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CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

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| Wed 13 th Sep | Early Close 2.30pm |
| Thurs 14 th Sep | Athletics Carnival |
| Fri 15 th Sep | Councillor Assembly Disco Kindy 2 & 4 Bracks Library Visit |
| Mon 18 th Sep | Author Visit |
| Wed 20 th Sep | Author Visit |
| Fri 22 Sep | Last Day of Term |
| Tues 10th Oct | Students Commence Term 4 |

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We believe last week's learning journey night was one of our best we have ever had. It was great to see so many families enjoying time together both in and out of the classroom. There was a great positive community feel which is the benefit of having a time when everyone can come together. Looking around the classrooms reinforced the high quality of work being produced from Kindy to year 6. The staff and students have worked very hard all year and that was seen on the night.



Enabling the book fair to be open on the night was a good opportunity to allow parents and students to come through and purchase some wonderful books. As a result, the school now has nearly \$700 credit for Mrs Bennett to purchase new books for the library. A big thank you to the P&C and volunteers, for organising and facilitating the Book Fair.

Our year 6 parents kindly sold food and drinks on the night. The chicken kebabs tasted amazing and were a great success. Thanks to all the year 6 parents who helped on the night. I know many parents appreciated the opportunity to have such a valuable service.

Thanks to all staff for their efforts and time they invested into learning journey night. It was a very successful night and we received some fantastic feedback. We always appreciate parent feedback and invite parents to complete the slip at the end of the newsletter or email the school.

Parents now have the opportunity to nominate a Bicton staff member as part of the WA Education Awards. The People's Pick is an opportunity for parents, students and our community to get involved and recognise the dedicated and talented staff in our school. Simply pick who you want to recognise; create a video, photo or testimonial showing what makes them incredible. Up load to education.wa.edu.au/awards or on [Facebook.com/PublicEducationWA](https://www.facebook.com/PublicEducationWA). Then share the message on your Facebook page and tell your family and friends to vote for it. If a message for one of our staff receives the highest number of votes, our school will win a \$1000 Modern Teaching Aids voucher. Share your message before 5.00pm on Friday 13 October 2017 and stay tuned. The People's Pick will be announced on Friday 27 October on World Teachers' Day and all staff recognised will be acknowledged.

Congratulations to seven of our year 5/6 students for being acknowledged as finalist in the Rio Tinto 'Capture Your Curiosity' competition. Students were given the opportunity to showcase their camera skills and then support their photo with a piece of writing as to why the photo captured their curiosity. The finalist will have their entries printed and displayed in the foyer of the Central Park building, St Georges Terrace Perth from 26th September – Friday 6th October. All Bicton families are encouraged to view the photos and can vote for the People's Choice Award. The winners will be announced on Thursday 5th October at 3.45pm at Central Park. Good luck and congratulations to all Bicton finalist. You have done an amazing job and we are very proud of you. We look forward to hearing the end result. Thank you to the Bicton staff for preparing and entering all the year 5/6 students' entries.

This week is our annual athletics carnival week. Today we had our year 3 - 6 finals in throws, jumps and 400m. We have many talented students in these categories and it promises to be a great day. On Thursday the weather is looking beautiful for our whole school carnival. Bicton is very proud of our carnival day as all students are involved throughout the whole day. In the morning we have our kindy and pre primary students participating in team games and running races. It is always good to see a whole school community event being supported by staff and families. We look forward to the great sportsmanship Bicton students show.

This Friday we will end the week with our last disco for the year. The students always enjoy the disco and it is a really nice way to get everyone together. See you there with your dancing shoes on.

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

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

It all happens this week. We begin on Tuesday 12th September with the throws, jumps and 400m for our year 3 – 6 students. These events will be held during the day. Parents are welcome to come throughout the day.

Thursday 14th September is our Faction Carnival. This is a great school community day thoroughly enjoyed by all the students. Students are to gather on the tennis courts for the faction march commencing 8.45am. There will be a cake stall available and parents and children are able to pre order their lunch. There will be a coffee van for parents. The back-up date for the carnival is Friday September, should it be rained out.

DISCO TIME – Friday, 15th September

We are having a crazy theme so students are free to wear whatever crazy clothes they wish. The Kindy to year 2 session will be 4.30pm – 6pm and if you're in the year 3 to year 6 session, you get to come from 6.30pm – 8.30pm. Please remember this is a Bicton Primary School students only disco and students must be collected from the disco by a parent or guardian. Orders forms for tickets will go home next week and must be returned by Wednesday, 13st September.

AUTHOR VISIT – DR CAMERON STEIZER

On Monday 18 and Wednesday 20 September, we have a special visit from Author and Illustrator Dr Cameron Stelzer. Cameron is visiting Bicton Primary School to run workshops with our students. Kindy, Pre Primary and Year 1 students will enjoy an interactive Big Screen Book Reading and follow-along drawing activity with Cameron. Year 2 students will participate in a writing workshop. Cameron will be engaging Year 3-6 students in a workshop to motivate and inspire students with their writing. Students will be exploring both the narrative and persuasive genres. Year 5-6 students will also have the opportunity to engage in a drawing and illustration session with Cameron. Students and teachers are looking forward to a fantastic two days! The cost of the incursion is \$3.50 and invoices have already been sent home.

In conjunction with the Author Visit, Bicton Primary School families have a special opportunity to purchase signed and personalised copies of Cameron's books at special prices.

Individual items are \$15 each and there are also exclusive book sets available. Students will receive an order form on the day of the workshops. Forms and payment can be returned the following day to the **box in the office**. Cameron will personally sign all books (including the child's name and a message), and students will receive their books early next Term.

LAPATHON MONEY AND CARDS

Thank you to all those students who have returned their lapathon cards and money to the office. Students will receive their cards back this week and the raffle will be drawn this Friday at assembly. Students still have until Thursday afternoon to bring back their money and forms. All money will go to resources for students.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SUPERVISION

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

MERIT AWARDS

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

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| PP2 | Ben H, Zach L |
| Room 2 | James L |
| Room 3 | Jye A, Riva R |
| Room 7 | Danwoo M, Louis B |
| Room 12 | Lloyd K |
| Room 14 | Sam H |

P&C

Thank you to all members for attending the P&C meeting last night. The next P&C meeting will be the AGM held in Term 4. All Bicton families are encouraged to come and nominate for the committee. Being part of the committee is the best way to be part of the community.

CANTEEN – SPECIAL MENU CARNIVAL DAY

The canteen will be providing a special menu on carnival day. Students, parents and family members are invited to order a hamburger or sushi for lunch. These are pre orders placed in the box in the office by tomorrow Tuesday 12th September.

SCHOOL BANKING

Don't forget to visit the banking team each Wednesday morning in the undercover area from 8.30am.

LEARNING JOURNEY FEEDBACK

Child's Name: _____ Room: _____

Parent Name: _____

Email: _____

Feedback: _____

Signature: _____

Please place in the box marked "Learning Journey Feedback" in the front office by **Wednesday 20th September 2017**.