



Berserker Street State School

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AWARDS CEREMONY

We welcome the Berserker school community to our annual Awards Ceremony and Year Six and Seven Graduation on Tuesday 9th December starting at 9:15am in the Stadium.

Following the ceremony there will be a special morning tea for our Year 6 and 7 students and their parents. Students attending are asked to bring a plate of food to share.

GRADUATION DANCE

The Year 6 & Year 7 Graduation dance will be held on Tuesday 9th December in the Stadium from 6pm till 8.30pm. This event is open to all **students in Grades 6 and 7 only!** Photo opportunities will be available between 5.30pm and 6.00pm outside the Stadium. Students and staff only will then move into the Stadium for the dance. There will be a sausage sizzle provided for the students and their teachers. Students are to be collected at 8.30pm.

PREP INFORMATION SESSION

This Friday 28th November we have our Prep open morning from 9:15am. This is a great chance for our new Prep students of 2015 to meet their teacher and friends and find out all about Prep at Berserker. Our wonderful P&C will be selling uniforms to our new Prep parents from the Prep building on this day.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Friday 5th December - The Prep to Year 3 Christmas Concert will be held in the Stadium starting at 9:00 am. Invitations will go home soon.



FREE DRESS DAY THIS THURSDAY



This Thursday 27th November we will be having a Free Dress day for November.

Students are invited to attend in free dress and make a gold coin donation to support Movember. We have several teachers who are participating and growing a moustache so please support them to raise funds for this worthwhile cause.

TRANSITION DAYS

Students attending North Rockhampton State High School next year have the opportunity to spend the day getting familiar with the school's program.

Tuesday 2nd December for future Year 8's
Thursday 4th December for future Year 7's.
A note will go home this week with further details.

FREE DRESS DAY NEXT WEDNESDAY

Next Wednesday 3rd December we are holding a free dress day. We are asking students to bring along a non-perishable grocery item. These will be handed onto a local charity to help families in need at Christmas.

WALKATHON

As part of our promotion of **Healthy Lifestyles**, Berserker Street State School conducted their annual Walkathon on Thursday 13th November.

All sponsorship forms and money were due back today ***Tuesday 25th November***. Funds raised will be used by the P&C association to assist with the purchase of resources for our students.

KITCHEN GARDEN NEWS

Last Friday 14th November we had Deputy Mayor Tony Williams and Councillors Ellen Smith, Neil Fisher and Cherie Rutherford come visit our Kitchen garden. They enjoyed a lovely three course meal prepared by the students from produce grown in our garden. The students cooked Indian Flatbread with a smokey Eggplant Dip and Basil Dip. This was followed by a Tomato, Spinach and Basil Risotto, Tomato and Basil Egg Noodles, Ham Quiche, Chicken Quiche and a salad of imagination. The meal was topped off with Strawberry Cream Tarts and a Pineapple Crumble. The students from 6S and 6P joined 7H in the meal.

The Rockhampton City Council have generously donated the funds for our school to purchase two Cloey's Composting units, these units will turn our food scraps into valuable fertiliser for our vegetables.

The Kitchen Garden is progressing nicely. If you are a keen gardener and would like to assist us with the garden please contact the office and leave a message for Ms Hite.

NATURAL MATHS

Friendly Numbers

10 is a friendly number (as is any number ending in zero) because it is easy to add onto and the pattern of replacing the zero with the number being added can be easily spotted and applied.

$$20 + 6 = 26$$

$$50 + 6 = 56$$

$$90 + 6 = 96$$

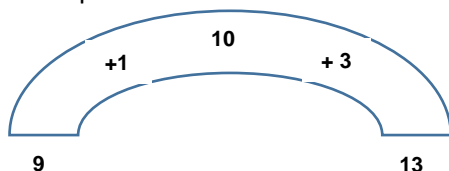
$$100 + 6 = 106$$



Bridge Through Ten

Bridge through 10 (or BTT) is the simplest form of the number splitting strategy.

Example of BTT for the sum $9 + 4$.



Knowing that 9 and 1 are the rainbow pair to make 10 makes it logical to split the 4 into 1 and 3. You simply add 9 and 1 to make the 'friendly number' 10 and then add on the 3. Your end result – 13!

READING COMPREHENSION

What books do you enjoy reading? Do you prefer a particular type of genre? Did you know that 37 books were adapted into movies in 2014! Which ones have you read?

The final steps to improve reading comprehension is a review of learning. By now students have learnt a whole range of reading comprehension strategies and they need to consolidate what they have read, link it with what they know and store it in their memory. It also helps to link a positive attitude with reading to improve retention.



Vernon the Viking likes to review reading strategies that have helped him understand the text better

while he was reading. He teaches us to:

- Summarize the main ideas in the text
- Review new vocabulary, ideas and link them with what we know
- Reflect on why the author wrote the text (purpose) and how the author achieved his purpose
- Think about how we can use this information in the future when reading another similar text
- Use similar reading strategies every time we read a new text
- Enjoy reading!



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Year 7 student Mevini who recently won the local section of the Lions International Peace Poster Contest. Well done Mevini!

END OF YEAR CHECKLIST

- Return Library books.
- Return school musical instruments.
- Let the school know what school you will be attending in 2015 if you are leaving
- Update contact details
- Take home all personal belongings.
- Check lost property box for belongings

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 8: Joyfulness

Joyfulness is being filled with happiness. It is a peaceful sense of well-being. Joy is inside us all. It comes from and appreciation for the gifts each day brings. Joy comes when we are doing what we know is right, and when we laugh and see the humour in things. Joy is the inner sense that can carry us through the hard times even when we are feeling very sad.

Week 9: Friendliness

Friendliness is being a friend. It is taking an interest in other people. It is going out of our way to make others feel welcome or to make a stranger feel at home. When you are friendly, you happily share your belongings, time, ideas, and feelings. You share

the good times and the bad times together. Friendliness is the best cure for loneliness.

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**

TUCKSHOP

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

Monday	24/11/14	Volunteers needed
Tuesday	25/11/14	Caroline Osbourne
Wednesday	26/11/14	Volunteers needed
Thursday	27/11/14	Tameeka Kanak, Raeleen Williams & Tanya Futrill
Friday	28/11/14	Melisa Smith
Monday	1/12/14	Volunteers needed
Tuesday	2/12/14	Caroline Osbourne
Wednesday	3/12/14	Volunteers needed
Thursday	4/12/14	Raeleen Williams, Tanya Futrill & Tameeka Kanak
Friday	5/12/14	Melisa Smith

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

Tues/Wed/Fri		Volunteers needed
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Thursday	27/11/14	Karen Allen & Raeleen Williams
Thursday	4/12/14	Karen Allen & Raeleen Williams

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

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2014

27 November	Free Dress Day
28 November	Prep Open Morning
3 December	Free Dress Day
5 December	Prep to Year 3 Christmas Concert
9 December	Awards & Graduation Ceremony
9 December	Graduation Dance
12 December	School Finishes

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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

5-a-Side Soccer, School Holiday Clinic

CQ UNI SPORTS HALL, Bruce Highway,

- Thursday 18th December 9-3pm
- Thursday 8th January 9-3pm
- Thursday 15th January 9-3pm

3 days for only \$100!

For more information ph: 0408780612

Email: gail@australianfutsal.com

Find us on Facebook – Australia Futsal Association

www.australianfutsal.com

LAKES CREEK STATE SCHOOL TWILIGHT CHRISTMAS FAIR & MARKETS

Friday 5th December

Stalls open 5.30 – 9pm

Rides open 6pm – 9.30pm

For more information contact Lakes Creek State School on 49326333

A NOTE FROM SANTA AND YOUR SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER



Christmas time is almost upon us again! This year Santa Claus has asked MSP Photography to help him with Santa photos at Gracemere Shopping World.

As MSP Photography provided your school photos earlier this year we would like to extend our thanks and appreciation for your patronage in 2014 with this exclusive offer.

Any Berserker Street State School family to present for Santa photos at Gracemere Shopping World with this newsletter item will receive a **10% discount on their total order. Just cut out this newsletter item and hand it to Santa's helper to receive your discount.**

Santa's visiting Hours

1st Dec – 23rd Dec

- Monday-Wednesday: 2pm-6pm
- Thursday: 2pm-9pm
- Friday: 2pm-6pm
- Saturday: 10am-2pm
- Sunday: Santa's RDO

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