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CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

Wed, 3 May	Early Close 2.30pm Italian Lessons 2.30 – 4.00pm Uniform Shop Open 2.15 – 3.00pm
Fri, 5 May	Councillor Assembly 8.50am Footy Clinic Year 3/4 – 9.45am Footy Clinic Year 5/6 – 2.00pm
Tues, 9 th May	NAPLAN – Year 3&5 – Language / Writing
Wed, 10 th May	NAPLAN – Year 3&5 - Reading
Thurs, 11 th May	NAPLAN – Year 3&5 - Numeracy
Fri, 12 th May	NAPLAN – Year 3&5 – Catch up test

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome back to term 2. We hope you all enjoyed the break and we look forward to working together for another successful term.

We had a terrific first week with various activities organised in and out of school. Friday was our Derby Day and there was a variety of club colours worn. There was strong support for the Dockers and Eagles this year. It made for some good conversations in the playground.

On Friday night we saw our Bicton dads come out in force and take over the school oval. The tents went up and the fun began. It was good to see the children spending time with their dads, granddads and uncles. Despite the cold night, we had around 140 participating. It was a very enjoyable and successful night. It sounds like this will be the first of many sleep outs for our BFG. Thanks to Geoff Doig, Nick Emeljanow and Dave Bell for their great organisation of the event. Special thanks must go to Brad O'Byrne for the commitment and time he put into helping this to be a very successful night.



On Saturday our year 5/6 students met at WA Athletics stadium for the Cancer Council "Relay for Life". Our 80 participants made sure the Bicton baton travelled around the track for 24 hours. This was a fantastic effort for a worthy cause. Bicton Primary School students went to the event under the banner "Bicton Bears Can't Bear Cancer" and wore bear accessories. The students represented Bicton in a manner that we are all very proud of. Staff were often stopped throughout the weekend by the wider

community and students were given praise for their determination, effort, compassion, manners and respect. We would like to share a letter we received regarding the Bicton Primary School students:

Hello, each year my daughter and I volunteer at Relay for Life. It is something we love doing, and enjoy meeting the participants who come and visit us at the 'free tea and coffee tent'. They often share their stories with us. Over the years we have interacted with hundreds of students from schools all over Perth, and they are almost always well-mannered and polite. However, this year we both felt compelled to write to you to say just how totally delightful the students from Bicton Primary school were. They had the most impeccable manners, each and every one of them whenever they visited us at the tent (and I think there were many hot chocolate runs.). We absolutely loved their ability to engage in, and contribute to a conversation. In this age of technology, it's become a rare occurrence that children, and adults can interact without mumbling a few words, whilst looking at the ground.

Anyway we hope the students enjoyed their experience at Relay. We loved their theme of 'We can't Bear cancer'. As the Principal of the school, you should be so very proud of these students, and their representation at the event. We just wanted to convey this message to you, and their parents. Positive feedback often goes amiss, and it's reassuring to know that there are children out there who will become well rounded, well-adjusted adults. Please thank them once again for helping to make our shift a thoroughly enjoyable experience. With warm regards Elaine & Isabella.

We believe you would all agree this note was much appreciated. A great big thank you to the year 5/6 teachers, Mrs Lorenti, Ms Dawson and Ms Knight for organising and facilitating this event as well as spending the weekend with the students. Thanks to Ms Madden and our pre-service teachers, Ms Hudson, Ms Clark and Mr Stapleton, for helping throughout the weekend. It was great to have Mrs Simper, Mr Herne and Mrs Smeding come along and walk the track. Thanks to all the parents for joining in and supporting this event.



Yesterday we had the Constable Care Community Awareness program visit the school with their puppet show. The pre primary – year 6 students were entertained with various topics. Our year 4/5/6 classes talked about cyber safety while the year 2/3 classes participated in a cultural diversity program. This was a great program which touched on some valuable topics in a fun entertaining environment.



Thank you to the Fry family for painting the gazebo on the oval. The new colour looks fantastic and we thank them very much for their contribution to our school..

Our year 3 & 5 students will participate in NAPLAN next week. Parents to advise the office if their child is absent for the day. Any students away on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday will be able to complete the catch up test on Friday.

Well done to everyone involved in a busy but successful start to the term.

Stephen Doherty
PRINCIPAL

EDU-DANCE TERM 2

Our edudance lessons are underway and the students look like they are really enjoying themselves. It is a good feeling when you walk past the undercover area with the music playing and the students dancing. We look forward to the end of term concert. Concert dates will be confirmed in the coming weeks.

CAN YOU HELP PLEASE?

Our junior primary students enjoy using old pots and pans in the sand play areas during recess and lunch. Unfortunately as time has gone by we have lost a few. If anyone does have any old kitchen pieces could we please have them for our play area? The students like spoons, sieves, pots, metal trays, bowls etc. They can be placed outside room 14.

Lego donations: If your children have outgrown Lego and you want to clear out your cupboards, we are looking for donations for a Year 2 lunchtime boys' group. If you have donations, please bring them in to Bronwen Speedie, school chaplain, on Mondays or Thursdays (preferred) or drop them into the front office on other days.

SCHOOL SECURITY

We would appreciate if you are around to keep an eye out for any inappropriate behavior out of school hours. We have recently had incidents of the plants being pulled out and thrown around the grounds. The jumping on the shade sails is still a concern. They seem to have moved to the shade structure in the early childhood area. We have concern for the safety of these people engaging in this activity as well as the upkeep of our property. Please contact School Watch on 1800 177 777 if you see (or hear) anything suspicious.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SUPERVISION

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

BAKERS DELIGHT – FREE LOAF OFFER

Bakers Delight Melville Plaza in conjunction with Bicton Primary School is proud to make the following offer to all our families.

ONE FREE LOAF OF BREAD A DAY, PER STUDENT, FOR ONE MONTH

The offer is from the healthy and fresh traditional range which includes, Hi Fibre Lo Gi, Wholemeal, Wholemeal Chia, White, White Chia, Wholemeal Country Grain and Country Grain. The team at Bakers Delight Melville Plaza have a passion to supply the best and healthiest bread to the local children. Families will be given a VIP card and all you need to do is take it to Bakers Delight Melville Plaza to receive your free loaf. This month our year 1 students will receive their VIP card. This is a very generous offer from Bakers Delight Melville Plaza and we thank them for their support.

P&C NEWS

The next P&C will be held Monday 22nd May at 7.00pm in the Conference Room. All welcome.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

We will be providing the opportunity for parents to buy this year's Entertainment Book. Each book sold raises \$14.00 which goes to purchase resources for the school. Orders can be placed online or into the box in the office. Please see attached.

UNIFORM SHOP

The uniform shop will be open this Wednesday 3rd May from 2.15 – 3.00pm. This is a great opportunity to go in and organise your child's winter needs. Parents are reminded the school has a school dress policy and it is important students wear the correct uniform. The policy is available on the school website. Parents are also welcome to order online or at the office.

BOOK CLUB

Book club order forms will be sent home soon. Just a reminder book club orders will **ONLY BE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE USING THE ONLINE FORMAT**. There are no cash orders anymore.

BANKING

It is easy to get your child started with school banking. Parents are now able to open a school banking account and provide ID online. www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking and click on the link to open the Youthsaver account. Please visit the banking team on a Wednesday morning before school in the undercover area.

ITALIAN LESSONS

Italian lessons are available on Wednesday afternoons for Bicton Primary School students. Lessons run from 2.30 – 4.00pm in Room 11. Registration forms are available from the teacher on a Wednesday afternoon in Room 11 with the cost of \$25 per semester to be paid to the teacher, not the school.