



Berserker Street State School

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CHARLES STREET - STAFF CAR PARK!

Parents please be aware that this car park is only for **STAFF!** We had an incident recently where a student was nearly hit by a parent who was reversing out in this car park. Staff on gate duty has the authority to stop parents driving into this designated STAFF area.

There is a safe drop off and pick up point for SEP students, on Charles Street it is the fenced area between the Prep and Junior SEP buildings.

HEAD LICE



Head lice have been detected in our school. ***It is extremely important for you to check your child's head for head lice TODAY! and treat if lice are found.*** Keep checking every 2 days until there are no head lice found for 10 consecutive days. If you do find head lice, recommence effective treatment immediately and be sure to complete the process of treatment. This will help prevent head lice from spreading. If for any reason you are having difficulties treating the head lice on your child effectively, please contact the school. If your child has hair longer than their shoulders it should be tied up for school. There is to be no sharing of hats as this spreads the eggs to the other student.

LIFE EDUCATION VISIT

In week 7 the Life Education Mobile Learning Centre will be visiting our school. During the week your child will be engaging in an exciting and memorable learning experience, which is aligned with the Australian Health and Physical Education Curriculum. All students receive an age-appropriate and specific

workbook so that they can further their education in the classroom, creating an ongoing learning experience.

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

WALKATHON

The Walkathon will be held on Thursday 13 November. Walkathon sponsorship forms have been distributed to students.

Reminder to our students that:

- Forms must be returned by 25th November (with money if applicable) whether students have obtained sponsors or not.
- Students are not to canvas the neighbourhood unaccompanied. They must be accompanied by an adult.

We welcome Parents and Carers to come along and participate with their child.



NATURAL MATHS

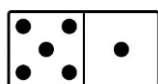
At Berserker, our maths curriculum is centred on the Natural Maths program created by Ann and John Baker, both of whom are experts in the field of mathematics. Their program aims to bridge the gap between research and practice in maths education.



Students are first taught the Natural Maths Strategies in Prep and they continue to learn more right through to Year 6. You may have heard your child coming home talking about “chunking” or “number splitting” during a maths lesson at school today. These are just a couple of many Natural Maths terms that are used school wide. We hope to further promote the use of these strategies at home by explaining a new Natural Maths strategy in each of our newsletters. Who knows, maybe you are already using some without knowing it!

SUBITISE

Sometimes you do not need to count as you just suddenly know how many things are in a group – this is called subitising. This is the foundation of all later number sense and is an important skill for early learners.



How many dots on each side of the domino?

How many fish do I have?



Did you just know without counting?
Encourage your child to subitise with things at home. Use dice, pictures, toys, etc. to practice subitising.

P&C MEETING

Our next P&C meeting will be held Wednesday 18th November 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.

READING COMPREHENSION

What chance does a child have if he or she grows up without the ability to read?

The latest statistics speak for themselves.
→ *In the latest Progress in International Reading Literacy Study, Australia ranked 27th out of 48 countries in reading ability.*



At Berserker, we are working closely with Professor John Munro to improve reading comprehension school wide.

Our reading comprehension program involves getting students' knowledge ready for reading (**GKR**), teaching them key reading strategies while they are reading and reviewing what students have learnt. To help us along with this program is **Vernon the Viking!**

GKR questions that Vernon likes to ask students:

- **“What do you think the text is about?”**
- **“What pictures do you make in your mind when you look at the title?”**
- **“Why might the author have written this text?”**



Young readers should be asking themselves these important questions before reading in order to stimulate their knowledge, language and ideas relevant to the text. This then helps to engage the student in the text they are about to read.

SCHOOL RULE FOCUS

Hands Off, Feet Off

In the last few weeks we have had to remind a number of students about our Hands Off, Feet Off rule. At Berserker, it is never appropriate for any student to put their hands or feet on somebody else. If your son/daughter is having a problem with another student they are asked to follow the following rules:

1. Say ‘Stop! I don’t like it!’
2. Tell a teacher
3. Tell the office

It is never ok for a student to try to solve a problem by putting their hands or feet on

somebody else. This is unsafe and results in children being hurt. Please talk to your children about this rule, alternative ways to solve problems and reinforce the rules for solving problems (as above).

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: Courage

Courage is personal bravery in the face of fear. It is doing what needs to be done even when it is really hard or scary. Courage is going ahead even when you feel like giving up. Courage is needed in trying new things. It is admitting mistakes and then doing the right thing. Courage is the strength in your heart.

Week 3: Unity

Unity helps people work and live together peacefully. When you practice unity, you feel connected to everyone and everything. Unity brings harmony, like the music made by the different instruments in an orchestra. Unity comes when we value each person. The joy of one is the joy of all. The hurt of one is the hurt of all. The honour of one is the honour of all.

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**

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	27/10/14	Volunteers needed
Tuesday	28/10/14	Caroline Osbourne
Wednesday	29/10/14	Volunteers needed
Thursday	30/10/14	Tameeka Kanak, Raeleen Williams & Tanya Futrill
Friday	31/10/14	Melisa Smith
Monday	3/11/14	Volunteers needed
Tuesday	4/11/14	Caroline Osbourne
Wednesday	5/11/14	Volunteers needed
Thursday	6/11/14	Raeleen Williams, Tanya Futrill & Tameeka Kanak
Friday	7/11/14	Melisa Smith

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

Tues/Wed/Fri		Volunteers needed
Thursday	30/10/14	Karen Allen & Raeleen Williams
Thursday	6/11/14	Karen Allen & Raeleen Williams

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

Thank you to our School Leaders who have been helping out in the tuckshop at lunchtime.

The tuckshop has had a delivery of school uniforms so get in early for next year. The prices are on the school website.

QUEENSLAND POLICE SERVICE

Parents, Guardians, teachers, staff and students:

In light of the recent serious traffic crashes, on Capricornia District roads, we are asking all members of our community to abide by the road rules and remember the fatal five:

1. Speeding
2. Drink and Drug Driving
3. Failure to wear a Seatbelt
4. Driving while Fatigued
5. Distraction and Inattention

Each year a considerable number of people are killed or seriously injured on our roads. The safety of our students, children and families is a very high priority.

Students who travel by bus to and from school are reminded if **your bus has seatbelts, you must wear them.** Students who ride their bicycles to school should always be aware of their own personal safety and that of other road users. **It is compulsory for cyclists to wear helmets.** These helmets must be in good condition, fastened correctly and fit properly. Otherwise, they are effectively useless and will provide no protection when you may need it most. Parents/carers are requested to ensure that their child has a suitable helmet that meets the Australian Standards.

Students who drive to school are reminded that it is a privilege to hold a drivers licence. We ask all drivers to be aware of the **speed limit in school zones** and be very conscious of pedestrians and other road users. Driving is the most dangerous activity that occurs on our roads. Every year hundreds of people are killed or seriously injured. Always drive responsibly and always abide by the Australian Road Rules. Failure to comply may result in traffic infringement notices being issued as well as your vehicle being confiscated by Police.

Please drive safely so you can go home at the end of the day to your loved ones.

Superintendent Van Saane
District Officer
Capricornia Police

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2014

13 November	Walkathon
9 December	Awards & Graduation Ceremony
9 December	Graduation Dance
12 December	School Finishes

COMMUNITY NOTICES

PCYC HALLOWEEN DISCO

PCYC Rockhampton is holding a Halloween Disco on Friday 31st October 2014 (for primary school age children) to raise funds for Youth Development.

We were wondering whether you could please advertise the poster attached around your school; on notice boards, on parade or in the newsletter, if possible. Any support would be greatly appreciated.

If you have any concerns or require further information please do not hesitate to contact the office on 49 277 899.



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

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