



# Bicton Primary School

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## CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

Wed, 8 Feb	Early Close 2.30pm Wildcats Basketball Clinic After School
Wed, 15 Feb	Early Close 2.30pm Parent Information Session K – 4 Wildcats Basketball Clinic After School

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome back to all our families, particularly new families joining us this year.

We had a terrific first week with all classes settling in well. We would like to thank families for having their children well prepared with school uniforms and equipment.

The newsletter will again be published weekly and emailed to all parents on a Tuesday. It is important communication about events and news for the upcoming week.

You will notice the transportable has gone. It has been relocated to another school in need of additional classrooms.



We welcome Miss Fernandez who will be teaching music and digital technologies. She is very excited to be part of the Bicton School community and we look forward to Miss Fernandez passing on her knowledge and talents to our students.

Our contributions and charges are coming in at record rates this year. We do appreciate this. Thanks to all those families who have paid.

The year 3-6 students started their swimming lessons yesterday. Thanks to our families for having the students prepared and early for the bus. It helps staff supervising and facilitating these types of events when we are all organised. Thank you to all parents for paying the swimming costs on time. It is important for student participation that payment is received before the event.

Volunteers make the world of difference. Please support us in providing the best opportunities for all our students. If you are able to assist in any way, please contact your classroom teacher.

Stephen Doherty  
**PRINCIPAL**

### WELCOME TO OUR OVERSEAS STUDENTS

We have a great opportunity to host 10 Chinese students from Beijing. This is a great initiative that enables Bicton PS to build on Global Cultural Relationships and provides our students with an opportunity to engage with students from a foreign country. This has the capacity to strengthen their understandings of the world's cultural diversity. The students will be with us for term 1 in rooms 5, 6, 7 and 9.

### REGULAR ATTENDANCE IS IMPORTANT

Bicton Primary School monitors and records student attendance daily and regularly reviews attendance data to determine whether a student's attendance is of concern. We also aim to monitor the reasons for student absence and to work with students, parents and teachers where necessary to improve the attendance of students who are at risk.

Regular attendance is critical for students to achieve optimal learning at school. Missing school adds up; for example, if your child misses an average of five days a term, they miss out on approximately one year of school by year 9.

### STUDENT LEADERSHIP ROLES

Congratulations to the Year 6 students who were presented with their leadership badges at the assembly on Friday. The students did an amazing job running the assembly and completing all their roles during the first week. It was good to see the senior students take on the roles with great pride. Well done! We look forward to working with you all throughout the year.

### HEALTH UPDATES & CONTACTS

Please advise the office of any changes regarding your child's medical requirements. It is important to keep all information up to date and to check the medication has not expired.

### PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

Our Year K-4 parent information session will be held in week 3 on Wednesday 15th February from 5pm. These sessions are a good opportunity for parents to meet their child's teacher and receive specific information about class routines, homework, behaviour, learning programs and news from the P&C. We look forward to seeing as many parents as possible for the meetings. Classes who do have another date will be advised directly from the class teacher. Our year 5 students had their parent information session at the end of 2016. Individual meetings will be held this term for year 5&6 parents.

## CHAPLAIN'S CHAT

Welcome to the 2017 school year! It may be only a few days into the school year, but I'm sure that by now, the holidays feel like a distant memory. Most students seem to be settling in well, which is great to see.

The chaplaincy service at Bicton Primary School supports students to be their best by increasing their social and emotional capacity. Some of the ways in which this will happen in 2017 include:

One-on-one or small group pastoral care – including supporting children experiencing difficulties at school or at home. Children who need pastoral care may self-refer, or parents or teachers may contact me to let me know a child needs support.

Lunchtime programs – the Garden Club will run again in 2017 on Mondays, and on Thursdays, different groups of students will be invited to participate in fun activities to support specific needs.

Year 3 Health – I will be working with Year 3 teachers to deliver programs addressing the social-emotional aspects of the Health curriculum.

General support in classes - This year, the chaplaincy service will be available on Mondays and Thursdays. Parents who wish to get in touch with me about their child's needs should email [bronwen.speedie@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:bronwen.speedie@education.wa.edu.au).

Bronwen Speedie

**Chaplain**

## BLANKET PERMISSION SLIP FOR EXCURSIONS 2017

Blanket Permission slips were sent home with students. Please complete a separate form for each of your children and return to your classroom teacher by Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> February.

## MERIT AWARDS

The following children were Merit Award Winners at our first assembly for Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> February. Congratulations and keep up the hard work.

Room 3 Jye A, Michael R  
Room 5 Paige E  
Room 8 Joshua P  
Room 9 Ava N, Darcy H  
Room 10 Lilly T  
Room 12 Alexi G  
Room 14 Riyani O



## WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SUPERVISION

If you would like your child/ren supervised after early close on Wednesdays, please email the office.

### WEDNESDAY SUPERVISION REQUIREMENT

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ 2.30PM

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Rm \_\_\_\_\_

Contact phone numbers: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## P&C NEWS

### BICTON PRIMARY SCHOOL QUIZ NIGHT

The P&C are organising a quiz night for Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March at Bicton Primary School. It promises to be a great parent night with loads of laughs. More details to follow soon.

### BOOKCLUB

The book club magazines will be delivered to the classrooms this week. Last year the school received over \$2000 in credit to spend on books from student sales. This was fantastic, especially for the library. This year there will only be cash sales in term 1. From term 2 all orders will be need to be placed online. Books will be delivered to the classrooms. Bicton is registered for the LOOP program through Book Club which means orders are placed and paid online which reduces paperwork and the need to bring orders in.

<http://www.scholastic.com.au/schools/bookclub/>

The above link will help with processing your orders. Book club orders close Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February.

### CANTEEN

Once again the canteen will operate on Thursday and Friday for recess and lunch. We are also looking out for parent helpers so please if you have some time please call in and see Wendy. The canteen committee is continuing to use the canteen online service to enable parents to order and pay online.

### SCHOOL BANKING RAISED \$1062 IN 2016

Thanks to the fantastic efforts of our students in 2016 we have raised \$1062 for our school through School Banking commissions. Our school receives \$5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of \$10 per individual deposit).

Saving regularly is an important habit to get into, whether you're saving a little or a lot. Keep up the great work. School Banking day is every Wednesday at the canteen.

### ITALIAN CLASSES IN ROOM 11

The ITALO-AUSTRALIAN WELFARE & CULTURAL CENTRE INC is sponsoring the Italian after-hour language and cultural programme at Bicton PS again this year. These courses are of ninety minutes duration after school and are conducted on a weekly basis during the scholastic year. In 2017 there will be a charge of \$25.00 per student per semester (non-refundable) payable by cheque or cash to the **Italo-Australian Welfare & Cultural Centre Inc** on enrolment at the first lesson. The Italian after-hour lessons commence on **Wednesday, 8 February** from 2.30pm to 4.00pm and will run for the duration of the scholastic year. Your teacher of Italian is Signorina Georgia Turco.

### WILDCATS BASKETBALL CLINICS

Bicton Primary School is hosting the Wildcats Basketball Clinics on a Wednesday afternoon during term 1. These clinics start tomorrow and all details are attached. Registration is only online through the Wildcats. Looks like a lot of fun. Numbers are limited.