



Berserker Street State School

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WELCOME BACK

I would like to extend a big welcome back to all of our families. I would also like to take a moment to welcome the many new families who have chosen to join us at Berserker Street State School.

'RESPECT FOR OTHERS'

Respect for others is one of the most important lessons that we want to teach our students at Berserker Street State School. To learn respect children need to be able to see the adults in their lives show respect to each other. It is important that parents/caregivers, as well as school staff, show respect when dealing with each other. It is a way that we create a safe school environment for staff, volunteers, students, parents/caregivers and visitors.

People who enter our school grounds and are hostile or aggressive, this includes using abusive or profane language and threats to school staff or volunteers, students or other parents/caregivers, will not be tolerated.

It is an offence under the Education Act for one adult to insult another adult at a school in the presence or hearing of a student. It is also an offence for a parent to approach and admonish or question the child of another family.

The Education Act provides the Principal with the authority to provide a written direction requiring a person to immediately leave the school premises and not re-enter for a period of time. Conditions may also be placed on a person's entry to the school premises.

If a member of the school community has an issue or concern the appropriate protocol is to make an appointment with

the staff member, outside of student learning times, to discuss the matter in a calm manner. If the matter cannot be resolved the matter should be referred to the principal in the first instance.

All members of the school community are asked to abide by these protocols so that schools can maintain a safe supportive environment for our students to learn.

PUPIL FREE DAY

Reminder to our Parents and Caregivers that **Monday 20th October** is a Pupil Free Day. Please mark this on a calendar as this day is set aside for Teacher Professional Development.

P&C MEETING

Our next P&C meeting will be held this Wednesday 15th October at 6.30pm. These meetings take place in the staffroom located in the Admin Block. We always welcome parent involvement with the P&C so please join us on Wednesday evening.

GET SET FOR PREP 2015!

Prep enrolment interviews for 2015 have commenced.

If you have a child who is eligible for Prep in 2015 please call into the office as soon as possible to collect an Enrolment and Information Package. The table below is a guide to assist families to determine 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

SCHOOL WEBSITE & QSCHOOLS APP

As mentioned in our previous school newsletters, 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!



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.

SCHOOL RULE FOCUS

Use kind words and kind hands

At Berserker, students are expected to treat each other with respect. When interacting with others they must use kind words and kind hands. It is not acceptable to use unkind words when

speaking to others, nor is it acceptable to use your hands in an unkind way. Please encourage our child to always treat all members of our school community, children and adults, with kindness.

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 2: Compassion

Compassion is having kind feelings toward someone who is hurt or troubled. It is also being kind and forgiving to someone who has hurt you. Compassion helps us to be understanding of others and ourselves.

Week 3: Flexibility

Flexibility is about being open to change. It means that you don't always get your own way and that you are open to the opinions and feelings of others. When you are flexible you adjust and adapt, let go of bad habits and learn new ones.

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.

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**

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Last Wednesday through to Friday numerous teachers and teacher aides were involved in expanding their knowledge base. We had Ann Baker from Natural Maths attend our school and work with staff with the using of Natural Maths within the classroom. It is showing students how to chunk, add on etc. when working with problem solving.

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!!***

WALKATHON

As part of our promotion of **Healthy Lifestyles** our students at Berserker will be participating in our annual Walkathon this term.

Funds raised will be used by the P and C association to assist with the purchase of resources for our students. Sponsorship Forms will be sent home next week.

Students will get one ticket in the prize draw for every dollar they raise.

In previous years we have managed to raise over \$4000 to benefit our students. We hope you are able to support us.

BREAKFAST CLUB

We are desperately in need of helpers for Breakfast Club. Breakfast Club is currently available to all students on Monday mornings at the Stadium. Unfortunately without more helpers this valuable service may not be able to continue. If you are able to assist between 8am and 9am on Monday mornings please phone the school office on 4999 0333 and leave your name and contact number so we can contact you.

TUCKSHOP

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

Monday	13/10/14	Natasha Fuller
Tuesday	14/10/14	Volunteers needed
Wednesday	15/10/14	Volunteers needed
Thursday	16/10/14	Tameeka Kanak
Friday	17/10/14	Melisa Smith
Monday	20/10/14	Pupil Free Day
Tuesday	21/10/14	Volunteers needed
Wednesday	22/10/14	Volunteers needed
Thursday	23/10/14	Raeleen Williams
Friday	24/10/14	Melisa Smith

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

Tues/Wed/Fri		Volunteers needed
Thursday	16/10/14	Karen Allen
Thursday	23/10/14	Karen Allen

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

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.

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 2.30pm-4:00pm 40km/hr speed limits are in place around the school.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2014

20 October	Pupil Free Day
9 December	Awards & Graduation Ceremony
9 December	Graduation Dance
12 December	School Finishes

COMMUNITY NOTICES

FRENCHVILLE FALCONS CRICKET CLUB

T20 BLAST (modified CRICKET program for UNDER 10's)

Ryan Park (Frenchville Sports Club) - UNDER LIGHTS!

**Starts Friday, 17 October, 2014 - 6.00 to 8.00 pm
Runs for 12 weeks (6 weeks before and after Christmas)**

COST is ONLY \$25 for season including Club Membership

**CONTACT Terry Kennedy or Reception
at Frenchville Sports Club - Phone 4926 1828**



SUMMER CAMPS ARE STARTING SOON at the PCYC Cap Coast...A fun holiday program for kids aged 9-15 years. Age specific activities, including raft building, team & leadership games, pool & beach games, circus skills, art & craft, possum glider, crate climb, flying fox, rock climbing and abseiling, just to name a few. Programs run from 8am to 5pm each day. Dates: 13 & 14 December, 2014 and 5 day blocks in January: 5-9, 12-16 & 19-23. Please call 4930 2022 or drop into the centre at 170 Matthew Flinders Drive, YEPPOON, during business hours (9-5pm – Monday to Friday), for details or to register your child/ren. Limited spaces available!

Halloween Disco at PCYC CAP COAST, 170 Matthew Flinders Drive, YEPPOON QLD 4703

31 October: 6-7pm (Primary School age) & 7.30-9.30pm (High School age)

\$5 ENTRY - Fully supervised. Prizes to be won for best dressed female and male.

Sausage sizzle, drinks, chips, lollies and Halloween gadgets for sale.

Joint fundraiser for School Aged Care and PCYC CAP COAST

Rebecca Hack
Principal