



Berserker Street State School

Newsletter: 26th May, 2015

Berserker Street North Rockhampton PO Box 9911 Frenchville 4701
Phone 49 990 333 Fax 49990 300
Principal: Mrs Rebecca Hack

Email: the.principal@berserkerstreetss.eq.edu.au

PARENTS/CARE GIVERS LEADING BY EXAMPLE IN OUR SCHOOL GROUNDS

- Respect for others is one of the most important lessons that we want to teach our students at Berserker Street State School. To learn respect children need to be able to see the adults in their lives show respect to each other. It is important that parents/caregivers, as well as school staff, show respect when dealing with each other. It is a way that we create a safe school environment for staff, volunteers, students, parents/caregivers and visitors.
- People who enter our school grounds and are hostile or aggressive, this includes using abusive or profane language and threats to school staff or volunteers, students or other parents/caregivers, will not be tolerated.
- It is an offence under the Education Act for one adult to insult another adult at a school in the presence or hearing of a student. It is also an offence for a parent to approach and admonish or question the child of another family.
- The Education Act provides the Principal with the authority to provide a written direction requiring a person to immediately leave the school premises and not re-enter for a period of time. Conditions may also be placed on a person's entry to the school premises.
- If a member of the school community has an issue or concern the appropriate protocol is to make an appointment with the staff member, outside of student learning times, to discuss the matter in a calm manner. If the matter cannot be resolved the matter

should be referred to the principal in the first instance.

- All members of the school community are asked to abide by these protocols so that schools can maintain a safe supportive environment for our students to learn.

TWILIGHT CONCERT



Huge thanks must go to Miss Eryn for putting a great song program together, Mr Parry for all the work getting our lighting and sound sorted, Mr Leslie for compering, Mrs Shelton for the behind the scenes work with costumes and catering, Mrs Rankin, Mrs Hack, Mr Jordan, Mr Rogers, P&C members and all of our staff for their hard work in making our annual Twilight Concert a great success. Thanks as well to all the students, parents and grandparents that came along and made it such a fantastic night. We have had such amazing feedback from the community. It was a great night!

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Reminder: to our Parents and Caregivers that **Monday 8th June** is the Queen's Birthday Holiday and **Thursday 11th June** is our Show Day Holiday. Enjoy the long weekend!



School Watch
YOU CAN HELP!
Your Eyes and Ears are Our Security
• LOOK • LISTEN • REPORT
Phone 13 17 88

NATURAL MATHS

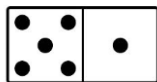
At Berserker, our maths curriculum is centred on the Natural Maths program created by Ann and John Baker, both of whom are experts in the field of mathematics. Their program aims to bridge the gap between research and practice in maths education.



Students are first taught the Natural Maths Strategies in Prep and they continue to learn more right through to Year 6. You may have heard your child coming home talking about “chunking” or “number splitting” during a maths lesson at school today. These are just a couple of many Natural Maths terms that are used school wide. We hope to further promote the use of these strategies at home by explaining a new Natural Maths strategy in each of our newsletters. Who knows, maybe you are already using some without knowing it!

SUBITISE

Sometimes you do not need to count as you just suddenly know how many things are in a group – this is called subitising. This is the foundation of all later number sense and is an important skill for early learners.



How many dots on each side of the domino?

How many fish do I have?



Did you just know without counting?

Encourage your child to subitise with things at home. Use dice, pictures, toys, etc. to practice subitising.

JERSEY DAY

This **Wednesday 27th May** is jersey colours day. All students are encouraged to wear a rugby, football, netball or coloured shirt/jersey. If you don't have a jersey you may wear free dress. A gold

coin donation is payable and will go towards the Year 6 camp.

VIRTUES

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

Week 6: Integrity

Integrity is standing up for what you believe is right, living by your highest values. It is being honest and sincere with others and yourself. You are integrous when your words and actions match. You don't fool yourself into doing what you know is wrong. You fill your life and your mind with things that help you to live a good, clean life.

Week 7: Service

Service is giving to others and wanting to make a difference in their lives. It is looking for ways to be helpful instead of waiting to be asked. The needs of others are as important to you as your own. When you work with a spirit of service, you give any job your best effort. You make a real contribution. People who want to be of service can change the world.

SCHOOL RULE FOCUS:

Wear your school uniform with pride

At Berserker, we expect our students to be in full school uniform every day (bottle green shorts, the Berserker Street SS shirt, a bottle green wide-brimmed hat and enclosed shoes suitable for sporting activities. In winter, a green jumper and/or green track pants are acceptable. A minimal amount of jewellery is appropriate for school wear and students are not to wear make-up, nail polish, acrylic nails or similar items to school. It is preferred that students tie long hair back with simple black or green hair accessories. Please encourage your child to wear their full school uniform every day and represent our school with pride.

2015 QLD PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE



In 2015, classes that have nominated to participate in the QLD Premier's Reading Challenge will commence reading as of 19th May.

Over the next few months students will be challenged to read or experience a specific number of books. For a student to successfully complete the QLD Premier's Reading Challenge they must read or experience the number of books indicated in the table below.

Year level	Number of books
Prep – Year 2	Read or experience 20 books
Years 3 – 4	20 books
Years 5 – 6	15 books

The following activities can be counted towards the challenge:

- reading independently
- shared reading
- being read to (Prep – Year 2 only).

The following literature forms can be counted towards the challenge:

- printed books
- e-books, virtual books and digital publications
- graphic novels and comic books
- audio and braille books
- newspapers, magazines and recipe books.

The challenge will end on the 28th August and each student will submit their completed reading record form to their class teacher. Certificates of Achievement will be mailed to the school and issued to students in Term 4.



Why read?

Literacy skills are vital to ensuring children have the best chance to succeed in their schooling and life. The QLD Premier's Reading Challenge is an opportunity for students to be enthusiastic about reading, writing, authors and illustrators. Reading a variety of books builds vocabulary and knowledge, improves spelling and comprehension, can improve confidence, and it's also a great way to relax.

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**

SOFTBALL

Congratulations to Tarneesha Von Senden, Jacqueline De Jong and Earnest Walker who have been selected in the Rockhampton District Softball Team. Good luck Tarneesha, Jacqueline and Earnest.

PCYC IS OFFERING VACATION CARE!

Are you looking for some fun ways to keep your children entertained these school holidays?

Come along to Vacation Care at PCYC-Berserker Street! We offer fun activities and a variety of exciting excursions that are sure to keep everyone busy!

- Open from 6.30am - 6.00pm
Monday to Friday

- \$54 per child, per day
- CCB & CCR Eligible

For more information or to book please call Toni on 04 181 164 81

***Operation is dependent on enrolment numbers**

TUCKSHOP

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

Tuckshop Roster: Monday – Friday

Wednesday	27/5/15	
Thursday	28/5/15	Cheryl Joyce
Friday	29/5/15	
Monday	1/6/15	
Tuesday	2/6/15	Raeleen Williams
Wednesday	3/6/15	
Thursday	4/6/15	Cheryl Joyce
Friday	5/6/15	

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

Tuesday	26/5, 2/6	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).

FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICER

The Importance of Physical Activity

Physical activity is very important for a child's development and leads to a healthy and active life. Please encourage your children to participate in physical activity for these reasons:

- healthy growth and development
- maintain a healthy weight
- strong bones and muscles
- improves balance, coordination and strength
- helps to develop gross motor and fine motor skills

- improves concentration and thinking skills
- builds confidence and self-esteem
- relieves stress and promotes relaxation
- develops social skills and makes friends
- improves sleep

IMPORTANT DATES

8 th June	Queen's Birthday
11 th June	Show Day Holiday
17 th June	P&C Meeting
26 th June	Last day Term 2

COMMUNITY NOTICES

SCOUTS

Scouting Aim – To encourage the physical, emotional, social and spiritual development of young people as that they take a constructive place in society as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities.
Scouting Demographic - Boys and girls aged 6-15 years of age broken into 3 sections.

- Joeys - 6 to 8 years of age
- Cubs - 7½ to 11 years of age
- Scouts - 10 ½ to 15 years of age

Meeting Times

- Joeys - Tues 5:30pm to 6:30pm
- Cubs - Wed 6:00pm to 8:00pm
- Scouts - Thurs 7:00pm to 8:30pm

Location - 187 Honour Street, Nth Rockhampton

Contact - Stephen Kydd – Group Leader

Ph. 0407766130

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Monday 29th June – Friday 3rd July

\$150.00 per child. \$120 per person for a family of 3 or more! ***Must be paid in full prior to starting***

At the Safe Sheltered waters of the Causeway Lake Ages 7-12 years. School Holiday Program includes a shirt, hat & drink bottle, certificate, lunch each day and Graduation BBQ. Contact the Sailing Dept. 49399542

sailing@kbsc.com.au

Rebecca Hack
Principal