



Dillbadin

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Growing through learning



From Our Principal

Penelope Harris

INSIDE, WE ALSO TALK ABOUT:

Services coming
to school

Wellbeing

Award winners

Important Dates

Our students have been busy setting up their writing communities. These communities provide a space where students can share ideas, give feedback to one another, and develop their skills as writers. By collaborating in these supportive environments, students build confidence and independence in their work.

As part of their writing focus, students have been exploring different types of writing, including narratives and persuasive pieces. In narrative writing, they are learning how to structure a story and develop characters. In persuasive writing, students practice presenting arguments, supporting their ideas with evidence, and influencing their audience.

In reading, students have also been establishing reading communities, where they share ideas and discuss texts. They are learning strategies to track their thinking while reading, and focusing on accuracy, fluency, and comprehension. These skills help students engage more deeply with texts and make connections between what they read and what they already know.

In mathematics, the current focus is on place value. Understanding place value is essential because it forms the foundation for all other math concepts, including addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. A strong understanding of place value helps students solve problems and apply their knowledge to more complex tasks.

Coming Soon

We're hoping to create a small library of children's books for our school community, with the aim of supporting families to read more with their kids and to build positive reading habits at home.

The library will be located outside at the front of our school, so it's easy to access, and families will be able to borrow books to take home and return when they're finished. There won't be any due dates or strict rules – just a simple “take, read, return” approach.

At this stage, we are **not asking for book donations**. We'll let you know when we're ready to accept contributions.

A big thanks to Kirsty, our Speech Pathologist, for this great idea – it's a wonderful way to get books into our students' hands.

When the time comes, we'll be looking for books suitable for children from the early years up to early teens, including picture books, early readers, chapter books, and anything in between. We can't wait to see this up and running soon!

Join Our School Council – Make a Difference!

Dillbadin Primary School invites parents and guardians to consider joining our School Council. The School Council plays a vital role in shaping our school's direction, supporting student learning, and ensuring our community has a strong voice in school decision-making.

Why join?

Help guide important decisions about school policies, programs, and priorities.

Support initiatives that improve learning outcomes and wellbeing for all students.

Collaborate with teachers, staff, and other parents to make a meaningful impact on our school community.

Meeting Details:

School Council meets **twice per term**, on Tuesdays at 9:00 am.

The first meeting is our **AGM**, to be held on **Tuesday, 3rd March**.

How to Nominate:

You can self-nominate or nominate another parent/guardian.

Forms are available from the school office. Please return completed forms by **Friday, 27th February**.

Joining the School Council is a wonderful opportunity to contribute your ideas, expertise, and energy to help our school thrive. We encourage all interested families to consider this important role – your voice truly matters!

Thank you, families, for all your support this week! We hope you have a relaxing and enjoyable weekend, filled with rest, fun, and time together. We look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Monday!

Penelope





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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more on the GFK website



A Victorian State Government and State Schools' Relief initiative
Questions? Please contact the GFK team via info@glassesforkids.com.au

Wellbeing Wrap Up

Nick Jones – Assistant Principal

Bullying Prevention

Dillbadin Primary School has a number of programs and strategies in place to build a positive and inclusive school culture and relationships to promote wellbeing. We strive to foster a school culture that prevents bullying behaviour by modelling, encouraging and teaching behaviour that demonstrates acceptance, kindness and respect.

Bullying prevention at Dillbadin Primary School is proactive and is supported by research that indicates that a whole school, multifaceted approach is the most effective way to prevent and address bullying. At our school:

- We identify and implement evidence-based programs and initiatives from the Schools Mental Health Menu that are relevant to preventing and addressing bullying and help us to build a positive and inclusive school climate.
- We strive to build strong partnerships between the school, families and the broader community, which means all members work together to ensure the safety of students.
- We participate in the Respectful Relationships initiative, which aims to embed a culture of respect and equality across our school.
- We celebrate the diverse backgrounds of members of our school community and teach multicultural education, including Aboriginal History, to promote mutual respect and social cohesion.
- Teachers are encouraged to incorporate classroom management strategies that discourage bullying and promote positive behaviour.
- A range of year level incursions and programs are planned for each year to raise awareness about bullying and its impacts.
- In the classroom, our social and emotional learning curriculum teaches students what constitutes bullying and how to respond to bullying behaviour assertively. This promotes resilience, assertiveness, conflict resolution and problem solving.
- We promote upstander behaviour as a way of empowering our students to positively and safely take appropriate action when they see or hear of a peer being bullied.
- Students are encouraged to look out for each other and to talk to teachers and older peers about any bullying they have experienced or witnessed.
- We participate in the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence.



6 TIPS FOR FAMILIES TO PREVENT BULLYING

Dr. Betty Choi @chalkacademy

- ✓ Regularly give your child genuine, positive affirmations
- ✓ Talk to your child about school everyday
- ✓ Validate your child's feelings, even if you don't feel the same way
- ✓ Read books about people who have risen above adversity
- ✓ Be a role model for treating others with grace and respect
- ✓ Practice responses to bullying and racism

Supporting each other when gaming

Online abuse like bullying, harassment or threatening behaviour can happen via web cam, private messaging or online chat.



If you experience online abuse or see it happening to someone else take action!

- Speak up, if you feel safe to do so. You can say something like 'That's not OK' and check if the person affected needs help.
- Ask for help from people you trust – it could be friends, family, a carer or a teacher.
- Collect evidence of the abuse, like screenshots of the comments.
- Report the behaviour to the administrator or platform – The eSafety Guide has links to help you.
- Use the game settings to mute or block abusive players, or turn off your chat function to get a break.
- If the administrator or platform does not help, report the abuse to eSafety.

There's also great advice on how to support each other at:

kidshelpline.com.au

headspace.org.au

reachout.com



The eSafety Guide @ esafety.gov.au/esafety-guide
Report abuse @ esafety.gov.au/report

What sort of start is your child getting?

Just a little bit late doesn't seem much but.....

He/She is only missing just....	That equals....	Which is.....	and over 13 years of schooling that's...
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly <u>Half a year</u>
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 mins per week	Over 2.5 Weeks per year	Nearly <u>1 year</u>
Half an hour per day	Half a day per week	4 Weeks per year	Nearly <u>1 and a Half years</u>
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 Weeks per year	Over <u>2 and a Half years</u>

Did you know your child's best learning time is the start of the school day?

That's when every minute counts the most!!

EVERY DAY COUNTS!



Emma Mickle

We were thrilled to welcome Emma Mickle to our school! Emma is an accomplished Australian Para cyclist competing in the C1-3 category, specialising in the Women's Time Trial and 3 km Pursuit.

She recently secured a silver medal at the 2024 Para World Cup in the Time Trial. During her visit, Emma shared her journey as a Paralympian hopeful and spoke about her experiences in Para-cycling, inspiring our students with her dedication, resilience, and passion for sport.

From our Middle students:

"I felt sad and worried for Emma, I didn't know if she was ok!"

"I felt sad for Emma."

"I felt happy that Emma recovered and became a para-athlete."

"We learned to never give up."

"I was shocked when she said she was a para-athlete and that she used to be a paramedic!"

"I was surprised when she said she on TV!"

"We were so excited to hear when she finally won the race."





Star Student Awards

JUNIOR

Sebatian May, Miss Sparkes is so proud of your list you made during Writer's Workshop.

MIDDLE

Daniel for his superstar attitude towards learning this week! You have been determined and persevered through challenges

SENIOR

Gerard for his brilliant work in Reading this week. You stepped up to every challenge!



Star Student Awards





Specialist Star Awards

**MRS
BLAKE**

Visual Arts:
Zayan for creating a fantastic artwork for the Boronia Station Upgrade Project in Art.

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Performing Arts:
Alexandra for always being an enthusiastic and respectful participant in Performing Arts.

**MR
JONES**

Physical Education:
Mason for demonstrating his personal best throughout tennis sessions in PE.



Specialist Star Awards





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
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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SATURDAY MORNING FIXTURE

- KICKSTART 4-6 YEARS OLD
- BOYS U8'S-U18'S
- GIRLS U8'S-U12'S
- ALL SKILL LEVELS WELCOME

WHY JOIN US?

- ✔ FAMILY FRIENDLY
- ✔ QUALIFIED COACHES
- ✔ GREAT VALUE
- ✔ CHILD SAFE ENVIRONMENT
- ✔ GREAT FACILITIES

 **SCAN TO FIND
OUT MORE OR
REGISTER**

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