



Berserker Street State School

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P&C AGM

Our P&C Annual General Meeting will be held next Wednesday 25th 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!

THERMOMIX RAFFLE

Thank you to all of our families who have sold raffle tickets for our Thermomix raffle in the last few weeks. Please return any unsold books of raffle tickets to the office as soon as possible if you are unable to sell them as we have families who are keen to sell more tickets but we do have more spare books. Thanks!

SCHOOL DISCO



Come along to our first School Disco for 2015 this Thursday 19th March from 5.30pm-7.30pm. The theme is 'Magic'. The entry fee is \$6 per child or \$7 on the night. The entry fee includes a sausage on bread and a drink.

STUDENT COUNCIL FOR 2015

We would like to congratulate our new Student Council for 2015.

Tarneesha, Bailey, Sian, Maddisyn, Holly-Maree, Corey.H, Kalyna, Dae-Shawna, Nakita and Cody S.

HOUSE CAPTAINS FOR 2015

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

Wilkinson: Ebony and Jeremiah

Mahoney: Jasper and Tye

Steven: Jayden and Wyarnna

Griffin: Brodie and Ashtyn

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WIN A \$5000 CLASSROOM MAKEOVER FOR OUR SCHOOL!



We are asking all students, parents, teachers, family and friends to collect as many tokens as they can from The Morning Bulletin during the competition's promotional period and bring the tokens back to school. The school with the most number of tokens per student at the end of the promotional period will win \$5000 for their school!!

Tokens are being published in The Morning Bulletin up until **Monday March 16, 2015.**

We will need all tokens brought into school by Friday 20th March at the latest!

ANNUAL MEET AND GREET

Our Annual Meet and Greet was held on Wednesday 18th February. Our teaching staff would like to say thank you to all the parents, caregivers and students who attended. We value our relationship with the school community and we were thrilled that so many of our families were able to attend. Our staff really enjoyed the opportunity to catch up with parents and guardians, have a chat and get to know you and your children better. It was a very enjoyable evening!

ADMIN CAR PARK

Parents please be aware that this car park is **ONLY** for the Admin Staff. It is not a drive in and drop off point for your children. It is dangerous as we have students entering and leaving these gates. Parents need to park outside the school grounds at all times.

XO LAPTOP LEVY

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. The levy is now due so please pay at the office.

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 early, they must firstly report to the office to sign them out. Students **WILL NOT** be permitted to leave the classroom without producing the early slip.

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**

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 until school commences and from 2:45pm until 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

INDEPENDENCE AND RESPONSIBILITY
Independent children are able to use their own judgement to make decisions and meet their own needs. They take responsibility for their actions and respect the rights of others. Children who are responsible and independent are more likely to succeed in school and in their social relationships.

Encouraging Independence and Raising Responsible Kids:

- Communicate clearly.
- Encourage independence.
- Let children make choices.
- Teach problem solving.
- Give children chores.
- Help children to be organised.
- Allow for mistakes.
- Resist the temptation to rescue your child when they suffer consequences.
- Acknowledge their efforts specifically.
- Talk less and listen with empathy.
- Set an example.
- Know that teaching responsibility takes a long time.
- Slowly increase your child's responsibilities as he or she ages.

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: Co-operation

Cooperation is working together for the good of everyone. It is a willingness to respect others and to follow rules which keep everyone safe and happy. Cooperation is being helpful to one another, sharing the load. It is joining others in order to do something that cannot be done alone.

Week 9: Responsibility

Being responsible means that others can depend on you. You are willing to be accountable for your actions. When things go wrong and you make a mistake, you make amends instead of excuses. When you are responsible, you keep your agreements. You give your best to any job. Responsibility is the ability to respond ably. It is a sign of growing up.

SCHOOL RULE FOCUS:

When an adult tells you to do something, you do it.

At Berserker, all students are expected to follow instructions given to them by an adult. This ensures that our classrooms are productive and safe learning environments and that our playgrounds are safe for everybody. The only exception to this rule is if a student feels the instruction they have been given is not safe. In this instance they are to report immediately to the school principal. Please reinforce with your child that they are expected to follow instructions given to them by adults at school.

TUCKSHOP

The Tuckshop is open Monday to Friday. ***The tuckshop operates for both lunches.*** An updated tuckshop menu has been sent home.

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

Monday	16/3/15	
Tuesday	17/3/15	
Wednesday	18/3/15	
Thursday	19/3/15	Raeleen Williams
Friday	20/3/15	Tracey Doherty
Monday	23/3/15	
Tuesday	24/3/15	
Wednesday	25/3/15	
Thursday	26/3/15	Raeleen Williams
Friday	27/3/15	Tracey Doherty

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

Tues/Wed/Fri		Helpers Needed
Thursday	19/3/15	Karen Allen & Raeleen Williams
Thursday	26/3/15	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. ***STUDENTS 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. 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.

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 makes the process in of contacting parents easier.



EVERY DAY COUNTS!

Establishing good routines around school can assist with regular attendance. These include:

- Have a set time to get out of bed
- Have uniform and school bag ready the night before
- Have a set time for starting and finishing breakfast
- Set a time for daily homework activities
- Speak about school positively
- Send your child to school every school day including their birthday and the last day of term from Prep.

If you are experiencing difficulty in sending your child to school, contact the school principal for advice and support. www.education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2015

Thurs 19 th March	School Disco
Wed 1 st April	School Photos
Thurs 2 nd April	Term one finishes
Mon 20 th April	School Resumes Term 2
Mon 8 th June	Queen's Birthday

COMMUNITY NOTICES

KAYLA'S STUDIO OF ARTS

Kayla's Studio of Arts has classes for all genres of performing arts including: Drama, Singing, Cheerleading, Pom, Modern/Jazz, Contemporary, Hip-hop, Tap as well as Fitness and conditioning classes. All ages and skill levels welcome. For more information Contact Kayla 0437324897 Or visit www.ksa-cq.com.au

Head Start Children's Therapy Services regularly offer local programs to support parents and children. They are currently offering three different 10 week programs that all start on Thursday 26 March 2015:

1. Finger Gym – support for fine motor skills.
2. The Alert Program Group – help with self-regulation.
3. PALS Social Skills Group – to develop social skills.

Each of these programs has a cost attached. If you are interested, see the office or Mrs SJ for a flyer.

EASTER PARTY DISCO

Friday 27th March for **Primary School Students**
6.30pm – 9.00pm

\$5.00 (entry and sausage on bread)
Come dressed in an Easter costume: Easter Bonnet Parade, visit from the Easter Bunny, Heaps of games, music, fun and prizes to be won, canteen will be operating, fully supervised, Parent/Guardians must pick up their children before 9pm or are also welcome to stay.

Where: PCYC Rockhampton Stapleton Park, Bridge Street, North Rockhampton, Phone: 49277899
Website: pcyc.org.au/Rockhampton

Saturday 28th March for **Toddlers (Walking-Prep)**
9.30am – 11.30am

\$5.00 (entry and nibbles)
Come dressed in an Easter costume: Easter Bonnet Parade, visit from the Easter Bunny, Heaps of games, music, fun and prizes to be won, canteen will be operating, fully supervised, Parents are required to be in attendance.

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