



Dillbadin

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Growing through learning



From Our Principal

Penelope Harris

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YOU WILL
FIND:**

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A Remarkable Term 3

What a remarkable Term 3 it has been! As we reach the end of another busy term, I want to say a huge thank you to our students, staff and families for everything you continue to bring to our wonderful school community.

This term has been filled with learning, laughter, new experiences and plenty of opportunities to come together. We have welcomed new students and families to Dillbadin, celebrated 100 Days of School, enjoyed all the fun of Book Week, headed off on camps, taken part in excursions and special activities, and of course finished the term with our incredible school production and Footy Colours Day – and that is only some of what we have managed to squeeze in!

Alongside all these special events, our students have continued to learn, grow, challenge themselves, build friendships and show us every day what makes Dillbadin such a special place. I am incredibly proud of the way our students embrace new experiences and of the staff who work so hard to make these opportunities possible.

Thank you also to our families for continuing to support everything we do. Whether it is attending events, helping children prepare for special days, reading our communications, or simply encouraging your children each morning, your partnership with us makes an enormous difference.

What an Amazing Production!

What an amazing night our school production was! I could not have been prouder of our students. The courage, confidence, enthusiasm and joy they brought to the stage was incredible. From learning lines and dances to remembering stage positions, managing costume changes and performing in front of an audience, every one of our students should feel incredibly proud of what they achieved. They were simply amazing!

A production like this takes an enormous team effort, and I want to say a heartfelt thank you to our wonderful staff. Thank you to everyone who helped students learn lines, practise dances and prepare throughout the term, and to those who worked behind the scenes with costumes, props, lighting, sound, curtains, seating, food, supervision and all the countless jobs that made the night possible.

So much happens that our audience never sees, and I am incredibly grateful for the time, energy and genuine care our staff gave to making this such a special experience for our students.

A very special thank you must go to Kat, whose creativity, ideas and extraordinary amount of work brought the whole production together. From the performance itself to the music, lighting, technology and all those little details that made the night so special, Kat gave an enormous amount of her own time and energy to make it happen. We are incredibly lucky to have her, and I cannot thank her enough.

Finally, thank you to all our families, carers and friends who came along to support our students. Seeing such a wonderful audience there cheering, laughing and celebrating our children made the night even more special.

These experiences and memories make school about so much more than what happens in the classroom. I am incredibly proud of our students, proud of our staff and very proud to be part of the Dillbadin community. What a night!

Enjoy a safe and relaxing school holiday period.

Penelope





Nights of Reading Awards

50 Nights

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75 Nights

Xavier



Wellbeing Wrap Up

Nick Jones – Assistant Principal

A term to be proud of, and two weeks to recharge

Term 3 finishes on Friday 18 September and Term 4 begins on Monday 5 October, which gives everyone a two week break. Before we get there, congratulations are in order. This term has asked a great deal of our students, and they have risen to it every time. Thank you for everything you have done at home to make that possible.

A TERM OF GROWING

Camps, excursions and a whole school production are not extras. They are where children practise the skills that are hardest to teach at a desk.

On our local walking excursions, students have managed roads, groups and public spaces calmly and safely.

At camp, our Senior students spent three days in Melbourne and our Middle students a night away at Gilwell Park. Sleeping away from home, climbing higher than feels comfortable and building a bush hut with other people all ask for courage and trust.

For the production, students have learned their parts, waited their turn backstage, held their nerve and cheered each other on, week after week.

Underneath all of it sits self regulation. Noticing what your body is doing, settling yourself, and having another go. That is what we mean at Dillbadin by Be Respectful, Be Safe and Be a Learner, and our students have shown all three this term.

WHAT THE BREAK IS FOR

All of that takes energy, and the most useful thing these holidays can offer is rest. Slow mornings, time outside, and days with nothing much booked in. Children come back ready to learn when they have had a real break, not a packed schedule.

The second thing they need is time with the people who matter to them. Connection at home does more for a child's wellbeing than any activity you can pay for. A walk, a card game, cooking dinner together, a job done side by side. Ordinary time counts.

Wellbeing Wrap Up

Nick Jones – Assistant Principal

A SMOOTH START TO TERM 4

Shift the clock gently: Daylight saving begins at 2am on Sunday 4 October, the day before we return, so that first school morning will feel an hour earlier than usual. Bringing bedtime and wake up time forward a little each day in the last week of the holidays makes Monday 5 October much kinder on everyone.

Talk about Term 4 before it arrives: A short conversation in the final few days helps. What is coming up next term, what they are looking forward to, and anything they are unsure about.

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

Key dates	In the last few days of the break
• Friday 18 September: last day of Term 3 • Saturday 19 September to Sunday 4 October: school holidays • Sunday 4 October: daylight saving begins, clocks forward one hour at 2am • Monday 5 October: Term 4 begins	• Move bedtime a little earlier each night. • Check that uniforms and shoes still fit. • Get bags, drink bottles and lunchboxes ready. • Talk through the first morning back.

Congratulations again on a big term, and thank you for the part your family has played in it. Enjoy the break, and we look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday 5 October.

Nick Jones



Star Student Awards

JUNIOR

Alex, for working so hard to work through Blitzmaster levels this term.
Well done!

MIDDLE

Ayan for showing great skills when publishing his written work!

SENIOR

Mason for continuing to learn, adapt to changes and give his very best during a disrupted week.



Star Student

DILLBADIN PRIMARY SCHOOL



SHINING BRIGHT EVERY DAY!



RESPECT



RESPONSIBILITY



RESILIENCE



TEAMWORK



EXCELLENCE



Specialist Star Awards

**MRS
BLAKE**

No award this week

MISS D

Performing Arts:

To all of our amazing students, thank you for being brave, giving it your all and making our production so special.

**MR
JONES**

PE:

Jane for learning and performing “Sky full of Stars” in Auslan!



Specialist Star

DILLBADIN PRIMARY SCHOOL



THANK YOU FOR

SHARING YOUR TALENTS

AND MAKING A DIFFERENCE!



VISUAL ARTS



PERFORMING ARTS



PE / SPORT



LANGUAGES



DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES



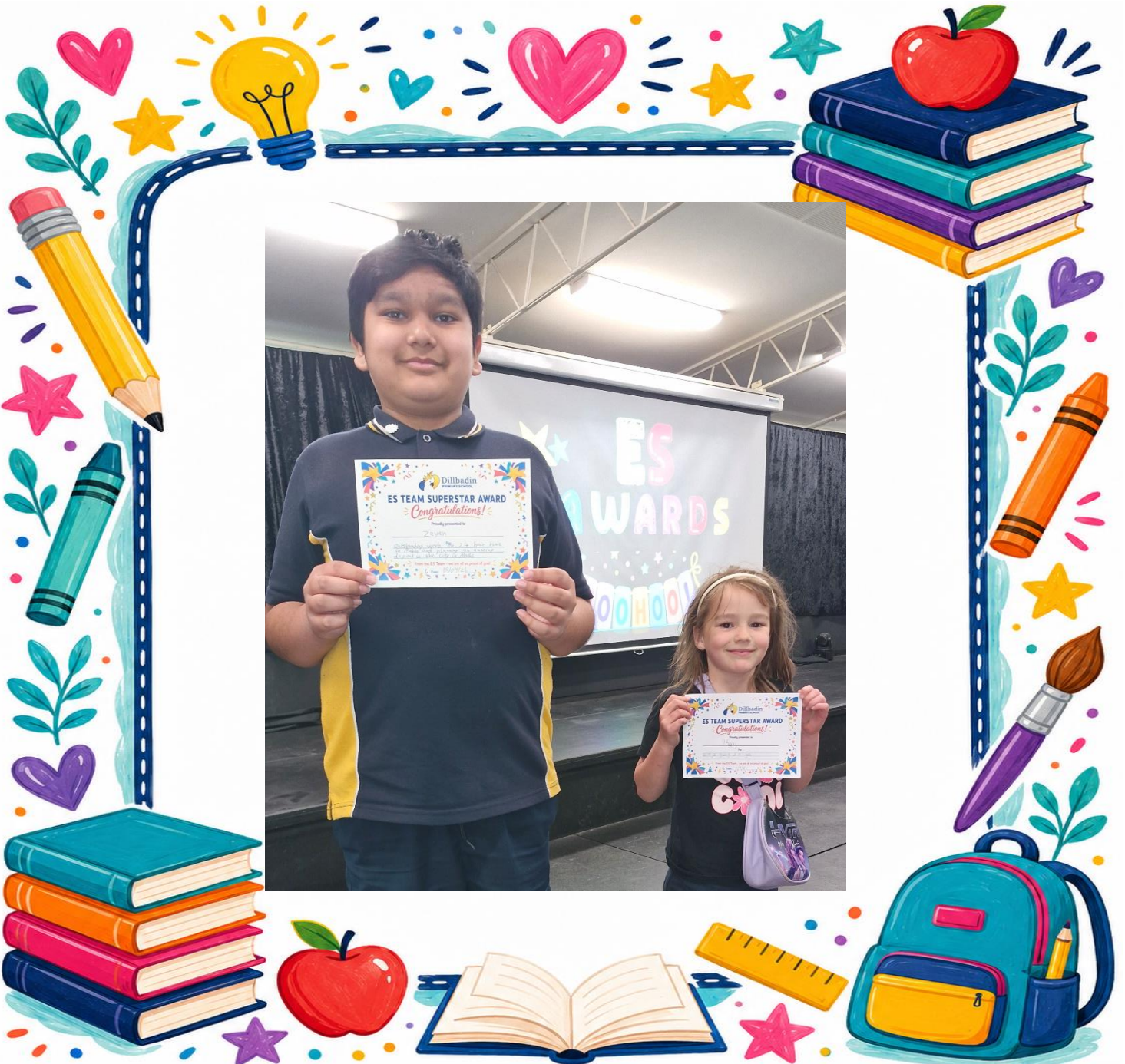
STEM



ES Award

Poppy for always giving it a go.

Zayan for outstanding work on 24-hour time in Maths
and for planning an amazing day out in the city in Maths.



Way to go!

SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR



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



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PRIMARY SCHOOL
Where Every Child Thrives

Be Respectful

Be Safe

Be a Learner

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!

What's Coming Up?



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Important dates for your diary



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.
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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!*





Free children's dental care in Lilydale

School holiday pop-up clinic

The Smile Squad team from Each will provide free dental care for children enrolled in a government school:

- Full dental check-ups
- Preventive care
- Any necessary treatment

Clinic details

When: 21 September–2 October

Where: Smile Squad Hub
18–22 Lakeview Drive, Lilydale

Cost: Free

Call 9757 6200
or scan the QR
code to book
your child's
appointment.



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