



Berserker Street State School

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NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM (NAPLAN)

Tomorrow is a very big day for all of our students in Years 3, 5 and 7. They will commence the 2014 NAPLAN tests with the "Language Conventions" and "Writing" tests.

To give each child the best chance of doing well, it is important that they are well rested and relaxed. Our top three tips are:

1. **Have a good night's sleep**
2. **Eat a good breakfast**
3. **BE ON TIME TO SCHOOL**

Our P&C will be providing a simple breakfast for students in years 3, 5 & 7 on the Tuesday and Thursday. Rotary will be providing breakfast on Wednesday. Thank you to the P&C and Rotary for donating breakfast. This will make sure their brains have plenty of fuel!

ALL PARENTS ARE ASKED TO ENSURE THEIR CHILDREN ARE ON TIME TO SCHOOL ESPECIALLY WHILE NAPLAN IS ON.

Students in NAPLAN classes who arrive late will complete their tests in the office so that tests are not disrupted.

Please see the timetable below regarding testing dates and test focus during each of the sessions.

	Tuesday 13 May	Wednesday 14 May	Thursday 15 May
Y r 3	Language Conventions 40 minutes Writing 40 minutes	Reading 45 minutes	Numeracy 45 minutes

Y r 5	Language Conventions 40 minutes Writing 40 minutes	Reading 50 minutes	Numeracy 50 minutes
Y r 7	Language Conventions 45 minutes Writing 40 minutes	Reading 65 minutes	Numeracy 2x 40 minutes sessions

Year Seven Numeracy- Calculator test to be scheduled first, followed by a non calculator test.

TWILIGHT CONCERT

Don't miss our annual Twilight Concert on **Thursday 29th May at 6pm** in the Stadium. We have performances from all year levels, marimba band, instrumental groups and the world famous staff item. All students are invited to participate. In particular all Year 6 and 7 students should attend as this is their last concert before moving on to High School.

Concert starts at 6pm! It is essential that the students arrive by 6pm to ensure that they are ready to perform.



P&C will be selling hot dogs, sausages and drinks. These will be available to purchase from the canteen.

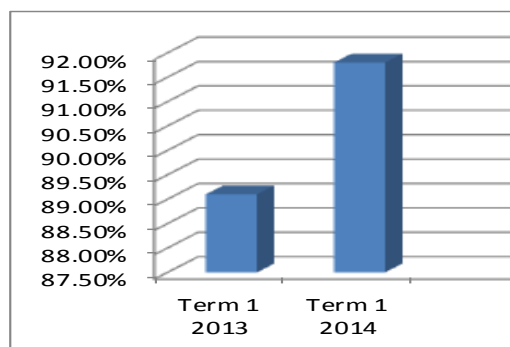
P&C MEETING

Our P&C meet on the third Wednesday of every month in the staffroom located in the Admin Block. Our next monthly meeting is the 21st May at 6:30pm. So come along as it is a great way to see how our P&C operates.

OUR ATTENDANCE IS IMPROVING!

A review of our attendance records for Term 1 shows that our students' attendance has improved when compared to Term 1 last year. In 2013 our attendance rate in the first term was 89.1%, this year it has risen to 91.8% for the same period.

That is an amazing improvement. Let's keep it going!



Missing just one day of school a week may not seem like much, but this adds up to 2.6 school years. In other words if your child misses a day of school every week, it is the same as leaving school early in Year 10.

Children who are just half an hour late each day, miss more than a whole year of school throughout their education. Children who are late also interrupt the schooling of their classmates and the flow of lessons.

We appreciate the efforts of parents to support the school in ensuring your children are on time and ready for learning every day.

KITCHEN GARDEN NEWS

The kitchen garden is starting to produce some healthy harvests for the students. This year we have already had a crop of carrots, lettuce and continual rosellas and peanuts. Also the corn is growing nicely as is the passionfruit and bananas. We would love some parent help on a Tuesday afternoon to assist and share their

expertise with the students. To date the year 7's and 3L have been working in the garden. Both year 1 classes are growing beans in the class to transplant into their plots.

The Stephanie Alexander Kitchen garden project is a community event not just a school activity. Whilst it teaches the students about healthy living and eating it is also designed for parents to participate in it. I would love for some interested parents to come along and enjoy the gardens. We will be cooking again once a fortnight on a Tuesday to show students how healthy and tasty fresh grown vegetables can be.



WINTER UNIFORM

Now that the weather is starting to get cooler we need families to be thinking about winter uniforms.

Our tuckshop sells school zip-up fleecy jackets which looks great with our uniform for \$25. We ask that these are clearly labelled and we have plenty in stock so please see the tuckshop.

Alternatively you can purchase a plain bottle green jumper from a department store such as Big W, K Mart, Best & Less, and Target etc. and are generally very warm and cheap.

The weather can change very rapidly so we strongly recommend arranging a jumper now for when it is cold.



VIRTUES

These are the virtues that students will be learning about this fortnight. Please take the time to talk to your children about these.

Week 3: Integrity

Integrity is standing up for what you believe is right and involves being honest and sincere with others and yourself. When you practice integrity you think about the virtues that are important to you and do your best to live by them. When you make a mistake you try to fix it. You do the right thing even when no one is watching. You don't follow the crowd, you think for yourself and do the right thing at all times, even when no one is watching.

Week 4: Service

Service involves helping others and looking for ways to do this instead of waiting to be asked. When you want to be of service, look around and see what help people need and then look for ways that you can help them. There are lots of wonderful things that we can do to help make a difference to others.

SCHOOL RULE FOCUS:

If an adult tells you to do something, you do it.

At our school all students are expected to follow the directions of adult staff members in the school. Children are reminded of this rule on a regular basis. Please take the time to discuss and reinforce this rule with your child/ren this week. This rule helps our students to be safe and ensures that our school and our classrooms can operate effectively and productively resulting in better outcomes for all.

TALLEBUDGERA BEACH CAMP YEAR 6&7

The next instalment for the Tallebudgera Camp is due Friday 30th May. Payments can be made by cash or EFTPOS.

	<u>Second</u>	<u>Camp</u>	<u>Payment</u>
May 30	\$150.00		

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE AT BERSERKER



Berserker Street State School offers before and after school care here at Berserker. This is run by PCYC in the Hall located near the Berserker Street Entrance of the school. Times are 6:30am till school starts and 2:45pm till 6pm. For more information please contact Toni on 0418116481. PCYC coordinate this wonderful service and now also provide before school care for other schools and will do drop offs to these schools as well.

TUCKSHOP

Tuckshop Roster: Tuesday - Friday (8.30 to approx 12 -12.30.pm)

Tuesday	13/05/14	Karla Dixon & Caroline Osborne
Wednesday	14/05/14	Kamaljeet Kous
Thursday	15/05/14	Tameeka Kanak & Melanie Roberts
Friday	16/05/14	Jessica Warren & Melanie Roberts
Tuesday	20/05/14	Karla Dixon & Caroline Osborne
Wednesday	21/05/14	Kamaljeet Kous & Kristie Frankish
Thursday	22/05/14	Tameeka Kanak & Melanie Roberts
Friday	23/05/14	Jessica Warren & Melanie Roberts

Tuckshop Brekky Roster: Tuesday - Friday (8 – 9 am)

Tuesday	13/05/14	Carolyn Osborne
Thursday	15/05/14	Karen Allen
Tuesday	20/05/14	Carolyn Osborne
Friday	22/05/14	Karen Allen

If you are unavailable to work on your rostered day please contact Cherie on 0407 375 015 or contact the tuckshop.

New "Volunteers" are always welcome, drop in for a chat.

Reminder:

Tuckshop opens at 8am Tuesday to Friday for uniform or tuckshop bag purchases and orders. Orders must be written on a paper bag which can be provided from

home or purchased for 10c. Orders are to be in by 9am otherwise the tuckshop is only able to offer jam or vegemite sandwiches. Students can only purchase at 1st break.

Football socks \$10 a pair these should be back in stock from next Friday 16th May.

At present the tuckshop is exploring new ideas to build upon in the future. At present they are creating a new menu. A subcommittee has been formed consisting of 3 members, 2 members of the P&C (Cassandra Boyle and Kylie Shelton) and the Tuckshop Convenor Cherie Fraser.

THANK YOU! to the students, families and teachers for supporting our Berserker Street School Tuckshop.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2014

13-15 May	NAPLAN Days
18-24 May	Education Week
29 May	Twilight Concert 6pm
30 May	2nd Camp payment \$150
6 June	Show Holiday
9 June	Queen's Birthday Holiday
17 June	Sports Day
28 June-13 July	Winter Vacation
18 July	Final Camp Payment \$150
21-22 July	District Sports
24 July	School Performance 'Thoughts have Feelings too'
6 August	Mobile Education Trailer visit
18 September	School Performance 'Crossing Bridges'
20 September-5 October	Spring Vacation
6 October	Labour Day
20 October	Pupil Free Day
12 December	School Finishes

COMMUNITY NOTICES

C&K OPEN DAY SATURDAY 24TH MAY from 10-12

C&K Berserker Community Kindergarten,
111 Bawden Street, North Rockhampton.
Phone: 49269342

Open Day Special Offer! No enrolment fee for 2014 start*

*This offer is available for eligible aged children who join the waiting list at a participating C&K service on 24 May 2014 and start at the service in 2014. Please note that C&K cannot guarantee places for applicants. Families can find out which services have 2014 vacancies by



contacting the services directly. Some C&K affiliate services do not charge enrolment fees at any time. Further conditions apply. For all services participating in 2014 C&K Open Day, those participating in the enrolment offer, and full terms and conditions go to www.candk.asn.au/openday

LIBRARY & INFORMATION WEEK 19-25 MAY

21ST MAY

Lively Babies 10am-10.30am at the North Rockhampton Library

Lively Knitting and Crochet Book Club 10am-10.30am at the Rockhampton Regional Library

National Simultaneous Storytime – Too Many Elephants in the House 10.30am Craft Activity - Elephant Masks, 11am Storytime followed by dramatisation of the book at the Mount Morgan, North Rockhampton and Rockhampton Regional Libraries.

Trivia Net and Biggest Morning Tea 1.30pm-3.30pm at the Library Technology Centre

23RD MAY

Romp in the Park Under 8's week Rockhampton Regional Libraries will be taking part in the Romp in the Park at the Botanic Gardens.

24TH MAY

Lively Conversational Corner 10am-11am Celebrate the end of Library and Information Week with a special 'book' birthday cake on the Verandah Rockhampton Regional Library.

1-2-3 MAGIC AND EMOTION COACHING

Three 2 Hrs Sessions

A program for parents and carers to help manage difficult behaviour in children 2—12 years old
Topics covered include:

- How to discipline without arguing, yelling or smacking
- How to sort behaviour
- How to handle challenging and testing behaviours
- Choosing your strategy, the "three choices"
- Using emotion coaching to encourage good behaviour

Where: Rockhampton

When: Tuesday 20 May 9.30am-12.00

Tuesday 27 May 9.30am-12.00

Tuesday 3rd June 9.30am-12.00

Venue: Centacare, Rockhampton, 10 Bolsolver Street, Rockhampton, Q, 4700.

RSVP: 13 May 2014

Cost of Book: \$20

Please note no one is refused a service based on inability to pay. To register for any of the above programs **complete registration form and email to registrations@centacare.net** or Phone 1300 523 985

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