Edition 32 - 2026

# Dillbadin
## PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Growing through learning*





**INSIDE, YOU WILL FIND:**

Award winners

Important Dates

# From Our Principal

### Penelope Harris

What another wonderful week we've had at Dillbadin Primary School! It's hard to believe we're already at the end of Week 4, with Term 4 certainly flying by!

Plenty has been happening across our classrooms this week, with students working hard, challenging themselves, and continuing to make great progress in their learning. It's always a pleasure to see the enthusiasm, curiosity and growing confidence our students bring to school each day.

Today has been particularly special as we've recognised both World Teachers' Day and Day for Daniel. World Teachers' Day gives us a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our dedicated teachers and the difference they make to our students every single day. Day for Daniel is an equally important reminder of our shared responsibility to help children recognise, react and report when something doesn't feel right.

As we head into our extra-long weekend, I hope everyone enjoys some well-deserved downtime with family and friends. A reminder: Monday is a Curriculum Day, and Tuesday is the Melbourne Cup Public Holiday, so there will be no school for students on either day. We look forward to seeing everyone back on Wednesday, refreshed and ready for another great week!

*Penelope*

# 2027 PARENT CONTRIBUTIONS

## Important Information

As we begin planning for 2027, we are reviewing our Parent Payment Arrangements in line with the Victorian Department of Education's Parent Payments Policy and guidance.

Victorian government schools provide free instruction in the standard curriculum, and parent contributions are entirely voluntary.

At Dillbadin Primary School, voluntary contributions from families make a valuable difference. They help us provide additional resources, equipment and enriching learning experiences that benefit all our students.

We understand that every family's circumstances are different, and we want to reassure families that no child will be disadvantaged if their family chooses not to contribute.

We will present our 2027 Parent Payment Arrangements to School Council for approval, and share further information with families once this process is complete.

Thank you, families, for your ongoing support of Dillbadin Primary School. We genuinely appreciate every contribution, no matter the amount.

### Creativity Is Blooming at Dillbadin!



Our students have been busy getting creative in Art as they prepare for our upcoming Twilight Market and Art Show!

There is something wonderful about seeing children express themselves through art. It encourages imagination, builds confidence and gives every showcase their creativity and individuality.

We can't wait to share our students' artistic talents with our school community at the Twilight Market and Art Show.

Keep an eye out for more details – we look forward to celebrating our budding artists!



# 2027 ENROLMENTS

## Our School Is Growing!

**We are excited to share that in 2027 Dillbadin Primary School will have 4 classes running, including a dedicated Prep class!**

Our growing enrolments are a wonderful reflection of the strong and supportive Dillbadin community.

If you know of any children intending to enrol at Dillbadin in 2027 who haven't yet completed their enrolment, we warmly encourage you to contact our school office as soon as possible.

Accurate enrolment numbers help us finalise our planning, staffing and resources, ensuring we are ready to provide the very best learning opportunities for every student.

We look forward to welcoming more families into our wonderful Dillbadin community in 2027!




# WORLD TEACHERS' DAY

## Shine a Light on Our Incredible Teachers!

Thank you for making a difference every day!

Today we celebrate World Teachers' Day and the extraordinary people who make such a difference in the lives of our students every single day.

At Dillbadin Primary School, we are so fortunate to have a team of passionate, dedicated and caring teachers who give so much of themselves to ensure every child feels valued, supported and successful.

To Kody, Kat, Tamika, David, Elissa and Dan Ping,
**thank you!**

We appreciate your dedication, your patience, your creativity, your kindness and the care you show our students every day.

If you have a moment today, please consider sending your child's teacher a message of appreciation. A few kind words can mean more than you might imagine.



# LONG WEEKEND REMINDER

## Less Screen Time, More Family Time!

With the long weekend upon us, it's the perfect time to take a break from screens and enjoy some good old-fashioned fun!




## WHY TIME OUTDOORS IS IMPORTANT FOR CHILDREN

Being outside gives children opportunities to:

- Explore, discover and ask questions
- Develop creativity and imagination
- Build confidence and independence
- Strengthen friendships and teamwork
- Support wellbeing and concentration
- Get active, take healthy risks and have fun!

## INSTEAD OF SCREENS, TRY:

- Get outside and enjoy some fresh air.
- Ride a bike, kick a football or go for a walk.
- Read a book or visit the local library.
- Cook or bake something together.
- Play a board game or cards.
- Draw, paint or create something.
- Build something with LEGO or recycled materials.
- Help in the garden.
- Spend time with family and friends.
- Simply find something to do without a screen!



## CHECK PARENTAL CONTROLS

**Did you know most phones, tablets, gaming consoles and other devices have built-in parental controls?**



- Set daily screen-time limits.
- Restrict age-inappropriate apps, games and websites.
- Manage downloads and purchases.
- Limit who children can communicate with online.
- Set device downtime (e.g. at bedtime).
- Help protect children from inappropriate online content.

Have you checked the parental controls on your child's devices? Are they set appropriately for their age?

## REMEMBER

Parental controls are a helpful safeguard, but they work **best** alongside regular **conversations with children** about staying safe online. Children also learn from what they see, so putting our own phones down and spending time together sends a powerful message.

**Enjoy the long weekend – a little less screen time and a lot more time connecting!**

# 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 |
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| 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.



# Wellbeing Wrap Up

## Nick Jones – Assistant Principal

### Helping children handle setbacks and find a way forward

**Every child has setbacks**
A missed goal at lunchtime, a Blitzmaster test that did not go to plan, or a friend who wants to play with someone else today. Late in the year these moments can feel bigger than they are. The Raising Children Network describes resilience as the ability to "bounce back" after challenges and tough times. It is not about never feeling upset. It grows through everyday experiences, supportive relationships and the chance to work through small problems with an adult alongside.

**WHEN YOUR CHILD HAS A SETBACK**

**Name the feeling first**
"That sounds really frustrating." Children need to feel heard before they are ready to think about what to do next.

**Hold off on fixing it**
Ask, "What could you try next time?" Children who come up with their own plan are far more likely to follow it.

**Keep it in proportion**
A quick "Will this matter next week?" helps children see that most problems are smaller than they feel in the moment.

**BUILDING RESILIENCE EVERY DAY**

**Praise effort, not just results**
"You kept trying even when it was hard" builds persistence more than "You're so clever."

**Remind them of a time they coped**
"Remember when you found swimming hard at first and kept going?" Past wins are proof they can do it again.

**THE SAME MESSAGE AT SCHOOL**

**Be a Learner**
Our SWPBS expectation of Be a Learner includes having a go and learning from mistakes. Staff use the same language in class, so your words at home and ours at school work together. When your child says "I can't do it", try adding "yet".

Conversation starters for the week

- What was tricky today, and what did you do about it?
- What is something you can do now that you could not do a year ago?
- Who helps you when things go wrong?

Resilience takes practice, and setbacks are part of learning. If your child is finding it especially hard to bounce back, please contact your child's teacher or me. We are always happy to talk.

**Nick Jones**
Assistant Principal

# Day for Daniel

## Australia's Biggest Child Safety Lesson




Day for Daniel
WEAR RED educate DONATE

Today is **Day for Daniel**, Australia's National Day of Child Safety Action. Our students and staff are wearing red, and our classes are taking part in **Australia's Biggest Child Safety Lesson** from the Daniel Morcombe Foundation.

**Did you know talking with children about safety helps them recognise when something doesn't feel right, understand what they can do and seek help when they need it?**

### The lessons help students learn to:

| Recognise | React | Report |
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| Notice what feels safe or unsafe, and recognise when something doesn't feel right. | Know what they can do if something doesn't feel right, including getting help from a safe adult. | Know who they can talk to and how to ask for help. Keep telling until someone listens. |







### Keep the conversation going at home

Talking about safety at home helps reinforce your child's learning. Some questions you might ask include:

- What helps you feel safe in a space or place?
- What body clues might you have when something doesn't feel right?
- What could you do if you felt unsafe?
- Who are your safe adults?
- What could you do if the first person you told didn't listen or help?




### Useful resources to support your child

**Daniel Morcombe Foundation**
Free child safety resources for families. Watch this year's lessons on demand and download the companion guides.
**danielmorcombe.com.au**

**eSafety Commissioner**
Online safety advice, resources and webinars for parents and carers.
**esafety.gov.au/parents**

**Kids Helpline**
Free, private and confidential counselling for young people aged 5 to 25, available 24/7 by phone or webchat. Call **1800 55 1800**.
**kidshelpline.com.au**

**Your child's teacher and the school**
If you have any questions or concerns about your child's safety or wellbeing, please speak with your child's teacher or contact the school. We are here to help.

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# Christmas CAROLS AND TWILIGHT MARKET

**FRIDAY**
**4 DECEMBER 2026**

**4:30 – 8:00 PM**

Join us for a magical evening of Christmas songs, performances and celebration as our students take the stage for our annual end-of-year Carols event and Twilight Market. Last year we welcomed **over 600 visitors**, and this year is set to be even bigger! It's a wonderful opportunity to **showcase our incredible school to the wider community**, enjoy the festive atmosphere and celebrate the talents and creativity of our students.



MARKET STALLS



DELICIOUS FOOD TRUCKS



STUDENT ART SHOW



LIVE MUSIC



CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

## ALL STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND

and participate in the evening's performances.
We can't wait to see all of our amazing students there!

## BRING YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS!

Everyone is welcome – invite your grandparents, relatives, friends and neighbours to help us celebrate together!

# Nights of Reading Awards

| 50 Nights | 100 Nights | 125 Nights | 250 Nights |
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| Mason | Kiara | Sebastian | Samip |



# Star Student Awards

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| JUNIOR | George for persevering with his Blitzmasters even when they are different for what he is used to. Well done on your flexible thinking! |
| MIDDLE | Nate for sharing thoughtful ideas during wellbeing lessons! |
| SENIOR | Charlie, congratulations on your fantastic progress in Reading!! Miss Peng and Mr Simpson are very proud of you! |

# Star Student

## DILLBADIN PRIMARY SCHOOL




## SHINING BRIGHT EVERY DAY!

RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY RESILIENCE TEAMWORK EXCELLENCE

# Specialist Star Awards

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| MRS BLAKE | STEM:<br>Charlotte for contributing thoughts and ideas to our discussions in STEM. |
| MISS D | Performing Arts:<br>Daniel for his fantastic co-ordination and persistence while learning some tricky dance moves! |
| MR JONES | Physical Education:<br>Ayan for trying his best in PE when learning discus, javelin and shot put! |

# 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

Rhain for his amazing effort and excellent writing this week.
Virat for showing our school value of respect at assembly and in the classroom.



# SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR

Way to go!

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




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?

*Important dates for your diary*

**Dillbadin PRIMARY SCHOOL**

*Where Every Child Thrives*



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| MONDAY 2 NOVEMBER | **CURRICULUM DAY**<br>No students at school. |
| TUESDAY 3 NOVEMBER | **MELBOURNE CUP DAY**<br>Public holiday.<br>No students or staff at school. |
| TUESDAY 10 NOVEMBER | **SCHOOL COUNCIL**<br>7:00pm in the Staffroom.<br>All welcome! |
| THURSDAY 12 NOVEMBER | **SPECIAL LUNCH DAY**<br>Orders via Compass.<br>More information will be sent closer to the date. |
| TUESDAY 1 DECEMBER | **SCHOOL COUNCIL**<br>7:00pm in the Staffroom.<br>All welcome! |
| TUESDAY 8 DECEMBER | **STATEWIDE TRANSITION DAY**<br>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!*