



# Bicton Primary School

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## CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

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| Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> Aug   | Bracks Library Visit Year 2 – 4<br>Early Close 2.30pm<br>Uniform Shop Open 2.15pm – 3.00pm |
| Thurs 17 <sup>th</sup> Aug | 2018 Kindy Enrolments Due  |
| Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Aug   | Councillor Assembly<br>Lapathon Pre Primary – Year 6 1.45pm                                |

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Thank you to Mrs Simper and our room 3 students for a fantastic assembly item last Friday. All students performed with great confidence and are to be congratulated.

Last Wednesday our year 4 students participated in the Gifted and Talented Primary Extension and Challenge (PEAC) testing program. This is a part time academic extension program and enrichment for exceptionally able students in year 5 and 6. PEAC offers a range of courses that provide the most able students with work that is intellectually challenging. The testing is a one off test which measures the student's ability to recognise patterns and to predict with speed and accuracy and measure each child's ability to apply that knowledge and learning. Successful students will be advised towards the end of the year regarding the program next year.

Thank you to our families for supporting the sausage sizzle yesterday. This was a fundraiser for the canteen. Thanks to all parents who came to help along with many of the canteen committee members.

We are looking forward to lapathon this Friday. The lapathon is always a great positive community event with parents and family members joining in for the run or walk. The weather is promising so fingers crossed we all stay dry. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Tomorrow our year 2 – 4 classes will be walking up to the Bracks library to celebrate book week. The students will have an opportunity to listen to various authors, artists, cartoonists, illustrators and story tellers. Hopefully the rain stays away.

Stephen Doherty  
**PRINCIPAL**

## STUDENTS NOT RETURNING 2018

Please assist the school with planning for 2018 by advising us if your child/children will not be returning to Bicton PS next year. Please email [megan.morley@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:megan.morley@education.wa.edu.au)

## SCHOOL INNOVATION COMMITTEE

One of the focus areas for the school is to look at innovations and exciting ways to engage our students in academic and non-academic activities. The innovations committee will be integral to this and will be set up to help provide ideas and support to the school from a representative group of parents and educators.

The committee will report to the School Board. Please complete the slip at the end of this newsletter or email interest by Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> August.

## CHAPLAIN NOTES

I'm sure that at the dinner table at your house, just like at mine, a common topic of discussion is your child's friends, the games they play together at recess and so on. It's great to see how well most of the children get along most of the time, but of course from time to time, some friendships hit a snag. We really love to see all students doing their best to fix friendships and get along. In Year 3 Health, I recently shared my Friendship Fixing Toolkit ideas. Maybe you can use these suggestions next time friendship issues come up at your house:

- Stop and wait before acting. (You can't solve problems well when you're angry)
- Listen then talk. (Listen to the other person's point of view. Explain yours)
- It's okay to say sorry. (Even if the other person was more wrong than you were)
- Try to repair any damage. (Did you bring another person into the problem? Be sure to try to sort it out, with help)
- Celebrate! (Hug, high five, fist bump, invite the other person to play with you).

Bronwen Speedie

## GARDENER ON LEAVE - AUGUST 15<sup>th</sup> – SEPTEMBER 15<sup>th</sup>

Filko, our gardener, is away on a well-deserved vacation for the next four weeks. Our cleaners will endeavour to keep the outside grounds clean but we would encourage the community to clean up after themselves when using school grounds. We would like to ask for volunteers to help rake the sandpits. There will be a roster put up in the Early Childhood building for our kindy and pre-primary sandpits. Parents of the main school are asked to put their names down at the office. Your support will be appreciated.

## 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 Thursday. 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, 1st September.** Money raised will go towards school resources. All money raised by students must go to the school.

## FOR SALE



### Brick pavers for sale

We have over 1000 pavers in good condition excess to our needs. These are located inside the school's bike enclosure. We are offering the pavers for sale by tender process. You collect. If you would like to make an offer for these pavers please write your name, contact details and the amount in a sealed envelope addressed to Mr Doherty Principal Bicton Primary School. Closing date: 4pm September 1 2017

### Metal Shade framework for sale

We have a metal framework for a shade structure we no longer want. It does not come with covers and is sold as is. It is not assembled and located inside the school's bike enclosure. We are offering this for sale by tender process. You collect. If you would like to make an offer for these pavers please write your name, contact details and the amount in a sealed envelope addressed to Mr Doherty Principal Bicton Primary School. Closing date: 4pm September 1 2017

## MERIT AWARDS

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

|         |                              |
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| Room 1  | Ethan O                      |
| Room 2  | Charlie D                    |
| Room 3  | Conor D, Lily-Sienna, Lara H |
| Room 4  | Dylan E                      |
| Room 8  | Georgia M, Halle K           |
| Room 9  | Alistair M, Freya B          |
| Room 10 | Ava M                        |
| Room 12 | Josh B                       |
| Room 14 | Seth M                       |

## CLASS PLACEMENT

Teachers will allocate your children to produce an even spread of academic, behavioural and social abilities when formulating our classes. Teachers also consider students with specific needs and the Education Assistant support available. Our priority in 2018 is to ensure classes are evenly balanced in all of these areas.

The Western Australian Curriculum, used by Bicton PS, prescribes the content for each year of schooling from Pre-Primary to Year 6. The curriculum content will be delivered through quality teaching, regardless of whether a student is located in a straight or split class. It is not always practical to

place students into classes with their friendship groups. Requests for student placement into 2018 classes are now open to parents. Sufficient reason should be provided with your request. Please note requests for a particular teacher will not be considered, except with exceptional circumstance. Please be aware that this information may assist us with class placements, however the requests cannot in any way be binding on our placement of students into classes. If you would like the Principal and teachers to consider a request for student placement for 2018, you are invited to complete the slip below and return it to the box in the office by 3.30pm, Friday, 8th September. Requests received after this time may not be considered. All requests must be received

## P&C NEWS

### ALL BICTON STUDENTS – KINDY TO YEAR 6 TROPICAL TWIST GET TOGETHER

We now have the opportunity to open Tropical Twist up to all Bicton Primary School students on Friday 25th 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.

### UNIFORMS OPEN WEDNESDAY 16th August

The Uniform Shop is open tomorrow, Wednesday 16th August. Orders can be placed in the box at school or online. Orders will be sent to classes once processed.

### INNOVATION COMMITTEE INVITATION

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Room: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Please place in the box marked "Innovation Committee" in the front office by **Tuesday 15th August 2017.**

### 2018 CLASS PLACEMENT REQUEST

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Year in 2017: \_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Teacher in 2017: \_\_\_\_\_  
Request and Specific Reason for Request:  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Contact \_\_\_\_\_