



Bicton Primary School

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CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

Wed 20 th March	Early Close 2.30pm Italian Classes 2.30pm – 4.00pm
Thurs 21 st March	Harmony Day
Fri 22 nd March	Councillor Assembly
Wed 27 th March	Early Close 2.30pm Italian Classes 2.30pm – 4.00pm Uniform Shop Open 2.15pm – 3.00pm
Fri 29 th March	Room 12 Assembly

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Carers and Community,

Congratulations and thank you to everyone for supporting our National Day of Action Against Violence day. The whole school looked fantastic in their shirts with messages and pictures. Our Kindy students had some very colourful rainbows while our year 6 students worked with our Chinese students to write their messages in Chinese. We are very lucky at Bicton to have a supportive community.

Well done to everyone involved in Friday's Faction Swimming Carnival. It was a great afternoon with fantastic sportsmanship. Congratulations to everyone who competed. Our interschool team will come from those students who got first or second in the division one races. Good job to all our champions and runners up for their great swimming skills. We certainly have an interschool team full of amazing swimmers. We wish them luck for the MDISSA carnival.

It is a time to celebrate Australian multiculturalism, and the successful integration of different cultures into our community. Australia is one of the most successful multicultural countries in the world and we should celebrate this and work to maintain it. Harmony Week is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background, united by a set of core Australian values. This year's theme and focus is *Everyone Belongs*.

This week we celebrate Harmony Week recognizing diversity and inclusion. Thursday 21 March, is the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination and at Bicton PS we will embrace this and celebrate. Our Chinese students are running a day of activities to share their culture with us. We will start with an opening item performed by the students with a

screen show of their school life. After this the students will come out to the oval and undercover area and participate in various activities facilitated by the Chinese students. We look forward to a great day full of new experiences and appreciation.

After a successful ANZAC early morning service last year we will continue our new tradition this year. School will start early with our service followed by the morning breakfast for the students and community. School will finish early at 1.30pm. OSHClub will provide afterschool care from 1.30pm should parents wish to book their child into the service. We encourage all community members to come and join our service which is supported by the Bicton Palmyra RSL.

Over the weekend we had lots of vandalism at the school. We are very lucky to have an open school for the community to use on the weekends and after school but unfortunately with that sometimes comes unwanted behaviours. School watch has been contacted to do more checks and walk arounds to have a greater presence. If you do see any inappropriate behaviours could you please ring school watch and ask them to come out and take a look around. This is an anonymous call which will help to move on unwanted behaviours. Please call School Watch on 1800 177 777. We are also working closely with Palmyra Police Station who are assisting us to monitor the school site. If you are onsite and find any illegal substances, damage or unwanted behaviours you can call 131444. We also ask you take a photograph and send it to Megan via email if you see any damage or drug paraphernalia.

Parents and students are reminded to lock up their bikes and scooters when they are in the bike rack. Unfortunately we have had bikes and scooters go missing during the day even with the bike racks locked. It is the responsibility of the student or parent to ensure their bike or scooter is safe.

We currently have our Book Fair running in the conference room. Come in and have a look. Thank you to our volunteers Tarsh Mews and Camilla Riley for organizing the event. It is a great worthwhile service which I know the students enjoy. All the profits are used by to purchase new books for the school library. Come in and have a look today or tomorrow at the display of books. It is open at recess and lunch as well as after school until 3.30pm.

Mrs Kerry Woodhouse
PRINCIPAL

CONNECT

Thank you to our parents for ensuring they are being kept up to date about the school and classes by using 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.

BICTON PRIMARY SCHOOL EXPERIENCE HALFTIME WITH HAWAIIAN

On Friday 15 February Clint Steindl suited up for game number fifty for the Perth Wildcats when they played the Adelaide 36ers at RAC Arena and won 93 -85. Securing a home court advantage for the first round of the NBL finals.

Helping lead the Wildcats to victory this game was Bicton Primary School that participated in the Halftime with Hawaiian segment.

Bicton Primary is a dynamic learning community working collaboratively to assist children to realise their potential and to develop creative, positive and independent people.

The school aims for personal excellence based on recognition of individual differences, supported by a positive learning environment of developmentally appropriate instruction.

Innovation and new thinking is encouraged, and introduced, to contribute to students' academic, social and emotional well-being.



For some great action shots please click on the link.

<https://www.hawaiian.com.au/about-us/news/current/751>

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

Your P&C met last night to discuss a range of agenda items including fundraising initiatives; sponsorship opportunities; school and community engagement; lunch service and more. We are keen to ensure that we are representing parent and student interests and welcome parents and carers along to these meetings, held in Week 3 and 7 of each term. Minutes from the meeting will be available soon.

Welcome Event

A huge thank you to all those from the school community who attended our Welcome to 2019 event on Friday 8 March. This was a fantastic way for us to get together, get to know others around the school and raise money. We are pleased to advise that we have now raised enough money to pay in full for the Athletics subscription for all students at Bicton for this year. A special thank you to our fundraising subcommittee members and all volunteers for helping to make it such a successful event. We would also like to acknowledge 'Lawrence Business Management' and 'Regency Food Services' for their extremely generous donations toward the event, we appreciate their contribution greatly to supporting our school.

Fundraising - what's next?

Now that we have already fulfilled our commitment to Athletics for the year, on the agenda is funding toward an extension to the shade area alongside the assembly area. In the longer term we are also looking to fund raise with the school for an electronic sign to communicate a range of school related messages to the broader community. This item will be co funded by the school and the P&C over the next 2 years. We are open to other suggestions for fundraising items throughout the year, so ideas are welcomed for consideration. Contact president@bictonpandc.org.au. More details around fundraising items and how funds will be allocated will be available in the P&C Meeting minutes.

Raffle

Look out at the end of this week for details about the ever popular P&C Easter Raffle! Great prizes, tickets and info sent home with students later in the week. Will be drawn following the Anzac Service formalities on 12 April.

Entertainment Books

Entertainment Books for 2019/20 are now available for purchase. If you use the following link, your purchase will benefit the P&C fundraising efforts. Please log into https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbook/s/84983a?fbclid=IwAR27OcxxVjgJtS4howfX_eXwqB2ibMIT6vGgqMBk0VAE6XMrr0DyujgbkzY

Lunch orders

Lunch orders available this Friday, order a lunch box that will be delivered by Blossums 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 3 April from 2.15- 3pm and have a look at the new and second hand stock available. Size 2 shorts are now available! You can also order online via quickcliq.com.au or email uniformshop@bictonpandc.org.au for more information. We also welcome donations of second hand uniforms with funds raised going back to the school.

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.