



Bicton Primary School

AN INDEPENDENT PUBLIC SCHOOL

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CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

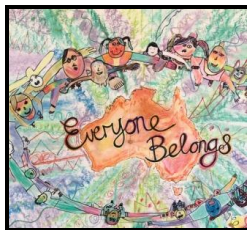
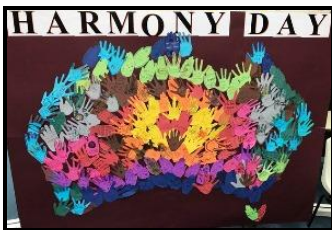
Wed, 22 March	Early Close 2.30pm Italian Lessons 2.30 – 4.00pm RAC Incursion
Thurs, 23 March	RAC Incursion
Fri, 24 March	No Assembly Faction Swimming Carnival

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Harmony Day is recognised today.

You may have noticed staff wearing orange and students involved in activities depicting how our cultural diversity has contributed to making Australia the most harmonious society in the world. We identify with about 300 ancestries making us one of the most culturally diverse countries on the planet and a terrific place to live.

It really is a great pleasure to be the Principal of Bicton Primary School. Every day we see fantastic students working harmoniously in class and playing cooperatively in the playground. We are very lucky to have such wonderful families who care so well for their children and send them to school very well prepared and eager to learn. Bicton students are well regarded for displaying outstanding behaviour and care for others; especially when they are on show to the general public during events. We are regularly contacted by organisations and members of the community with praise for the respect our students show them, school staff and each other. Everyone working together is one of our school core values and collectively our students are wonderful examples of working together in harmony. Bicton Students are happy students!



Last Friday our year 5 students took part in the school student mediator program run by Donna Madden our Deputy Principal. This program promotes working together for the best result for all involved. The students from year 5 & 6 will be roistered on every day during lunch to assist our duty teachers in the junior primary playground. The students are there for any small conflicts that may occur and to help the younger students resolve any issues.

After lunch the senior students meet with Ms Madden and discuss any concerns and where necessary, issues or incidents are followed up with the class teacher and parent if required.



Best wishes to all our year 4 – 6 students competing in our faction swimming carnival. We look forward to cheering and congratulating the great sportsmanship that is always displayed at Bicton.

Stephen Doherty
PRINCIPAL

SCHOOL DISCO

The disco is not far away and we are getting excited. It will be 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 are attached. Please remember this is a Bicton Primary School students only disco.

SCHOOL WATCH UPDATES

It is a testament to our students, our families and the community that the grounds of Bicton Primary School are well used and considerably cared for, both in and out of school hours. Very occasionally some people are seen using our school grounds and equipment in an unsafe and irresponsible manner. If you see anyone behaving inappropriately please call school security.

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

There is not a lot of parking available 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.

CHAPLAIN NEWS

Happy Harmony Day! All around Australia, there are exciting multicultural activities happening in schools this week, as we celebrate this wonderfully diverse community. I've seen some lovely artwork hanging outside the school library recently – some marking Harmony Day, and other pieces celebrating one of Australia's many cultural groups, with themes based on the Chinese Year of the Rooster.

Harmony Day is a great opportunity to enjoy this diversity together as a family. Maybe you could:

Talk about your own family's origins. Where did you or your ancestors come from, and why? What cultural heritage is part of your family, and how is that part of your lives? Could you send an email or a letter to family overseas?

Change it up – most of us have a fairly multicultural diet, but perhaps you could consider one of the less multicultural parts of your menu (maybe desserts or BBQs/picnics) and next time, instead of doing it the way you always do it, get your children to help research some foods you could make that relate to a particular culture.

Invite some friends or neighbours from different countries over one weekend, with everyone bringing a dish to share from their culture.

Plan to include some cultural activities in your next overseas holiday. Visit a temple or check out a museum that celebrates a particular cultural heritage.

Bronwen Speedie

MERIT AWARDS

The following students were Merit Award Winners at our assembly on Friday, 17 March. Congratulations and keep up the hard work.

PP1	Joe M, Emaan W,
PP2	Lacey K
Room 2	Blake K, Stella M
Room 3	Niamh S, Kade W
Room 4	Levi P, Charli C
Room 6	Ben L, Jarrah S
Room 8	Archie R
Room 9	Nic C, Jamie R
Room 10	Finn R, Mason D
Room 12	Jonah D, Caoimhe S
Room 14	Mila H

P&C NEWS

BICTON PRIMARY SCHOOL QUIZ NIGHT

Quiz Night – SOLD OUT! No door sales! Your name or the name of your table host will be crossed off on arrival on Friday (instead of tickets being allocated prior) Start reading Women's Weekly, the World Encyclopaedia etc – come dressed and ready for a great night out – and remember bring cash for raffles and auction items! Thank you to the Bicton School Community who have supported this event.

CANTEEN

Congratulations to Wendy in the canteen for receiving, yet again, a five star hygiene rating from the City of Melville. Well done.

Thank you to those parents who have volunteered their time in the canteen. It is very much appreciated. 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 steps:

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 Wednesday 5th April from 2.15 – 3.00pm. Families can come down and order their winter and choir uniforms. Parents are also welcome to order online or at the office. Faction caps are still available until tomorrow.



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.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SUPERVISION

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