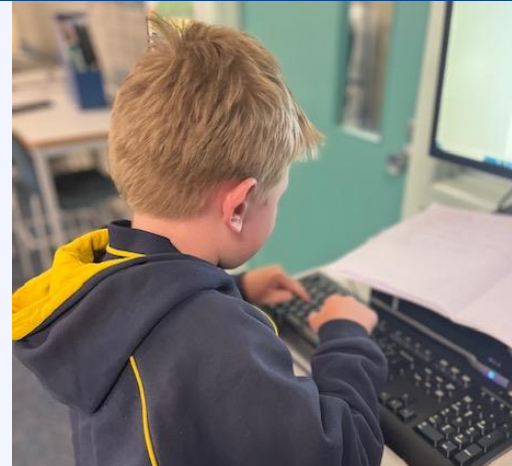
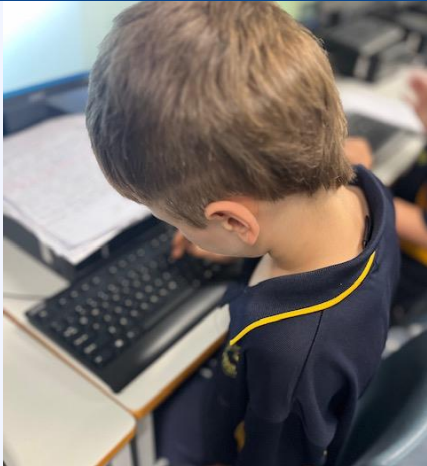




Dillbadin

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Growing through learning



**INSIDE,
WE ALSO
TALK
ABOUT:**

Services coming
to school

Wellbeing

Award winners

Important Dates

From Our Principal

Penelope Harris

Another great week of learning has taken place at Dillbadin Primary School. A reminder to families that there is no school on Monday due to the public holiday. We look forward to welcoming students back on Tuesday.

In Mathematics, students across the school are currently focusing on the concept of time. Learning about time is an important life skill that helps students understand schedules, routines and timetables. Younger students are learning to read analogue and digital clocks, while older students are extending their understanding by calculating elapsed time and solving real-world problems.

In Writing, students are developing their skills in recounts, narratives and persuasive texts. Recounts focus on retelling events in order, narratives allow students to create and structure engaging stories, and persuasive writing helps students express opinions and support them with clear reasons and evidence.

In Reading, our focus is on summarising. This skill helps students identify the most important ideas in a text and explain them in their own words, strengthening comprehension and helping them retain key information across all areas of learning.

Emergency Management Planning

We want to let you know about our school's emergency management plan. Our school plans for a range of hazards, including severe weather, medical emergencies, building fires, and intruders. We develop specific response procedures to address these risks.

We also conduct regular drills, one per term, ensuring that our core procedures for on-site and off-site evacuation, sheltering-in-place, and lockdown/lockouts are well-rehearsed and understood by staff and students.

If we enact our emergency management plan, we will notify you by Compass notification with updates on our actions. If there is anything we need you to do, we will let you know.

During emergencies, we will work with emergency services and the Department of Education for safety advice and support. Please know that keeping our students and staff safe is our top priority.

School Council – Get Involved!

Being part of School Council is a fantastic way to connect with our school community and play an important role in supporting the ongoing growth and success of Dillbadin Primary School. School Council works closely with the principal and staff to help guide the direction of the school, support decision-making, and ensure the best possible outcomes for our students. It's also a great opportunity to meet other families, share ideas, and contribute to the positive culture that makes our school such a special place.

Our **first School Council meeting for the year will be held on Tuesday 10th March at 9:00am** in the meeting room, and this meeting will also include our Annual General Meeting (AGM). We have already had some interest from families, which is wonderful to see, but the more the merrier! We would love to see even more families involved in supporting the great work happening at Dillbadin Primary School.

School Council members help support the work of our teachers and the many initiatives we are undertaking to continue improving our school and promoting Dillbadin Primary School within the wider community.

If you are interested in getting involved, we warmly encourage you to come along to the meeting. Your voice, ideas, and support make a real difference to our school community.

Compass App

Compass is our main form of communication between school and home. We expect that parents and carers are checking Compass regularly for upcoming dates on the calendar, newsletters, excursion notices and year and school level communications.

If you are experiencing difficulties with Compass, please don't hesitate to speak with Bec or Penelope at the office.

Have a great weekend, and we will see you on Tuesday.

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)



Scan this QR code to find out
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

Reading Buddies



Wednesdays
4-5pm

(During School Terms)

Helping parents, help their
kids to read

ALL

Welcome

Parents...

Would you like to help your children with their home reading?

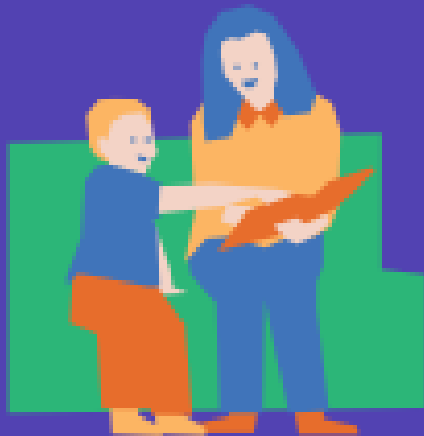


Are you wondering what books your child should read?

Reading Buddies

are here to help!

The perfect opportunity to get some support to help your primary school aged kids to read.



Parents/caregivers will:

- Listen to stories
- play games
- read together supported by a Reading Buddy

...with their children



4 - 5pm Wednesdays
(during school terms)

Wellbeing Wrap Up

Nick Jones – Assistant Principal

We normally touch on different elements of health and support for our students and families in this section. This week is no different, but I'm suggesting a resource that everyone can use for support and links to resources: The Student Wellbeing Hub.

Student Wellbeing Hub and resources

The Student Wellbeing aims to ensure that all Australian schools are safe, supportive and respectful teaching and learning communities that promote student wellbeing. The Hub provides the tools and knowledge that will enable all members of the school community to:



- promote the social and emotional development and wellbeing of students
- nurture student responsibility and resilience
- build a positive school culture
- foster respectful relationships
- respond to key contemporary issues and topics that impact student wellbeing

The Student Wellbeing Hub is funded by the Australian Government and works in partnership with state and territory governments, the non-government school sector, and Education Services Australia.

www.studentwellbeinghub.edu.au/parents

Attendance Matters – Every Day Counts

Regular attendance is key to student success. Missing just one day every fortnight adds up to nearly four weeks of lost learning over a year. When students miss school, they miss lessons, discussions and social connections that are hard to replace.

Good attendance helps students:

- Keep up with learning
- Build confidence and routine
- Strengthen friendships

Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just... they miss weeks per year and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight = **4** weeks = Over **1** year missed

1 day per week = **8** weeks = Over **2.5** years missed



Nights of Reading Awards

25 Nights

William

Meliah





Star Student Awards

JUNIOR

Poppy for “blitzing” her Blitzmasters this week.

MIDDLE

Ayan for being an independent learner during both maths and reading!

SENIOR

Elijah for excellent focus this week in reading and writing. Keep it up!



Star Student Awards





Specialist Star Awards

**MRS
BLAKE**

Visual Arts:
Xavier for supporting his peers in creating trains for the Boronia Train Station Art Project.

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Performing Arts:
Charlie for displaying focus, persistence and a great sense of timing in PA!

**MR
JONES**

Auslan:
Kiara for demonstrating her Personal Best in PE and being a tennis superstar!



Specialist Star Awards





Grand Prix Education Day

On Thursday the 5th of March, our Senior students travelled into the city to attend the Formula 1 Australian Grand Prix Education Day at Albert Park. Students caught the train and tram before arriving at the Grand Prix circuit for a day focused on science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

During the day, students explored interactive displays and exhibits that showed the technology behind Formula 1 and other motorsports. They learnt about how race cars are designed, how teams use data and engineering to improve performance, and how teamwork plays an important role in the sport.

The excursion also gave students an insight into the many career opportunities connected to motorsport, including engineering, mechanics, design and event management. It was a great opportunity for students to see how the learning they do at school can connect to real world careers and industries.

Our students represented Dillbadin Primary School very well throughout the day and showed great curiosity and enthusiasm. We are very proud of the way they conducted themselves while travelling on public transport and attending such a large event





Art

Over the past few weeks, our whole school has been busily working on an exciting project for the Boronia Train Station upgrade.

We were incredibly lucky to be invited to create murals that will be displayed at Boronia Train Station. The theme was, “Where does the train take you?”

As a school, we brainstormed ideas and decided that the train would take us to the city – more specifically, to Flinders Street Station. Each class had the opportunity to contribute to the mural. Our junior students painted the sky and fireworks, the middle students created the city buildings, and the senior students painted Flinders Street Station and the train. The final result looks amazing!

In addition to the whole-school mural, each student also had the opportunity to create their own individual painting on a separate mural.

I am so proud of each and every student who participated in this project. They worked hard, did their very best, and supported one another along the way. The murals look fantastic, and they are something our whole school community can be proud of.

Mrs Blake





Art





STEM – Learning about the human body





School Wide Positive Behaviour



Our students earned 4 cockatoos over the past week, representing **400** acknowledgements of positive behaviour. Amazing work, everyone!



Important Dates

Date	Event
Every Friday	3:00pm School Assembly
Thursday 5 th March Thursday 19 th March Thursday 2 nd April	Special Lunch Days
Monday 9 th March	Labour Day – PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Tuesday 10 th March	School Council AGM
Wednesday 11 th March	NAPLAN testing (Grade 3 and 5)
Friday 20 th March	Harmony Day
Friday 20 th March	AFL Vic Incursion (all students)
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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