



Dillbadin

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Growing through learning



From Our Principal

Penelope Harris

**INSIDE,
YOU WILL
FIND:**

Nights of Reading

Award winners

Important Dates

It was wonderful to share our Father's Day BBQ with so many dads, grandfathers, and other significant men who play important roles in the lives of our students. We loved having so many of you at school, spending time in classrooms, joining in the activities and simply enjoying some time together. Thank you to everyone who came along and helped make the afternoon such a positive celebration for our students.

We have a busy couple of weeks ahead as we move towards the end of Term 3. Next week our Middle students head off to camp, which is always an exciting opportunity to build independence, confidence and friendships while making some great memories together.

We also wish David Simpson and his family a fantastic time as they head off on an extended holiday. We hope they enjoy every minute of their travels and look forward to hearing about their adventures when David returns.

Of course, amongst all of these special events, there is still plenty of learning happening across the school. Classrooms are busy, students are working hard and our Production rehearsals are well underway. There is lots of practising, rehearsing, and excitement-building as students prepare to bring the production to life.

It is certainly a busy time at Dillbadin, with plenty happening both inside and outside the classroom. We look forward to sharing all of these experiences with our students and families over the coming weeks!

Our School Production is Almost Here!

We are very excited about our upcoming school production on Thursday 17 September. Our students and staff have been working incredibly hard, and we cannot wait for families to see the wonderful performance they have created.

Doors will open at 5:30pm, with the show beginning at 6:00pm.

All students are expected to attend and participate on the night.

This is a paid, ticketed event, and every member of the audience must have a ticket to enter. From tomorrow, any unsold tickets previously reserved for families will be released for sale to the general public. If you have not yet booked, please do so as soon as possible, as you may miss out.

We do not want any students to be disappointed because their family is unable to attend. Please ensure you purchase your tickets prior to the event, as all attendees must have a ticket and we will be unable to admit anyone without one on the night. We want every family to enjoy this special event, so please make sure your tickets are organised in advance.

Funds raised through ticket sales will go towards further enhancing our performing arts program, including costumes, stage improvements and sound equipment.

We are looking forward to a fantastic evening and celebrating the hard work, confidence and creativity of all our students!



Enjoy a wonderful weekend and we look forward to seeing you on Monday.



Nights of Reading Awards

25 Nights	50 Nights	75 Nights	100 Nights	125 Nights	175 Nights
Alex	Rohaam	Kiara	Sebastian	Ayan	Kris
Tyler	Xavier	Jane			



PERFORMING ARTS

at Dillbadin

There's a lot happening behind the scenes as we get closer to **PROJECT: PERFECT**, our 2026 whole-school musical!

Rehearsals are well underway and our students are working incredibly hard to bring this exciting production to life.



THE ARTS MAKE A DIFFERENCE



Builds confidence, creativity, communication and teamwork.



Teaches persistence and problem-solving.



Gives students opportunities to take risks, express themselves and discover what they're capable of.



REHEARSALS ARE IN FULL SWING!

- » Students are learning lines, songs, dances and stage directions while learning how to work together as a cast.
- » We're seeing wonderful growth in confidence as scenes come to life and everything fits together.
- » Excitement is building for what promises to be an **unforgettable show!**



EVERY TICKET HELPS BUILD WHAT COMES NEXT



Supports Performing Arts opportunities for our students.



Funds equipment and resources for our programs.



Helps improve our performance space and stage.



Thank you for helping the Arts shine at Dillbadin!



PROJECT: PERFECT
SYSTEM ONLINE

DILLBADIN PRIMARY SCHOOL PRESENTS

PROJECT: PERFECT

— IS PERFECTION EVEN POSSIBLE? —

A WHOLE SCHOOL MUSICAL

ANALYSING STUDENT DATA...



100%

ACADEMIC
ACCURACY

100%

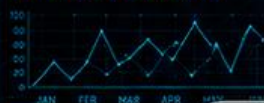
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OPTIMISING LEARNING



THURSDAY
17 SEPTEMBER
2026



6:00PM
DOORS OPEN 5:30PM



**DILLBADIN
PRIMARY SCHOOL**
25 TORMORE RD,
BORONIA VIC 3155

☆ **LIGHT REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED**

TICKETS

ADULTS

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CHILDREN
UNDER 16

\$5

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3 CHILDREN

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Juniors Update

TERM 3 – SECOND HALF

WHAT WE'VE BEEN LEARNING

The Junior students have been busy learning and having fun!

We have been writing and sharing speeches and exploring shape and data in Mathematics.



WHAT'S COMING UP

Over the coming weeks, students will be:

- ✓ Learning about time
- ✓ Writing and presenting speeches
- ✓ Critiquing texts



A BIG JUNIOR CONGRATULATIONS!

A huge congratulations to our Junior students for their incredible resilience and perseverance whilst we relocated our classroom to the Library.

They adapted so quickly to a different learning environment and continued to show a fantastic attitude to learning.

We are so proud of you!



LIBRARY ADVENTURES!

The Juniors have loved visiting Boronia Library over the past couple of weeks.

It has been wonderful to see their excitement as they explore new books and develop their love of reading.

Thank you, Mr Simpson, for organising this for us!



WAYS YOU CAN SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING AT HOME



NIGHTLY READING

Please read your child's take home reader with them each night and record it in their reading journal, which is kept inside their satchel.



DAYS OF THE WEEK

Recite the days of the week. There are lots of fun songs that can help with memorisation!



1 2 3

ORDERING EVENTS

Give students 3 events that usually happen in a day to order. For example, getting dressed, eating lunch and going to sleep. Can they tell you which comes first, next and last?



WRITING PRACTICE

Choose a few words from your child's take home reader and encourage them to write the words on a whiteboard or paper.



Thank you for your ongoing support.
We appreciate everything you do to support your child's learning at home!



Photos of our Learning



Middle Class News

≡ LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS – TERM 3 ≡



READING

- Building comprehension skills across fiction and non-fiction: **questioning, inferring, making connections, synthesising and summarising.**
- 15–20 minutes of reading at home each night builds **vocabulary, fluency,** comprehension and stamina.



WRITING

- Exploring narratives across different genres and linking writing with our History learning.
- Students have started their **Writing Portfolios** to plan, draft, revise and publish their best work from different text types.
- **Handwriting** focus with **pen licences** in sight!



MATHS

- Developing **fast and automatic recall** of multiplication facts through our Times Tables Blitz.
- Automatic recall gives students more brain space for **more complex Maths.**
- A few minutes of practice at home makes a big difference!



Pack and empty their own lunchbox



Lay out their uniform



Take more responsibility for personal care – showering regularly, brushing teeth and hair, and using deodorant when needed.

≡ GROWING INDEPENDENCE ≡

Independence has been a big theme in Middle this term, as you might have noticed with our introduction of the **Weekly Four** home learning.

A big part of building independence is **supporting, not rescuing.** Letting kids make small mistakes and experience the consequence helps them learn, problem-solve and take more responsibility for themselves.

With guidance and reminders, giving them the chance to take the lead – and sometimes get it wrong – helps them grow into confident, capable young people.



There is a lot of excitement about our upcoming camp on **9–10 September!**

One way families can help prepare for our upcoming camp is to **check the packing list together** and have students **pack their own bag.** That way, when they're at camp, they actually know what they brought and where they put it!

≡ A PROUD TERM IN MIDDLE ≡

Mrs Osborn and Miss D are so impressed by the Middles and the progress they've made this term!

Seeing our students completely absorbed in their novels, using feedback to make their writing better, and taking on challenging Maths with a positive attitude makes us so happy.

We love the daily laughs in our classroom, the many moments of kindness, empathy and inclusion, and especially the look on their faces when something finally clicks.

We're proud of you, Middles! 😊



SENIOR CLASS UPDATE



City Camp 2026

The Senior Class had an amazing time at City Camp! Students had the opportunity to explore Melbourne, visit some of its iconic landmarks and learn more about the history and culture of our own city. From travelling around the city to experiencing new places and activities, there were plenty of opportunities for learning outside the classroom. It was also a fantastic chance for students to develop their independence, teamwork and confidence while making wonderful memories together.



Term 3 So Far

So far in Term 3, our Senior students have developed their Maths skills through the four operations, BIDMAS, prime and composite numbers, measurement and unit conversions, as well as exploring change and probability. These topics have helped students strengthen their problem-solving skills and apply Maths to real-world situations. In Reading, we have focused on making connections, questioning, inferring, summarising and synthesising to help students become deeper, more thoughtful readers. In Writing, students have developed their narrative writing skills, creating engaging stories with interesting characters, settings, plots and descriptive language.

Term 3 has also been filled with plenty of fun experiences beyond our regular classroom learning. Our library visits have given students opportunities to explore new books, discover different authors and develop a love of reading. Book Week brought plenty of creativity and excitement, with students enjoying the opportunity to dress up as their favourite book characters. We also enjoyed a fun and entertaining Ruccl's Circus Incursion, giving students the chance to experience something a little different while having fun, building friendships and creating some great memories together.

Still to come in Term 3

For the remainder of Term 3, Senior students will focus on time in Maths, including timetables and elapsed time; synthesising in Reading, bringing together information to develop deeper understanding; and a range of writing genres, including imaginative, informative and persuasive texts. Students will continue building confidence, applying their skills and preparing for Term 4.

Small Steps, Big Learning

Parents and carers can support Senior students by encouraging them to complete their weekly homework and read each night. Regular reading builds vocabulary, fluency, comprehension and confidence, while homework helps consolidate classroom learning. Even 15-20 minutes each night makes a difference. Thank you for supporting your child's learning at home!



**PROJECT:
PERFECT**

SYSTEM ONLINE

DILLBADIN PRIMARY SCHOOL

PERFORMING ARTS NEWS



PROJECT: PERFECT

A WHOLE SCHOOL MUSICAL

Term 3 has been all about bringing
PROJECT: PERFECT to life!



ON THE STAGE

Acting, singing, dancing,
movement and character –
learning to perform
with confidence.



BEHIND THE SCENES

Discovering how much
goes into a show – sets,
props, costumes, sound,
lighting and projections.



GROWING AS PERFORMERS

Building confidence,
taking creative risks,
remembering cues and
supporting each other
as a team.

IMPORTANT DATES



**BEFORE
MON 14 SEPT**

Show teacher
navy bottoms –
clean and ready.



**WED 16 SEPT
DRESS REHEARSAL**

Bring (not wear)
navy bottoms
to school.



**THU 17 SEPT
SHOW NIGHT**

Return at **5:30pm**
fully dressed in
costume, hair
tied back.



5:30PM

Foyer doors
open for
refreshments.



**6:00PM
PROJECT:
PERFECT
begins!**



GOOD TO KNOW

Hairspray
available for
final touch-ups.
Let us know if
you'd prefer
it not used.



Our students have worked incredibly hard and
can't wait to share what they've created with you!

SEE YOU ON SHOW NIGHT!

— Miss D



CREATIVITY IN ACTION

VISUAL ARTS + STEM UPDATE

A term filled with creativity, curiosity and hands-on learning

Across Visual Arts and STEM, students have explored new ideas, built practical skills and created some wonderful work. Here is a snapshot of what has been happening this term.



VISUAL ARTS

Students have continued learning about the Elements of Art, focusing on texture, shape and value or tone. These elements are the building blocks artists use to create their work.

JUNIOR ARTISTS

Junior students explored texture by creating collages from a variety of materials while strengthening their cutting skills.

Their artworks included:

- The Three Little Pigs and their houses
- Monster collages
- Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? inspired artworks

MIDDLE + SENIOR ARTISTS

Middle and senior students investigated both physical texture and implied texture - drawing or painting surfaces so they look textured.

Their masterpieces included:

- Close-up sliced fruit
- Collage budgies
- Animal profiles
- Pete Cromer-inspired collages

COMING TO THE ART SHOW

We look forward to displaying students' wonderful artwork at the Twilight Market.



STEM

This term's focus has been Chemical Science. Students began by exploring the properties of materials before moving into engaging chemistry experiments.

JUNIORS

Made playdough and oobleck, investigated lemon volcanoes and observed dancing sultanas.

MIDDLES

Learned about crystals and minerals, made fluffy slime and oobleck, and investigated the viscosity of different liquids.

SENIORS

Investigated the materials used to make bicycles and helmets and why each material is suited to its purpose. They also conducted bottle rocket and invisible fire extinguisher experiments.

SCIENCE WEEK

Students participated in magic milk, PVA glue dye swirls, rainbow Skittles, and oil and coloured milk drop experiments to explore how different materials react with one another.

A TERM OF DISCOVERY

It has been a wonderful term filled with curiosity, excitement and scientific wonder!

PE and Auslan in Term 3

Our specialist program has been busy this term. Below is a snapshot of what students have been learning in Physical Education and Auslan, along with a few simple ways you can build on that learning at home.

Auslan

Auslan is a language used by Deaf and hard of hearing Australians every day, so learning it gives our students another way to communicate, another way to connect with people, and an understanding that an idea can be expressed in more than one way. Students have been extending their Auslan vocabulary and consolidating their fingerspelling. Topics this term covered weather and animals. Students are also preparing a special performance for our Whole School Production. They can't wait to show and surprise you!



Physical Education

The skills students build in PE, from throwing and catching to balance and body control, are the foundation for confident participation in sport and play now and an active, healthy life later, and they come packaged with teamwork, persistence and fair play. Students have moved into a focus on gymnastics and body awareness.

Alongside this, students are continuing to develop their fine motor and cross body skills through ball sports and activities involving catching and throwing. They've been having lots of fun completing lessons that incorporate challenges, teamwork and gamified activities!

Morning Movement

Morning Movement continues from 8.55am to 9.05am every day. Students are settling into learning more quickly following these sessions, which support both their physical development and their readiness to learn.

Arriving on time each morning makes a real difference.

Things you could try at home to support their learning...

Auslan	Physical Education
• Visit Auslan Sign bank at auslan.org.au/dictionary and search for any word to watch a short video of the sign. • Learn the weather signs together: sun, rain, wind, hot, cold, cloud, storm. • Add a few animals: dog, cat, bird, horse, fish. • Ask your child to fingerspell their name, then have them teach you yours. • Sign the weather to each other before school each morning.	• Ten catches: throw and catch a rolled pair of socks or a soft ball ten times without dropping it. • Cross body catch: stand still and catch the ball on the opposite side of your body to your throwing hand. • Balance challenge: hold a balance on one foot for ten seconds, then swap. Try again with your eyes closed. • Aim to arrive by 8.55am so your child can take part in Morning Movement.

Wellbeing Wrap Up

Nick Jones – Assistant Principal

Helping children deal with nerves, worries and big feelings

Students across the school are deep in rehearsals for our Whole School Production, and our Middle students head off to camp shortly. Both are wonderful. Both can stir up nerves. Excitement and anxiety feel almost identical inside the body, so children often cannot tell them apart. That is why a child who has been counting down for weeks can suddenly announce they do not want to do it. It is not reluctance or bad behaviour. It is a nervous system doing its job, and it settles best beside a calm adult.

WHAT NERVES CAN LOOK LIKE AT HOME

Worry rarely arrives as the words "I am nervous". More often it looks like:

- Sore tummies or headaches, particularly before school
- Trouble getting to sleep, or waking early
- The same question asked over and over
- A sudden change of heart after weeks of enthusiasm, a shorter fuse, or going quiet

FIVE THINGS THAT HELP

1. **Name it and normalise it:** "Your body is getting ready. Almost everyone feels this before they go on stage." Nerves are less frightening once they have a name.
2. **Resist talking them out of it:** "You will be fine" closes the conversation. "This matters to you, and I am right here" keeps it open.
3. **Shrink the picture:** Ask what one part they are unsure about. It is usually specific: a line, a costume, finding you in the audience. Specific worries can be solved.
4. **Rehearse the ordinary details:** What time we leave, where you will be standing, where I will be waiting afterwards. Predictability lowers anxiety far more than reassurance does.
5. **Protect sleep and food:** Tired and hungry makes every feeling bigger. Steady bedtimes matter most in a busy fortnight.

Wellbeing Wrap Up

Nick Jones – Assistant Principal

Things you can do at home to support your child...



A sixty second reset



- **Feet flat on the floor.**
Notice the ground holding you up.



- **Breathe in for four, out for six.** The longer out breath is what calms the body.



- **Name three things you can see.**



- **One sentence to yourself:**
"I have done hard things before."



Conversation starters this week



- **What part are you most looking forward to?**



- **Is there one bit you are unsure about?**



- **If your nerves had a size right now, would they be a pebble, a rock or a boulder?**



A WORD ABOUT CAMP

Our Middle students are away on camp on Monday 7 and Tuesday 8 September. Nerves about a night away from home are normal, including for children who have been looking forward to it. Talk through what will actually happen rather than whether they will cope and let them pack something familiar. Avoid promising to come and collect them if they are unhappy, well meant as that is.

R U OK? Day is coming up next Thursday, 10th of September!

This is a good week to practise the other half of this skill: noticing when someone is not quite themselves and asking. Children learn to do that by watching the adults around them. Make sure to reach out on Thursday and ask someone 'R U OK?'

Nick Jones.

R U OK?



Star Student Awards

JUNIOR

Poppy for consistently demonstrating resilience and independence when completing tasks. Go Poppy!

MIDDLE

Ayva for telling the time to the minute with great accuracy!

SENIOR

Xavier for a fantastic week in all areas of learning. Mr Simpson can't wait to see the recording of your performance.



Star Student

DILLBADIN PRIMARY SCHOOL



SHINING BRIGHT EVERY DAY!



RESPECT



RESPONSIBILITY



RESILIENCE



TEAMWORK



EXCELLENCE



Specialist Star Awards

**MRS
BLAKE**

Visual Art:

Ayva for being focused, creative and always creating wonderful masterpieces in Visual Arts.

MISS D

Performing Arts:

Jane for always putting in amazing effort when we do production rehearsals.

**MR
JONES**

PE:

George for being respectful and safe in PE! Your manners were amazing too!



Specialist Star

DILLBADIN PRIMARY SCHOOL



THANK YOU FOR

SHARING YOUR TALENTS

AND MAKING A DIFFERENCE!



VISUAL ARTS



PERFORMING ARTS



PE / SPORT



LANGUAGES



DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES

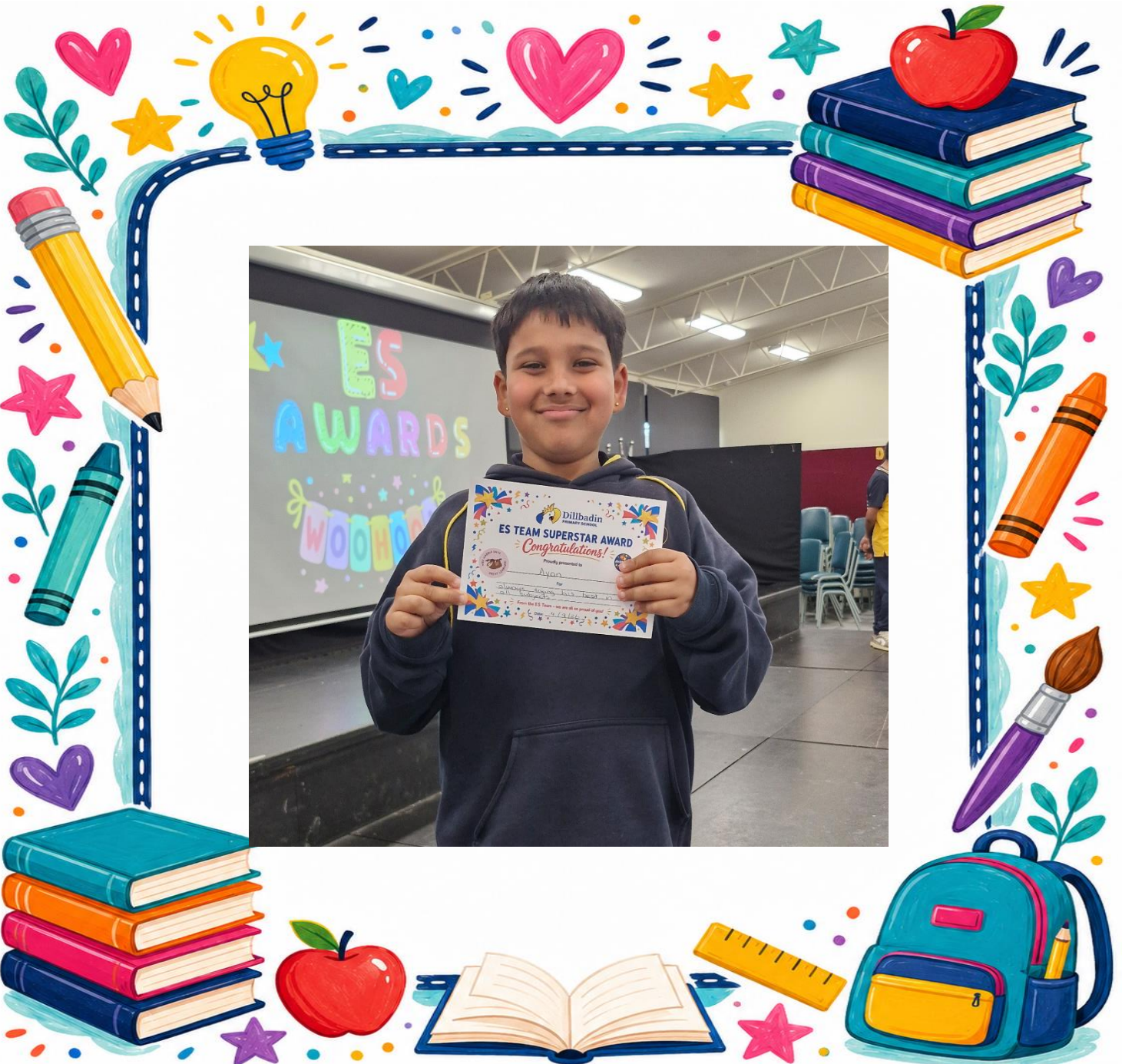


STEM



ES Award

Ayan for always trying his best in all subjects



What's Coming Up?



Dillbadin
PRIMARY SCHOOL

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
1 SEPTEMBER
9:10AM**

SCHOOL COUNCIL

All welcome!



**EVERY
THURSDAY**

SPECIAL LUNCH DAYS

Every Thursday

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



**WEDNESDAY
9 SEPTEMBER**

MIDDLE CLASS CAMP

*Wednesday 9th September to
Thursday 10th September*



**WEDNESDAY
16 &
THURSDAY 17
SEPTEMBER**

SCHOOL PRODUCTION

*Wednesday 16th September &
Thursday 17th September*



**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!*



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Create your own colourful tote bag
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Stories, games and teddy bear fun
September 22 • \$10



Old School Fun Circuit with Andy's Antics
Classic games, movement and plenty of laughs
September 29 • \$10



Laugh Your Socks Off Comedy Show
Comedy, magic and lots of audience participation
September 23 • \$15



Make a Fairy Garden
Create a magical miniature garden to take home
September 30 (10am or 11am) • \$10

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