



Dillbadin

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Growing through learning



INSIDE, WE ALSO TALK ABOUT:

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From Our Principal

Penelope Harris

It has been a positive and productive week across the school, with high-quality teaching and learning evident in every classroom.

The recent move to schedule numeracy in the morning has been a successful change, helping to break up longer literacy blocks and supporting stronger focus and engagement from students. It has been pleasing to see how well students are responding to this adjusted structure.

In the senior years, students are also transitioning into a more formal spelling program to complement their phonics learning, strengthening our whole-school approach to literacy development and ensuring consistent skill progression across all year levels.

Visiting Primary School Nurse

Sarah Wragg, a Visiting Primary School Nurse from the Department of Education, will attend the school to conduct Prep/Foundation student health screening assessments and to see children in Grades 1-6, as requested by teachers and parent/guardians (only with parental consent).

The purpose of the visit is to provide all Victorian school-entry-aged children with the opportunity to undergo a health screening assessment, to link children, families, and schools to community services, and to provide information and advice on children's health and wellbeing.

If you require any information, please contact Nick Jones through the office.

Student Insurance – Reminder From Department Of Education

Parents are reminded that the Department of Education does not offer any form of 'student accident insurance'.

If families are concerned about this, they are advised to make their own arrangements. Ambulance cover could be one consideration, as the school will not hesitate to call an ambulance if we are concerned for a child's wellbeing.

Personal Goods Brought To School At The 'Owners' Risk

The Department of Education does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools.

All schools are requested to remind students and parents/guardians of this at the beginning of each academic year and to discourage parents/students from bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school.

Please avoid bringing these items, as it can be very upsetting for everyone involved if they go missing or are damaged.

Working With Children Checks (WWCC)

There are many ways that parents, grandparents and friends can assist at our school. We encourage all parents to obtain a Working with Children's Check that will allow you to be very involved in your child's education.

These checks are free for volunteers and will allow you to be involved in as many school events as you require. Once you have your WWCC, please come to the office so we can photocopy it, and we will add your name to our list of parents with a current WWCC check.

Update Contact Details

As we are in the middle of the fire season, it is a good time to remind our families to ensure all their details are up to date with the school. If you have changed your address, obtained a new phone number, or have a new alternative contact, please contact the office with the details so we can reach you if required.

Wishing everyone a safe and relaxing weekend. Thank you for your continued effort and commitment throughout the week – we look forward to seeing you all refreshed and ready for learning on Monday.

Penelope



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be Visiting Your
School





GLASSES FOR KIDS IS COMING TO THIS SCHOOL

The Glasses for Kids program will be visiting this school to provide Foundation (Prep) to Year 3 students with **FREE** vision screening, then testing and glasses (as required)



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Wellbeing Wrap Up

Nick Jones – Assistant Principal

It's a question most of us were asked as children—and one we now ask our own: "How was your day?" It's often followed by "What did you learn?"

If your child is anything like I was, the answers might sound familiar: "Good," "fine," or "stuff" and "things."

To help spark richer conversations and gain a deeper insight into your child's school day, we've put together a few simple suggestions below. We hope these ideas support more meaningful chats at home and help you learn a little more about your child's experiences, thinking, and learning each day.

Talking About the School Day At Home



Many children find it hard to answer, "How was your day?" Try more specific, open-ended questions instead:

- "What was the best part of your day?"**
- "Who did you play or work with today?"**
- "What was something new or interesting you learned?"**
- "Was there anything that felt tricky today?"**

These conversations are often most successful during relaxed moments such as car rides, meal times, or while doing an activity together.



QUICK TIPS

For A Smooth Start to School

- Keep mornings calm and predictable
- Say goodbye confidently and avoid lingering
- Talk positively about school and friendships
- Listen to worries without rushing to fix them
- Celebrate effort, not just achievements
- Ask specific questions about the school day

Supporting Your Child at School

- Stick to regular sleep and morning routines
- Practise independence (lunchboxes, bags, uniforms)
- Acknowledge big feelings — they're part of learning
- Focus on what went well each day
- Stay connected with your child's teacher

For Talking About the School Day

- Ask "What made you smile today?"
- Chat during relaxed moments (car rides, dinner)
- Share something about your day first
- Be patient — some days kids need time
- Listen more than you talk



Star Student Awards

JUNIOR

Mackinlee for always trying your best during phonics!

MIDDLE

Lily for already being an exemplary role model for all our school values after only being here for two weeks.

SENIOR

Unfortunately, as Mr Simpson was away this week, there is no award.



Star Student Awards





Specialist Star Awards

**MRS
BLAKE**

Visual Arts:
Meliah for creating a beautiful
masterpiece in Art.

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Performing Arts:
William for his fantastic listening and
skillful glockenspiel playing!!

**MR
JONES**

Physical Education:
Rylee for being an outstanding leader
and supporting others in PE!



Specialist Star Awards





Boronia K-12 Senior Excursion

On Thursday, the 12th of February, our Senior class travelled to one of our local high schools, Boronia K12, for a Discovery Day. It was a fantastic opportunity for students to experience a high school setting, understand the routines and structures of a different learning environment and enjoy what secondary education has to offer.

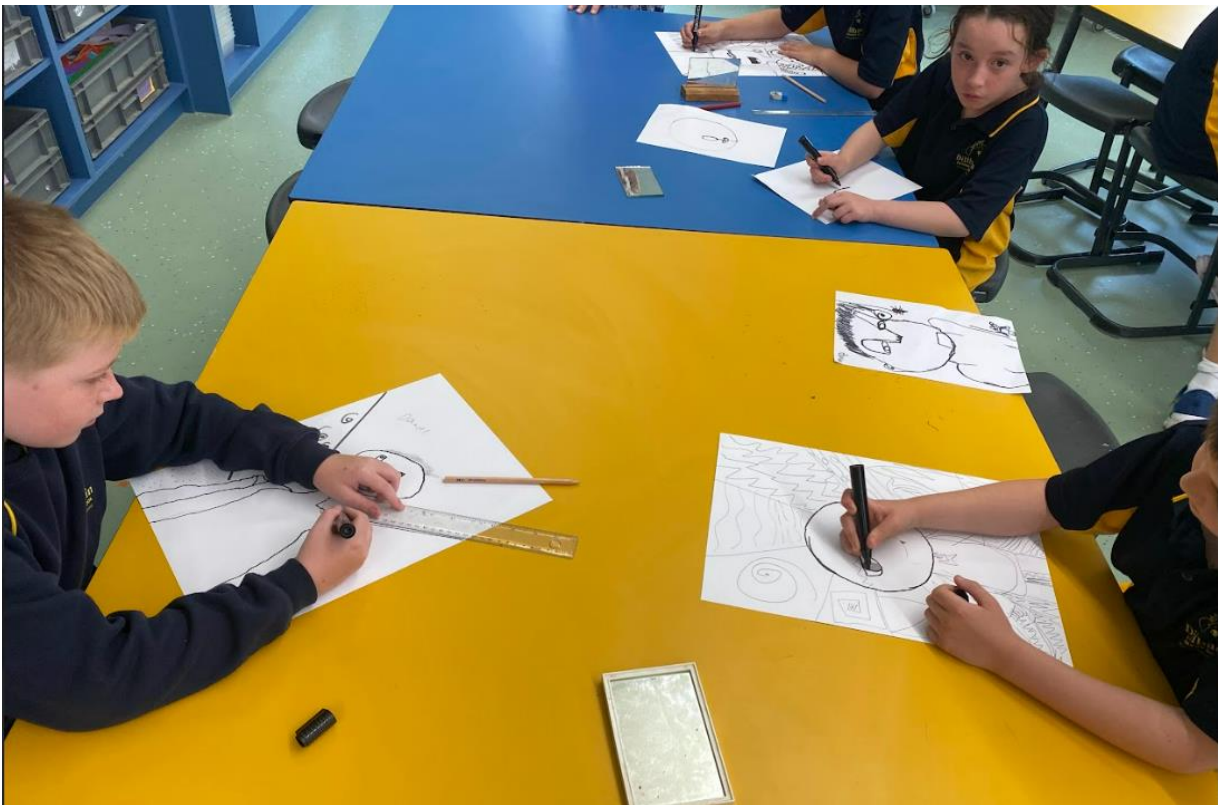
During this excursion, they participated in Science experiments, a robotics challenge, and, finally, made their own pizzas in Food Technology. Just in case the day couldn't get any better, hot dogs, fruit and a juice box were had for lunch.

The students represented our school well by demonstrating our values outside our school grounds. We look forward to the students engaging in upcoming incursions and excursions such as the VIS Athlete Incursion and the Formula 1 Excursion.





Visual Arts





STEM





School Wide Positive Behaviour



Our students earned 3 cockatoos over the past week, representing **300** acknowledgements of positive behaviour. Amazing work, everyone!



Important Dates

Date	Event
Every Friday	3:00pm School Assembly
Thursday 5 th February Thursday 19 th February Thursday 5 th March Thursday 19 th March Thursday 2 nd April	Special Lunch Days
Wednesday 18 th Feb	VIA Athlete Incursion (Middle and Senior Class)
Thursday 19 th February	Teeth on Wheels visit
Tuesday 24 th and Wednesday 25 th February	Parent/Teacher Meetings (SSGs)
Thursday 5 th March	Formula 1 Excursion (Senior Class)
Monday 9 th March	Labour Day – PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Friday 20 th March	Harmony Day
Friday 27 th March	CURRICULUM DAY – No students at school
Thursday 2 nd April	Last Day of Term 1 – 2.30pm finish

2026 OPEN NIGHT!



Secondary Families Welcome!

BORONIA
K-12 COLLEGE

DAY

9.30am	School Tour
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EVENING

5.00pm	Welcome Sausage Sizzle
5.30pm	Information Session
5.45pm to 7.15pm	School Tours Music performances Learning area exhibits Meet the teachers

TUES
24
MARCH



WHY CHOOSE US

- ✓ Choose your own electives inc. Dance Robotics, Food, Music and Art
- ✓ New Fitness Centre & Dance Studio
- ✓ Student led Cafe and Clubs
- ✓ Odyssey Program for High Achievers
- ✓ Elite Basketball Program
- ✓ Year 7 Scholarships
- ✓ Strong Academic Emphasis

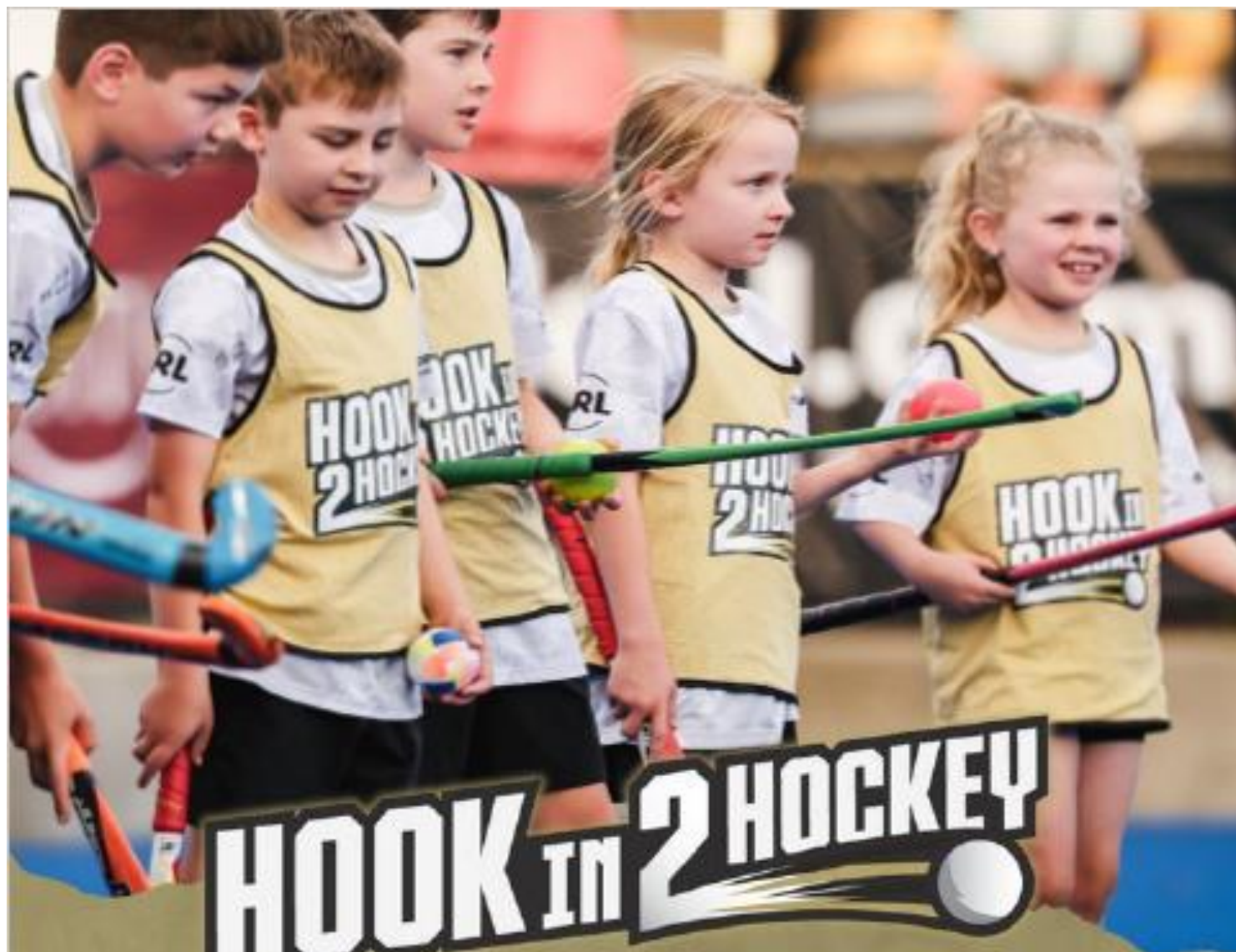
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