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Dillbadin
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Growing through learning





INSIDE, YOU WILL FIND:

Award winners

Important Dates

From Our Principal

Penelope Harris

What another fantastic week at Dillbadin! There has been so much wonderful learning happening across our classrooms, with students challenging themselves, celebrating their successes and continuing to show us what it means to be a learner. It's always great to see the enthusiasm, curiosity and excitement our students bring to school each day!

One highlight of our week was welcoming our 2027 Foundation students to their first transition session today! It was so exciting to see all of our future Preps arrive, ready to explore their new school and begin their journey at Dillbadin.

The children had a wonderful time completing a school bingo activity, exploring different areas of the school, and meeting some of the friendly faces who will help and support them next year. What a great way to start building confidence, friendships and a sense of belonging!

A huge thank you to Miss Fraser for the extra special care and thought she put into making our newest students feel so welcome. You did a fantastic job!
To our 2027 Preps, we loved having you visit and can't wait to see you again in two weeks! We are so excited to have you become part of our Dillbadin family.

Have a great weekend,

Penelope

DAY FOR DANIEL

Together we can keep kids safe!



Friday 30 October 2026

Why do we recognise Day for Daniel?

Day for Daniel is a national day dedicated to raising awareness of child safety. It honours the memory of Daniel Morcombe, a 13-year-old boy who tragically lost his life in 2003. Daniel's parents, Bruce and Denise Morcombe, established the Daniel Morcombe Foundation to help educate children, families and communities about personal safety.

WEAR RED!

Come dressed in red or add a touch of red to your outfit!

A red t-shirt, ribbon, hat, socks or hair accessory – every little bit counts!

Why is this important?

At Dillbadin, keeping children safe is at the heart of everything we do. We want every student to feel safe, know they have a voice and understand that there are trusted adults who will listen and help them. Day for Daniel gives us another opportunity to reinforce these important messages through age-appropriate conversations about personal safety.

RECOGNISE

Know when something doesn't feel right.

REACT

Know what to do to stay safe.

REPORT

Tell a trusted adult and keep telling until helped.

How can families help?

We encourage families to use Day for Daniel as an opportunity to talk with their children about feeling safe, recognising their feelings and knowing who they can turn to when they need help. These conversations are about building confidence, trust and helping children understand the right to feel safe, and that adults have a responsibility to protect them.

Let's fill Dillbadin with RED!

Together, we can show our commitment to keeping every child safe.

2027 Foundation (Prep) Transition Dates

Play ♡ Learn ♡ Belong ♡ Grow ♡



We look forward to welcoming our 2027 Foundation students for a series of transition sessions to help them feel comfortable and excited about starting school.

Transition Sessions

FRIDAY 23 OCTOBER	FRIDAY 6 NOVEMBER	FRIDAY 20 NOVEMBER	FRIDAY 4 DECEMBER
9:45am to 10:45am	9:45am to 10:45am	9:45am to 10:45am	9:45am to 10:45am

Statewide Transition Day

TUESDAY 8 DECEMBER

9:30am to 1:30pm

These sessions provide a wonderful opportunity for children to become familiar with their teachers, classmates, and learning environment before they officially begin school.



WORLD TEACHERS' DAY

Friday 30 October 2026

Thank you for making a difference every day!

What is World Teachers' Day?

World Teachers' Day is a special day celebrated around the world to recognise and appreciate the incredible work that teachers do. It's a chance to say a big **THANK YOU** to our teachers for their dedication, care and the positive impact they have on the lives of our students.

Our Amazing Teachers

At Dillbadin, our teachers go above and beyond every day. They provide all students with a high-quality education, create safe and inclusive classrooms, know and support each learner, and inspire a love of learning. Our teachers build confidence, celebrate successes and help every student to be the best they can be.

Why are teachers so important?

Our teachers make a real difference by:

- providing a high-quality education for all students
- supporting and encouraging every student to reach their potential
- creating positive, respectful and caring classrooms
- helping students to grow socially, emotionally and academically
- believing in our students and celebrating their successes
- making a lasting difference in the lives of our students

How can families show their appreciation?

We encourage all families to take a moment to thank a teacher this World Teachers' Day. A simple thank you can mean a lot! It could be:

- a kind word or message
- a quick chat at drop off or pick up
- an email or Compass message
- a thank you note or drawing
- simply saying "thank you!"

To all of our Dillbadin teachers...

KIND
SUPPORTIVE
KNOWLEDGEABLE
INSPIRING
PATIENT
DEDICATED
CARING
AMAZING

- [x] You **inspire** our students to be the best they can be.
- [x] You **create** positive and caring learning environments.
- [x] You **support** every student to reach their potential.
- [x] You **include** and value every learner.
- [x] You **make a real difference** in our school community.
- [x] You are simply **amazing!**

Thank you for everything you do!

Wellbeing Wrap Up

Nick Jones – Assistant Principal

Friendship Bumps: Helping Children Through the Ups and Downs
Friendships are one of the most important parts of school life, and they do not always run smoothly. Falling out, feeling left out and changing friendship groups are all part of growing up. Late in the year, when children are tired and thinking about next year, these bumps can feel bigger than usual. The good news is that every friendship bump is a chance to practise skills children will use for life: listening, sharing how they feel and making things right.

Is it a friendship bump or bullying?
The Victorian Department of Education describes bullying as an ongoing and deliberate misuse of power in relationships, through repeated behaviour that intends to cause harm. A one-off argument, a disagreement between friends or a single unkind moment is hurtful, but it is not bullying. Knowing the difference helps us respond in the right way. Whichever it is, we want to know.

When your child comes home upset
Choose your moment. Straight after school or in the middle of a conflict is rarely the best time. A car ride, a walk or a side-by-side activity often works better than a face-to-face talk.
Listen first. Let them tell the whole story before offering solutions. "That sounds really hard. Tell me more."
Name the feeling. "You felt left out at lunch and that made you sad." Naming it helps children calm down and think clearly.
Help them problem-solve. Ask what they could try, and what they would like you or the school to do.
Talk to us. If you are worried, please contact your child's teacher or me rather than approaching another child or family directly. This keeps every child safe and lets us help both sides.

The same questions at home and at school

At Dillbadin we use restorative questions to help students repair friendships. Using similar questions at home helps children hear one consistent message:

- "What happened?"
- "How were you feeling?"
- "Who has been affected?"
- "What could you do to make things right?"

A quick note on "sorry": a forced apology rarely fixes anything. When children understand how their actions affected someone, a genuine sorry, or a kind action, usually follows.

Where you can find out more
Victorian Department of Education, Bully Stoppers, "What is bullying?" (education.vic.gov.au)
Australian Government, "Supporting your child with friendships and navigating conflict" (letsstopbullying.gov.au)

Nick Jones
Assistant Principal

Star Student Awards

JUNIOR	Sebastian for showing a growth mindset when learning new skills. Well done!
MIDDLE	Hannah for writing an engaging story about popcorn!
SENIOR	Mason for another fantastic week. Mr Simpson is extremely proud of the learner and person you've become.

Star Student

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SHINING BRIGHT EVERY DAY!

RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY RESILIENCE TEAMWORK EXCELLENCE

Specialist Star Awards

MRS BLAKE	STEM: Samip for showing excellent focus and initiative in STEM.
MISS D	Performing Arts: Oscar for working diligently to learn his part of “Carol of the bells” during PA this week!
MR JONES	Auslan: Tyler for working incredibly hard in Auslan when learning days of the 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

Jane for consistently reading at home. Keep up the good work, Jane.



What's Coming Up?

Dillbadin PRIMARY SCHOOL

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!



MARVELLOUS MACHINES

SCHOOL FETE

SUNDAY 22 NOVEMBER
10AM - 3PM

THE BASIN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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