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Dillbadin PRIMARY SCHOOL

Growing through learning



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From Our Principal

Penelope Harris

Welcome back after our extended Melbourne Cup weekend! It is hard to believe we are already well into Term 4, with just six weeks remaining in the school year.

On Monday, our staff participated in a Curriculum Day, providing valuable time for professional learning, collaboration and planning. These days are an important part of ensuring we continue to strengthen our teaching practices, respond to the needs of our students and provide the best possible learning opportunities for every child.

As we approach the end of the year, our focus remains firmly on learning, wellbeing and maintaining positive relationships. Although the end of the school year is getting closer, there is still plenty of important learning to be done. We ask families to continue supporting regular attendance, positive routines and a strong finish to the year.





Next Wednesday, we will acknowledge Remembrance Day, an important opportunity to pause, reflect and remember the men and women who have served and sacrificed in times of war and conflict.

At 11 am on the 11th day of the 11th month, Australians observe a minute's silence to honour those who have lost their lives in service to our country.

At Dillbadin, we believe students should understand why we continue to commemorate this day. It is also an opportunity to reinforce the importance of respect, gratitude, kindness and peace.

We encourage families to talk with their children about Remembrance Day, the meaning of the red poppy and why remembering the past matters. **Lest We Forget.**

Looking Ahead to 2027
We are excited to announce that Dillbadin Primary School will have four classes in 2027, including a dedicated straight Prep class! This is wonderful news for our school community and will provide our youngest students with a fantastic start to their primary school journey.

The year-level structures of our remaining three classes, along with teacher allocations, are yet to be finalised. We are considering several factors as we work to create the best possible learning environments for all students. I will share further information with families as these decisions are made.

If you know of any families considering enrolling at Dillbadin, particularly those with children starting Prep in 2027, please encourage them to contact the school.

Supporting a Positive End to the School Year
As the weather warms and the excitement of the end of the year builds, it can sometimes be more challenging for students to maintain their usual routines and expectations.

We will continue to reinforce our school expectations around respectful behaviour, following staff instructions, treating others kindly and taking responsibility for our actions.

We ask families to support us by reminding children that school expectations remain the same throughout the year. Every student has the right to learn, and every staff member has the right to work in a safe and respectful environment.

Working together helps us maintain a positive, calm and supportive learning environment for everyone.

A Few Reminders
SunSmart: Students need to bring their school hats each day during Term 4. Please also ensure your child has a named water bottle.
Attendance: Every day counts. Please continue to support regular attendance and notify the school of any absences.
Important dates: Keep an eye on school communications for upcoming transition activities, end-of-year celebrations and other events.

Thank You
Finally, thank you to our families for your ongoing support and partnership. Our school is at its best when staff, students and families work together with shared expectations and a commitment to helping every child succeed.

We look forward to another positive and productive week at Dillbadin.
Penelope

Learning for Life

Understanding Rights and Privileges

At Dillbadin, we are incredibly fortunate to receive generous food donations from the **Unconditional Love Foundation**, which allow us to provide additional food for students throughout the school day. We are so grateful for this wonderful support and love being able to offer a little extra to our students and families when needed.



Recently, we have noticed that some students are beginning to expect this additional food, rather than recognising the generosity behind it. This has provided a valuable opportunity to teach students the **difference between rights and privileges.**

A Right

A **right** is something every child deserves, such as feeling safe, supported and included at school.

A Privilege

A **privilege** is something extra, such as the additional donated food, which we are very grateful to be able to offer.

Please be assured – if a child is hungry, we will provide them with food.

No child should have to try to learn on an empty stomach, and we never want hunger to be a barrier to learning, wellbeing or participation at school.

- The extra food in classrooms is for students who may not have enough food from home or who are still hungry after eating their own snacks and lunch.
- We encourage students to eat the food brought from home first and access the classroom food when they genuinely need something more.
- We are always happy to support families who may need additional assistance with food. Please feel welcome to contact us.

Our goal is to ensure students are well fed, ready to learn and also develop gratitude, appreciation and respectful manners for the kindness and generosity of others.

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.



Wellbeing Wrap Up

Nick Jones – Assistant Principal

Helping children handle setbacks and find a way forward

Swimming starts in two weeks
Our whole school swimming and water safety program runs at Knox Leisureworks from Monday 16 to Friday 27 November, with a lesson every school day. For some children this is the highlight of the year. For others, a new pool, a new instructor and getting changed in a hurry bring a few nerves. Both are normal, and the next two weeks are a good time to talk about it at home.

IF YOUR CHILD IS NERVOUS

Talk about it early
Ask what they are looking forward to and what they are unsure about. Naming a worry usually makes it smaller.

Keep it in their control
Let them choose their bathers and towel, and pack their own bag. Small choices build confidence.

Focus on having a go
Instructors meet children where they are. The aim is to try something new each day, not to be **the best swimmer in the pool.**

SKILLS WORTH KNOWING ABOUT
The benchmarks
By age 12, Life Saving Victoria expects children to swim 50 metres without stopping, float or tread water for two minutes, and enter and exit the water safely in pools, at beaches and in rivers.

Supervision still matters
The Better Health Channel reminds families that swimming skills and flotation aids are not a replacement for active supervision around water.

GETTING ORGANISED
Pack the night before
A checklist on the fridge (bathers, towel, goggles, a bag for wet gear) and an earlier bedtime means less stress and more energy for each session.

Conversation starters for the week
- What are you most looking forward to about swimming?
- Is there anything about it that feels tricky?
- What is one skill you would like to get better at?

If your child is worried about swimming, or if anything might make it hard for them to take part, please let your child's teacher or the school know before the program starts so we can plan for it.

Nick Jones
Assistant Principal

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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

25	50 Nights	75 Nights	100 Nights	125 Nights
Poppy	Aazaan Alex	Tyler	William	Jane



Star Student Awards

JUNIOR	Rhain for continuing to put in an amazing effort with your reading and writing this week.
MIDDLE	No award this week.
SENIOR	Aazaan for your brilliant work all week in maths and writing. Mr Simpson can't wait to reading your finished narrative next week.

Star Student

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SHINING BRIGHT EVERY DAY!

RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY RESILIENCE TEAMWORK EXCELLENCE

Specialist Star Awards

MRS BLAKE	Visual Art: Hannah for creating a carefully detailed and well constructed paper cat in Art.
MISS D	Performing Arts: No award due to no class this week.
MR JONES	Auslan: Alex for learning the months and days of the week 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

Lily for always trying her best in all aspects of her learning. Keep it up!



SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR

Way to go!

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



Our students earned

2 COCKATOOS

over the past week, representing

200 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





WEDNESDAY 11 NOVEMBER

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Lest We Forget.



THURSDAY 12 NOVEMBER

SPECIAL LUNCH DAY

Orders via Compass.
More information will be sent closer to the date.



FRIDAY 13 NOVEMBER

WALK TO SCHOOL DAY



MONDAY 16 – FRIDAY 27 NOVEMBER

OUR WHOLE SCHOOL SWIMMING PROGRAM



TUESDAY 1 DECEMBER

SCHOOL COUNCIL

7:00pm in the Staffroom.
All welcome!



FRIDAY 4 DECEMBER

TWILIGHT MARKET & DPS CHRISTMAS CONCERT

4:30pm to 8:00pm



TUESDAY 8 DECEMBER

STATEWIDE TRANSITION DAY

Students will spend time in their 2026 classrooms.



TUESDAY 10 DECEMBER

SCHOOL COUNCIL

7:00pm in the Staffroom.
All welcome!

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!