



# Bicton Primary School

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## CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

Wed, 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Early Close 2.30pm <b>Parent Workshop – Cyber Safety 6.00pm</b>
Fri, 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Junior Choir Assembly Year 5/6 Eagles Cup – Brentwood PS
Mon, 5 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b>
Tues, 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Camp

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Bicton Primary School was recently nominated by Notre Dame University as a school that consistently provides the best pre service teaching experiences for their students. Many excellent school's across WA host teacher training so we were very honoured to be recognised as the best.

This week delegates from the University, Department of Education, Finland and Singapore came to our school to see what we do. Bicton PS was the only school visited while they were in WA. The delegates are part of a wider international study looking at pre-service teacher development. They met with Mrs Lorenti, who coordinates teaching practicums on behalf of the school, university staff, our teachers and of course, our current group of pre-service teachers. They heard about what makes Bicton a great school and why we are recognised as a preeminent school for teacher training. The group took the opportunity to visit classes to watch our training teachers. The experience was a very positive one for everyone involved. We received terrific feedback from the delegates and a resounding endorsement for our work with preparing tomorrow's teachers. Thank you to Mrs Lorenti for coordinating our beginning teachers, Ms Toms for sharing your development as a teacher and our pre-service teachers for sharing your teaching with us.



It is great to see all students participating with such enthusiasm in their edudance classes. We believe this is a great opportunity for all students to participate in. The feedback from both edudance teachers is extremely positive and they are proud how well the students are learning the dance. We are all looking forward to the concerts at the end of the term. Times and details regarding the concerts will be confirmed next week.

Thanks to our year 1 room 1 students for their great assembly item last Friday. All students showed great confidence to get up in front of the school and perform. Well done to Miss Toms for preparing the students so well.

A reminder to parents that this Wednesday night we have Legal Aid coming to the school for a parent workshop on cyber safety. We encourage as many parents as possible to come along. Our students are exposed to many online aspects and knowledge is a vital key to protecting our children. The event is in room 5 at 6.00pm this Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> May.

We look forward to our Junior Choir performing at this week's assembly. Mrs Simper has been practicing hard with the students and they are sounding terrific. This is guaranteed to be a very entertaining assembly item.

The school Grounds and Building committee have been looking at various aspects around the school to help enhance the grounds. A recommendation from the P&C was a new bike enclosure which provides a protected environment. The P&C invited parents at last terms quiz night for ideas where the raised funds should be spent and an idea which was supported and discussed on various occasions was the bike area. It was agreed at the last P&C meeting to move forward with the proposal. Thanks to the room 8 students who have recently conducted a survey on the amount of bike and scooter users. As a result we found that nearly 10% of the school population used the bike enclosure. This is a positive result and we encourage other families to ride to school. Thanks to the P&C for supporting this project and to the community for helping to raise the funds. The P&C are always open to input from the community in regards to raising and supporting the school with funds.

Our year 6 students are preparing for camp next week. The students will be travelling to Serpentine Camping centre where they will spend the week together. In preparation they have been studying the various environment aspects which they will recognise during their vigorous bushwalk. The year 6 teachers have designed a great program which promises to keep the students engaged all day. We look forward to listening to the stories about the late nights, early mornings and lots of fun. We wish all staff and students a very enjoyable week.

We hope you all enjoy the long weekend and stay safe.

Stephen Doherty  
**PRINCIPAL**

## FROM THE BOARD



As you know all parents are asked to contribute a voluntary contribution, per year to assist with purchasing additional resources for students. Last year we were able to use parent contributions to continue to support the school program with various new resources. This would not have been possible without this money. Many thanks to our families who do contribute. We encourage all parents to pay the voluntary contributions.

We are looking for parent volunteers. If you are able to assist in volunteering to support the students please let us know.

Parents are asked to please log onto the school website [www.bictonps.wa.edu.au](http://www.bictonps.wa.edu.au) and provide feedback on the provided slip.

## ACCOUNTS

Thank you to parents who have paid for their excursions in advance. This seems to be a much easier option for many families. When an invoice is produced for an incursion or excursion the amount is automatically deducted from the credit in the account. Student accounts that do not have credit will receive an invoice in an envelope. There is the ability to have invoices emailed if required. We appreciate parents paying their invoices promptly. At the end of each term a statement will be sent home.

## 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.

## DOGS ON SCHOOL PREMISES

The school community is reminded to please pick up after their dog when bringing them onto school grounds after hours. It is the health and safety of the students that is our concern. Thank you to dog owners who do the right thing. If your child does bring your dog to school after hours could you please remind them it is their responsibility to pick up after the dog.

## MERIT AWARDS

The following students were Merit Award Winners at our last assembly on Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> May. Congratulations and keep up the hard work.

PP1	Jack H, Vincent F
Room 1	Lucy M, Arie P
Room 2	Ashleigh H, Ruby R
Room 3	Matthew B
Room 7	Stella D
Room 8	Kristian D, Amy D
Room 10	Elijah W
Room 14	Harry B

## WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SUPERVISION

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

## P&C NEWS

### NEW CANTEEN MENU ITEMS

Freshly made:

#### Lasagne, Macaroni Cheese & Chicken Enchilada

The canteen committee are very excited to offer three 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 trialed during a lunchtime break and from this the votes came in and we will now put them on the menu.

**GO TO CANTEEN ONLINE AND order before 9am Wednesday for the new menu items**

**It is very easy, just follow these step:**

1. Visit [www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au](http://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

## 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](http://www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking) and click on the link to open the Youthsaver account.

## UNIFORM SHOP

The uniform shop will be open Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

### SCHOOL WEBSITE FEEDBACK

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Room No: \_\_\_\_\_

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