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Dillbadin
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Growing through learning





From Our Principal

Penelope Harris

INSIDE, YOU WILL FIND:

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Welcome Back to Term 4!

What a great start we have had to Term 4! It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back, along with a couple of new students who have joined us this week and settled in seamlessly. It is lovely to see them already feeling part of our school community.

Term 4 always seems to be a busy one, probably because the weather starts to improve and we all want to be out and about doing more! We make sure we balance academic learning in the classroom with plenty of other learning opportunities.

We are also incredibly proud of our students who continue to demonstrate our School Wide Positive Behaviour expectations. Next Friday, we will be celebrating with a whole school reward as our way of saying thank you to our students. We notice and appreciate the effort they put into upholding our school values and making Dillbadin such a positive place to learn!

With the warmer weather, all students must wear a hat whenever they are outside during Term 4. Please make sure your child has a named hat at school each day.
We have also noticed quite a lot of rubbish around our school grounds. If families could pack rubbish-free lunches wherever possible, that would be amazing!

Ben's Great Cycle Challenge – Riding for Kids with Cancer

This October, our wonderful ES staff member **Ben Symmons** is once again taking on an incredible challenge to support children living with cancer.



Throughout October, Ben will be cycling an amazing **1,300 kilometres** as part of the Great Cycle Challenge, raising funds to support research and help give kids with cancer a brighter future. We are incredibly proud to have Ben as part of our school community and would love our families to get behind him. If you would like to support Ben's challenge, you can follow his progress or make a donation via the link below.

Well done, Ben our whole school is behind you! 🚴 Support Ben's Great Cycle Challenge

Our Wonderful Veggie Gardens!



I'm sure you have all noticed our wonderful veggie patches at the front of the school! These gardens don't just happen without a lot of hard work, care and dedication, and we are very lucky to have Julie as our dedicated gardener.

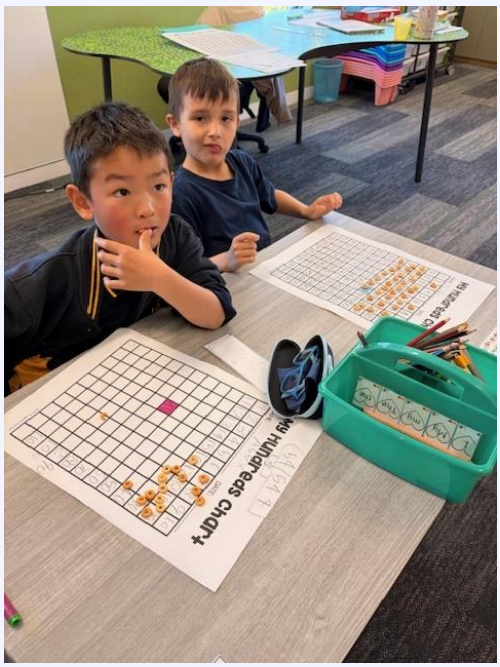
Julie puts so much time and effort into maintaining our gardens and planning meaningful learning experiences for our students. She ensures they have opportunities to learn about growing, harvesting and, of course, eating the fresh produce they grow!

What a fantastic hands-on learning experience for our students and what a wonderful asset Julie is to our school. Thank you, Julie, for everything you do!

Maths Fun in the Junior Room!

Our Junior Room students have been having lots of fun learning maths using Cheerios! This hands-on activity has helped students practise counting to 100 and beyond, while developing their number recognition and understanding of number patterns.
What a fun and engaging way to build maths skills, with a little bit of creativity along the way!







Have a great weekend - *Penelope*

Nights of Reading Awards

25 Nights	100 Nights	200 Nights	225 Nights
Harper Charlie Ruby	Jane	Elijah	Samip



Wellbeing Wrap Up

Nick Jones – Assistant Principal

Back in the Groove
Tips and tricks for settling back into structure and routine

Welcome back
It is wonderful to have our students back. After a break, later nights and slower mornings, the structure of the school day can take a little while to settle. That is completely normal. Routines help children feel safe, know what to expect and be ready to learn, and a few small habits at home can make the next couple of weeks much smoother for everyone.

EASE BACK IN GRADUALLY
Expect some tiredness
School days are demanding. Tired or emotional afternoons in the first weeks are common and usually pass.
Aim for consistency, not perfection.
A routine that works most days is far better than a perfect one that is hard to keep.

TIPS FOR MORNINGS, AFTERNOONS AND EVENINGS
Mornings:
Keep the same order each day, use a simple checklist, and leave a few minutes of breathing space before leaving.
After school:
Offer a snack and some quiet time first. Questions and homework go better once your child has had time to relax.
Evenings:
Switch off screens about an hour before bed, and keep a calm, predictable bedtime routine.

MAKE ROUTINES STICK
Make it visible.
A chart or checklist on the fridge helps children see what comes next without reminders.
Involve your child.
Children are more likely to follow a routine they helped to plan.
Notice and name the effort.
A quick "I noticed you got ready so calmly today" builds confidence and keeps habits going.

Conversation starters for the week
- What part of the day feels easiest right now?
- What part feels hardest?
- What is one thing we could prepare the night before?
- What are you looking forward to this term?

Settling back into routine takes patience, usually around two weeks. If your child is finding the transition difficult, or you would like some support, please contact the classroom teacher or the school wellbeing team. We are here to help, and we are so glad to have everyone back.

Nick Jones, Assistant Principal

Star Student Awards

JUNIOR	William for having such a positive start to Term 4. Miss Fraser loves seeing you come to school with a smile!
MIDDLE	V for making excellent choices and being a great member of our class!
SENIOR	Mason, congratulations! Your effort in reading and class has improved a lot.

Star Student

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SHINING BRIGHT EVERY DAY!

RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY RESILIENCE TEAMWORK EXCELLENCE

Specialist Star Awards

MRS BLAKE	STEM: George for being a hardworking and respectful learning in STEM!
MISS D	Performing Arts: Alex for being an enthusiastic learner and demonstrating great musical timing.
MR JONES	PE: N for being a safe, respectful learning and trying his best 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

ES Award

George M for his great work in Blitzmaster this week.



SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR

Way to go!



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





Our students earned

1 COCKATOO

over the past week, representing

100 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?

Important dates for your diary

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Where Every Child Thrives



MONDAY 5 OCTOBER	**FIRST DAY OF TERM 4** We look forward to seeing everyone back at school!
MONDAY 12 OCTOBER	**BORONIA STATION PLANTING EXCURSION** Selected students will be attending.
THURSDAY 15 OCTOBER	**SPECIAL LUNCH DAY** Orders via Compass. More information will be sent closer to the date.
FRIDAY 16 OCTOBER	**SWPBS WHOLE SCHOOL REWARD** A special reward for all students!
THURSDAY 29 OCTOBER	**SPECIAL LUNCH DAY** Orders via Compass. More information will be sent closer to the date.
MONDAY 2 NOVEMBER	**CURRICULUM DAY** No students at school.
TUESDAY 3 NOVEMBER	**MELBOURNE CUP DAY** Public holiday. No students or staff at school.
TUESDAY 10 NOVEMBER	**SCHOOL COUNCIL** 7:00pm in the Staffroom. All welcome!
THURSDAY 12 NOVEMBER	**SPECIAL LUNCH DAY** Orders via Compass. More information will be sent closer to the date.
TUESDAY 1 DECEMBER	**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!