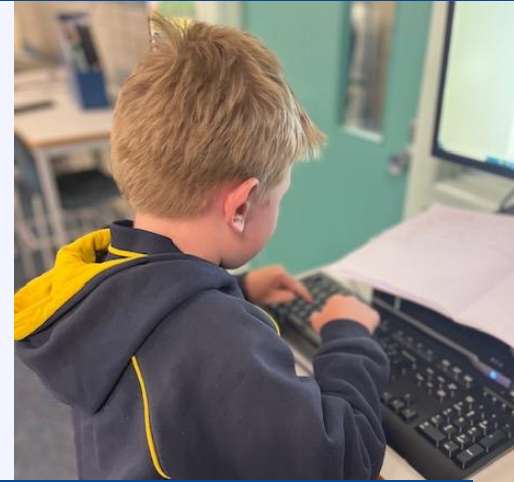
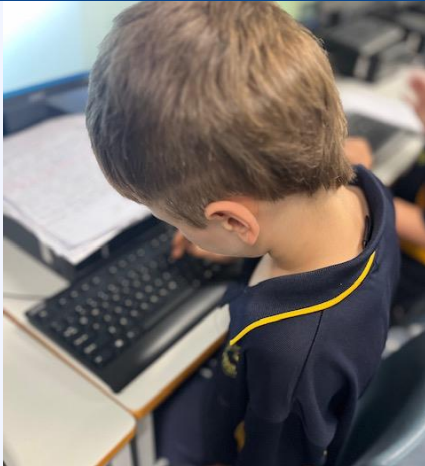




# Dillbadin

## PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Growing through learning*



### INSIDE, WE ALSO TALK ABOUT:

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## From Our Principal

*Penelope Harris*

We've had a great week at Dillbadin Primary School. Although it has been a short week, it has also been NAPLAN week, and our students have approached it with a fantastic attitude. They have shown persistence, tried their best, and demonstrated great focus during their assessments. Well done to our Grade 3 and Grade 5 students for the effort you have put in – we are very proud of you.

Our school truly is an amazing place, and that is because of our amazing staff. The support our team provides every day to each student, both in their academic learning and their wellbeing, is outstanding. A big thank you to all of our staff for the care, dedication and effort you bring each day for every child at our school.

### **Curriculum Day**

Please be reminded that Friday, March 27, is a curriculum day and that no students are required at school.

### **Prep 2027**

We have started our Tours for families who wish to enrol their child in Prep 2027. If you wish to take a tour or know of a family wishing to tour, please contact the office. Tours are at 12.00pm on Thursdays or alternatively you may ring the office to arrange a suitable time on another day.

## Supporting Maths at Home

We are excited to share a new resource from the Department of Education designed to help families support numeracy learning at home. These resources provide practical strategies, activities, and tips that make math engaging and relevant for students of all ages.

With these resources, families can:

- Explore fun, hands-on math activities to try at home.
- Learn ways to incorporate numeracy into everyday routines.
- Understand key numeracy concepts to better support their child's learning.

We encourage you to access and use these resources regularly to reinforce learning and build confidence in numeracy skills. You can find the full range of tools and guides here:

<https://www.vic.gov.au/mathematics-and-numeracy-home>

These videos show what number sense looks like in the classroom. They also give you simple tips to help your child build number sense at home.

The first video explains what the series is about. The next four videos each focus on an important early maths skill. Your child will learn these skills in their first years of school, from Foundation to Grade 2.

After each video, you will find tips you can use to practice the skills with your child at home.

If you have any questions about how to use these resources, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher. Together, we can make learning numeracy an enjoyable and rewarding experience

## School Council – Get Involved!

We recently held our first School Council meeting for the year. It was a great start, but we would love to see more parents involved.

School Council is a fun and informative way to be part of your child's education and to have a voice in our school community. Meetings are held twice a term and usually run for about half an hour, so the time commitment is small.

If you are interested in getting involved or would like to learn more, please consider coming along to our next meeting on Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> March at 9 am. Your input and ideas are always welcome, and it's a great way to support our school and our students.

## Easter Raffle

The office is now accepting donations. Please drop off chocolate, treats, art and craft or other Easter-themed items to the office. Raffle tickets will be sent home soon with students and should be returned to the office by Wednesday, April 1. The raffle will be drawn on the last day of term, Thursday 2nd April.

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

# Penelope





# Nights of Reading Awards

## 25 Nights

Kiara

Sebastian

Kris



# Wellbeing Wrap Up

Nick Jones – Assistant Principal

At Dillbadin we engage in Positive Schoolwide Behaviour practices. This means identifying and rewarding positive behaviour relating to our school values of being respectful, safe and being a learner. If your child comes home talking about being awarded or given 'tokens' at school, that's because they were demonstrating these values!

Research shows that engaging in this practice is incredibly beneficial for learners. When adults notice and encourage positive behaviour, children feel valued, make better choices and develop the skills they need to succeed.

Here are some tips that you could use at home that will compliment our approach:

## Notice the Good Things

Children respond strongly when adults notice their positive choices.

## Be Specific with Praise

Instead of general praise like "Good job", try to name the behaviour. This helps children understand exactly what they did well.

## Acknowledge Effort, Not Just Success

Children build resilience when adults recognise effort and persistence, not just results.

## Celebrating Small Wins

Positive behaviour grows through small, consistent encouragement.

## Model the Behaviour You Want to See

Children learn a lot from watching adults.

How students demonstrate expected behaviours	How parents and carers can help
<p>At school, all students are expected to be respectful, safe, and engaged. These behaviours help make schools a place where everyone can succeed.</p> <p>Students meet these behaviour expectations by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>→ Following staff instructions and school rules</li><li>→ Caring for school property and others' belongings</li><li>→ Using respectful language</li></ul>	<p>By modelling and encouraging positive behaviour, you help your child build the skills and habits they need to be successful at school. When families and schools work together, students can achieve their best.</p> <p>Parents and carers can help support their child's behaviour by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>→ Knowing the school's rules and supporting them at home</li><li>→ Modelling <a href="#">respectful behaviour</a> in how you speak to and about school staff, families, and others both in person and online</li><li>→ Making use of the school's processes to raise and resolve concerns early</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>→ Keeping themselves and others safe from harm</li><li>→ Speaking up or seeking help from an adult if they or someone else is being treated unfairly</li><li>→ Only bringing safe and necessary items to school</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>→ Working together with staff if your child is having problems at school to understand and resolve the issue</li><li>→ Ensuring your child knows it is okay to ask for help from a trusted adult at school</li><li>→ Ensuring your child stays safe online by talking with them and addressing concerns early</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>→ Going to school every day, being on time, and ready to learn*</li><li>→ Taking part, doing their best, and asking for help when they need</li><li>→ Knowing and following the school's policies, including the mobile phone policy</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>→ Helping your child to attend school every day – every day counts*</li><li>→ Communicating with school staff and working together to support your child's learning and wellbeing</li><li>→ Talking with your child about their day and how they are feeling, and encouraging their learning by noticing their effort and progress</li></ul>



# Star Student Awards

## JUNIOR

Kiara for doing amazing work during phonics – learning all of Stage 1!!!

## MIDDLE

Alexandra for being a brilliant learner and writing an incredible narrative.

## SENIOR

Zayan for showing great focus and leadership during STEM.



# Star Student Awards





# Specialist Star Awards

**MRS  
BLAKE**

STEM:

Kris for showing enthusiasm, curiosity and hard work while learning about the human body in STEM.

**MISS D**

Performing Arts:

Xavier for demonstrating excellent musicality and rhythm

**MR  
JONES**

Auslan:

Kris for demonstrating his personal best in Auslan and Coding this week!



# Specialist Star Awards





# Art on Display





# 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 <sup>th</sup> March Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Special Lunch Days
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Harmony Day
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	AFL Vic Incursion (all students)
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	AFL Incursion (all students)
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	CURRICULUM DAY – No students at school
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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**



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FAIRHILLS  
HIGH SCHOOL  
KNOX


# OPEN NIGHT

*Recognised  
as a High  
Performing  
School*

**Date:** Thursday 19 March 2026  
**Tour Times:** 5:00 PM / 5:30 PM / 6:00 PM / 6:30 PM  
**Location:** Fairhills High School - 330 Scoresby Road, Knoxfield

Join us for an engaging evening and experience what makes Fairhills a school of choice in the Outer East. Begin your journey with our interactive Treasure Hunt as you explore dynamic learning spaces, specialist programs, and student success stories across the school.

## Discover our specialist programs

 **STEM Academy** - Experience hands-on science, technology, engineering and mathematics challenges that develop future ready learners.

 **Basketball Academy** - See how students build elite sporting skills while maintaining strong academic achievement.

## Achieving Excellence in Learning

Fairhills continues to deliver strong growth and achievement outcomes. In 2025 we are proud to report:

- NAPLAN High and Medium growth above state average in Reading, Writing and Numeracy
- Top 10 across Melbourne for growth in Reading (no.6) and Numeracy (no.9)
- 2nd highest VCE 40+ study scores (top 9%) in the Outer East
- 2nd and 4th in the Statewide Hydrogen Grand Prix

Our strong focus on English and Mathematics ensures every student develops the skills needed for success.

**Tickets are limited. Secure your place today.**

Open Night Tickets - [www.trybooking.com/DJPGK](http://www.trybooking.com/DJPGK)

School Tour - [www.trybooking.com/DJJPH](http://www.trybooking.com/DJJPH)

Virtual tour - <https://schools3d.com.au/fairhills-hs/>

**We look forward to welcoming you and showing you how we empower our community to be curious, creative and confident learners.**

## The Box Show (School Holiday Feature Show)

Ordinary household items are transformed into extraordinary musical instruments and unwanted junk comes alive in exciting and surprising ways!

In the hands of Junkyard Beats, ordinary household items are transformed into extraordinary musical instruments and unwanted junk comes alive in exciting and surprising ways!

The Box Show excites the imagination of children and adults alike. We follow four characters during their daily activities in a world made of cardboard boxes and junk. The contents of an abandoned kitchen and wheelie bins become the greatest drum set in the world; plastic bags are an amazing musical instrument, and the human body becomes a unique sound machine.

Tag along for a day in the life of a bunch of musical misfits as they reinvigorate the junk that the world has forgotten. Learn about sustainability with this high energy, imaginative music-in-education performance combining drumming, dance, theatre and comedy. With a language of gibberish and rhythm, this show is accessible to any age and nationality.

This project has been assisted by the Australian Government through Creative Australia, its principal arts investment and advisory body.



### Details

#### When

Wednesday, April 08, 2026

11:00 AM - 12:10 PM

Wednesday, April 08, 2026

02:00 PM - 03:10 PM

#### Where

Knox Community Arts Centre

Cnr Mountain Hwy and Scoresby Rd

Bayswater Vic 3153

#### Cost

Adult: \$22.00

Concession / Child: \$20.00

Family (4 People): \$68.00

#### Contact

Email [arts@knox.vic.gov.au](mailto:arts@knox.vic.gov.au) or call the Knox Community Arts Centre team on [9729 7287](tel:97297287).