



Bicton Primary School

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CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

Wed, 24th May	Early Close 2.30pm
Fri, 26th May	Year 1 Room 1 Assembly Year 5/6 Eagles Cup – East Fremantle PS
Wed, 31st May	Early Close 2.30pm
Fri, 2nd June	Junior Choir Assembly Year 5/6 Eagles Cup – Brentwood PS
Mon, 5th June	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Tues, 6th June	Year 6 Camp

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Congratulations to all our Eagles Cup AFL, Netball and Soccer teams on their terrific games last week. The AFL, netball A and soccer B, all came away with a win which was great. This week we will be playing East Fremantle Primary School. Our AFL team is playing at Shark Park which is a good opportunity for those who have not yet experienced playing on a big oval. Good luck to all our teams. Thanks to our year 5/6 teachers, pre service Notre Dame teachers and parents for coaching and umpiring. The support certainly makes it more enjoyable for all.

Next Wednesday, we have Legal Aid coming to the school for a parent workshop on cyber safety. We believe this is a fantastic opportunity for Bicton Primary School parents to attend. Parent awareness is so important to help ensure our students are kept safe. Helen and Melissa will inform parents of the legal obligations and many experiences they have come across in the legal system regarding children and cyber safety. This workshop is not just for our older student parents but definitely beneficial for all parents. The workshop will be held on Wednesday 31st May in Room 5 from 6.00pm to 7.00pm. There will be time at the end to ask any questions you may have. The P&C will provide tea & coffee for the night. Parents are asked to return the slip over the page to the office. I hope to see as many parents as possible.

Thank you to all committee members and parents for attending the P&C meeting last night. The support the school gets from the P&C is extremely valuable. P&C meetings allow for sharing information between the parents and the school and as a result the students and community benefit. Some of last night's topics included the new canteen menu, the Bicton Fathering Group, the allocation of funds raised by the P&C, up and coming events at the school and the type of fundraising within the P&C calendar. We are grateful to the school community and the efforts it puts into P&C events.

Today we are launching the Bicton Primary School Class Challenge. This is an exciting digital literacy program called Sunshine Classics. Our year 1 - 6 students will receive access to

e-books to read and interactive activities to complete. These are assigned to your child's individual login by the teacher. The students will come with an information sheet which has their username and password.

Simply log into www.sunshineclassics.com.au or you can download the app. Our class challenge is to get students to read and complete the activity at home, come to school and colour in a square on the snake poster in the classroom. The class at the end of the term with the most coloured squares on the snake poster will be rewarded. Parents are asked to encourage students to log on and start reading. We believe this is a great opportunity for students which supports the school literacy program.



Our pre primary students participated in a hands on wildlife incursion last Wednesday. Students were taught about the care and conservation through this animal education program. There was the opportunity to participate in safe animal handling as well as observing and learning new facts about the ecosystem. The students look like they were thoroughly enjoying themselves. Thanks to Mrs Piper for organizing the activity.

Stephen Doherty
PRINCIPAL

2018 KINDY ENROLMENTS

Enrolments are now being taken for children entering Kindy in 2018. Application forms are available for collection from the school 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 verandah 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.

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.

MERIT AWARDS

The following students were Merit Award Winners at our last assembly on Friday, 19th May. Congratulations and keep up the hard work.

PP1	Coby M
PP2	Liliana W
Room 2	Blake K
Room 4	Bowen M
Room 5	Jack N, Kate C, Lillian R
Room 6	Finn G, Jake H
Room 7	Jagger B
Room 9	Maxim K, Troy J, Hamish S
Room 10	Lila S
Room 14	James M

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SUPERVISION

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

P&C NEWS

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.

SCHOOL BANKING

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



If you are interested in school banking, all you need to do is visit: www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking and click on the link to open the Youthsaver account.

CANTEEN – NEW MENU ITEMS

The canteen committee are very excited regarding some new items for the canteen menu. As winter is starting to arrive we believe it is a good opportunity to get some new winter warmers on the menu. Last term we had some samples the students trialled during a lunchtime break and from this the votes came in and we will now put them on the menu. Keep any eye out later this week for the new menu.

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

UNIFORM SHOP

The uniform shop will be open Wednesday 7th June 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.



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.

LEGAL AID – CYBER SAFETY PARENT WORKSHOP Wednesday 31st May 6.00pm – 7.00pm

Parent Name: _____

Child's Name: _____ Room No: _____

Please return to the box in the office.