



Bicton Primary School

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CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

Wed, 19 th Sept	Early Close
Fri 21 st Sept	PP3 Assembly Last Day of Term
Tues, 10 th Oct	Student Commence Term 4

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Carers and Community,
I can't believe it is the last week of Term 3! What a term it has been and I have loved every moment. This term has really focused on our community events and engagement. From our Faction carnivals to our Learning Journey and Science evening we have just had such fabulous support from everyone and it is very much appreciated. Our school really is special and the 'hub' of our community.

On Friday a letter was sent to our community announcing that Mr Stephen Doherty would not be returning to Bicton as he has secured a permanent position at Atwell Primary School where he has been during 2018. I would like to wish Steve all the best at his new school and I know he will be missed at Bicton. Mr Doherty will be attending our first assembly in Term 4, Friday 12th of October, to say farewell to the community.

On Friday we also had our two discos taking place for our K-2 students and our 3-6 students. It was great to see so many students there supporting the fundraising efforts of our Year 6 parents for Graduation. I enjoyed doing the Chicken Dance, Conga Lines and many other dance moves with the students (They can certainly dance much better than I can and I suspect some parents have video footage and some pictures from the night to prove that). The students really enjoyed the night and it was lovely to see so many of them smiling, dancing, laughing and chatting to their friends. These extra opportunities the students get really build on our culture and are incredibly important for social and emotional development, resilience and developing sustained friendships. I would like to say a huge thank you to the parents who spend countless hours organising, resourcing, cooking and supporting on the night. We are lucky to have you in our community.

This is Mr Franklin's last week at Bicton Primary School and we wish him all the best in his new role at Parkwood PS. Mr Franklin has been instrumental in supporting the adoption of Western Australian Technologies Curriculum, ICT integration and support, whole school data tracking and many more initiatives and programs that focused on building teacher and student knowledge and capacity. Good luck in your future aspirations Mr Franklin.

We are also saying goodbye to Mrs Lorraine MacDonald for the rest of 2018 and all through 2019. Mrs MacDonald will be taking leave and will be very missed within the school. Mrs MacDonald has been instrumental in supporting the early childhood learning program in K1 as well as in her many roles at Bicton. We wish her all the best for her time on leave.

Thursday was an amazing day which is a credit to school staff, students and families. Like you, our staff enjoy watching all students trying their best whether in team games or individual events. We all enjoy the sportsmanship displayed by Bicton students. Thank you to all families for making this a fantastic day. Congratulations, well done and thank you to all Bicton staff for making the day so successful and ensuring every student was part of it. Well done to Gold our overall faction winners. All individual winners are to be congratulated and we know you will do well when representing Bicton in the MDISSA Athletics Carnival next term. Thank you to Ms Madden for organising the carnival.

Congratulations to our year 6 boys Optiminds team who came second in the state finals on Saturday. We are extremely proud of them and they certainly made us proud. It was a long day for Ben, Seth, Tirik, Jake, Jack and Declan who were at Curtin University from 7.45am – 5.30pm. Their performance was outstanding. Thank you to Ms Madden for all her hard work and time she has put into the Optiminds program.



I would like to wish everyone a fantastic holiday. I hope you are able to spend some quality family and friends time over the break. With the warmer Spring weather coming I know many of you will be attending the Perth Royal Show and taking advantage of the sunshine. I look forward to working with the staff, students and community next term.

Finally, thanks to our deputies, teachers, education assistants, office, cleaning and garden staff for your great work over the semester.

Mrs Kerry Woodhouse
PRINCIPAL

A BUSY TERM

This term has been loaded full of successes and highlights. It is quite amazing, when you put together a list like this, to be reminded about all the planning and extra work over and above by so many staff, students and parents. Well done everyone! This is an example of what we achieved:

- A series of very entertaining Friday morning assemblies from our term 3 classes
- Over 100 students recognised with merit certificates
- Science Evening, projects and guest speakers
- Tim Winton Competition – Honourable mention
- Optiminds State finals
- Inter school cross country shield
- Lapathon Fun Run with over \$ 6900 raised for student resources
- Successful excursions and incursions – Kings Park, Book Week Performances, Library visits, Perth Zoo
- P&C activities - fathers' day stall, 80's night, school banking, school lunches
- Great fun at the school disco
- Gold wins another successful faction carnival. Look out! Our interschool team will do well!
- Learning journey, another great success
- Maths Competition, many students recognised for great work
- Free dress days for charitable organisations
- Purchasing and implementing Waste Wise gardens and products, Waste free Wednesdays
- PEAC Testing

NAPLAN

Year 3 & 5 students will be sent home with their NAPLAN results report this Friday.

STUDENTS NOT RETURNING 2019

Please assist the school with planning for 2019 by advising us if your child/children will not be returning to Bicton PS next year. Please email megan.morley@education.wa.edu.au

BICTON P&C LUNCH ORDERS UPDATE

Bicton P&C is currently exploring options for a new lunch ordering service and we want your feedback on current arrangements and options for a new service.

We would appreciate if you can take just a few minutes to complete the online survey so that we can ensure we move forward with an option that is useful for everyone. Follow the link below to Complete: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6TKPXX3>

All individual responses will remain confidential.

BFG DINNER

The Bicton Fathering Group is having a dinner event at the Leopold Hotel on Thursday 11th October from 6pm. The event is free entry, with dinner to be purchased at the venue. Tickets are limited. To book please click: <https://www.trybooking.com/427710>.

SCHOOL SECURITY

We would appreciate if you are around to keep an eye out for any inappropriate behavior during the holidays. Please contact School Watch on 1800 177 777 if you see (or hear) anything suspicious.

BANKING

It is easy to get your child started with school banking. Parents are now able to open a school banking account and provide ID online. www.commbank.com.au/schoolbanking and click on the link to open the Youthsaver account. The banking team is available in the undercover area on Wednesday mornings.

OSHClub

If you're looking for something fun for your child to do these school holidays, OSHClub's Vacation Care programs are just the ticket! Jam packed with a wide variety of engaging activities, from art, craft and cooking, to sport, dance and drama, our programs are structured to include activities children choose to do...helping to build their independence and enhance their life skills. Children can also enjoy all kinds of fascinating incursions and supervised excursions to an array of exciting destinations.

Excursions

At Bicton you can be sure your child will love all our carefully planned and fully supervised excursions. The OSHClub list of 'holiday must-do' trips these holidays are to Bounce and Scitech which will have your child smiling from ear to ear!

Incursions

As part of the OSHClub Vacation Care program, children will also have the chance to enjoy lots of fun incursions at local OSHClub services. We've teamed-up with some of Australia's most popular activity providers, including Build-A-Bear (custom make your own crazy teddy bear), ProActivity (for lots of energetic sports action), PartyHigher (silent disco), Toonworld (create your own cartoon or stop-motion animation) and EG Incursions (cultural and dance orkshops). To find out more about the fun activities planned for the upcoming holidays, dates, fees, times and locations please go to our website or visit our service.



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.