



Berserker Street State School

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SPRING FAIR

The Berserker Street State School P&C will be hosting their Annual Spring Fair this **Thursday 4th September from 5.30-8.30pm** on the school ovals.

There will be fun for the whole family with various food stalls, show bags, second hand items, multi-draw raffle, games and much more.

Bill's Amusements will be providing various amusement rides, jumping castles and slides for the children. Unlimited ride passes are \$28 prepaid through the office or \$32 on the night. There are individual tickets sold for each ride on the night.

Notes have already been sent home with order forms for the prepaid tickets. Please return these to the office by Tuesday 2nd September.

We would appreciate donations of good saleable items for our second hand stall at the Fair, for example books, toys, games, puzzles, household items, bric-a-brac and clothing. Please drop goods at the office.

If you are able to volunteer some time to assist before, during or after the Fair please contact the school office with your name and the times you are available.

NAPLAN REPORTS

Individual student NAPLAN reports were sent home with all Year 3, Year 5 and Year 7 students last week. Our students have achieved great results in the NAPLAN testing and improvement has been shown in most areas. We commend our staff and students for their hard work and effort.

ORAL HEALTH CLINIC

The Child and Adolescent Oral Health Service will be offering dental treatment at the Berserker Dental Clinic. It is offered to students enrolled at Berserker. This will commence from today with Years 4 to 7, followed by Prep to 3. All relevant documents need to be returned before any treatment can be performed.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

The students in our Instrumental Music Program performed at the Combined Schools Concert Tuesday 19th August. They joined with students from other North Rockhampton schools to form the Junior and Senior String and Band ensembles. Congratulations on some beautiful playing. Some of their music had interesting titles like The Might of Hercules, Steppin' Out, The Magnificent Five and Sneaky Little Redback. The audience could see the preparation that the students had put in to learn their music and enjoyed an evening of fine entertainment.



ADMIN CAR PARK

Parents please be aware that this car park is **ONLY** for the Admin Staff. It is not a drive in and drop off point for your children. It is dangerous as we have students entering and leaving these gates. Parents need to park outside the school grounds at all times.

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.

STUDENT ABSENCES

Our **Student Absence Hotline is 49990366**
This number is available 24 hours 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**
- **5. Duration of absence**

OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS

Please remind your children if they have overdue library books they need to be returned to the library. For students wishing to keep their books for longer, please visit the library to have them extended. Overdue class lists went out last week.



LATE ARRIVALS / EARLY DEPARTURES

All students must obtain a late slip from the office if arriving at school after 9am. This slip needs to be handed to their classroom teacher. If parents need to collect their children early, they must firstly report to the office to sign them out. Students will not be allowed to leave the classroom without producing the early slip.

WHAT SORT OF START IS YOUR CHILD GETTING?

School starts at 8:45am!
Just a little bit late doesn’t seem that much but.....

Missing just.....	That equals....	Which is.....	Over 13 years of schooling that’s.....
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1.5 Weeks per year	Nearly Half a Year

20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 minutes per week	Over 2.5 Weeks per year	Nearly 1 Year
Half an hour per day	Half a day per week	4 Weeks per Year	Nearly 1 and a Half Years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 Weeks per year	Over 2 and a Half years

Did you know your child’s best learning time is the start of the school day!
That’s when every minute counts the most!!

SCHOOL RULE FOCUS

Manage issues with others by following these steps:

- **Say “Stop! I don’t like it”**
- **Tell a teacher if the behaviour does not stop.**
- **Tell the office if the problem is not solved.**

Students are expected to follow the steps above in any situation where they have an issue with another student. When students follow these rules situations are able to be resolved promptly and fairly. Please reinforce this rule with your child.

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 8: Cleanliness

Cleanliness means washing often, wearing clean clothes and keeping the areas around you tidy. It can also relate to “cleaning up your act” by deciding to change when you have done something you aren’t proud of or have made a mistake. Practicing the virtue of cleanliness helps protect you from disease, enables you to find things when you need them and helps you to make amends and act differently.

Week 9: Moderation

Moderation is about creating balance in your life between work and play, rest and exercise. When you practice the virtue of moderation you are in charge of your time and use self-discipline to keep from doing too much or too little. Moderation helps us to stay balanced and ensure that we do, and receive, our fair share.

ENROLMENTS DUE NOW FOR PREP 2015!

We will soon be commencing Prep interviews for children who are commencing Prep next year. If you have a Prep eligible child please collect an enrolment package from the office ASAP. Forms can be returned to the office as soon as they are completed. The table below is a guide to assist families to determine their child’s Prep eligibility.

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

TUCKSHOP

TUCKSHOP ROSTER: Monday - Friday
(8.30am to approximately 12pm)

Monday	1/09/14	Val Noffke
Tuesday	2/09/14	Karla Dixon & Caroline Osborne
Wednesday	3/09/14	‘Volunteers needed’
Thursday	4/09/14	Tameeka Kanak
Friday	5/09/14	Jackie Kanak & Melisa Smith
Monday	8/09/14	Val Noffke
Tuesday	9/09/14	Karla Dixon & Caroline Osborne
Wednesday	10/09/14	‘Volunteers needed’
Thursday	11/09/14	Tameeka Kanak
Friday	12/09/14	Jackie Kanak & Melisa Smith

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

Tues/Wed/Fri		“Volunteers needed”
Thursday	4/09/14	Karen Allen
Thursday	11/09/14	Karen Allen

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

HATS



As we are a sun safe “no hat, no play” school, caps are not a part of the school uniform. Hats must be a full brimmed style. If your child does not have a hat there are a few undercover areas they can choose to play in. Please make sure hats are **CLEARLY LABELLED** so that lost hats can be returned.

SCHOOL SAFETY



Slow down around our school

To keep our children safe we as parents and caregivers need to slow down around our school zone. From 7.30am-9:00am and then 2.30-4:00pm 40km/hr speed limits are in place around the school.

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.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2014

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

Can Saver Plus assist you with high school costs?

Join Saver Plus and match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to \$500 for educational costs including:

- school uniforms and text books
- computers, laptops and tablets
- excursions and camps
- sports equipment, uniforms & lessons
- music tuition and instrument hire.

You may be eligible if you have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, are at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner) and have a child at school or study yourself.

Contact Kathy Connaughton, your local Saver Plus

Worker: (07) 4921 0273 / 0408 490 984

or kathy.connaughton@thesmithfamily.com.au

Rebecca Hack
Principal

Sign Up!



Emu Park Surf Life Saving Club



Nippers & Surf Safety Surf Sports Patrols Surf Boots First Aid

Season 2014/15

Sunday 14 September, 2014 11am to 2pm

Don Ireland Swimming Complex—Pattison Street, Emu Park

Please bring: swimmers and goggles, id for registration

Sausage sizzle fundraiser

Club merchandise for sale

AGE GROUPS:

Nippers—5-14 years

Seniors—15 years upwards,
including Masters

CLUB FEES:

\$200—Family

\$75—Active

\$85—Associate

RECREATION & COMPETITION

For further information, please contact the Club Secretary:

Keran Maguire - 0488035 135

