



Berserker Street State School

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our P&C held it's AGM on Wednesday 25th March and we are pleased to announce our returning executives for 2015:

Billie-Jean Ryals – President

Cassandra Boyle - Vice President

Bronwyn Bird - Secretary

Kylie Shelton – Treasurer

Please make our committee welcome.

FACEBOOK

We are now on Facebook so please follow our school. Keep updated with events and exciting things happening within our school.

EASTER RAFFLE \$1 a TICKET



Tickets are available from the rubber surface each morning from 8.00 till 8.30am and after school from 2.45 to 3.00 pm. Tickets can be purchased up till 8.30am Wednesday 1st April. The raffle will be drawn on parade at 1.45pm. All funds raised go to the year 6 camp. Thank you for your support.

ICAS TESTING

Earlier this term a note went home regarding the 2015 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) testing. These tests provide an opportunity for all students in Yr3-12 to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external testing situation. All students receive a certificate

and an individual student report. Nominations for these tests are now due. If you would like your child to participate please return the permission form and money to the office ASAP. Spare notes are available at the office if required.

SCHOOL WATCH

With the school holidays commencing from this Thursday 2nd April, we would ask that you again **look, listen** and **report** anything untoward that you may see happening in our school grounds over the holidays.

Our staff would like to take this opportunity to wish you a happy Easter vacation with your children. Reminder to our parents/caregivers that school resumes **Monday 20th April**.



School Watch

YOU CAN HELP!

Your Eyes and Ears are Our Security

• LOOK • LISTEN • REPORT

Phone 13 17 88

CROSS COUNTRY

Reminder this Thursday 2nd April is our Cross Country. Students from Prep to Year 2 are having a fun run at school. Years 3 to 6 are going by bus to North Rockhampton High School to do the Cross Country at no charge to families. Please remind your child to have a hat and water bottle.



VIRTUES

These are the virtues that students will be learning about this week. Please take the time to talk to your children about these.

Week 10: Caring

Caring is giving love and attention to people and things that matter to you. When you care about people, you help them. When you do a careful job, you give it your very best effort. You treat people and things gently and respectfully.

SCHOOL RULE FOCUS:

Hands Off, Feet Off

In the last few weeks we have had to remind a number of students about our Hands Off, Feet Off rule. At Berserker, it is never appropriate for any student to put their hands or feet on somebody else. If your son/daughter is having a problem with another student they are asked to follow the following rules:

1. Say 'Stop! I don't like it!'
2. Tell a teacher
3. Tell the office

It is never ok for a student to try to solve a problem by putting their hands or feet on somebody else. This is unsafe and results in children being hurt. Please talk to your children about this rule, alternative ways to solve problems and reinforce the rules for solving problems (as above).

LOST PROPERTY

This is located at the tuckshop in a clearly labelled container under the noticeboard. Please make it a weekly routine to always come past and check lost property for any items that your child may have misplaced. We would again ask that you name all items belonging to your child, and when needed, rename with a permanent marking pen.



TUCKSHOP

The Tuckshop is open Monday to Friday.
The tuckshop operates for both lunches.

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

Wednesday	1/4/15	
Thursday	2/4/15	Raeleen Williams
Friday	3/4/15	Good Friday

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

Tues/Wed/Fri		Helpers Needed
Thursday	2/4/15	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.

NEWSLETTERS ONLINE

For the convenience of our families, our newsletter is placed on our school website to be available to all families electronically.

Our school website can be found at www.berserkerstreetss.eq.edu.au

The current newsletter can be found by clicking the 'latest newsletter' section on the home page.



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**

HATS



As we are a sunsafe “no hat, no play” school, caps are not a part of the school uniform. Hats must be a full brimmed style. If your child does not have a hat there are a few undercover areas they can choose to play in. Please make sure hats are **CLEARLY LABELLED** as we are unable to return them to their rightful owner without a name.

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.

FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICER

Holidays with Learning

School holidays sometimes results in the loss of learned skills acquired during the school term. Spending quality time with our children is extremely important for their development and happiness. Parents can help their children by providing age appropriate social interactions and encouraging them to apply essential skills in meaningful activities.

The following are a list of suggestions for parents to consider, which will aid in the smooth transition back to school and strengthen your relationship with your child.

* Read with your child. * Calculate grocery bills. * Keep journals and scrapbooks. * Art and craft. * Invite their friends on picnics. * Play games. * Go for a walk together. * Show interest in their activities. * Listen to them and ask questions. * Visit the library. * Walk around the zoo. * Visit a playground or

park. * Call the local council and ask about special holiday activities. * Free twilight movies. * Learn and share knowledge at a museum. * Spend time at the beach.

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.

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.

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.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wed 1 st April	School Photos
Thurs 2 nd April	Term one finishes
Mon 20 th April	School Resumes Term 2
Sat 25 th April	Anzac Day
Mon 8 th June	Queen’s Birthday
Thurs 11 th June	Show Day Holiday

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

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