



Berserker Street State School

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NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM (NAPLAN)

Tomorrow is a very big day for all of our students in Years 3 and 5. They will commence the 2015 NAPLAN tests with the "Language Conventions" and "Writing" tests.

To give each child the best chance of doing well, it is important that they are well rested and relaxed. Our top three tips are:

1. **Have a good night's sleep**
2. **Eat a good breakfast**
3. **BE ON TIME TO SCHOOL**

ALL PARENTS ARE ASKED TO ENSURE THEIR CHILDREN ARE ON TIME TO SCHOOL ESPECIALLY WHILE NAPLAN IS ON. THE BELL GOES AT 8:40AM – ALL STUDENTS SHOULD BE AT SCHOOL BEFORE THIS.

Students in NAPLAN classes who arrive late will complete their tests in the office so that tests are not disrupted.

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

WRITING COMPETITION "The Cloud"

Congratulations to all of our students for participating and writing such wonderful stories incorporating our mural. We had a special parade on Thursday 7th May to present all of our winners with certificates and vouchers. The winners are:

Year	1 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place
Prep	Aleah PK	Freja PK	Aden P1/T
Year 1	Astrid 1MM	Bailey 1LM	Kaidence 1LM
Year 2	Jayden 2W	Eliza 2G	Zachary 2W
Year 3	Rivvah 3E	Tran 3M	Clancy 3L
Year 4	Rohan 4B	Savanna 4F	Ellie 4H
Year 5	Soraya 5P	Alysha.W. 5P	Matthew 5/6H
Year 6	Jeremiah 6S	Hollie- Marie 6S	Maddisyn 6S

Our overall School winner is Soraya from 5P. Congratulations!

TWILIGHT CONCERT



Don't miss our annual Twilight Concert next **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. We ask that these are clearly labelled and we have plenty in stock so please see the tuckshop.

Alternatively you can purchase a plain bottle green jumper from a department store such as Big W, K Mart, Best & Less, and Target etc. and are generally very warm and cheap.

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



BERSERKER STRINGS



Miss Julie Hickerson has joined Mrs Everitt to teach our String students each Tuesday. There are 31 students learning to play violin, cello and double bass this year. The Senior Strings will be performing at the Twilight Concert. Our beginner students have made a great start with learning to hold their instruments and read the music. They will perform at a School Parade later in the year.

The String students would like to thank the school P and C for their purchase of a new cello and four new violins this year.

CROSS COUNTRY

On Wednesday 6th May our Berserker Cross Country Team participated in the Rockhampton District Primary Schools' Cross Country Trials at Kalka Shades

Hockey Fields. Our 10 YEARS students (BORN 2005) contested the 2000m races, while our 11 and 12 YEARS students (BORN 2004 and 2003) had to compete in the 3000m events.

All of our students who attended demonstrated excellent behaviour and represented our school in a positive way both on and off the track.

The most significant difference this year was that for the first time we combined with the Secondary Schools who demonstrated to our students the effort required to contest events up to 8000m in distance!

All of our students competed in the right spirit and demonstrated great sportsmanship. This positive effort resulted in a number of competitive performances and a total of 9 PB's (Personal Best Times) being recorded!

A huge thank you to Jan Lawton for her assistance in conducting additional training for our Cross Country squad. Similarly, a HUGE thank you to Mandy Rankin, Rondah Rodda, Barry Rogers, Steve Moore, Steve Piskor, Kylie Huff and Sharon Dziewicki for their part they played to assist with the day. They all did a fantastic job of supporting our students.

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 4: Honesty

Being honest is being open, trustworthy and truthful. When people are honest, they can be relied on not to lie, cheat or steal. It is admitting mistakes even when you know someone might be angry or disappointed. Being honest means that you don't pretend to be something you are not. With honesty, you can trust things to be as they appear.

Week 5: Courtesy

Courtesy is being polite and having good manners. It is a gracious way of speaking and acting which gives others a feeling of being valued and respected. It is greeting others with respect. "Please", "Thank you", "Excuse me", "Hello", "Goodbye", "You're welcome" are not just words. They are courteous expressions that show people you respect them and care about them.

SCHOOL RULE FOCUS:

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

At our school all students are expected to follow the directions of adult staff members in the school. Children are reminded of this rule on a regular basis. Please take the time to discuss and reinforce this rule with your children this week. This rule helps our students to be safe and ensures that our school and our classrooms can operate effectively and productively resulting in better outcomes for all.

SOCCER

Congratulations to Nakita Petersen who has been selected to represent the Rockhampton District Primary School's Girls Soccer team. She will be travelling to Mackay to take part in the Capricornia trials. Good luck Nakita.

P&C MEETING

Our P&C meet on the third Wednesday of every month in the staffroom located in the Admin Block. Our next monthly meeting is the 20th May at 6:30pm. So come along as it is a great way to see how our P&C operates.

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.

TUCKSHOP

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

Tuckshop Roster: Monday – Friday

Monday	11/5/15	
Tuesday	12/5/15	
Wednesday	13/5/15	
Thursday	14/5/15	Cheryl Joyce
Friday	15/5/15	
Monday	18/5/15	
Tuesday	19/5/15	Raeleen Williams
Wednesday	20/5/15	
Thursday	21/5/15	Cheryl Joyce
Friday	22/5/15	

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

Tuesday	12/5, 19/5	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 LUNCHES.*** Orders must be in by 9am (otherwise the tuckshop is only able to offer jam or vegemite sandwiches).

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**

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2015

12 – 14 May	NAPLAN Testing
21 st May	Twilight 6pm
8 th June	Queen's Birthday
11 th June	Show Day Holiday
26 th June	Last day Term 2

COMMUNITY KICKBACKS AT AMART SPORTS

Help us secure funding to improve our facilities by shopping at AMART Sports. Our school gets 5% of your purchases which are then paid back to us to improve our facilities. You score Loyalty benefits: preferred pricing, exclusive offers, VIP shopping nights and member only competitions. All you need to do is:

1. Join Team Amart, Amart Sports loyalty program today instore or online at teamamart.com.au. It's FREE to join!
2. Select our school on your account profile. It's important! If you're already a Team Amart member, simply add us to your account profile.
3. Ensure you swipe your loyalty card EVERY time you shop at Amart Sports.
4. And that's it, with every purchase you make at Amart Sports, we secure funds to improve our facilities.

To join visit TEAMAMART.COM.AU

COMMUNITY NOTICES

UNDER 8's AUSSIE HOOPS

Who: Prep-Year 2 (please call our office regarding Preps signing up)

Where: Hegvold Basketball Stadium, Sir Raymond-Huish Drive

When: Friday afternoons 4.30-5.30pm

Dates: Friday 15th May – Friday 26th June

Cost: \$77.00 (GST Inc.)

Aussie Hoops is a 7 week Learn 2 Play Basketball program for prep, year 1 and 2 students. You'll learn the fundamentals of the sport through a series of fun games, with the goal of building up to playing modified 5 on 5 basketball on our specially designed 8 Foot rings.

What you get?

- Sessions with quality coaches including Rockhampton Basketball State Representatives and Former Australian Institute of Sport Coach Matt Neason
- An Aussie Hoops Player Pack (including bag, basketball and reversible singlet)
- Plus other exciting hand outs

Register online today by heading to www.aussiehoops.com.au and entering 4700 in the locator. Want more information? Call RBI Manager Matt Neason on 07 49225544.

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