



# 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.

## GET SET FOR PREP 2016!

**Prep enrolment interviews for 2016 have commenced.**

If you have a child who is eligible for Prep in 2016 please call into the office as soon as possible to arrange a Prep interview and complete enrolment forms. The table below is a guide to assist families to determine 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

## PUPIL FREE DAY

Reminder to our Parents and Caregivers that **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October** is a Pupil Free Day. Please mark this on a calendar as this day is set aside for Teacher Professional Development.



## P&C MEETING

Our next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 6.30pm. These meetings take place in the staffroom located in the Admin Block. We always welcome parent involvement with the P&C so please join us on Wednesday evening.

## WHAT SORT OF START IS YOUR CHILD GETTING?

**School starts at 8:45am!**  
 Just a little bit late doesn't seem that much but.....

Missing just.....	That equals....	Which is.....	Over 13 years of schooling that's.....
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1.5 Weeks per year	Nearly <b>Half a Year</b>

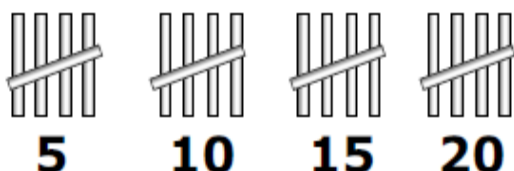
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 minutes per week	Over 2.5 Weeks per year	Nearly <b>1 Year</b>
Half an hour per day	Half a day per week	4 Weeks per Year	Nearly <b>1 and a Half Years</b>
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 Weeks per year	Over <b>2 and a Half years</b>

**Did you know your child's best learning time is the start of the school day!**  
**That's when every minute counts the most!!**

## NATURAL MATHS

### Skip Counting

Skip counting is counting in equal sized groups, for example - 2, 4, 6, 8 and so on. Counting a large number of objects in 1s can be tedious and time consuming, whereas touch counting in 2s would speed up the process. Try for yourself.



## 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.

## 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.

## SPORTS DAY FUN DAY

Our Sports Day Fun Day was held at the end of last term for Prep to Year 4. What a sensational day it was! It was great to see so many parents and carers come along and support their children. A big thank you must go to Mrs Shelton, Mrs Lawton, Mrs Rankin, Mr Thornton, Mr Rogers, and the many helpers who assisted on the day.

Our students competed with their classes and had lots of fun. Thank you the P&C who provided ice blocks for every student.

### The overall winners were:

<b>Prep Boys:</b>	Cobey P.
<b>Prep Girls:</b>	Stacey RM.
<b>Year 1 Boys:</b>	Lucas W.
<b>Year 1 Girls:</b>	Zakiylia FL.
<b>Year 2 Boys:</b>	Jack O.
<b>Year 2 Girls:</b>	Miley N.
<b>Year 3 Boys:</b>	Eric D.
<b>Year 3 Girls:</b>	Nahlani V.
<b>Year 4 Boys:</b>	Jonathon H.
<b>Year 4 Girls:</b>	Rianna M.

### ***Congratulations!***



## 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 LUNCHES.** Orders must be in by 9am (otherwise the tuckshop is only able to offer jam or vegemite sandwiches).

### 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, is a requirement for all Berserker students. All students should also have closed in shoes and hat for play.

### 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 children early, they must first report to the office to sign them out. Students are not allowed to leave the classroom if parents do not have a valid sign out slip.



### 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 to finish assessment work if they need to.

#### 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 0418 116481. 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 2: Compassion

Compassion is having kind feelings toward someone who is hurt or troubled. It is caring deeply and wanting to help, even if you don't know them. It is being kind and forgiving to someone who has hurt you.

#### Week 3: Detachment

Detachment is experiencing your feelings without allowing your feelings to control you. It is choosing how you will act in a situation rather than just reacting. With detachment you are free to do only what you choose to do. Detachment is using thinking and feeling together, so you can make smart choices.

### SCHOOL RULE FOCUS:

#### Use kind words and kind hands

At Berserker, students are expected to treat each other with respect. When interacting with others they must use kind words and kind hands. It is not acceptable to use unkind words when speaking to others, nor is it acceptable to use your hands in an unkind way. Please encourage our child to always treat all members of our school community, children and adults, with kindness.

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2015

19 <sup>th</sup> October	Student Free Day
21 <sup>st</sup> October	P&C Meeting 6.30pm
11 <sup>th</sup> December	School Finishes

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**This year, North Rocky High is bringing “One Night Only” home to our own Performing Arts Centre in Simpson Street, to showcase of the best of the Arts in 2015.**

Please join us this **Friday 16th October at 6:00pm** for a great night of entertainment, featuring our award winning concert band, stage band and string orchestra, our traditional and modern dance troupes, our Year. 12 band “Kneecap”, fresh from Battle of the Bands, Greek tragedy and Shakespeare from the Drama students, the Wearable Art fashion parade, workshops on manga drawing, Special Effects makeup demonstrations, a photo booth, student films and an art exhibition.

“One Night Only” will be a fun night out with something for everyone!

**Entry is only a gold coin donation and the café will also be open, serving delicious snacks and drinks. We are looking forward to seeing you all there!**

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### **FREE COMMUNITY EVENT**

Water Polo Queensland invites all budding and aspiring Water Polo players to attend its 2015, Come ‘N’ Try Open Day. Join us at The Rockhampton Grammar School Pool (Archer Street, South Rockhampton, Qld 4700) on October 24th from 2:00pm – 4:00pm, for some fun Water Polo activities, skills and drills. **ALL AGES WELCOME!**

The event will be a great opportunity to meet the local Rockhampton Club, make new friends and learn some new skills. All stations are run by Water Polo Queensland staff, accredited coaches and volunteers.

Feel free to turn up on the day, OR register your interest with Water Polo Queensland via Survey Monkey [here:](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/T7YGYSM)  
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### **EVENT DETAILS**

Date: Sunday, 25th October 2015

Location: The Rockhampton Grammar School Pool – Archer Street, South Rockhampton, Qld 4700

Time: 2:00pm – 4:00pm

For any further questions please don't hesitate to contact [development@waterpoloqld.com.au](mailto:development@waterpoloqld.com.au)

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