



Berserker Street State School

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LEAVING OR JOINING BERSERKER IN 2015?

We are seeking any specific information from parents and carers that can assist us in the accurate prediction of our student enrolment numbers. If your child is departing the school at the end of this year, we would love to hear from you. This information will allow us to accurately determine the number of classes we will have in 2015 as well as our staffing and facility requirements. Thank you to those families who have already contacted us.

WALKATHON

The Walkathon will be held this Thursday 13th November. Please ensure that your child has a hat, water bottle and sunscreen applied.

Walkathon sponsorship forms have been distributed to students.

Reminder to our students that:

- The top fundraising classes receive a pizza party and every dollar they raise gives them a ticket in the prize draw.
- Forms must be returned by 25th November (with money if applicable) whether students have obtained sponsors or not.

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



LIFE EDUCATION VISIT

Next week 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 are happening now!

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

LOST PROPERTY

As there are only 5 weeks left of the school year and the students have been very busy, we are finding more and more lunchboxes etc. left lying around which ends up in the lost property.

Teachers and students are doing their best to get the named items to their rightful owners, but still the Lost Property box has quite a lot of unclaimed items.

If your child is missing something please don't hesitate to come and have a look. It is at the Tuckshop under the notice board.

P&C MEETING

Our next P&C meeting will be held next Wednesday 19th 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.

OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS

All library books need to be returned to the Library by Friday 21st November. Notes will go out to each class to remind students about their overdue books.

After this date another note will go out showing the cost needed to replace the lost or unreturned books.

At present I have over 250 overdue library books. It is a huge task when I have to chase up all of these students. Please ask your children if they have overdue library books?

NATURAL MATHS

By learning certain maths strategies students will find that sometimes they don't need to count and instead will automatically know the number fact.



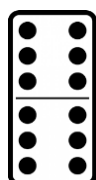
Rainbow Facts

Using rainbow facts can help early learners to add just by looking at the numbers.

RAINBOW TO 10

1 + 9 = 10
2 + 8 = 10
3 + 7 = 10
4 + 6 = 10
5 + 5 = 10
6 + 4 = 10
7 + 3 = 10
8 + 2 = 10
9 + 1 = 10

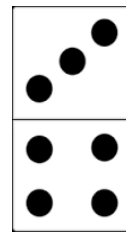
Doubles



Recall of doubles can help to easily add.

How many dots?
Double 6 is 12.

Near Doubles



4 and 3 is near to double 3. Just say "double 3 is 6 and 1 more is 7".

Double 4 is near to 3 and 4 as well.

Just say "double 4 is 8 and take away 1 is 7".

Do you know the answer without counting?

Encourage your child to use rainbow facts, doubles and near double strategies. Lookout for opportunities where you can use these strategies for example at home, at the shops, during play, reading books, etc.

READING COMPREHENSION

How much reading has your child done this week? When was the last time you read your child a story? What strategies help you to understand what you are reading?



Vernon the Viking likes to use reading strategies to help him understand what he is reading. He uses

strategies like:

- Reading sentences aloud
- Working out new vocabulary
- Learning to paraphrase chunks of sentences
- Visualising the sentences
- Looking for the main idea in each paragraph

It is important for young readers to comprehend each word/sentence/paragraph and create a visual movie in their minds so that they can build meaning from what they are reading. At Berserker we are teaching students to use these strategies and automatically apply them to any text type they are reading.

SCHOOL RULE FOCUS

Wear your school uniform with pride

At our school all students are to be in school uniform at all times and to wear it with pride. Our school uniform is the

Berserker shirt, bottle green shorts, bottle green wide-brimmed hat and shoes suitable for sport. In the colder months, a bottle green jumper and/or bottle green tracksuit pants are acceptable. We have had a number of children turning up in jumpers which are not bottle green. Please ensure that your child has a bottle green jumper and is wearing this as part of their school uniform when required.

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 6: Purposefulness

Being purposeful is having a clear focus, instead of being confused or unsure of what you are doing or why you are doing it. You are acting purposefully when you have a goal you are working toward. You concentrate your mind and your efforts so that something good will happen as a result. Some people just let things happen. A purposeful person *makes* things happen.

Week 7: Loyalty

Loyalty is staying true to someone. It is standing up for something you believe in without wavering. It is being faithful to your family, country, school, friends or ideals – when the going gets tough as well as when things are good. When you are a loyal friend, even if someone disappoints you, you still hang in there with them. Loyalty is staying committed.

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 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**

TUCKSHOP

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

Monday	10/11/14	Volunteers needed
Tuesday	11/11/14	Caroline Osbourne
Wednesday	12/11/14	Volunteers needed
Thursday	13/11/14	Tameeka Kanak, Raeleen Williams & Tanya Futrill
Friday	14/11/14	Melisa Smith
Monday	17/11/14	Volunteers needed
Tuesday	18/11/14	Caroline Osbourne
Wednesday	19/11/14	Volunteers needed
Thursday	20/11/14	Raeleen Williams, Tanya Futrill & Tameeka Kanak
Friday	21/11/14	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.

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

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2014

13 November	Walkathon
28 November	Prep Open Morning
9 December	Awards & Graduation Ceremony
9 December	Graduation Dance
12 December	School Finishes

COMMUNITY NOTICES

EMMAUS COLLEGE ORIENTATION DAY

Year 7 students on Wednesday 19th November.
Year 6 students on Thursday 20th November.

Time: 8.45am-2.30pm (Students will be met at the gate and shown to the Hall)

What to wear: School Uniform including hat.

What to bring: Morning Tea and Lunch including drinks. A water bottle would be advisable. (Tuckshop not available on the day).

Rockhampton Basketball

With the launch of our Summer Season, now is the perfect time for your child to join a team.

U10's: Players born in 2009-2006

U12's: Players born in 2005 & 2004

Game Times: Fri Afternoon/Night

Please contact Development Manager Matt Neason (4922 5544) for more information

FUTSAL

Register Now!

5-a-Side Indoor Soccer

Competitions start 13th November
Mens, Mixed and Junior Competitions

10 weeks for only \$120

Thursday afternoons

Under 6-8 years 4.30-5.30pm

Under 9-11 years 5.30-6.30pm

Under 12-14 years 6.30-7.30pm

Under 15-16 years 7.30-8.30pm

CQ UNI SPORTS HALL

Bruce Highway, Rockhampton

For more information ph:0408780612

Email: gail@australianfutsal.com

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5-a-Side Soccer

School Holiday Clinic

CQ UNI SPORTS HALL

Bruce Highway, Rockhampton

Thursday 18th December 9-3pm

Thursday 8th January 9-3pm

Thursday 15th January 9-3pm

3 days for only \$100!

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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!

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Principal