



# Bicton Primary School

AN INDEPENDENT PUBLIC SCHOOL

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## CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

Wed, 22 Feb	Early Close 2.30pm Wildcats Basketball Clinic After School Uniform Shop Open 2.15 – 3.00pm
Fri, 24 Feb	Councillors Assembly

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Last week we had new shade sails installed over the corner of the quadrangle. This was a great initiative from our Grounds and Buildings committee which was fully supported by the P&C who kindly donated the money for purchasing. This area now allows our students and families to access the area when the weather is warm. As a sun smart school we are always looking for ways to implement our policy by encouraging students to play in the shade during peak times. Thank you to the school community for supporting the P&C with various events which in return benefits our students.



Thanks to all parents who attended the parent information sessions conducted by classroom teachers last week and last night. It was great to have so many parents attend the meetings and meet our teachers. If you have concerns or would like to discuss your child's progress, please contact your class teacher any time during the year. Bicton teachers are always available, by appointment, to meet with you.

Congratulations to our year 3 – 6 students, parents and teachers for their fantastic organisation and commitment to intern swimming lessons. We received great feedback from the bus company and swimming instructors regarding how well behaved the students were. Well done to everyone involved.

As a school we enjoy the opportunity to participate in community networking and this term students from pre primary to year 6 will be participating in various community programs. We have RAC visiting for workshops with the students, safety on the roads, East Fremantle Football club will be holding AFL skills training, the WACCA will facilitate T20 cricket clinics, Melville Water Polo will

host training and game sessions, we will continue to work with the Bicton Environmental Action Group, ten year 6 students will be attending the Fremantle Literature Centre for writing lessons, Bunnings is running activities for a few of our younger year groups and we continue the relationship with Bakers Delight at Melville with the free *loaf a day* initiative. Working together in partnerships benefits us all.

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 email.

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).

## EARLY ARRIVAL TO SCHOOL

Students are encouraged not to arrive at school before 8.30am. If a child is at school before 8.30am they will need to sit on the verandah outside the office until they are dismissed by a staff member.

## YEAR 4 – 6 FACTION SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Keep Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March free from 8.45am – 12.00pm for our annual Faction Swimming Carnival. This is always a great morning with all students from year 4 – 6 participating in at least two events each. These events may include a swimming race and a novelty event, two novelty events or for those competitive students 50m swimming races. Students were trialled at swimming lessons to ensure they are placed in events with other like students. Our interschool swimming carnival swimmers are selected from the first two place getters in division one events.

## CHAPLAIN UPDATE

It's lovely to be part of a school where the children care a lot about one another. You only have to look around the playground at lunch or recess to see that, on the whole, Bicton Primary School students are a happy and friendly bunch.

From time to time, though, wherever there are people, there will be disagreements. As a parent, it can be hard to know what's really going on, whether your child is playing a part in creating the problem or what to say to help them. (I know – I'm a parent of a primary school student myself.) Sometimes, a good chat with your child's teacher is invaluable in finding out what's really happening. It's very tempting to give advice such as "don't even talk to that child." While it may be wise to encourage your child to play somewhere away from another child who is "being mean to me," not talking to that person just helps them to feel justified "because s/he was mean to me!" The important thing you want to encourage is for your child and that other child to get on as well as possible. It's much harder to be mean to someone who is very nice to you! So encourage your son or daughter to see that if they don't get along with another student, one of the most useful things they can do is to treat that person with kindness as much as possible. This can be as simple as saying hi, asking them what they did on the weekend, picking up something they've dropped and so on. If you need further help, I'd love to hear from you. I am here on Mondays and Thursdays, and my email is [bronwen.speedie@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:bronwen.speedie@education.wa.edu.au).  
Bronwen Speedie, Chaplain

## NAPLAN WEEK FOR YEARS 3 & 5

NAPLAN is Week 3 Term 2 Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May, Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May and Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May. Parents will be sent home a NAPLAN information brochure. If you have any questions please check with the classroom teacher or contact our Deputy Principal, Donna Madden through the office. More information will be given closer to the date.

## P&C NEWS

### P&C MEETING

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

### CAKE STALL ELECTION DAY

Election Day, March 11<sup>th</sup>, is at our school and we will be having a cake stall and sausage sizzle. We believe this is a good service for the community as well as raising funds for the school. If you can bake a cake that would be fantastic or, if you can help on the day, great as well. All cakes, biscuits or slices can be dropped off Friday in the Conference Room near the office. Alternatively, you can bring the cakes to the stall Saturday morning. If you would like to help on the day or in any other way please give Belinda Doig a call on 0416 808 747.

### BICTON PRIMARY SCHOOL QUIZ NIGHT

Bicton PS is holding a quiz night on **FRIDAY 24<sup>th</sup> 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 advertise 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

The uniform shop will be open this Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2.15 – 3.00pm. Our online ordering system is a fantastic system that is fast and easy, and accepts direct transfers or credit card payments. Swimming faction caps will be for sale at the uniform shop for \$5.50.

## CANTEEN

We are looking for parent helpers. The following days have been allocated to a class. If you are able to help please let Wendy or Chantal know.

Room 1	Feb 23rd and 24th
Room 2	Mar 2nd and 3rd
Room 3	Mar 9th and 10th
Room 4	Mar 16th and 17th
Room 7	Mar 23rd and 24th
Room 8	Mar 30th and 31st
Pre Primary 1	Apr 6th and 7th

## 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.

### **BICTON PRIMARY SCHOOL SCHOOL BOARD NOMINATION**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Child's Class:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please give to Mr Doherty by 24/2/2017  
Thank you**