



Bicton Primary School

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CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

Wed, 15 March	Early Close 2.30pm Italian Lessons 2.30 – 4.00pm Uniform Shop Open 2.15 – 3.00pm
Thurs, 16 March	Dockers Visit
Fri, 17 March	Councillors Assembly
Tues, 21 March	PP & Year 1 RAC Incursion

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

With just over three weeks to go until the end of term we are certainly heading into our busy time. We have our faction swimming carnival, Bunnings workshops, interschool carnivals, smart start classes, ANZAC Day assembly, RAC incursion, parents quiz night and the school disco.

The Election Day cake stall and sausage sizzle were a big success. Thank you to all the helpers on the day & to everyone who donated baked goods. It would not be possible without you. We raised close to \$2,500. These funds will be used by the P&C to continue to improve the school experience for the students. A big thank you to Belinda and Geoff Doig for their great organisation on the day.

Stephen Doherty
PRINCIPAL

RAC INCURSION

Next week our pre primary to year 6 students will participate in an incursion facilitated by RAC. These are engaging interactive workshop activities linked to the Australian Curriculum. There will be different topics discussed according to the appropriate year levels. The topics range from being safe, pathways to school, seatbelt safety and many other effective road safety lessons.

1000 PAPER CRANES

In Japanese, we made paper cranes to donate to the *1000 Paper Cranes* project. All year 5/6 students at Bicton Primary School participated and made at least one to two cranes each. In total we made over 100 paper cranes altogether. 1000 Paper Cranes is an initiative of the city of Melville and Japanese community to support the fight against brain cancer in Western Australia. This project is in association with and in support of several key partners – the Brain Tumour Association of WA, Cure Brain Cancer, Canteen WA and the James Croft Hope Foundation. The community is invited support this project at the 1000 Paper Cranes Community Picnic and Fun Day on Sunday 19th of March, at 1pm-5pm at Piney Lakes Reserve, Murdoch Drive, Winthrop. Entry is free and there will be a full stage program with lots of activities for adults and kids alike.

INVOICES

Students will receive invoices and information this week regarding upcoming incursions and excursions. We will also email a copy of the notes with the details and cost of the activity. Any student who has credit in their account will have their money allocated to the incursion / excursion.

SCHOOL DISCO

Get ready for the first school disco of the year being held on Friday, 31st March. The Kindy – Year 2 session will be 4.30pm – 6pm and the Year 3 – 6 will be 6.30pm – 8.30pm. Notes will be sent home soon. Please remember this is a Bicton Primary School students only disco.

STEM HEADQUARTERS

Can you help? We are currently setting up a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) HQ in the science room and are looking for some recycled components. Do you have, or know anyone who has, any redundant “bits and pieces” at your workplace that would be suitable for our students to use for STEM challenges? If you do have anything we may be able to use please drop them off into the science room next to room 14 or into room 8.

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.

SCHOOL WATCH UPDATES

We enjoy having families come back after school to use some of our school facilities. Many of our students and families are very responsible and really do a great job taking good care of our school. We would like your assistance to help maintain our environment as a safe and pleasant place to be.

We have unsupervised children playing around the rooms and on the verandahs, skateboarding and occasionally damaging property. Please do not allow children to play around the rooms or on the verandah.

There is not a lot of parking areas for the after school pick up which has led to unwanted verge parking, parking in the kiss and drive area and in the staff car park. The Melville City Ranger attended the school recently and will follow up on complaints.

Thank you for your assistance. You can help further by contacting School Watch 1800 177 777 if you notice inappropriate or suspicious behaviours.

MERIT AWARDS

The following students were Merit Award Winners at our assembly on Friday, 10 March. Congratulations and keep up the hard work.

PP1	Joe M
PP2	Alex F
Room 1	Hamish J, Abigail G, Harvey L
Room 2	Charlie D, Pla H
Room 3	Buddy A
Room 5	Joshua B, James P
Room 6	Jack F, Jacky M
Room 7	Hank V
Room 9	Arki P, Leah C
Room 10	Beth L
Room 12	Jarvis T, Joseph G, Joshua B
Room 14	Mila H

P&C NEWS

P&C MEETING

The P&C meeting is scheduled for Monday 20th March. It will be held at 7.00pm in the Conference Room. All welcome.

ELECTION DAY

A big thank you to all those who donated cakes and helped on Saturday. We were lucky enough to have a raffle donated by Blossum Catering and our sausages were discounted from Melville Heights Butcher. Thank you to both those companies.

BOOK CLUB

All orders need to be in by Thursday 16th of March. This is the last order that can be placed manually. From term 2 all ordering will need be completed online. Thank you to families who have placed orders electronically this year. This issue has lots of great books in it and should arrive in time for the Easter holidays.

BICTON PRIMARY SCHOOL QUIZ NIGHT

This is the last week to book tickets /tables for the Quiz Night next Friday 24th March. Smaller tables or single tickets are ok as we can join groups to make a table of 8 if requested. Cut off to purchase tickets is the Friday 17th March.

Look forward to a fun, exciting and entertaining evening with chances to win some amazing prizes!!

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.

CANTEEN ONLINE

You can order and pay for your child's canteen order online.

It is very easy, just follow these step:

1. Visit www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au
2. Sign up
3. Activate via confirmation email
4. Add your child's name and credit the account
5. Order at your own convenience

BANKING

Do not forget our banking team is available every Wednesday morning to take student deposits and facilitate new accounts.



UNIFORM SHOP

The uniform shop will be open this Wednesday from 2.15 – 3.00pm. Families can come down and order their winter and choir uniforms as well as their faction swimming caps and shirts. Parents are also welcome to order online or at the office.



AFTERSCHOOL ITALIAN LESSONS

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 school year. In 2017 there will be a charge of \$25.00/student/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 are in Room 11 from 2.30pm to 4.00pm and will run for the duration of the school year. Your teacher of Italian is Signorina Georgia Turco.



Bicton OSHClub offers before and after school, pupil free days and vacation care. Parents are welcome to come down and see Amber for enrolment forms.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SUPERVISION

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