



Berserker Street State School

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WELCOME BACK

I would like to extend a big welcome back to all of our families. I would also like to take a moment to welcome the many new families who have chosen to come to Berserker.

Term 2 is a very busy and important term in schools. NAPLAN testing will occur in just a few short weeks so our Grade 3 and 5 teachers are busily preparing their students. Please speak to your child's teacher if you have any questions at all about the NAPLAN tests.

NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM (NAPLAN)

All students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 across Australia will undertake common national tests in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation) and Numeracy from 12 - 14 May 2015.

Please see the timetable below regarding testing dates and test focus during each of the sessions.

	Tuesday 12 May	Wednesday 13 May	Thursday 14 May
Y r 3	Language Conventions 40 minutes Writing 40 minutes	Reading 45 minutes	Numeracy 45 minutes
Y r 5	Language Conventions 40 minutes Writing 40 minutes	Reading 50 minutes	Numeracy 50 minutes

TWILIGHT CONCERT

Don't miss our annual Twilight Concert on **Thursday 21st May at 6pm** in the Stadium. We have performances from all year levels, marimba band, instrumental groups and the world famous staff item. All students are invited to participate. In particular all Year 6 students should attend as this is their last concert before moving on to High School.

Concert starts at 6pm! It is essential that the students arrive by 6pm to ensure that they are ready to perform.



P&C will be selling hot food and drinks. These will be available to purchase from the canteen.

WINTER UNIFORM

Now that the weather is starting to get cooler we need families to be thinking about winter uniforms.

Our tuckshop sells school zip-up fleecy jackets which looks great with our uniform for \$25, sizes from 4 to 16. We ask that these are clearly labelled.

Alternatively you can purchase a plain bottle green jumper from a department store such as Big W, K Mart, Best & Less, and Target etc. which are generally very warm and not expensive.

The weather can change very rapidly so we strongly recommend arranging a jumper now for when it is cold.



P&C MEETING

Our next P&C meeting will be held tonight, Wednesday 29th April at 6.30pm. These meetings take place 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 are many ways you can help the school through involvement in our P&C. It would be great to see some new faces!

UNDER 8'S DAY

On Wednesday 22nd April our prep, year 1 and year 2 students celebrated Under 8's day. They had plenty of activities to choose from including playdough, drawing, obstacle course, storytelling and construction. A big "thank you" must go to Mrs King who organised this wonderful morning for the students. The prep students even put on a play for everyone which was enjoyed by all. They got to dress as their favourite character if they chose to. All students were very well behaved and enjoyed being part of such a great morning at Under 8's Day.



ANZAC DAY

On Thursday 23rd April our whole school participated in a commemoration ceremony in the Stadium for Anzac Day. Our School and Vice Captains played a significant role in the ceremony. Thank you to Mr McCabe who came along and played the Last Post and the Rouse. On Saturday 25th we had a wonderful response from our students to march in the Anzac Parade. Check out the photos on our facebook page.

FACEBOOK

We are now on Facebook so please follow our school. Keep updated with events

and exciting things happening within our school.

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.

HOCKEY

Congratulations to Ashytn Maggiotto and Alysha Wilson who have both been chosen to represent Rockhampton for hockey. They have made the Regional Rep teams for Under 12's for boys and girls. They will be travelling to Mackay so good luck Ashtyn and Alysha.

EASTER RAFFLE

Thank you to everyone who supported the Easter raffle. The students did a great job promoting and selling the tickets. All money raised goes towards the Year 6 Camp.

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**

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 2: Perseverance

Perseverance is being purposeful and steadfast. It is sticking to something, staying committed, no matter how long it takes or what obstacles appear to stop you. A good example is the story of the tortoise and the hare. Even though the tortoise was slower than the hare, he won the race because he persevered – he didn't let anything stop him or distract him. He kept on going.

Week 3: Tolerance

To be tolerant is to accept differences. You don't expect others to think, look, speak or act just like you. Tolerance is being free of prejudice, knowing that all people have feelings, needs, hopes and dreams. To be tolerant also means to accept things you wish were different with flexibility and patience.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club is available to all students every Monday 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 give the School Office a call on 4999-0333 and leave your name and phone number so we can contact you.

TUCKSHOP

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

Tuckshop Roster: Monday – Friday

Thursday	30/4/15	Cheryl Joyce
Friday	1/5/15	
Monday	4/5/15	
Tuesday	5/5/15	Raeleen Williams
Wednesday	6/5/15	
Thursday	7/5/15	Cheryl Joyce
Friday	8/5/15	

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

Tuesday	28/4, 5/5	Raeleen Williams
Wed/Thurs/Fri		

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 LUNCHESES.*** Orders must be in by **9am** (otherwise the tuckshop is only able to offer jam or vegemite sandwiches). The 'Red Day' at the end of last term was a great success thank you to the P&C committee and mothers that came along and assisted.

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.bersekerstreetss.eq.edu.au

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



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

If your house is stressful, disorganised or rushed in the mornings, your children may arrive at school late, hungry, upset and not ready to learn. Establishing a healthy morning routine and allocating responsibilities, makes life easier for everyone in the house. One useful way to set up a routine is by putting together a morning checklist like the example below. Children can tick off jobs as they are done, develop discipline, independence and responsibility and have a small reward at the end of each week for their great efforts. The jobs on the checklist and the reward need to be negotiated between yourself and your children so they feel part of the process and not just the outcome.

Morning Routine

Job	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri
Get up on time	√				
Go to the toilet and wash your hands	√				
Eat breakfast	√				
Clean up after breakfast	√				
Brush your teeth	√				
Wash your face	√				
Brush your hair	√				
Get dressed	√				
Make your bed and tidy your room	√				
Pack lunch in your port	√				
Check that you have your hat and homework	√				
☺ When all jobs completed	☺				

☺ 5 SMILES = TUCKSHOP ON FRIDAY

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.



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.

COUGHS AND COLD VERSE

Mary had a little lamb
 She also had the flu
 And when she left her school
 The others had it too.
 So anytime your children
 are sick
 Please keep them home
 with you
 Then the children in our school
 Will be happier and healthier too.



IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2015

12 – 14 May	Naplan Testing
21 st May	Twilight 6pm
Mon 8 th June	Queen’s Birthday
Thurs 11 th June	Show Day Holiday
Fri 26 th June	Last day Term 2

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 Principal