



Bicton Primary School

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CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

Tues, 9 th May	NAPLAN – Year 3&5 – Language / Writing
Wed, 10 th May	NAPLAN – Year 3&5 – Reading Early Close 2.30pm Italian Lessons 2.30pm Mothers' Day Stall – Kindy 1 & 3
Thurs, 11 th May	NAPLAN – Year 3&5 - Numeracy Mothers' Day Stall Assembly
Fri, 12 th May	NAPLAN – Year 3&5 – Catch up test Eagles Cup – Bateman Primary School

ATTENDANCE

Bicton Primary School monitors and records student attendance daily and regularly reviews attendance data to determine whether a student's attendance is of concern. We also aim to monitor the reasons for student absence and to work with students, parents and teachers where necessary to improve the attendance of students who are at risk.

Regular attendance is critical for students to achieve optimal learning at school. Missing school adds up; for example, if your child misses an average of five days a term, they miss out on approximately one year of school by year 9.

Parents of students wishing to go on family vacations during school term should be directed to the Principal to determine a reasonable duration for the absence and whether a package of work should be prepared for the student to complete whilst absent. A significant amount of notice would be expected.

EAGLES CUP

Our year 5/6 students will participate in the interschool Eagles Cup over the next 6 weeks. We have an AFL team, two soccer teams and three netball teams. This week they will be travelling on Friday to Bateman Primary School. We encourage parents to come and watch the games and support all players in the team. Eagles Cup is an opportunity for students to participate in a sport that they may not play outside of school for a club team. It is always good to see the great sportsmanship our students display towards each other. We enjoy seeing Bicton students helping their teammates learn how to play. *Together we learn, Together we grow.* The Bicton motto is strong amongst the students.

EDU-DANCE CONCERTS

This year we will be holding two edu-dance concerts. This enables the students more space and time to perform as well as allowing parents greater viewing options. Those classes who have dance lessons on Thursday will have their concert from 2.15pm on Thursday 22nd June and Tuesday classes will have their concert on Tuesday 27th June from 2.15pm. Our year 5 classes will be advised which day their class will be performing next week. Our Kindy students will have their own show case class where parents and relatives will be invited. A note will go home from the teacher regarding the date and time.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

There are still many students not wearing appropriate school uniform. Girls are reminded that leggings may be worn in either navy blue or black but must be ankle length, not three quarters. Students are reminded to not wear various coloured tops under their shirts and dresses.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As we enter into Volunteers Week it is a timely reminder how fortunate we are at Bicton to have so many volunteers. Volunteering is making a difference in someone's life. Those small little acts can help in such big ways. At Bicton we are lucky to have our Volunteers program where community members come in and spend time with some of our students. Just to sit and listen is making a difference. We have numerous parents helping out in the classes. Listening to the students read, helping with activities, involving themselves in our sports events and other valuable experiences that help support our teachers. Through our P&C we have fantastic parents volunteering to run various events from school banking, book club, canteen, fundraising, uniform shop BFG and much more. These are all on a volunteer basis which is incredible. Our School Board is made up of our school parents helping to support and guide the school. Without this type of kindness our school would not be as successful as it is. Working together benefits our community so we would like to thank you all.

Our year 3 & 5 students started NAPLAN this morning. NAPLAN provides an important opportunity for students to demonstrate achievement and progress as well as providing vital information for classroom learning and teaching.

The year one students received their VIP cards for Bakers Delight Melville Plaza last week. These cards give each student an opportunity to receive one free loaf of bread a day for the month of May. Thanks to Matt and the team at Bakers Delight Melville Plaza for their generosity.

We would like to wish all our school mums, step-mothers, grandmother and aunties a fantastic mothers' day. It is your care, love and guidance that makes those special moments. Enjoy the day.

Stephen Doherty
PRINCIPAL

MOTHERS' DAY STALL

The P&C will be holding their annual mothers' day stall this Thursday and Friday. Our Thursday kindy students will be able to visit the stall on Thursday while the remainder of the classes will visit on Friday. There will be gifts for students to purchase between \$3 and \$10. We also have a raffle for 50c a ticket. This event has always been a very successful activity for the students. They love coming in and picking their own present for mum. Thanks to Sam Osborne and the team for organising this event.

2018 KINDY ENROLMENTS

Enrolments are now being taken for children entering Kindy in 2018. Application forms are available for collection from the front office. Completed application forms must include a copy of your child's birth certificate, proof of residential address (eg utilities bill), visa subclass details (if applicable) and the ACIR Immunisation History Statement.

SCHOOL SECURITY

The gardener and cleaners have to spend a lot of time cleaning the school grounds especially the verandahs after the weekends. We would appreciate your help keeping an eye out for any inappropriate behaviour and contact School Watch on 1800 177 777 if necessary.

MERIT AWARDS

The following students were Merit Award Winners at our last assembly on Friday, 5th May. Congratulations and keep up the hard work.

PP1	Dylan R
PP2	Mahua M
Room 1	Shaykaya T
Room 2	Tide R
Room 3	Georgis D
Room 4	Finley P
Room 7	Campbell D
Room 8	Scott I
Room 9	Noah G
Room 10	Imogen J, Saige S
Room 12	Heath J
Room 14	Lavender S

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SUPERVISION

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

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 are 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.

CANTEEN

Thanks to those parents who have been helping in the canteen over the last few weeks. We still need help each week so if you do have some spare time we would appreciate your help. Please just go in and visit Wendy.

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

UNIFORM SHOP

The uniform shop will be open this Wednesday 17th 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 this week. Just a reminder orders are **ONLY AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE USING THE ONLINE FORMAT**. There are no cash orders anymore. They are due by 14th May.

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.



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.