



# Bicton Primary School

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## CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

Wed, 15 Feb	Early Close 2.30pm Wildcats Basketball Clinic After School Parent Information Session Year 1 – 4
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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome back to week 3. We are certainly off to a flying start with swimming and all classes working hard.

This week is very hot so we will use caution and common sense to ensure students are not in the heat too long. Please ensure all students have a water bottle. The swimming lessons provided a welcome relief from the hot weather. Thanks to all parents and staff for making the start so smooth for students.

We are always very impressed when we observe one of our students picking up someone's rubbish to place it into a bin. It's a small demonstration of their pride for our school. We are asking everyone to help us keep the school clean and tidy, report graffiti and vandalism. We would like everyone to place their rubbish in the bins both during and after school hours. By promoting a clean Bicton Primary School we hope to foster the positive image of the school and its role in promoting environmental awareness within our community.

Stephen Doherty  
**PRINCIPAL**

## SCHOOL BOARD PARENT REPRESENTATIVES 2017

The School Board invites nominations from parents to fill two vacancies on the School Board. Members of the Board may hold office for a term of up to 3 years and may be reappointed more than once.

The School Board is formed with the fundamental purpose of enabling parents and members of the community to engage in activities that are in the best interests of students, and will enhance the teaching and learning provided by the school. The Board takes part in reviewing the school's objectives and priorities, promoting the school in the community and providing advice to the Principal.

Becoming a member of the School Board is a great way to be well informed about our school. We meet once a term in the evenings for two hours and communicate at other times via emails.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Bicton Primary School Board please fill out the slip at the end of the newsletter and give to Stephen Doherty, Principal Bicton PS. Nominations close 24/2/17. For further information please contact Nick Emeljanow, Chair (the school office will provide Nick's contact details).

## PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

Parent information sessions start Wednesday. These sessions are a good opportunity for parents to meet your 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 meeting.

DATE	TEACHER/S	ROOM	TIME
Wed 15/2	Mrs Piper, Mrs Potts	PP1	5.30pm
Wed 15/2	Mrs Yorke, Mrs Ross	PP2	5.30pm
Wed 15/2	Miss Toms	1	5.00pm
Wed 15/2	Mrs Loader	2	5.00pm
Wed 15/2	Mrs Simper	3	5.00pm
Wed 15/2	Miss Glassby	4	5.00pm
Wed 15/2	Mrs Newman	7	5.30pm
Wed 15/2	Mrs Bonwick	8	5.30pm
Wed 15/2	Mr Herne	10	5.30pm
Wed 15/2	Mrs Howells, Mrs Ross	14	5.00pm

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.

## STARTING TIME FOR SCHOOL

Bicton Primary School monitors and records student attendance daily, which includes starting time. Parents are asked to please try to have your child ready to commence school by arriving before the 8.45am siren. This will reduce interruptions to the morning learning program. Thank you.

## GARDEN CLUB

The Garden Club was a popular lunchtime activity in 2016, and it's back again in 2017 with Mrs Speedie (chaplain) and Mrs Howells (year 2 teacher). Students who were involved last year have been asking repeatedly since the first day of term when Garden Club will start again – it's great to see such enthusiasm. There has been so much interest in joining the Garden Club from prospective new gardeners that we are considering strategies for including more children. We are also looking for parent helpers from 1.05 – 1.45pm on a Monday. Please see Mrs Howells.

One mission we have been given this year is to raise a crop, of some kind, for the canteen – an exciting new challenge! "Old" Garden Club students were back in the veggie patch this week, and we are looking forward to including new students from next week.

### STAFF CAR PARK

Some parents are occasionally parking in the staff car park and/or using it to drop off and pick up children. This poses a significant hazard to children's safety. Please take note of the signage in front of the car park and be reminded that parents cannot park in the staff car park under **any** circumstances.

### 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.

### SCHOOL TOILETS

Parents are asked to please not use the student toilets before, during or after school. These are school age appropriate toilets and not for adults.

### BLANKET PERMISSION SLIP FOR EXCURSIONS 2017

Blanket Permission slips were sent home with students and are now required. Please complete the form for your child and return to your classroom teacher as soon as possible.

### COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSE

Welcome to the new school year. My name is Judy Sullivan and I am the Community Health Nurse who visits your school. Community Health Nurses work in schools to promote healthy development and wellbeing so students may reach their full potential. A major part of my work is focused on early intervention and the School Entry Health Assessment program.

Community Health Nurses serve as a health contact point for children and their families, providing information, assessment, health counselling and referral. The services provided are free and confidential.

If you have a concern about your child's health or development, please contact me via your school office or at my Community Health Base on 9314 0100.

### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SUPERVISION

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

<b>WEDNESDAY SUPERVISION REQUIREMENT</b>	
<b>DATE:</b> _____	<b>2.30PM</b>
Name _____	Rm _____
Contact phone numbers: _____	
Parent Signature: _____	

### P&C NEWS

### P&C MEETING

The P&C meeting is scheduled for Monday 27th February. It will be held at 7.00pm in the Conference Room. This is the first P&C meeting for the year. All welcome.

### BICTON PRIMARY SCHOOL QUIZ NIGHT

Bicton PS is holding a quiz night on **FRIDAY 24th MARCH**. Flyers will be placed around the school by the end of this week so keep an eye out for more details.

We are looking for businesses, products or services that would be willing to donate towards prizes. This is a great chance to circulate it out to the wider Bicton community.

Acknowledgement in all quiz night marketing which includes advertising in the newsletter, brochures and the night will also be arranged.

Please contact Jess Ellis - [jellis76@hotmail.com](mailto:jellis76@hotmail.com) or Di Lim - [dilim22@hotmail.com](mailto:dilim22@hotmail.com)

This is guaranteed to be a great night so save the date and start organising your tables!!!

### UNIFORM SHOP

Our online ordering system is a fantastic system that is fast and easy, and accepts direct transfers or credit card payments. The Online Ordering System is the preferred method when ordering your child's school uniforms. The website is [www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au](http://www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au)

### CANTEEN

We are looking for parent helpers. If you can spare the time we would appreciate it. Your child will receive a free lunch on the day you work in the canteen. Please call in and see Wendy if you are able to help. The canteen committee is continuing to use the canteen online service to enable parents to order and pay online.

### 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, 15 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.

<b>BICTON PRIMARY SCHOOL SCHOOL BOARD NOMINATION</b>	
<b>Name:</b> _____	
<b>Contact:</b> _____	
<b>Child's Class:</b> _____	
<b>Please give to Mr Doherty by 24/2/2017 Thank you</b>	