



# Bicton Primary School

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## CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> Aug	Early Close 2.30pm
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Councillor Assembly
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Kindy Reading Presentation
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Kindy Reading Presentation
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Early Close 2.30pm

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

In the lead up to our faction athletics carnival we held the cross country event for our year 4 – 6 students. We were lucky that the rain held off and were able to complete all the events. All students should be congratulated for their participation in the races. Well done to all our winners. It was fantastic to see many parents come and support the students. Thanks to the staff for facilitating the event.

Our first five runners across the line for each year level at our cross country event were chosen to represent Bicton at the MDISSA interschool cross country race today. We had thirty students from year 4 6 participate in the event. All students tried their very best and as a result Bicton won the MDISSA B Division Cross Country Handicap shield, for adjusted performance based on school size. Every student that completed the course gained points for our school. Congratulations to our students. We are always very proud of the great sportsmanship at Bicton. Well done to everyone.



We are pleased to announce that our year 5/6 teacher Mrs Katharine Lorenti is a nominee for the WA Premier's Primary Teacher of the Year Award. Mrs Lorenti has been nominated for this year's award by teaching colleagues and parents for her contributions to Bicton Primary School. Mrs Lorenti is very committed to teaching and provides wonderful opportunities for all students including; organising the year 6 school camp, participation in Relay for Life, celebration lunches, Student Councillors and school assemblies, School Volunteer program, coordination of pre service teachers and team leader for years five and six staff. We thank Mrs Lorenti for her exemplary teaching and leadership and wish her well for the coming awards.

Stephen Doherty  
**PRINCIPAL**

## BETTER BEGINNINGS KINDY READING PROGRAM

Next Monday and Tuesday our kindy parents have the opportunity to meet with Dominique from Melville library who will be facilitating a short presentation on early years reading. This program will be at 8.45am in the classrooms. It is coordinated by the State Library Service and promotes the importance of reading to children in the early years. We believe this is a worthwhile workshop and all parents are encouraged to attend

## MAGNETIC WALL

The staff and students of the ECE would like to sincerely thank Chris Porter and his family for our sensational new magnetic wall. Chris has spent considerable time putting together the components for the wall which will inspire prediction, experimentation, cooperation and much more. As children design and build vertical ramp systems for balls, water, or even sand, they experience force, motion, and gravity through natural play. We cannot thank Chris enough for providing us with this wonderful new resource.



## NETBALL CARNIVAL

This Friday we have two teams of our year 4 students travelling to Melville Senior High School to participate in a netball afternoon. Our teams will be assisted by the Melville specialize netball students. The students will be promoting greater skills and an understanding of the game. Good luck to the two teams.

## LAPATHON

Our annual lapathon will be held on Friday, 18th August from 1.45-3.00pm .lapathon cards have been sent home and must be returned to the classroom teacher before the event. Parents and family members are invited to walk or run with the children, so come and enjoy the fantastic family atmosphere. **PLEASE DO NOT SEND ANY MONEY UNTIL AFTER THE EVENT.** Donated money should be returned to the school by **Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> September.** Money raised will go towards school resources. All money raised by students must go to the school.

## SCHOOL PHOTOS: Kindy – Year 6

School photo day is on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> and Friday 11<sup>th</sup> August. We will have our year 1 – 6 class photos, Kindy 1 and 3 on the Thursday and our Pre Primary and Kindy 2 and 4 classes will have their photos on Friday. Sibling photos will be held on the Friday except for those with siblings in K1 and K3, which will be held on the Thursday. Parents may order their child's order online at [www.kapture.com.au](http://www.kapture.com.au). The school code is FPL3QN. Sibling photos can ONLY be ordered online. A booking must be made for these.

## CODERDOJO

CoderDojo is a fun way for students to gain experience with technology. At our Dojo classes students are given opportunities to learn skills such as building a website, creating an app or a game, and explore technology in an informal creative and social environment. Coderdojo is open for all students in year 4 – 6 and their parents, if they wish to attend, and occurs on Thursday mornings between 7.45am – 8.30am. We have had between 25 and 40 students regularly attending and would love to see you there.

## RAINBOW – GRIEF AND LOSS PROGRAM

We will be running the Rainbows Grief & Loss program for students in years 3 & 4 later this term and into term 4. This is a successful program that runs around Australia and has been successfully used at Bicton PS in the past. Rainbows aim to help children sort through their sense of loss through peer support, a safe place to share themselves and nurturing adults to guide them. If your child has experienced one of the following, you may wish to consider the Rainbows program:

- Loss of a relative or other person they were close to
- Separation/divorce of parents
- Serious illness of a caregiver
- Any other significant crisis or transition (e.g. moving state/country)

The program includes games, activities, discussions and reflections to help build positivity and resilience. If you think this may be of benefit to your child, please contact me by emailing [bronwen.speedie@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:bronwen.speedie@education.wa.edu.au). Only a limited number of places are available.

## MERIT AWARDS

The following students were Merit Award Winners at our last assemblies. Congratulations and keep up the hard work.

PP1	Thomas L
PP2	Jessica S
Room 1	Willow O, Ben S
Room 3	Buddy A, Michael R
Room 4	Ava C
Room 5	Cameron K
Room 9	Cody P, Arsalan M
Room 10	Thomas M
Room 12	Asta J
Room 14	Charlotte K, Lara P

## WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SUPERVISION

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

## P&C NEWS

### TROPICAL TWIST GET TOGETHER

The P&C are facilitating a Kindy – Year 2 get together at Tropical Twist in O'Connor on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August 5.30-7.30pm. Tickets are \$10.00. We have booked the venue for Bicton PS which enables the students and families to come along in a relaxed environment and enjoy each other's company. Ticket sales are cash only in the box in the office. Please see attached flyer for details. There will be a time organised for the year 3-6 students next term.

### UNIFORMS - READY FOR PHOTOS & SPORTS DAY

This term we have our Athletics Faction carnival and our school photo day, so now is a great time to get your shirts. Orders can be placed in the box at school or online. Orders will be sent to classes once processed.

### CANTEEN SAUSAGE SIZZLE LUNCH

The canteen will be providing a sausage sizzle lunch for the whole school on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August. Order forms are attached. Cash only sales in the box in the office

### CANTEEN

The canteen will continue with their winter warmers this term. We have freshly made lasagne, mac and cheese and potato chicken pie.

**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



## AFTER SCHOOL 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.