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CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

Tues 28 th Nov	Yr 4 Parent Meeting 6.30pm
Wed 29 th Nov	Early Close 2.30pm Yr 4 Constable Care Safety Excursion Open Canteen Meeting 5.45pm Room 5 School Board Open Meeting 6.30pm
Fri 1 st Dec	Music Assembly – Senior Choir & SIM Flute
Wed 6 th Dec	Junior Choir Excursion Year 5/6 Christmas Lunch
Thurs 7 th Dec	Yr 1 End of Year Excursion Yr 2 End of Year Excursion
Fri 8 th Dec	Yr 3 End of Year Excursion Junior Choir Assembly (Year 2 only) Picnic on the Green 4 – 7.30pm.
Mon 11 th Dec	Yr 4 End of Year Excursion
Wed 13 th Dec	Graduation Assembly 8.45am Graduation Dinner
Thurs 14 th Dec	LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS Yr 5/6 End of Year Excursion

Congratulations everyone, especially the many staff and parents who participated directly in the review. You all did an amazing job!

I'd like to particularly acknowledge and thank Ms Madden, Mr Franklin, Mrs Karklin and Megan for producing an extensive array of documents and files to support the review.

Terrific news! Bicton Primary School has been selected as one of 100 public primary schools to have existing classrooms converted to science laboratories. Schools were selected based on their plans to grow and improve science education at their schools.

Successful schools also receive a one-off grant of \$25 000 to purchase science resources.

Congratulations to our Science Team; Mrs Bonwick, Mrs Di Giorgio, Ms Newman and Mr Franklin as well as our parent supporters, Ms Truscott, Mrs Byrne and Mr Emeljanow for writing the successful application.

Look out for next week's newsletter. We will include tips for exploring STEM at home for parents of K-2 children.

Stephen Doherty
PRINCIPAL

OPEN SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

The final school board meeting for the year will be held Wednesday 29th November 6:30 pm and will conclude at 8:30pm in the conference room.

This is an open meeting and we invite parents to attend to see how the Board operates. Please see the agenda below.

For further information regarding the school board please see the school website. <https://bictonps.wa.edu.au/school-board/>
Nick Emeljanow (Board Chair)

Agenda 29/11/17

- School board overview and self-reflection
- IPS review findings
- Communications and media
- New business plan 2018-2020; targets and focus
- 2017 NAPLAN summary data
- P&C Report
- General Business

STAFFING 2018

Please find attached a 2018 staff list for Bicton Primary School. Next year Mrs Clare Pettigrew will be taking 12 months leave. We wish her all the very best for a safe and happy break and thank her for her support teaching role this year.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I have been asked to take up the position as Principal of Atwell Primary School for semester 1 2018. I have accepted the offer, which will provide me with further opportunity to develop and broaden my school leadership.

During my absence Mrs Kerry Woodhouse will be Principal. Mrs Woodhouse is currently Deputy Principal at Rivergums Primary School and is highly suited to the Principal position as Bicton PS.

I'd like to acknowledge and thank all our wonderful school staff, school community and of course, our students. I will miss you all while I am away.

All the best for semester 1 2018.

We have received our school review findings and a copy of this will be located on our school website as well as our Department of Education School Online site.

The review is a very good one. It is very positive and supportive of the direction of the school, effectiveness of school staff and the engagement of the school community.

'The Bicton Primary School community has embedded a safe, positive, inclusive and collaborative learning environment that supports its vision "to nurture, inspire and achieve success." Relationships between students, parents, community and staff are positive and supportive. A committed leadership team, informed phase of learning, student support and curriculum teams and enthusiastic staff have collaboratively established a positive learning environment with an emphasis on the development of staff capacity, a culture of high expectations and effective teaching.'

SWIMMING 2018 YEAR 3 - 6

Swimming forms for 2018 will be sent home today with our year 2 – 5 students. Please complete the forms and return to the classroom teacher by Friday 8th December. Payment is not required until Wednesday 31st January but parents are welcome to credit their child's account and the swimming cost will be automatically deducted in January. The estimated cost is \$53.00.

SCHOOL REPORTS

Teachers are currently writing reports and students will bring them home on Wednesday 13th December. Reports will not be available before this date. Please email Megan if you will not be here when reports go out and would like them emailed. If you require two copies, please email Megan to organise your request. Reports will not be available before this date.

CONTRIBUTIONS AND CHARGES

Please find attached a copy of the 2018 Contributions and Charges Schedule. Early in 2018, you will receive a statement for the school contribution and the voluntary approved request (as referred to in Items 1&4 of the 2018 School Contributions and Charges schedule). **We recommend you prepay your school contributions and charges upfront.** This will save you the time and worry of providing different amounts of money throughout the year. Any unused credit that has been rolled over from 2017 (as per the balance on your statement) may be applied to 2018 charges. If this applies to you, please adjust your payment amount accordingly.

STUDENTS LEAVING BICTON PS IN 2017 REFUNDS

If you have notified the office that your child is leaving us in 2016, you may be contacted by email regarding options for reimbursement of any unused credit balance you may have. Please respond promptly to ensure a smooth refund.

ROLLOVER OF UNUSED CREDIT

For students returning to Bicton PS in 2018, any unused credit balance that you may have will automatically roll over from 2017. If you prefer to receive a refund this year, please contact the office by no later than Wednesday 6th December 2017.

If you have any questions regarding this information or if you wish to check your child's account balance, please do not hesitate to contact Megan or Jody in the office for assistance.

BICTON CHRISTMAS POST BOX

The red post box has arrived and will be on the verandah from Friday. Students are invited to send Christmas cards to their friends throughout the school. Place your cards in the red post box before 1.00pm and they will be delivered daily to the classrooms until the end of term by our year 6 Christmas helpers. Please no candy canes or lollies in the envelopes, just cards.

CHAPLAINS CHAT

T.H.I.N.K. About Your Words

Words may be small things, but they can have an incredible power to hurt or to heal, to pull down or to lift up, to diminish or to encourage. An ancient writer compared the power of words to a small spark that can set a whole forest on fire.

When toddlers first foray into this world of speech, they move from sounds to words and later to sentences. As children grow older, it's important that they begin to move on to understanding that

their choice of words has an ethical aspect which impacts how others view them and how others feel about themselves. Even adults can sometimes benefit from a reminder about online communication in particular – there is a real person somewhere on the other end of the screen who is affected by what we write.

This simple acronym is a valuable way for kids (and adults!) to evaluate what they say to others, to help them make good choices. Is it:

True?
Helpful?
Inspiring?
Necessary?
Kind?

So let's encourage our kids to T.H.I.N.K. about their words, and let's also model this in the words we use, even when we are under the impression that little ears are not listening.

Bronwen Speedie

WA STATE REPRESENTATION

Congratulations to Declan Mould who has been chosen to represent WA in the 2017 Pacific School Games in swimming. This is a great honour and often represents a significant stepping stone in the ultimate achievement of national selection. We wish Declan well for next week's competition.

MERIT AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who were our Merit Award Winners for this term.

PP1	Hayden T, Lily A, Esteban F
PP2	Sophia G
Room 1	Billie M
Room 3	Tyler B, Pieter P
Room 7	Eden C, Holly M
Room 8	Archie R
Room 10	Kian N, Thomas M
Room 12	Elise P
Room 14	Eliot N, Leila S
Aussie of the Month:	Kade W

P&C NEWS

The P&C will be holding an end of year event for families to celebrate the year and get together before the holidays. There will be food trucks, music and lots of fun for all Bicton Primary School families Friday 8th December on the School Oval. 4 - 7.30pm. Both our junior and senior choir will be performing on the night.

CANTEEN MEETING FOR 2018

There will be an open canteen meeting on Wednesday, 29th November at 5.45pm in Room 5. We are looking for any interested parents to join the canteen committee next year. The canteen has been moving in a positive direction this term which is encouraging. For the canteen to be successful and continue in 2018 we need to put together a committee and start planning. We look forward to seeing you there.

BANKING

December 6th will be the last day of banking for the year. Do not forget to visit the banking team on Wednesday mornings in the undercover area to deposit your money. The team are there from 8.30am and do an amazing job.