



Berserker Street State School

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GET SET FOR PREP 2016!

If your child turns five by June 30th 2016, they are eligible for Prep next year. Enrolments and Information Packages are now available from the office for children Prep 2016. The table below is a guide to assist families to determine their child'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!

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.

If you don't have a sticker sheet, you can still drop your stickers in to the box provided and the school will place them on a spare sheet.

This program provides a huge range of resources for our school.

Start collecting your Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers today. Go to www.woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn for more information.

NAIDOC DAY

NAIDOC (National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee) celebrations are held around Australia in the first full week in July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

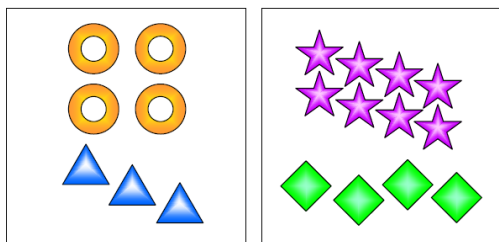
Our annual Berserker Street State School NAIDOC DAY CELEBRATIONS will be held this Thursday 27th August. Students will be engaged in a full day of activities that will build an awareness and appreciation of the history and culture of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Some activities will include weaving, dancing, listening to elders and food tasting.

Parents/Carers are welcome to come along and be a part of this day and to join us for a game of basketball to conclude the day. Please contact the office if you are able to assist.

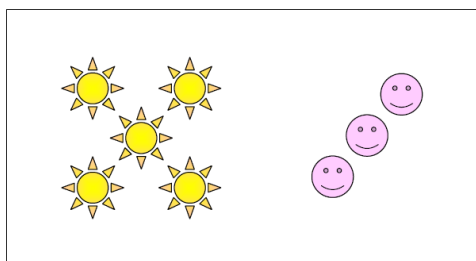
NATURAL MATHS

Counting On 1, 2 or 3

Counting on is a very important step in the introduction of addition. To count on children need to know that the counting sequence can be broken into and picked up at any starting number.



How many objects in this group?



To find out how many objects altogether, we know that there are 5 so we can continue the count, 6, 7 8.

DISTRICT CARNIVAL

Congratulations to Ebony Gow and Will Johnston who progressed from the Interschool Athletics Carnival to the Greater Rockhampton District Carnival. Will competed strongly in the Shot Put competition whilst Ebony placed 3rd in the High jump. Ebony progressed further to the Capricornia Trials on Tuesday 18th August. Thanks to Mr Thornton and Mrs Lawton who have been giving these students extra training.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS

Congratulations to all our String and Band students on their great performances at the Combined Schools Concerts. The audience were treated to some fabulous music. Some of the highlights were the Strings playing 'Hannah the Goanna' and 'Gulf Coast Pirates' and the Band rendition of 'Happy' and 'Tyrannosaurus Rock'.

Our first year String students will be performing some of their favourite pieces on parade on 2nd September. Our Band students will perform on parade on 10th September. Parents are more than welcome to attend.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

As you are aware, there is a strong correlation between attendance and academic achievement.

We as a school are requesting Parent/Carer support to ensure the best possible opportunities for our students. This is done by monitoring closely the attendance of every student every day.

Below is a table which will help to reinforce the importance of your child's attendance at school every day (genuine illness accepted). It is important that we work together to get all students here 95% of the time.

If your child misses	That equals	Which is	And over 13 years	Grade they will achieve
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks a year	Nearly 1 ½ years	Equal to finishing in year 11
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks a year	Over 2 ½ years	Equal to finishing in year 10
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks a year	Over 5 years	Equal to finishing in year 7
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks a year	Over 8 years	Equal to finishing in year 4

OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS



Please remind your children if they have overdue library books they need to be returned to the library. For students wishing to keep their books for longer, please visit the library to have them extended. Overdue class lists went out last week.

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 are able to assist 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 before school and both lunch breaks Monday to Friday

Thanks to Raeleen who volunteers on Tuesdays and Cheryl for volunteering Thursdays. Assistance is required Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Please contact the office or pop in and see Cherie at the tuckshop if you are able to help out.

Tuckshop Breakfast: Tuesday to Friday 8am till 9am.

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).

FAREWELL

We bid a farewell to our acting Guidance Officer, Mrs Lisa St. James, on Friday 14th August. We wish her the best and thank

her for all of her efforts. Mr Jamieson has returned from leave and will resume his position as Guidance Officer.

UNIFORMS

School Uniforms can be purchased from our tuckshop Monday to Friday from 8am till 10.30am. The tuckshop is open on these days before school for your convenience. Full school uniform, including the Berserker shirt with logo, are a requirement for all Berserker students. All students should also have closed in shoes and hat for play.

LIBRARY

Our school library is open both lunch breaks for students.

Library Activities:

Monday - Movie Day

Tuesday & Thursday-Duplo

Wednesday & Friday - Quiet Reading

Computers:

Computers are available both lunch breaks for all students. We encourage students to use this time as well to finish assessment work etc.

Library Borrowing:

Students can return and borrow books at lunch breaks as well.



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.

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 7: Honour

Honour is living with a sense of respect for what you believe is right. It is living by the virtues, showing great respect for yourself, other people, and the rules you live by. When you are honourable, you don't have to feel ashamed of who you are or what you are doing. You are worthy of respect. You set a good example.

Week 8: Assertiveness

Being assertive means being positive and confident. When you practice assertiveness you stand up and speak out. You set boundaries about what you will and will not do, and get help when you need it. You share your feelings tactfully and make a difference in the world in your own special way.

SCHOOL RULE FOCUS:

Use Kind Words

At our school all students are expected to treat all members of our school community with respect. Part of this expectation is that students use kind words when speaking to other students or adults in our school. At Berserker Street State School we encourage our students to always communicate with others in a way that allows everybody to feel good about themselves and not use words to hurt others. Please reinforce this rule with your child.

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.

YEAR 7 ENROLMENTS 2016 NRSHS

North Rockhampton SHS enrolments for Year 7 2016 are now open. Students are to return the Expression of Interest form provided to the students on 30 July 2015 to the Primary school office. You can also contact North Rockhampton SHS on Ph: 4924 7888 to arrange to receive an enrolment pack of detailed information at any time. Appointments for enrolment interview are to be arranged with a North Rockhampton SHS representative, parent/carer and your child during term 3.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2015

16 th September	P&C Meeting
19 th September	School Holidays

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Emu Park Surf Lifesaving Club

Sign-on for the 2015-16 Season

Sunday 6th September 2015

9.00am to 12.00pm

At Emu Park Surf Lifesaving Club, Keppel Street, Emu Park.

Nippers Boys & Girls from 5 to 14 years

Seniors 15 years and upwards

What to Bring: Togs and goggles for your pool assessment at the Emu Park pool.

Identification – birth certificate/driver's license/Medicare card

Cost \$200 per family / \$75 for active seniors / \$85 for associate. Club merchandise will be on sale.

Sausage Sizzle, Junior activities will commence at the beach on: Sunday 20th September at 9am.

Email: secretary@emuparkslsc.net.au

Junior Oztag

Our Junior Oztag Season is set to kick off on the 7th of September. This will be a 12 round competition skipping two weeks over the school holidays. We have sign on days on the 24th, 26th and 31st August and our last on the 2nd of September. It is possible to enter as an individual or as a team. Come give it a try.

Location: Sale yards park, 1 John Street, Allenstown.

Time: 4pm-6pm

Contact: Ryan Scott: 0419741678

Website: rockhamptonoztag.com

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