problems, allowing all students to participate at an appropriate level and challenge themselves.



Activities such as this help students develop fluency with number operations while also strengthening reasoning and mathematical communication skills.



The enthusiasm around the school was fantastic, and many students asked when we could do another maths scavenger hunt in the future!



PRIME NUMBERS
have only **TWO**
factors:
1 and themselves!

17

29

5

2

EXAMPLE

$$\begin{aligned}
 &[(3+5) \times 2^2 - 6 \div 3] + 4 \\
 &= [8 \times 4 - 2] + 4 \\
 &= [32 - 2] + 4 \\
 &= 30 + 4 = \boxed{34}
 \end{aligned}$$

 $\times$

7

 $\div$

23

 $\times$

Think,
Solve,
Check,
Learn!





Star Student Awards

JUNIOR

M for her amazing efforts in phonics.
M, your sounding out of words has
been fantastic!

MIDDLE

Kris for reading with amazing
expression during guided reading.

SENIOR

Samip for yet another outstanding
week. Your hard work is a great
example to the rest of the school.



Star Student

DILLBADIN PRIMARY SCHOOL



SHINING BRIGHT EVERY DAY!



RESPECT



RESPONSIBILITY



RESILIENCE



TEAMWORK



EXCELLENCE



Specialist Star Awards

**MRS
BLAKE**

Visual Art:

Dylan for the excellent effort you put into creating your animal profile masterpiece. Your work is so detailed, and you have taken so much care with every part of it! We are so proud of you!

MISS D

Performing Arts:

Samip for always demonstrating great effort and acting with fantastic expression!

**MRS
HARRIS**

PE:

Cooper for his persistence and courage to try new things during gymnastics with Gecko Sport.



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



ES Award

Ruby for her independent and sensational effort in writing this week!!!



SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR

Way
to go!



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



Our students earned
3 COCKATOOS
over the past week, representing
300 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!

What's Coming Up?



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Where Every Child Thrives

Important dates for your diary



**EVERY
FRIDAY**

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

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



**TUESDAY
28 JULY
9:10AM**

SCHOOL COUNCIL

All welcome!



**FRIDAY
31 JULY**

WINTER WALK TO SCHOOL

Let's rug up and get active together!



**EVERY
THURSDAY**

SPECIAL LUNCH DAYS

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



**THURSDAY
27 AUGUST**

FATHER'S DAY STALL & BBQ

Stall during the day
BBQ from 5:00pm



**MONDAY 10
TO
WEDNESDAY 12
AUGUST**

SENIOR CAMP

*Monday 10th August to
Wednesday 12th August*

EVENTS:

- City Explorations
- Team Challenges
- Sports & Activities
- Fun & Friendship



**THURSDAY
20 AUGUST**

SPECIAL LUNCH DAYS

Every Thursday



**WEDNESDAY
16 &
THURSDAY 17
SEPTEMBER**

SCHOOL PRODUCTION

*Wednesday 16th September &
Thursday 17th September*
More details to come!



**WEDNESDAY
9 SEPTEMBER**

MIDDLE CLASS CAMP

*Wednesday 9th September to
Thursday 10th September*
More details to come!



**FRIDAY
18 SEPTEMBER**

FOOTY COLOURS DAY

Wear your favourite footy team colours!



**FRIDAY
18 SEPTEMBER**

LAST DAY OF TERM 3

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!*