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CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

Wed 6 th March	Early Close 2.30pm Italian Classes 2.30pm – 4.00pm No afternoon PLD classes
Thurs 7 th March	School Board Meeting
Fri 8 th March	Councillor Assembly P&C Welcome to Bicton Night
Mon 11 th March	Yr 2 Kalamunda Village Excursion
Wed 13 th March	Early Close 2.30pm Italian Classes 2.30pm – 4.00pm Uniform Shop Open 2.15pm – 3.00pm
Fri 15 th March	Room 9 Assembly Yr 4-6 Swimming Carnival 12.00-3.00pm No Bullying Day

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Carers and Community,

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. The students will be with us until the end of term in rooms 5 and 6.

Thanks to all parents who attended the parent information sessions conducted by classroom teachers. It was great to have so many parents attend the meetings and meet our teachers. If you have concerns or would like to discuss your child's progress, please contact your class teacher any time during the year. Bicton teachers are always available, by appointment, to meet with you.

The relationship between the home and the school plays a very important part in your child's education.

We cannot overestimate the critical role parents play in successful learning. Parents contribute much to their child's development and are among the most important influences on the way in which the child approaches learning.

Teachers are responsible for the more formal aspects of children's learning, and successful teaching builds on the home experiences of the child. This is most effective where there is an active partnership with parents.

Two-way communication is a critical factor in the partnership between parents and the school. Where a partnership exists, it is easier for parents to feel confident about the teaching and learning taking place in the classroom and to solve problems.

Seeking information as early as possible can solve many problems. If you have any questions or concerns about your child's progress, the homework set or the assessment procedures, contact the class teacher. The best way to do this is to contact the staff member or the school to arrange a mutually convenient time for a telephone conversation or meeting.

Try to identify the problem clearly before going to the school. If there is more than one problem, list them to ensure that the extent of the problem is clear to the school.

Make an appointment to talk with the teacher/staff member. This can be arranged directly with the staff member or through the school office. If your concern is about the conduct of a staff member, you may prefer to discuss the matter with a school administrator.

The Bicton Primary School Parent Code of Conduct has been sent out today to all parents and carers in our school community via Connect and in hard copy through students. Please make sure you are aware of what it contains.

Mrs Kerry Woodhouse

PRINCIPAL

YEAR 4 – 6 FACTION SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Friday 15th March is our annual Faction Carnival Day. 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.

CONNECT

Connect will be used as the main source of communication from the school and teachers. We encourage parents to download the app on a mobile device. This saves many issues of logging in and password issues. If you do get logged out please email Megan for a new log in to be sent.

STAFF CAR PARK

We still have some parents parking in the staff car park and/or using it to drop off and pick up children. This poses a significant hazard to children's safety. Last week we had an incident of a student nearly being run over. Please take note of the signage in front of the car park and be reminded that:

PARENTS CANNOT PARK IN THE STAFF CAR PARK UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.

EARLY ARRIVAL TO SCHOOL

Students are encouraged not to arrive at school before 8.30am. If a child is at school before 8.30am they will need to sit on the verandah outside the office until they are dismissed by a staff member.

NAPLAN WEEK FOR YEARS 3 & 5

This year our students will be completing NAPLAN online. NAPLAN is Week 3 & 4 Term 2 Tuesday 14th May, to Friday 24th May. Parents have been sent home a NAPLAN information brochure. If you have any questions please check with the classroom teacher or contact the office.

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. Action plans need to be renewed every 12 months.

UNIFORM SHOP

The uniform shop will be open next Wednesday 13th March 2.15 – 3.00pm. Our online ordering system is a fantastic system that is fast and easy, and accepts direct transfers or credit card payments. Swimming faction caps will be for sale at the uniform shop for \$5.00.

BANKING

Do not forget our banking team is available every Wednesday morning from 8.15am in the undercover area to take student deposits and facilitate new accounts.



TALIAN CLASSES

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 2019 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, 20 February** from 2.30pm to 4.00pm and will run for the duration of the scholastic year. Classes will be held in the Science Room.

P&C NEWS

Welcome Event:

The P&C is excited to host the Welcome to 2019 fundraising event this Friday 8 March from 4.30pm on the school oval. Tickets are \$10 per school age child and are available by payment in the box in the front office or via EFT. See the attached flyer for more details! We appreciate the Bicton PS community support of this event as all funds raised go toward the P&C fundraising target in 2019. Preorder your tickets by 9.00am Friday.

Class Reps

A huge thank you to those parents who have volunteered as a Class Representative this year. The P&C President and Volunteer Coordinator will be hosting inductions for class reps tonight and tomorrow. Your class reps are a valuable part of the school community and help to engage everyone in what is happening in the classroom as well as around the school more broadly. If you haven't already, we encourage you to get in touch with your class rep and make sure they have your contact details so you get info about social events, volunteering, and other class relevant info.

Lunch Orders

Lunch orders available this Friday, order a lunch box that will be delivered by Blossoms Catering at recess and provide your child with recess, crunch n sip and lunch all in one! www.schoollunchonline.com.au

Uniform shop:

Need any new uniform items? Come along to the Bicton PS uniform shop on Wednesday 13 March or 3 April from 2.15-3pm and have a look at the new and second hand stock available. You can also order online via quickcliq.com.au or contact the uniform shop, uniformshop@bictonpandc.org.au for more information. We also welcome donations of second hand uniforms with funds raised going back to the school.

Next meeting:

The next P&C meeting is in Week 7 - Tuesday 19 March from 7pm in the school boardroom. All welcome!

Gemma Osiejak
Bicton PS P&C President