



Berserker Street State School

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WELCOME TO BERSERKER

As we enter the new school year we hope that you are all well rested and ready for a wonderful 2015. We would like to welcome back our returning students and families and to welcome all of our new families to our school.

We would also like to extend a warm welcome to our new staff this year and introduce them to you. We welcome Stephanie Fowler (1F), Simone Harkin (2H), Rachael Williams (2W), Shannon Devenish (4H), Peta-Lea Barrett (4B), Karen Jarvis (SEP), Lisa St James (Guidance Officer). We wish them all the best for 2015 at Berserker.

SMOKING BAN IN OR AROUND ANY SCHOOL GROUNDS

From the 1st January this year smoking any tobacco products or using an electronic cigarette [within five metres of any state or private school grounds](#) has been banned. This applies before, during and after school hours as well as over weekends and school holidays.

This means smoking on the footpath next to school, sitting and smoking in your car outside the school or standing around cars next to the footpath to have a cigarette is now illegal.

On the spot fines can be issued by environmental health officers, police officers or other officers authorised by the local government to anyone found in breach of this legislation.

Please remember to put out your cigarette and dispose of the litter thoughtfully well before you reach the school boundary.

HOSTILE PEOPLE ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

Unfortunately, from time to time, school staff are forced to deal with aggressive or hostile people on the school grounds.

The Education (General Provisions) Act 2006 has been amended to give more power directly to school principals to deal with hostile people on school premises.

The main changes are that from 27 January 2015:

- State school principals are able to give verbal direction to a person to leave the school premises for 24 hours. This direction is legally binding.
- State school principals will be able to issue a person with a 60-day prohibition (s.340) from entering school premises.

ANNUAL MEET AND GREET

Our free sausage sizzle and "Meet and Greet" will be held on Wednesday 18th February in the Stadium from 5.30 till 6.30pm.

This is a great opportunity to meet with your child's teacher and other key staff at Berserker. All family members are invited to attend. A free sausage sizzle will be provided for all family members, staff and students. In the past our staff have enjoyed the opportunity to meet with parents and guardians at this community event.

ASSEMBLY

Assembly starts this Wednesday 4th February in the Stadium. This is a whole school assembly. Assembly will take place at 1:45pm fortnightly on Wednesday

afternoons, immediately prior to Religious Instruction classes.

NEW GUIDANCE OFFICER

Hello, my name is Lisa St James and I will be our full time Guidance Officer until August, whilst Mr Jamieson is coordinating our school's Special Education Program. My role involves:

- working directly with students and teachers, support personnel, family and other specialists/professionals
- providing guidance and counselling services to students and their families
- performing case management and referral services to optimise students' access and engagement in education
- working collaboratively with other school-based support personnel to address the needs of students
- planning support programs that can help students achieve positive outcomes

I look forward to working collaboratively with the Berserker Street School community to provide the best outcomes for all our students.

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 0418 116481. PCYC coordinate this wonderful service and now also provide before school care for other schools including drop offs to these schools.

CHARLES STREET - STAFF CAR PARK!

Parents please be aware that this car park is STAFF ONLY! PARENT VEHICLES SHOULD NOT ENTER THE CHARLES STREET GATE. We had an incident recently where a student was nearly hit by a parent 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 between the SEP Prep and main SEP buildings.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club is available to all students every Monday. A healthy breakfast of cereal, toast, juice and milo is available from 8.00 am to 8.40 am at the stadium.

We are in need of helpers from 8am to 9am on Monday mornings. If you would like to join us - could you please call the School Office on 4999 0333 and leave your name and phone number so we can contact you.



ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

Please remember that minimum supervision is provided before school for students. We require students to be sitting down in the rubber area until the 8.40am bell rings.

In the afternoon the bell rings at 2.45pm. We ask that parents and caregivers are prompt in picking up their children. We have a great before and after school care Program provided by the PCYC if you require it.

SCHOOL WEBSITE & QSCHOOLS APP

Our school 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 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!**



XO LAPTOPS

Our students at Berserker are allocated their own laptop to use on a daily basis. There is a \$20 fee each year for the use of these laptops. This covers maintenance, printing, replacement, USB stick etc. Once this levy is paid, students are able to take their XO home when required for school work. All students from Prep to Year 6 will use these computers in their everyday classroom to enhance their learning.

A note will go home next week regarding payment of this fee.

UNIFORMS

School Uniforms can be purchased from our tuckshop Monday to Friday from 8am till 10.30am. The tuckshop is open on these days before school for your convenience. Full school uniform, including the Berserker shirt with logo, are a requirement for all Berserker students. All students should also have closed in shoes and hat for play.

TUCKSHOP

The Tuckshop is open Monday to Friday. At this stage the tuckshop is open 1st break only, however as of week five the tuckshop will be open for both breaks later in the term.

Lunch orders are taken each morning. Students should have their orders on a paper bag or provide 10c extra for a bag

from the tuckshop. Orders must be in before school.

Volunteers are always welcome so please see Cherie if you can help. Even short periods such as before school or at lunchtime every little bit helps. Tuckshop has breakfast available to purchase from 8:00am till 8.30am see tuckshop for menu prices. The current tuckshop menu is available from our website.

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**

LIBRARY

Our school library is open and ready for students at lunch times.

Library Activities:

Monday - Movie Day

Tuesday & Thursday-Duplo

Wednesday & Friday - Quiet Reading

Computers:

1st Lunch- Prep to Year 3

2nd Lunch -Years 4 to 6

Students will start borrowing from next week. We encourage all students to have a library bag for transporting books to and from school. This can be as simple as an old pillowcase from home.



SCHOOL SAFETY

Slow down around our school

The beginning of the school year is very hectic, parents and carers are being urged to slow down in the school zones. Most school areas have 40km/hr speed limits in



place.

Parents can set an example to other drivers by observing these limits when dropping off and collecting the kids from school. Being cautious and slowing down in school zones doesn't make a big difference to your trip time, but it could save a child's life.

Parents should also take the time to teach their children about road safety and the safest ways to travel to and from school.

Some basic tips:

- ensure your child knows the safest route to and from school
- teach your child to always walk on footpaths
- make sure your child crosses at traffic lights, pedestrian crossings or supervised school crossings and ensure they know the safe times to cross
- accompany young children when they are walking or riding to school until they are old enough to understand road safety
- teach your child to be alert for cars going in or out of driveways
- discourage your child from playing with balls or toys while walking to school.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

TOUCH FOOTBALL JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT DAY

This event is open to every child from the ages of 9 to 16 no matter what experience or skill level they are.

Date: Sunday 8th February

Times: 9am till 12.30pm (8.30 for registration please)

Bring: Hat and water bottle and wear shoes and sunscreen

Provided: Morning tea is provided

Cost: No cost

Anyone interested should email Denise at admin@rockytouch.com for more details or to register to attend. Rockhampton Touch is also holding a junior competition in the first half of the year for Under 10s, 12s, 14s Boys and Girls teams (no mixed) on Friday nights commencing Friday 6th March. Nominations are being called, to participate please nominate by 27th February. For more information please call Denise on 0409631633.

MILO IN2 CRICKET

Milo in2 cricket 8 week coaching program starts again on Tuesday 3rd February 2015. 4.30 - 5.30pm - North Rockhampton Cricket Club - Jud Park, Norman Road. This program is suitable for 4 - 8 year old boys and girls. NEW children or those wanting a green returning pack will need to register through this link. <http://in2reg.cricket.com.au/pages/clubfinder.aspx...> \$75 covers the 8 week program and a full cricket pack for your child. If you can assist with the coaching or assist the

coach on these Tuesday nights please let us know. Any questions phone Brenda on 0438 364 060.

FRENCHVILLE ROVERS HOCKEY

Frenchville Rovers Hockey Club sign-on is on the 1st February, open to all ages, from under 5's to over 70! Come and join the fun a team sport can bring. Sign-on is held at Frenchville Sports Club, Clifton Street from 9am to 12 noon. Bring the kids, bring the neighbours! Hockey is friends, family, fitness and fun.... Contact Julie Bawden on 0421389048 or email roversfrenchvillehockey@gmail.com for more information

PLAY T20 BLAST CRICKET for FRENCHVILLE FALCONS (Under 10's)

Rockhampton Cricket Ground - UNDER LIGHTS ! Starts Friday, 6 February, 2015 - 6.00 to 8.00 pm All equipment supplied ; Qualified Coaches COST is ONLY \$25 for 8 week program CONTACT Peter Wells from Queensland Cricket at peterw@qldcricket.com.au - 0407 034 164

ROCKHAMPTON PANTHERS AFC 2015 SIGN-ON

Sunday 8th and Sunday 15th February Stockland Rockhampton (near Jay Jays) 10am till 4pm For junior boys and girls U7-17 any new and old players welcome. Junior training will commence Tuesday 10th February Rockhampton Cricket Grounds 5pm till 6pm. For more information contact Sam Gudgeon 0439333057

BLUEBIRDS SOFTBALL SIGN-ON DAY

Bluebirds United Sports Club – Richardson Road 7th Feb 2-4 pm and 28th February 2-4 pm Any queries please call Tracy 0418 183051 or Julie 0417 639619 Or bluebirdssoftball@hotmail.com www.bluebirdssoftball.com.au

RUNAWAYS NETBALL CLUB

"Runaways Netball Club would like to invite any girls from 8 years old or mothers interested in playing outdoor Netball this year, but not in a club yet to come along to our sign on at Jardine Park Sunday 1st Feb from 9.30am to 2pm. For more information please email runawaysnetballclub@hotmail.com. or go on to our Webpage."

NRSHS INFORMATION SESSION

North Rockhampton High School will be running an information session on 19 February 2015. The information session is designed to introduce our school's vision and values, as well as introduce some of the different faculties within the school to potential parents and guardians.

Details are as follow

Place – North Rockhampton State High School Library

Date – 19 February 2015

Time – 5.00 – 6.30pm

Rebecca Hack
Principal