



# Berserker Street State School

## Newsletter: 16th February, 2015

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### SCHOOL CAPTAINS

We would like to congratulate our new School Captains for 2015.

**School Captains:** Anh and Bailey

**Vice Captains:** Taylor and John

We know that these children will do a fantastic job and will take pride in their new roles.

### ANNUAL MEET AND GREET

Our Annual "Meet and Greet" will be held this Wednesday 18th February in the Stadium from 5.30 -6.30pm. This is a great opportunity to meet with your child's teacher and other key staff at Berserker. A sausage sizzle will be provided free of charge. Everyone is invited to attend. In the past our staff have enjoyed the opportunity to meet with parents and guardians at this community event.

### XO LAPTOP LEVY

At Berserker every student from Prep to Year 6 is allocated an XO laptop to enhance their learning. Each year we ask parents to pay a \$20 levy per child to cover maintenance, printing, replacements etc. Once this levy is paid, students receive a Berserker USB for use at school and are able to take their XO home when required for school work. Please see the note that went home last week regarding payment of this fee.

### P&C AGM

Our P&C Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 6.00pm. The meeting is held in the staffroom located in the Admin Block. We always welcome parent involvement in our school and encourage as many of you as possible to come along. There is no pressure on new parents to take up a formal position, but there are many ways you can help the school through involvement on our P&C. It would be great to see some new faces!

### SMOKING BAN IN OR AROUND ANY SCHOOL GROUNDS

From the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 before you reach the school boundary.

## STUDENT ABSENCES

Our **Student Absence Hotline is 49990366**  
This number is contactable 24hrs 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**

## 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 child/ren 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.

## 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.

## BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast club is held in the Stadium every Monday from 8:00am till 8:40am.



## FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICER

At the start of the year many parents and students become anxious about a new school, a new teacher, harder work or making new friends.

Here are 8 steps to help your child settle at school:

1. Be strict with bedtimes so children are calm, rested and energetic for school.
2. Develop a morning routine that is TV free. Allow time to have breakfast together, pack lunches, school bags and encourage your child to be well presented and prepared for school.
3. Regularly contact your child's teacher to build a partnership for success.
4. Value their learning by becoming involved with homework tasks.
5. Be happy and encouraging when you are asking them about their school day.
6. Encourage your child to talk to you openly and discuss positive strategies to enable them to problem solve any issues for themselves.
7. Praise success. No matter how small they seem to you, they mean a lot to your child.
8. If you need support, approach our very experienced and caring staff who will be able to recommend helpful resources.

There are many community programs available to support parents in their challenging role. As these are offered, they will be shared in the newsletter and you are welcome to contact Mrs SJ, our Guidance Officer, for further information if you are interested.

*Centacare is currently offering a program for parents and carers to help manage difficult behaviour in children 2-12 years old. It is called 1-2-3 Magic and Emotion Coaching and consists of three 2 hour sessions during school times at a cost of \$20. If you are interested in attending this program there are flyers with more information available to be collected from the office or from Mrs SJ's room.*

## VIRTUES

This is the virtue that students will be learning in week 5. Please take the time to talk to your children about this virtue.

### Week 5: Friendliness

Friendliness is about taking an interest in other people and about being a friend. It is going out of your 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.

## 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.

## TUCKSHOP

The Tuckshop is open Monday to Friday. At present the tuckshop is open 1<sup>st</sup> break only, however from **23<sup>rd</sup> February the tuckshop will be open for both lunches.** An updated tuckshop menu will be available and sent home this week.

**Tuckshop Roster:** Monday - Friday (8.30 to approx 12 -12.30.pm)

Monday	16/2/15	
Tuesday	17/2/15	
Wednesday	18/2/15	
Thursday	19/2/15	Raeleen Williams
Friday	20/2/15	Tracey Doherty
Monday	23/2/15	
Tuesday	24/2/15	
Wednesday	25/2/15	
Thursday	26/2/15	Raeleen Williams
Friday	27/2/15	Tracey Doherty

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

Tues/Wed/Fri		Helpers Needed
Thursday	19/2/15	Karen Allen & Raeleen Williams
Thursday	26/2/15	Karen Allen & Raeleen Williams

Lunch orders are taken each morning. Students should have their orders on a paper bag clearly named or provide 10c extra for a bag from the tuckshop. **From 23<sup>rd</sup> February students will need to fill out two bags if they want tuckshop both lunches.** Orders must be in before school.

Volunteers are always welcome so please see Cherie if you can help. A breakfast selection is available for purchase from 8:00am -8.30am. The current tuckshop menu is available from our website.

## CHANGE OF DETAILS

Please remember that it is important to notify the office whenever there is a change in address, telephone numbers, emergency contacts and any other circumstances. This ensures that we are able to contact you in case of emergency.



## RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION

Religious Instruction lessons are held every Wednesday from 2.15pm and will commence on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February. Students at Berserker have the option to participate in a Values program, Ecumenical (Christian) lessons or Catholic lessons. A note was sent home last week to inform parents that students will now be automatically allocated to Religious instruction groups based on information provided by parents on the Application for Student Enrolment form unless other written instructions have been provided to the school. Please contact the office if you have any queries regarding this process.

## SPORT FUNDING FOR FAMILIES

### Get Started Program

Get Started is one of three funding programs that comprise the Queensland Government's Get in the Game initiative to support grassroots sport and recreation. Get Started assists children and young people who can least afford or may otherwise benefit from joining a Sport or Recreation Club.

### **Round Five Dates**

- Voucher applications open **January 28th 2015**
- Voucher applications close on **April 10th 2015** or earlier if all available vouchers are allocated

Vouchers must be presented to a Get Started Club by **May 11th 2015**.

### **Applying for a Voucher in Round Five**

- Review the Information for parents, guardians and carers
- Find a Get Started Registered Club near you
- The distribution of Get Started vouchers is managed using an online system called **QGrants**. Parents, Guardians and Carers must register for a QGrants account before applying for a voucher. You can create a QGrants account at any time.

Eligible children and young people that received a voucher in 2014 are eligible to apply for a voucher in 2015.

For more information, please visit this website [www.nprsr.qld.gov.au/funding/getinthegame/getstarted.html](http://www.nprsr.qld.gov.au/funding/getinthegame/getstarted.html) or contact **Sport and Recreation Services** at 61 Yeppoon Road, Parkhurst Qld 4702 by telephone on **07 4936 0510** or by email at [srcentralqld@nprsr.qld.gov.au](mailto:srcentralqld@nprsr.qld.gov.au)

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### NRSHS INFORMATION SESSION

North Rockhampton High School will be running an information session on 19 February 2015. The information session is designed to introduce the school's vision and values, as well as introduce some of the different faculties within the school to potential parents and guardians. This session is targeting current year 5 and 6 students and their parents.

Place: North Rockhampton State High School Library

Date: 19 February 2015

Time: 5.00 – 6.30pm

We encourage parents currently considering high school options to attend and learn about what NRSHS has to offer.

### GET INTO HOCKEY

Kalka Shades

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February

9am till 11am

Fun games and sausage sizzle provided

### GIRLS COME AND TRY FOOTBALL

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February

2.30pm till 5.30pm

Norbridge Park, North Rockhampton

Girls aged 5 to 16

For more information contact Football CQ on 49224470

### NORTH ROCKHAMPTON ATHLETICS CENTRE - SIGN ON 8th MARCH 2015

Sunday 8th March 2015

11am to 1pm (Followed by our first competition day at 2pm)

Sports Oval, North Rockhampton High School  
Cnr Dean and Robinson Streets, Frenchville Q 4701  
(opposite North Rockhampton Police Station)

Athletes from under 5 to under 17 welcome

All new athletes can sign on for a 2 week trial (\$10) to see if they like it!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

For more information, please contact Paul on 0437 022 380 or view details at [www.nrac.org.au](http://www.nrac.org.au) or find us on Facebook "North Rockhampton Athletics Club"

### AUSSIE HOOPS – ROCKHAMPTON BASKETBALL

Who: Grade 4, 3, 2 Boys & Girls

Where: Hegvold Stadium

When: Fri 4.00pm-5.30pm starting Fri 27th Feb

Cost: \$77.00 (7 Weeks + Player Pack)

Aussie Hoops is a 7 week learn to play Basketball program where you'll learn the FUNDamentals of the game through a series of modified drills and games. On top of the 7 weeks of expert coaching you'll get a basketball, training singlet, and backpack. To register simply head to [www.aussiehoops.com.au](http://www.aussiehoops.com.au) and type 4700 in the locator, or call RBI Development Manager Matt Neason on 4922 5544.

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Principal