



Bicton Primary School

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CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

Wed, 7 March	Early Close 2.30pm Year 5/6 Yirra Yakkin Workshop
Fri, 9 March	Councillor Assembly

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We were extremely lucky and privileged to have Neville Collard's Nyungar Know How Activity Days and our incredible NAIDOC opening smoking ceremony last week. We have also planted our 'Balga trees' which form part of our native garden with more exciting native plants to come. At Bicton Primary School we pride ourselves on ensuring our students are developing their knowledge of Aboriginal culture and understanding of the deep connection the Aboriginal people have to the land in Bicton and the surrounding areas.

The archaeological history of the First Australians is a truly remarkable story. At a time when Europe was still the domain of very primitive evolution, the earliest Aboriginal societies were establishing complex religions, burying their dead with elaborate rituals, engaging in long-distance trade, making jewellery, and producing magnificent works of art. Over the ensuing millennia these societies witnessed huge changes, including the mass extinction of the megafauna and the intense desertification of Australia during the last great Ice Age. They changed and adapted and rose to these significant challenges. They made social and economic choices, developed sustainable ways of living, undertook significant engineering feats and created one of the most unique 'civilisations' in the world.

I think it safe to say that our Western Australian Curriculum and Aboriginal Cultural Standards Framework are helping us to ensure that the future generation leave primary school now with a deep understanding of Aboriginal culture. We as a school are looking forward to working closely with the community to further embed this learning and give our students the best experiences possible.

Mrs Kerryn Woodhouse
PRINCIPAL



YEAR 4 – 6 FACTION SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Friday 16th March is our annual Faction Carnival Day at Melville Leisure Centre from 12.00pm – 3.00pm. This is always a great event with all students from Year 4 – 6 participating in at least two events each. These events may include a swimming race and a novelty event, two novelty events or for those competitive students 50m swimming races. Students were trialled at swimming lessons to ensure they are placed in events with other like students. Our interschool swimming carnival swimmers are selected from the first two place getters in division one events. Parent volunteers are always appreciated at school events. If you are able to help please email the office.

CULTURE 2.0 WORKSHOPS

Our year 5/6 students will be working with the Yirra Yakin Theatre Company for the next three weeks on respecting culture. In a collaborative framework, students will explore and develop performance outcomes from ideas initiated by cultural discussions. The workshops are based on the understanding that we can all learn from each other and together we can create a more tolerant and supportive community. All activities are designed to provide respect, trust, positive cooperation, collaborations, teamwork and harmonious interaction with the environment and other people.

ANZAC DAY DAWN SERVICE – Friday 13th April

We are excited to bring to you the Bicton Primary School Dawn Service. Each year we pay tribute and honours past and current members of our Australian Defence Forces. This year we would like to invite Bicton families and community members to attend our Dawn Service. Students may wear their family member's medals. They are also invited to wear their cubs, scouts or guides uniforms. Families and community members are invited to stay for a breakfast which is being sponsored and organised by our P&C.

Our ANZAC Service this year will be held at 7.15am on Friday, 13th April in our quadrangle area. Please see the table below for time changes.

7.15am	School Siren
7.30am	Assemble for Ceremony
7.45am	Ceremony Begins
8.15am	Ceremony Concludes
8.45am	ANZAC DAY Breakfast
9.45am – 10.05am	Recess
12.30pm – 1.05pm	Lunch
1.30pm	School Finishes

As our kindy students do not attend our ANZAC Day assemblies their start time will be as normal (8.45am) but will finish at 1.30pm with the main school. If parents of our Kindy students wish to attend the service with their child they are more than welcome to do so.

We thank you in advance for your support and believe this will be a well-respected community event that will continue the positive relationship between Bicton Primary School and the Bicton Palmyra RSL.

EDU-DANCE TERM 2

All Kindy to Year 5 students will participate in Edu-dance classes during Term 2. Classes are taught weekly by a dance instructor and at the end of term there is a concert. Students will display their dance in front of the other classes, parents and family members. The cost per student is \$28.00 for a whole term of classes. The children will benefit greatly from the lessons. Payment must be made by Friday 13th April to ensure student participation. If your child has credi tin their account this amount will be deducted.

P&C

Please find attached the latest P&C minutes.

SCHOOL DISCO

Please find attached the school disco forms. The kindy – year 2 session is 4.00-5.30pm and our year 4 – 6 session is 6.00-8.00pm. We have always had great positive feedback from previous disco and these plans to be another one. The theme is anything goes, so it's free dress.

UNIFORM SHOP

The uniform shop will next be open next Wednesday 14th March from 2.15 – 3.00pm. Parents are welcome to order online. Please log onto www.quickcliq.com.au.

BFG CAMPOUT

The Bicton Primary School Campout is back. This is an event for Bicton Dads (or Father figures) and any student enrolled at Bicton Primary School. It is on Friday 6 April 2018 from 5:00pm until the next morning. BYO tent and dinner. Breakfast will be provided. The cost of this event is \$20 per adult and \$10 per student. Thanks to Bicton Fathering Group for putting this together. To register please log on to:

<https://www.trybooking.com/361554>

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SUPERVISION

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



AFTERSCHOOL ITALIAN LESSONS

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 school year. In 2018 there will be a charge of \$25.00/student/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 are in the Science Room from 2.30pm to 4.00pm and will run for the duration of the school year.