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Dillbadin
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Growing through learning





INSIDE, YOU WILL FIND:

Nights of Reading

Award winners

Important Dates

From Our Principal

Penelope Harris

Term 4 has started busy and positive, with several opportunities for our students to learn beyond the classroom and celebrate their achievements.

On Monday, students went on a tree-planting excursion to Boronia Station. This was a wonderful opportunity for students to contribute to their local community, develop an understanding of environmental responsibility and take pride in making a positive difference to the area in which they live.

Welcoming Our 2027 Prep Students

We are so excited to welcome our 2027 Prep students to Dillbadin for their very first transition session on Friday, 23 October!

This is such a special time for our school as we begin getting to know our newest students and their families. We can't wait to see their smiling faces, help them explore their new school and start building those all-important friendships and connections.

Our transition program helps children feel happy, confident, and excited about starting school. We look forward to welcoming our new families into the Dillbadin community and beginning this exciting journey together!

Introduction of Our New Tutor – Dan Ping Peng

I am pleased to formally welcome Dan Ping Peng to Dillbadin Primary School. Dan Ping is an experienced teacher who commenced with us this week in a newly established tutoring position for Term 4.

We introduced this additional teaching support through funding from the Unconditional Love Foundation.

This is a pilot program, and we are keen to evaluate its impact on student learning and progress. Dan Ping will work with identified students through individual and very small-group tutoring sessions, focusing on literacy and numeracy according to each student's learning needs.

Importantly, this is not an off-the-shelf intervention program. Dan Ping will work closely with classroom teachers, attend relevant planning meetings, and use assessment information to develop learning sessions directly connected to classroom teaching and students' individual learning goals.
The intention is to provide explicit instruction, additional opportunities to practise and consolidate skills, and, where appropriate, build students' understanding of concepts before they are introduced in the classroom.

This is a valuable opportunity to provide additional teaching expertise and individualised learning support, and I look forward to seeing the impact it has on our students.

Ben's Fundraising Efforts

Well done to Ben, who has shaved his head as part of his fundraising efforts for a great cause! Thank you to everyone who has supported him so far.

You still have time to donate if you would like to contribute. Support Ben's Great Cycle Challenge



Looking Ahead

For the remainder of Term 4, we will maintain high expectations for teaching and learning, continue strengthening student engagement and wellbeing, and ensure students are supported to finish the school year successfully.

We also have several important school community events ahead, including our transition program, swimming program, Twilight Market and Carols Concert, and end-of-year celebrations.

These events offer valuable opportunities to strengthen connections among students, families, and staff, and to celebrate the wonderful school community we continue to build at Dillbadin.

Have a great weekend,

Penelope

MINI OLYMPICS

A DAY OF FUN, TEAMWORK AND GREAT CHOICES!

90 COCKATOOS ON OUR TREE!

That's 9,000 acknowledgements of positive behaviour!

We were so excited to celebrate our latest whole school behaviour reward – a **Mini Olympics!**

Our 90 cockatoos on our tree each represent 100 acknowledgements of positive behaviour, in line with our school values – **Be a Learner**, **Be Respectful** and **Be Safe**.

Our whole school rewards are a way for us to say a big **THANK YOU** to our students for making such great choices every day.

Student voice told us they really wanted to do a Mini Olympics, and what a day it was! There was so much fun, laughter and team spirit, and the weather was perfect.

A huge thank you to **Mr Jones** for coordinating the day – the students had a ball!

What better way to finish than with a refreshing **Zooper Dooper!**











GREAT FUN!

WELL DONE TO ALL OUR AMAZING STUDENTS!

Nights of Reading Awards

25 Nights	50 Nights	150 Nights	200 Nights	225 Nights
George	Tyler Zayan	Ayan	Kris	Elijah



VISUAL ART

Creativity • Imagination • Expression • Confidence

It's been a busy and creative time in our Visual Art classes!

Our students have been exploring a range of exciting materials, techniques and ideas, using their creativity and imagination to create some fantastic artworks.

From drawing and painting to sculpture and mixed media, students have been experimenting, problem-solving and expressing their unique ideas.

It has been wonderful to see such enthusiasm, resilience and pride in their work, with students supporting and inspiring each other along the way.

In Visual Art our students are:

- Exploring different artists and art styles
- Learning new techniques and skills
- Using a variety of materials
- Developing creativity and confidence
- Sharing and celebrating our amazing artworks

Our Visual Art program gives students the opportunity to:

- BE CREATIVE
- TAKE RISKS
- EXPLORE IDEAS
- EXPRESS THEMSELVES
- BE PROUD OF THEIR WORK

Check out some of our amazing Visual Art creations!



Well done to all our brilliant artists!

Wellbeing Wrap Up

Nick Jones – Assistant Principal

Growing Together: Green Time, Giving Back and Being a Good Sport
On Monday our whole school walked to Boronia Station Reserve to plant native shrubs with the Level Crossing Removal Project team. Students worked carefully alongside the crew, and the plants they put in the ground will be part of our local area for years to come. It was a great example of our school values in action: being respectful of our community, being safe on the walk and at the site, and being learners in a real outdoor setting.

Why this matters for wellbeing

- **Time outdoors.** Australia's National Workforce Centre for Child Mental Health (Emerging Minds) points to growing evidence that time in green space supports children's mental health and wellbeing, yet many Australian children are not playing outside every day.
- **Giving back.** When children see that their effort makes a real difference to the place they live, it builds a sense of belonging and connection to their community.

Try this at home
Next time you pass Boronia Station, stop near the car park and ask your child to show you what they planted.
Find ten minutes of green time together: a walk around the block, the backyard or a local park.
Give your child a small job that helps others, such as watering the garden or helping a neighbour.

Conversation starters
"What did you plant, and what do you think it will look like this time next year?"
"How did it feel to do something for our community?"
"Where is your favourite outdoor spot to relax?"

Today: Mini Olympics and being a good sport
Today's whole-school Mini Olympics gave every student the chance to have a go, work in a team and cheer each other on. However, it can create an opportunity for students to learn from mistakes and difficulties they may encounter. Parenting program Triple P suggests a few simple ways families can help.
Praise the process: Notice effort, teamwork and fair play as much as the result.
Show it yourself: Congratulate others and say "good game", whether you win or lose.
Feelings are fine, hurtful behaviour is not: It is okay to feel disappointed. It is not okay to call names or storm off.

Conversation starters
"What was your favourite event today?"
"Who did you see being a good sport?"
"Was there a tricky moment? What helped?"

Find out more
Emerging Minds, "Nature nurtures: A paper about greenspace and positive child mental health" (emergingminds.com.au)
Triple P, "How to help your child be a good sport, whether they win or lose" (triplep-parenting.net.au)

Nick Jones
Assistant Principal

Star Student Awards

JUNIOR	N for working hard during maths to complete challenging addition equations.
MIDDLE	Lily for creating an awesome, detailed fraction number line! Great work!
SENIOR	Xavier for a great job supporting your classmates during writing and inquiry this week.

Star Student

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SHINING BRIGHT EVERY DAY!

RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY RESILIENCE TEAMWORK EXCELLENCE

Specialist Star Awards

MRS BLAKE	Visual Arts: Daniel for his amazing drawing of a frog this week in Art.
MISS D	Performing Arts: V for being enthusiastic, positive and persistent during PA!
MR JONES	PE: Zayan for the incredible running and sprinting showing PE this week!

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

Charlie for giving everything a go this week and showing resilience and not giving up.



SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR

Way to go!



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





Our students earned

8 COCKATOOS

over the past week, representing

800 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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Where Every Child Thrives

Important dates for your diary



CLOSED	MONDAY 2 NOVEMBER	**CURRICULUM DAY** No students at school.
CLOSED	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!

THANK YOU BORONIA

BIG BUILD RAIL

Community celebration



Saturday 17 October, 10am – 1pm
Lupton Way, Boronia

The new Boronia Station precinct is complete. Join us to celebrate!

Family friendly activities and more.

Find out more

Scan the QR code or visit
bigbuild.vic.gov.au/boronia-community-celebration

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MARVELLOUS MACHINES

SCHOOL FETE

SUNDAY 22 NOVEMBER
10AM - 3PM

THE BASIN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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