



# Berserker Street State School

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### WELCOME BACK

We would like to extend a big welcome back to all of our families. We would also like to take a moment to welcome the many new families who have chosen to join us at Berserker Street State School.

### ANNUAL BOOK FAIR

Our annual Book Fair will be from next Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> July through to Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> July in **B2**. Book Fair is an annual fundraiser for the library so please come along and support it. Students who purchase books will be able to put their name in the draw to win one of three \$20.00 vouchers to be spent at the fair. **Be on the lookout for a special visitor at our Book Fair.**

#### BOOK FAIR TIMES:

Book Fair will be open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8.15am till 8.45am, first lunch each day and after school till 3.15pm.

### WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN IS BACK!

Woolworths is giving us a chance to receive some amazing new educational equipment through their annual Earn & Learn program.

#### TO GET INVOLVED:

1. Shop at Woolworths and you'll get 1 Earn & Learn Sticker for every \$10 you spend.
2. Place all your stickers on a Woolworth's Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet. You can pick one up from the school, a Woolworths store or

you can even download one from the internet (see below).

3. Once you've completed your Sticker Sheet, pop it into a Collection Box at the office or at a local Woolworth's store.

This program provides a huge range of resources in classrooms, libraries, music rooms, gymnasiums and science labs.

Start collecting your Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers today. Go to [www.woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn](http://www.woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn) for more information.

### GET SET FOR PREP 2016!

**Enrolments and Information Packages** are now available from the office for children who wish to commence Prep in 2016 and beyond. If your child turns five by June 30<sup>th</sup> 2016, they are eligible for Prep next year. The table below is a guide to assist families to determine their child/ren's Prep eligibility.

Birthday	2016	2017	2018	2019
01/07/10 to 30/06/11	Prep Year	Year One	Year Two	Year Three
01/07/11 to 30/06/12	Kindy	Prep Year	Year One	Year Two
01/07/12 to 30/06/13		Kindy	Prep Year	Year One
01/07/13 to 30/06/14			Kindy	Prep Year

***Enrolments always welcome!***

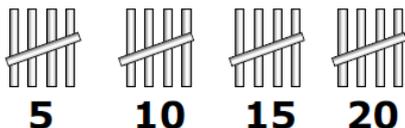
## NATURAL MATHS

### Tallies

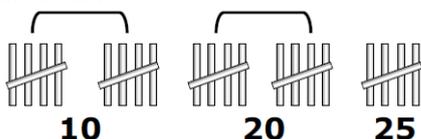


Tallies are a quick and easy way of recording data such as team scores, eye colour, favourite foods; but they are also much more than this.

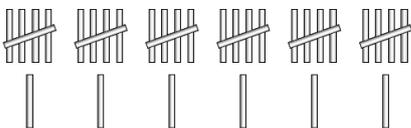
Tallies encourage children to subitise groups of 5 and to count in 5s, a process called *skip counting*:



This leads on to students spotting '10s' and count the 10s to make counting more efficient.



If the foundation is firm, children will have a strong base for both working out and subsequently knowing their multiplication facts.



Did you see this as  $6 \times 5$  and  $6 \times 1$  and say: I know that  $6 \times 5$  is 30 and 6 more makes 36!

Try and use tallies when counting at home with your child and use real life items lying around the house.

### REMINDER: SMOKING BAN IN OR AROUND ANY SCHOOL GROUNDS

From the 1<sup>st</sup> January this year smoking any tobacco products or using an electronic cigarette [within five metres of any state or private school grounds](#) has been banned. This applies before, during and after school hours as well as over weekends and school holidays.

**This means smoking on the footpath next to school, sitting and smoking in your car outside the school or standing around cars next to the footpath to have a cigarette is now illegal.**

On the spot fines can be issued by environmental health officers, police officers or other officers authorised by the local government to anyone found in breach of this legislation.

Please remember to put out your cigarette and dispose of the litter thoughtfully before you reach the school boundary.

### REGIONAL SHIELD

#### *Berserker students "better and brighter" at the Regional Shield*

Last Thursday and Friday our Berserker students swapped school books for the sporting field and truly lived up to the school's motto. Although neither team were overall winners, their efforts, participation, sportsmanship and team work brought out the best in each student.

A big thank you must go to Mr Piskor and Ms Leahy and supporting staff for their assistance over the two days. Thank you also to the parents/carers who came along and cheered our teams on.

### 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](http://www.education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts)

## 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**

## BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club is available to all students every Monday. A healthy breakfast of cereal, toast, juice and milo is available from 8.00 am to 8.40 am 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 call the School Office 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

Monday	20/7/15	
Tuesday	21/7/15	
Wednesday	22/7/15	
Thursday	23/7/15	Cheryl Joyce
Friday	24/7/15	
Monday	27/7/15	
Tuesday	28/7/15	Raeleen Williams
Wednesday	29/7/15	
Thursday	30/7/15	Cheryl Joyce
Friday	31/7/15	

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

Tuesday	21/7, 28/7	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

### Importance of Social Interactions

The opportunity for social interactions with others is very important for the development of all children. As children grow and develop, they become more and more interested in playing and interacting with other children. During this social play, children learn appropriate social behaviours, including sharing, cooperating and respecting the property of others, as well as communication and cognitive and motor skills. These skills learnt early can promote future educational and vocational opportunities for your child. Numerous professional childhood studies have found that children of parents who organise age appropriate play times, usually have higher self-esteem and show a greater willingness to interact with their environment as they grow, thus encouraging deeper learning.

If your child is having difficulties socially, they would benefit from spending more time with other children at a playground, pool, beach or organised sport activity. Being there yourself will mean you will be more able to detect the causes of any difficulties they have socially and teach/practice specific ways to play, share, take turns and express feelings to encourage friendships and therefore, have happier children.

## 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.

## FACEBOOK

**Reminder:** Berserker Street State School is on Facebook. Please follow this page to keep updated on exciting events happening within our school.

## 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.



## 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: Confidence

Confidence is having faith in something or someone. It is a kind of trust. When you have self-confidence, you trust that you have what it takes to handle whatever happens. You feel sure of yourself and enjoy trying new things. When you are confident in others, you rely on them and confide in them.

### Week 3: Thankfulness

Thankfulness is being grateful for what you have. It is an attitude of gratitude for learning, loving, and being. It is appreciating the little things which happen around you and within you every day. It is having a sense of wonder about the beauty of this world. It is being aware of the gifts in your life.

## SCHOOL RULE FOCUS:

### Wear your school uniform with pride

At our school all students are to be in school uniform at all times and to wear it with pride. Our school uniform is a

Berserker shirt, bottle green shorts, bottle green wide-brimmed hat and shoes suitable for sport. In the colder months, a bottle green jumper and/or bottle green tracksuit pants should be worn.

We have had a number of children turning up in jumpers which are not bottle green. **Please ensure that your child has a bottle green jumper** and is wearing this as part of their school uniform when required.

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2015

29 <sup>th</sup> July	Island Dreaming School Performance
19 <sup>th</sup> August	P&C Meeting
19 <sup>th</sup> September	School Holidays

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### ROCKHAMPTON BASKETBALL

**Who:** Junior Grade 1-3, Senior Grade 4-6 (Please call office regarding Preps signing up)

**Where:** Hegvold Basketball Stadium, Sir Raymond Drive

**When:** Tuesday afternoons Junior Grade 1-3. 4pm-4.55pm. Senior Grade 4-6. 4.55pm-5.50pm.

**Dates:** Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July – Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September

**Cost:** \$77.00

**Aussie Hoops** is a 7 week Learn 2 Play Basketball program for Grade P, 1 & 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 speciality 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, & reversible singlet)
- Plus other exciting hand outs

Register online today by heading to [www.aussiehoops.com.au](http://www.aussiehoops.com.au) and entering 4700 in the locator. Want more information? Call RBI Development Manager Matt Neason on 07 49225544

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