



# Bicton Primary School

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## CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

Tues, 6 Feb	Swimming Year 3-6 P&C Welcome to Bicton Induction 6pm
Wed, 7 Feb	Early Close 2.30pm Swimming Year 3-6
Thurs, 8 Feb	Swimming Year 3-6
Fri, 9 Feb	Swimming Year 3-6 No Assembly
Mon, 12 Feb	Swimming Year 3-6 Parent Information Meeting
Tues, 13 Feb	Swimming Year 3-6 Parent Information Meeting Yr 6 Parent Graduation Meeting 6.00pm Yr 5/6 Parent Homework Cafe
Wed, 14 Feb	Early Close 2.30pm Swimming Year 3-6
Thurs, 15 Feb	Swimming Year 3-6 Parent Information Meeting
Fri, 16 Feb	Swimming Year 3-6 No Assembly

## PARENT INFORMATION SESSION

Parent information sessions start next week. These sessions are a good opportunity for parents to meet your child's teacher and receive specific information about class routines, homework, behaviour, learning programs and much more. We look forward to seeing as many parents as possible for the meeting.

DATE	TEACHER/S	ROOM	TIME
	Mrs Smeding	K1	TBA
13/2/18	Mrs Knowles, Mrs Robins	K2	5.00pm
13/2/18	Mrs Knowles, Mrs Robins	K3	5.30pm
13/2/18	Mrs Piper, Mrs Potts	PP1	5.30pm
13/2/18	Mrs Yorke, Mrs Ross	PP2	5.30pm
13/2/18	Miss Glassby, Mrs Howells	PP3	5.30pm
13/2/18	Mrs Ross	1	5.00pm
13/2/18	Mrs Loader	2	5.00pm
13/2/18	Mrs Simper	3	5.30pm
13/2/18	Miss Downey	4	5.30pm
15/2/18	Mrs Bonwick	8	5.30pm
15/2/18	Mrs Newman	9	5.30pm
12/2/18	Mr Herne	10	5.30pm
12/2/18	Miss Toms	11	5.30pm
12/2/18	Mrs Di Giorgio	12	6.00pm

Our year 5 students had their parent information session at the end of 2017. Individual meetings will be held this term for year 5&6 parents.

## YEAR 5/6 PARENT HOMEWORK CAFÉ

Next Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> February the year 5/6 parents are invited to a *Homework Café*. The teachers will facilitate a hands on homework class to inform parents of the year 5/6 home cycle. We look forward to seeing you there.

## STUDENT LEADERSHIP ROLES

Congratulations to the Year 6 students who were presented with their leadership badges at the assembly on Friday. The students did an amazing job running the assembly and completing all their roles during the first week. It was good to see the senior students take on the roles with great pride. Well done! We look forward to working with you all throughout the year.

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome back to the new school year. There is a lot to love about the beginning of the school year –new families, new teachers, new and renewed friendships, reconnection with existing families and let's not forget the hot weather that tests all our patience!

Bicton Primary School embraces diversity and supports the development of individual talents and interests in developing the whole child. Our exceptional staff proactively engage children in critical and creative thinking and respond to preferred learning styles as part of curriculum delivery. As a school community we celebrate uniqueness, and foster a healthy approach to learning that caters to your child's individual character.

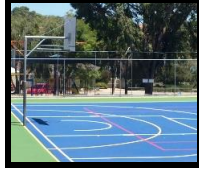
So far we have had a wonderful start to Term 1 2018. I have really enjoyed meeting students, staff and the community. Strong relationships are the key to a successful school and this is a big focus across Bicton at the beginning of the school year.

I would like to say a special welcome to our 12 Chinese students who have joined the Bicton community for Term 1. We are delighted to get to learn about another culture and have you in our school. I know you will have a fantastic term at school and with your host families too.

Mrs Kerryn Woodhouse  
**PRINCIPAL**

## AROUND THE GROUND

We had many labours on the holidays upgrading the school grounds. The shade structure over the playground on the oval was completed with a small limestone wall which gives it a great finished look. Our year 6 graduates from 2017 donated the picnic bench and setting which is placed in this area for students and families to enjoy. Our basketball courts look amazing. They have been resurfaced and painted. We have a very colourful rainbow serpent in the quadrangle and an Aboriginal six season's picture currently being painted near our nature playground. Thank you to last year's P&C and the Bicton community for making this all possible.



## WELCOME TO OUR OVERSEAS STUDENTS

Once again we have a great opportunity to host 12 Chinese students from Beijing. This is a great initiative that enables Bicton PS to build on Global Cultural Relationships and provides our students with an opportunity to engage with students from a foreign country. This has the capacity to strengthen their understandings of the world's cultural diversity. Yesterday the students went to swimming lessons with our year 5/6 classes. They look like they had a lot of fun. The students will be with us until the end of term in rooms 5, 6 and 7.

## REGULAR ATTENDANCE IS IMPORTANT

Bicton Primary School monitors and records student attendance daily and regularly reviews attendance data to determine whether a student's attendance is of concern. We also aim to monitor the reasons for student absence and to work with students, parents and teachers where necessary to improve the attendance of students who are at risk.

Regular attendance is critical for students to achieve optimal learning at school. Missing school adds up; for example, if your child misses an average of five days a term, they miss out on approximately one year of school by year 9.

Parents are required to email the principal advising of any planned vacations during the term.

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## HEALTH UPDATES & CONTACTS

Please advise the office of any changes regarding your child's medical requirements. It is important to keep all information up to date and to check the medication has not expired.

## BLANKET PERMISSION SLIP FOR EXCURSIONS 2018

Blanket Permission slips will be sent home with students this week. Please complete a separate form for each of your children and return to your classroom teacher by Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> February.

## P&C NEWS

Parents and the community are invited to attend a 'Welcome to Bicton Induction – New Parents' on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February from 6pm – 6:45pm. An additional session will be held on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February from 8:45am – 9:30am to ensure that all of our new families are supported. It would be wonderful to see as many of our new families as possible.

We would like to invite you to our first P&C meeting for 2018 on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2018 @ 6.30pm in the school Conference Room.

If you have any agenda items please forward them to Vice President Sarah Hopley: [Sarah.hopley@hotmail.com](mailto:Sarah.hopley@hotmail.com). We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> and meeting those of you who I have not already. Please also feel free to invite friends to the first P&C meeting that are keen to be involved.

## CANTEEN

We have had many parents contact the P&C concerned about the closure of the Canteen, but please be assured Principal Kerryn Woodhouse, Sue Pember and an active group of volunteers have been working on an outsourced solution that should be available from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February - so please stay tuned.

We also anticipate the opening of a Pop-up Canteen for cash sales manned by volunteers on Fridays recess and lunch to coordinate, produce & sell items like ice poles and healthy homemade treats eg fruit smoothies / soups etc. If you are interested in being involved as a volunteer in the Pop-Up Canteen please email Rochelle the P&C Volunteer Coordinator on [rochelle.mclellan@me.com](mailto:rochelle.mclellan@me.com).

## SCHOOL BANKING

School Banking day is every Wednesday at the canteen from 8.20am. Our school receives \$5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of \$10 per individual deposit).

Saving regularly is an important habit to get into, whether you're saving a little or a lot. Keep up the great work. School Banking day is every Wednesday at the canteen.

Thanks to the banking team for once again providing a great community service.

## ITALIAN CLASSES START WEDNESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> FEB

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 scholastic year. In 2018 there will be a charge of \$25.00 per student per 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 commence on **Wednesday, 14 February** from 2.30pm to 4.00pm and will run for the duration of the scholastic year.