



Dillbadin

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Growing through learning



From Our Principal

Penelope Harris

INSIDE, YOU WILL FIND:

Nights of Reading

Award winners

Important Dates

It is hard to believe we are already nearing the end of Term 3! As the holidays get closer, there is certainly no slowing down at Dillbadin PS, with lots of learning and plenty happening across the school.

Mr Simpson is currently on leave, and we would like to thank Mrs Blake Mr Jones and Miss D for stepping in and covering his class during this time. We really appreciate their flexibility and support in ensuring learning continues smoothly for our students.

A big thank you also to Miss Fraser, who has taken on many of our production rehearsals this week while the Middles have been away at camp. She has been busy rehearsing with our Seniors and Juniors as we continue preparations for our upcoming production.

Despite all the extra activity, our classrooms remain busy with learning. Students continue to work hard across reading, writing and maths, along with all the other learning and activities that make up our school week.

We still have plenty to fit in before the end of term, and we look forward to a busy and positive final few weeks!

Middle School Camp

Our Middle students have returned from a fantastic two days and one night at camp, with plenty of stories to share!

This was our first time attending our new camp venue, and it was a great success. The students embraced the activities, challenges and opportunities to spend time together outside the usual school environment. Most importantly, our kids were fantastic. They represented Dillbadin PS beautifully and should be very proud of how they participated, supported each other, and gave things a go.

A huge thank you to Nick Jones for the organisation and preparation that went into making the camp happen. Organising a school camp involves an enormous amount of behind-the-scenes work, and we appreciate the time and effort you put into providing this experience for our students.

Thank you also to Kat D'Aquino and Tamika Osborn for attending camp and supporting our students throughout the two days. Going on camp is a significant commitment for staff. It means time away from their own families, giving up their evenings, and being "on duty" well beyond a normal school day. We are incredibly grateful to Kat and Tamika for making that commitment and helping ensure our students had such a positive experience.

Thank you also to our families for supporting your children to attend. Camps provide experiences, independence, friendships and memories that simply can't be recreated in the classroom. We hope everyone involved gets a very good night's sleep!

Parent / Carer Opinion Survey – We Want to Hear From You!

Our Parent / Carer Opinion Survey is still open and we would really appreciate families taking a few minutes to complete it. Your feedback helps us understand what we are doing well and where we can continue to improve our school. The survey is confidential and gives families the opportunity to share their experience at Dillbadin Primary School.

The survey closes Friday 18 September, so please complete it before then. Each family has received a survey code. If you have lost or misplaced your code, please come and see us at the office and we can help.

We would love to hear from as many of our families as possible – your feedback helps us make Dillbadin PS an even better place for our students and families.



R U K? DAY

A simple question can make a difference

Today is R U OK? Day.

It is a reminder to check in with the people around us – our family, friends, neighbours and workmates.

You don't need to be an expert to help.

Sometimes simply asking "Are you OK?" and taking the time to listen can make a difference.

If someone tells you they are struggling, you don't have to fix everything. Listen, let them know you care and encourage them to get some extra help if they need it.

It is also OK to ask for help for yourself.

Ask.
Listen. 
Be there.

Need someone to talk to?

Lifeline **13 11 14**

Free crisis support, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Beyond Blue **1300 22 4636**

Support for anxiety, depression and mental health.

Kids Helpline **1800 55 1800**

Free support for children and young people aged 5–25.

Parentline Victoria **13 22 89**

Free and confidential support for parents and carers.

1800RESPECT **1800 737 732**

Support for people experiencing family, domestic or sexual violence. Available 24 hours a day.

You can also speak to your GP (doctor) about how you are feeling and ask about support that may be available.

If you or someone else is in immediate danger, **call 000.**

You don't need to have the perfect words.

And if you're the person who isn't OK, please tell someone. You don't have to deal with everything on your own.

*You
matter* 

Please Name Your Belongings!

We have collected an impressive amount of lost property this year; unfortunately, most of it has no name on it!

Please make sure all uniforms, drink bottles, lunchboxes and other belongings are clearly labelled with your child's name. It is also worth checking labels regularly, as names can fade or become difficult to read over time.

We would much rather return lost items to their owners than have them sitting in lost property, so a clear name makes a huge difference.

Named items have a much better chance of finding their way back home!



Just a reminder that school finishes at 2:30pm next Friday.

Have a wonderful weekend, everyone. We look forward to seeing you all on Monday!

Penelope

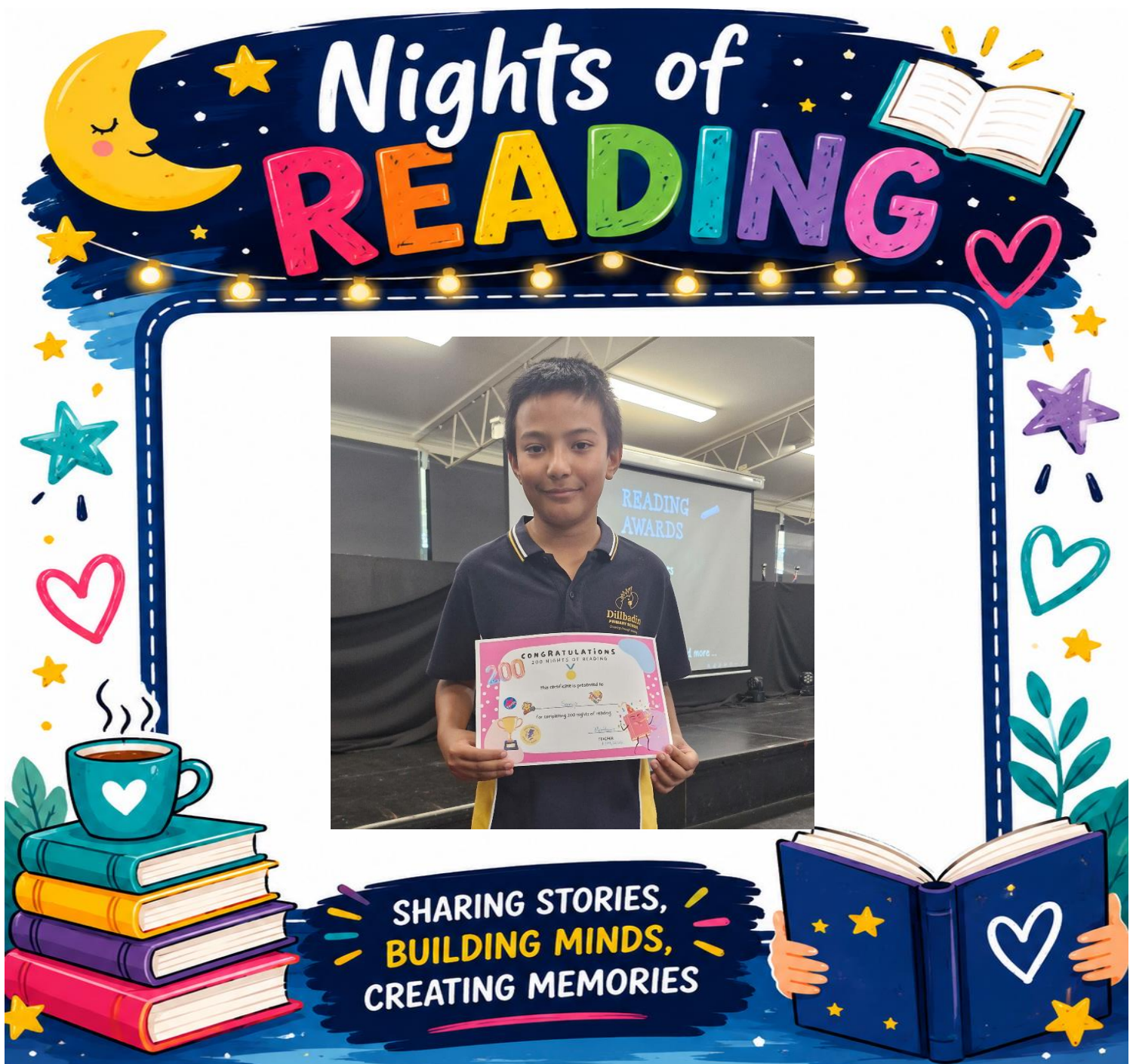




Nights of Reading Awards

200 Nights

Samip



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%

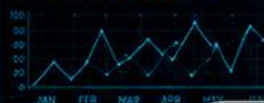
BEHAVIOUR
COMPLIANCE

0%

ERROR
RATE



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

\$12

CHILDREN
UNDER 16

\$5

FAMILY
2 ADULTS +
3 CHILDREN

\$30

UNDER 3
ON LAP

FREE

TICKETS AVAILABLE VIA TRYBOOKING
www.trybooking.com/DOCFZ

**THE COCKATOO
THEATRE COMPANY**



Wellbeing Wrap Up

Nick Jones – Assistant Principal

Take a bow, then take a break

On Thursday 17 September, students across the school take the stage for our Whole School Production. The next day, Friday 18 September, is the last day of Term 3. It is a big finish to a big term. Last week we looked at the nerves that come before a performance. This week is about what comes after, and why a slow, unplanned holiday may be exactly what your child needs.

PRAISE THE COURAGE, NOT JUST THE PERFORMANCE

"You were amazing!" is lovely to hear, but it does not tell your child much.

Praise that names exactly what they did, especially the effort and the bravery, means more. It teaches children that trying hard is worth something in itself.

Try something like:

- "You were nervous and you walked out there anyway."
- "I could tell how much you had practised your part."
- "When that line slipped, you kept going. That is what real performers do."

Keep the first conversation afterwards for celebrating, not reviewing. Let them tell you how it felt before you tell them how it looked. If something went wrong on stage, remind them that the recovery was the real skill.

THE DAY AFTER THE BIG DAY

After weeks of rehearsals and one big burst of excitement, many children feel flat, teary or cranky the next day, even when it all went brilliantly. It is a normal comedown, not a sign that something went wrong.

This year that day is also the last day of term, so expect tired children on Friday 18 September. Keep the evening low key: a simple dinner, an early night and plenty of patience.

Wellbeing Wrap Up

Nick Jones – Assistant Principal

THE ART OF DOING NOTHING

Term 4 starts on Monday 5 October. After a term like this one, children do not need a packed holiday program. They need slow days that nobody has planned for them.

When the first "I am bored" arrives, try not to fix it straight away. Boredom is often where the best play begins: building, inventing and making up games. The Raising Children Network describes boredom as a prompt for children to use their problem-solving skills, creative thinking and imagination, and suggests parents hold their nerve when the complaints start.

A LIGHT ROUTINE FOR SLEEP

Keep a rough anchor: Holidays do not need a timetable, but sleep still likes a routine. Keep bedtime and wake-up time within an hour or two of school days, and screens off at least an hour before bed.

Plan ahead for daylight saving: Clocks go forward one hour at 2am on Sunday 4 October, the day before Term 4 starts. In the week leading up to it, bring bedtime and wake-up time a little earlier each day.

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

Conversation starters after the show	Slow holiday ideas close to home
• What was your favourite moment? • Was there a moment you felt brave? • What would you tell a younger student before their first production? • What did it feel like when everyone clapped?	• Build a cubby and leave it up all week. • Make a boredom jar of your child's own ideas. • Borrow a pile of books from Boronia Library. • Take a bushwalk in the Dandenong Ranges National Park. Check Parks Victoria for alerts first. • Lie on the grass and find shapes in the clouds.

Thank you for your support at home this term.

Nick Jones



Star Student Awards

JUNIOR

Tyler for working so hard to be a learner, be safe and be respectful.

MIDDLE

No award due to camp.

SENIOR

Oscar for having the courage to read out loud to his class!



Star Student

DILLBADIN PRIMARY SCHOOL



SHINING BRIGHT EVERY DAY!



RESPECT



RESPONSIBILITY



RESILIENCE



TEAMWORK



EXCELLENCE



Specialist Star Awards

**MRS
BLAKE**

Visual Art:

Charlie for his growing enthusiasm, effort and willingness to give things a go in Visual Arts.

MISS D

Performing Arts:

Virat for showing respect and being a role model during whole-school rehearsals!

**MR
JONES**

PE:

Samip for the fantastic team work he demonstrated in PE!



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

What's Coming Up?



Dillbadin
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Where Every Child Thrives

Important dates for your diary



THURSDAY
17 SEPTEMBER

SCHOOL PRODUCTION

More information 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.



MONDAY
5 OCTOBER

FIRST DAY OF TERM 4

We look forward to seeing everyone back at school!



THURSDAY
15 OCTOBER

SPECIAL LUNCH DAY

Orders via Compass.
More information will be sent closer to the date.



TUESDAY
20 OCTOBER

SCHOOL COUNCIL

7:00pm in the Staffroom.
All welcome!



THURSDAY
29 OCTOBER

SPECIAL LUNCH DAY

Orders via Compass.
More information will be sent closer to the date.



TUESDAY
3 NOVEMBER

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

No students or staff at school.



THURSDAY
12 NOVEMBER

SPECIAL LUNCH DAY

Orders via Compass.
More information will be sent closer to the date.



THURSDAY
26 NOVEMBER

SPECIAL LUNCH DAY

Orders via Compass.
More information will be sent closer to the date.



WEDNESDAY
25 NOVEMBER

SCHOOL COUNCIL

7:00pm in the Staffroom.
All welcome!



TUESDAY
8 DECEMBER

STATEWIDE TRANSITION DAY

Students will spend time in their 2026 classrooms.



*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!*

