



Berserker Street State School Newsletter 4th August 2014

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SCHOOL WEBSITE & QSCHOOLS APP

As mentioned in our previous school newsletter, our new school website went live at the end of June. Our new website feeds into a fantastic new application called **QSchools**. This application can be downloaded for free on all smartphones and android phones and allows you to access school specific information quickly and easily. As new information is added to our website it feeds directly to the QSchools App so you have up-to-date information at your fingertips. The QSchools application gives you immediate access on your phone to school notifications, contact details, a calendar of school events, school newsletters, the school 'Twitter' feed, tuckshop information (including the tuckshop menu) and other school forms and documents. It is an extremely user-friendly application and will help you to stay up-to-date with what is happening at our school. **Download it today and find out just how great it is!**



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 20th August at 6:30pm. All parents are welcome to come along and see how our P&C operates.

MOBILE EDUCATION (MET) VISIT

The Mobile Education Trailer (MET) will be visiting Berserker on Wednesday 6 August, 2014. The MET is a classroom on wheels that travels to schools to showcase university life to students. The aim of this program is to assist students to better understand a range of career opportunities from high profile role models and age-appropriate goal setting resources. Students from Years 5-7 will attend a one hour presentation in their class group and will have the opportunity to interact with their presenter, classmates and technology.

FREE DRESS DAYS!

We will be holding three Free Dress Days in the coming weeks as part of the preparation for our School Fair which will be held on Thursday September 4. The Free Dress dates are listed below along with the 'fee' for coming to school in free dress:

Tuesday 5th August – please bring a gold coin donation.

Tuesday 12th August – please bring a non-perishable grocery item for our multi-draw stall. Please remember to check the used by date as out of date items cannot be accepted.

Tuesday 26th August – please bring in a bottle for our bottle stall (Examples: bottles filled with hair ties, clips, wrapped lollies).



SCHOOL DISCO

This Thursday 7th August is our School Disco from 5.30pm – 7.30 pm. The theme is ***"I Can't Believe You Wore That!"*** Entry is \$6.00 or \$7.00 on the night. Entry fee includes a sausage on bread and a drink. Additional sausages and drinks are available on the night.

NAIDOC DAY

NAIDOC Day was celebrated last Wednesday 30th July. A big thank you must go to Kellie Baldwin and her team for organising the day's activities. Students got to enjoy hip-hop dancing, humpy building, weaving, painting, storytelling, beading, mask making and participate in traditional dancing. The day finished off with a netball game with teachers and students participating lots of fun was had by all.

GET SET FOR PREP 2015!

Enrolments and Information Packages are now available from the office for children who wish to commence Prep in 2015 and beyond. If your child turns five by June 30th 2015, they are eligible for Prep next year. The table below is a guide to assist families to determine their child's Prep eligibility.

Birthday	2015	2016	2017	2018
01/07/09 to 30/06/10	Prep Year	Year One	Year Two	Year Three
01/07/10 to 30/06/11	Kindy	Prep Year	Year One	Year Two
01/07/11 to 30/06/12		Kindy	Prep Year	Year One
01/07/12 to 30/06/13			Kindy	Prep Year

Enrolments always welcome!

BOOK FAIR

Thank you to all the students, parents, carers, teaching staff and grandparents who came along and supported our

annual Book Fair. Our grand total sold was \$2799.00. This means we have \$700.00 to spend on new resources for our Library.

STUDENT ABSENCES

Our **Student Absence Hotline is 49990366**

This number is contactable 24hrs a day

When using our Absence Hotline, please follow these simple steps by stating:

- **1. Student's name**
- **2. Class**
- **3. Date of absence**
- **4. Reason for absence**

ROCKHAMPTON ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

On Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd July we had a number of students represent our school at the Rockhampton Athletics Carnival. Thank you to the parents/carers who came along and cheered their children on. Our students were well behaved and represented our school with pride. The students put in a lot of effort and did their best. Ebony won the overall A, B and C schools 10yr girls' high jump, and Gage place third overall in the A, B and C schools 11yr boys' 100m. Both of these students will now compete at the Greater Rockhampton District Athletics Carnival at Farnborough State School on Wednesday 6th August.

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: Monday - Friday
(8.30 until 12 -12.30.pm)

Monday	4/08/14	
Tuesday	5/08/14	Karla Dixon & Caroline Osborne
Wednesday	6/08/14	'volunteers needed'
Thursday	7/08/14	'volunteers needed'
Friday	8/08/14	Melissa Smith, Jackie Kanak
Monday	11/08/14	Tameeka Smith
Tuesday	12/08/14	Karla Dixon & Caroline Osborne
Wednesday	13/08/14	'volunteers needed'
Thursday	14/08/14	'volunteers needed'
Friday	15/08/14	Jackie Kanak

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

Thursday	7/08/14	Karen Allen
Thursday	14/08/14	Karen Allen

We are looking for extra volunteers to help out, particularly on Mondays. Please see Cherie in the tuckshop if you are available to assist.

If you can't do a full session, or a regular day, we still appreciate any help you can give. Please pop in and let us know anytime.

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

Apple slinkies 1st break only, 70 cents an apple. If you bring your own apple it is 20c.

Reminder to check the new tuckshop menu when placing orders as some prices have changed.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club is available to all students every Monday at the Stadium. We are in need of helpers from 8am to 9am on Monday mornings. If you would like to join us please give the School Office a call on 4999-0333 and leave your name and phone number so we can contact you.

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 4: Gentleness

Gentleness is acting and communicating in a considerate way. It involves using self-control to make sure you do not hurt or offend anyone. When you are gentle, people and things stay safe.

Week 5: Trustworthiness

Trustworthiness is being worthy of trust. When you are trustworthy people can count on you to do your best, to keep your word and to follow through on your commitments. When you are trustworthy, others can be sure of you and you can be sure of yourself.

SCHOOL RULE FOCUS

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

At Berserker, all students are expected to follow instructions given to them by an adult. This ensures that our classrooms are productive and safe learning environments and our playgrounds are safe for everybody. The only exception to this rule is if a student feels the instruction they have been given is not safe. In this instance they are to report immediately to the school principal. Please reinforce with your child that they are expected to follow instructions given to them by adults at school.

EVERY DAY COUNTS!

Establishing good routines around school can assist with regular attendance. These include:

- Have a set time to get out of bed
- Have uniform and school bag ready the night before
- Have a set time for starting and finishing breakfast
- Set a time for daily homework activities
- Speak about school positively
- Send your child to school every school day including their birthday and the last day of term from Prep.

If you are experiencing difficulty in sending your child to school, contact the school principal for advice and support. www.education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts

NATIONAL COLLECTION OF DATA ON STUDENTS WITH A DISABILITY

Collecting data on school students with disability helps teachers, principals and education authorities support the participation of students with disability in schooling on the same basis as students without disability.

All Australian Governments have agreed to work together on the annual collection of data on school students with disability. In 2013, 10% of Queensland state schools participated in the first year of implementation. In 2014, two thirds of Queensland schools will participate and all schools will be collect data from 2015. Our school will be involved in the nationally consistent collection of data from this year.

Please be reassured that the Department will not provide on to another organisation any data that can identify an individual student. The only data being collected at the school level to be reported nationally is the:

- number of students in the school who are provided with an adjustment to address a disability;
- level of adjustments we provide
- broad category of disability.

Consultation with parents is important not only for the data collection but also to ensure you aware of the adjustments being provided to support your child. We will therefore continue to consult with you.

While only data that cannot identify your child will be submitted outside of the Department, if you do not wish for your child's details to be included, please contact the school's office.

Information and fact sheets are available:

- Department's website: <http://education.qld.gov.au/curriculum/disability-data-collection.html>

- Australian Government Department of Education website: <http://education.gov.au/nationally-consistent-collection-data-school-students-disability>

Alternatively, if you have any queries about the collection or use of this data, please contact Rebecca Hack directly.

IMPORTANT DATES

6 August	Mobile Education Trailer visit
7 August	School Disco
10 August	6/7 Camp
18 August	Instrumental Music Festival
4 September	Spring Fair
15 September	School Performance 'Crossing Bridges'
20 September-5 October	Spring Vacation
6 October	Labour Day Holiday
20 October	Pupil Free Day
12 December	School Finishes

COMMUNITY NOTICES

"MAGPIES"



Magpies is a non-profit Sporting Club that supports and encourages young people to learn and play Touch Football. Magpies will soon be holding a 'meet and greet' on **9th August 2014 at the Rocky Touch Fields** at 3pm for, boys and girls (including new and existing players) who would like to play Touch Football in the upcoming Rockhampton Junior Touch Football Competition. You can also contact us

at : magpiesrocky@gmail.com

Football FC

Football FC will be holding a 6 week after school soccer program at Berserker School on the oval starting Monday the 28th of July. Each session will go from 2.55pm to 3.55pm. Please go to www.footballfc.com.au to register or call Blair Grice on 0400033989

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