



Bicton Primary School

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CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

Wed 23 rd Aug	Bracks Library Visit Year 1 Early Close 2.30pm
Fri 25 th Aug	Year 4 Room 7 Assembly Tropical Twist 5.30 – 7.30pm (All Bicton students)
Thurs 31 st Aug	Pre Primary Excursion to Scitech

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Thanks to all students, families and staff who got behind the lapathon last Friday afternoon. It was a fantastic event, with everyone participating enthusiastically.

This weekend a group of our year 3 students will be participating in the Opti-minds Creative Sustainability Challenge. This is an inclusive team challenge which empowers participants to think, create and communicate. Opti-minds is a creative problem solving programme for teams of up to 7 participants. It is run by Creative Edge Thinking Incorporated on a non-profit basis. Teams are required to solve demanding, open-ended Challenges in a Social Science category: Ms Madden and the seven year 3 students have been working hard writing their own script and preparing their props. We wish them well in this weekend's challenge. Thank you to the parents for supporting this event.

The year 3 students welcomed fire fighters from Fremantle Fire Station last week. After a discussion on fire safety, the students were able to look over the truck and hold the fire hose. Thank you to Mr Herne for organising the incursion.

Last week our year 2 – 4 students walked to the Bracks library to celebrate book week. We were very lucky with the weather as well as having many parents to walk up with the classes. It is always nice to have the opportunity to be part of the community and use the facilities available to us. Thanks to the classroom teachers and parents for supporting this occasion. Our year 1 classes will be visiting this Wednesday.

Stephen Doherty
PRINCIPAL

SPELLING BEE

Congratulations to the pre primary students who were the winners of the spelling bee competition last week. We had many students across all year levels improve their results from the week before. Well done.

GARDENING CLUB VEGGIE POWER

It feels like it's been pouring with rain almost every Monday this term, making it difficult for the Garden Club to get out into the vegetable patch. But the rain has helped some of our existing plants to come along nicely, so this week, we used bok choy, spring onions and sugar snap peas we have grown as the foundation of a stir fry. Students were asked to bring in a vegetable from home to ensure there would be enough. Add a bit of garlic, ginger, honey and soy, and all our carrots, broccoli, and other veg turned into a tasty and healthy lunch, served with steamed rice. It was great to see the children's willingness to try new things and to hear them say how much they enjoyed it. Now we are hoping for some decent weather in the remaining weeks of this term, to allow us to get more vegetables growing so we can make some more tasty treats before the end of the year. Thanks to Mrs Speedie, Mrs Howells and Miss Downey for helping the students with the garden and making their lunch. It certainly looks fantastic.



GARDENER ON LEAVE - AUGUST 15th – SEPTEMBER 15th

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

Please return the money collected from the lapathon to the front office. All returned cards with money will be placed into the raffle draw with a chance to win one of three gift vouchers. Money raised will go towards school resources. Donated money should be returned to the school by **Friday, 1st September**. 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 the framework 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

UNWELL STUDENTS

Unfortunately it is that time of the year where we more exposed to coughs and sniffles, within the community. We all play a key role in preventing the transmission of everyday sickness. Prevention is the best way to minimising the spread of infection. This can be achieved by students staying home in the early stages of feeling unwell and returning when symptom free or medical advice has been given. For more information on communicable diseases and exclusion please visit the Department of Health website.

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

MERIT AWARDS

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

PP1	James R
PP2	Hayden L, Kenzie E
Room 1	Lucy M, Ben S
Room 2	Mia M
Room 9	Maxim K
Room 10	Finn R
Room 12	Sam N
Room 14	Joel R

UNIFORM SHOP

Remember to order faction shirts online for the carnival. They will be delivered to classrooms by Monday 11th September. They are \$23. www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au

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, 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

2018 CLASS PLACEMENT REQUEST

Student Name: _____

Student's Year in 2017: _____

Student's Teacher in 2017: _____

Request and Specific Reason for Request:

Parent Name: _____

Parent Contact _____

P&C NEWS

We are really looking forward to Friday night for the Tropical Twist event. Throughout the year we often get asked by parents about organising an event for the students where parents can relax and socialize. Tickets are still available and we thank those families who have already purchased their tickets. Wrist bands will be sent around Thursday and Friday this week. Siblings are welcome.

VENUE: Tropical Twist, Stock Road O'Connor

DATE: Friday 25th August

TIME: 5.30 – 7.30pm

COST: \$10 per ticket

Ticket sales are cash only in the box in the office. Please see attached flyer for details