



# Berserker Street State School

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## 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.

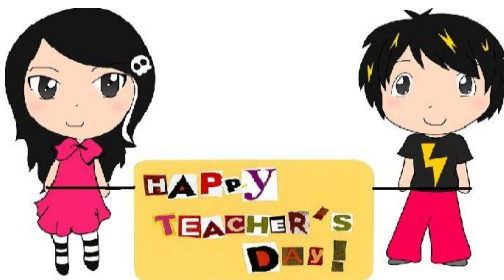
Birthday	2016	2017	2018	2019
01/07/10 to 30/06/11	Prep Year	Year One	Year Two	Year Three
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01/07/12 to 30/06/13		Kindy	Prep Year	Year One
01/07/13 to 30/06/14			Kindy	Prep Year

**Enrolments always welcome!**

## WORLD TEACHERS' DAY

This Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October is World Teachers' Day. Thank you to all of our wonderful teachers for their dedication, guidance and professionalism. At Berserker we recognise the significant contribution our teachers make in the classroom and the community.

*"Thank You"*



## STEPHANIE ALEXANDER KITCHEN GARDEN

Thank you once again to the Wilson Family for working so hard to make our kitchen garden so amazing. The green house area looks great! As does the mural painted and donated by Gabriella. It is wonderful to see so many classes working and planting within the gardens. It is such a great space for students to do various planting activities. Teachers and students are really enjoying being a part of it. There are beans, mint, zucchini's, flowers etc. flourishing. Cooking of the produce has commenced!



## APPLICATIONS FOR INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC 2016



Recruiting of instrumental music students for 2016 has commenced. Positions will be available in the areas of strings, woodwind, brass and percussion for students in years 4-6 in 2016. Education Qld provides specialist teachers who offer free group lessons during school time. More details can be found on the Application Forms which are available from the school office.

## YEAR 5 CAMP

The Year 5 camp has been finalised for Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> and Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November. A payment of \$35.00 for the camp can now be made at the office. Year 5 camp is now a one night 2 day adventure, aimed at building leadership skills for the students as our current year 5 cohorts will be the senior students next year. ***The payment of \$35.00 and return of permission/medical forms needs to be made at the office by this Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October.***

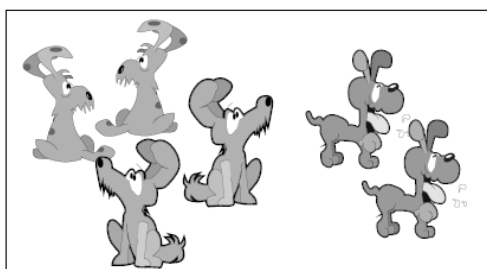
## NATURAL MATHS

### Counting Back

Just as counting on is early addition, counting back is the beginning step to subtraction.

#### Try this problem:

The dog next door had 6 puppies. 2 of them have found new homes already. How many puppies are left?



You would count back 2 from 6: 6, 5, 4.

## 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.



## 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.

## 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.



## 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 4: Flexibility

Flexibility is being open to change. It means not always having to have your own way. It is being open to the opinions and feelings of others. With flexibility, you are willing to change your mind. If something doesn't work, you try a new way. Flexibility is making changes for the better.

### Week 5: Courage

Courage is personal bravery in the face of fear. It is doing what needs to be done even when it is really hard or scary. Courage is going ahead even when you feel like giving up. Courage is needed in trying new things. It is admitting mistakes and then doing the right thing. Courage is the strength in your heart.

## SCHOOL RULE FOCUS:

### Hands Off, Feet Off

In the last few weeks we have had to remind a number of students about our Hands Off, Feet Off rule. At Berserker, it is never appropriate for any student to put their hands or feet on somebody else. If your son/daughter is having a problem with another student they are asked to follow the following rules:

1. Say 'Stop! I don't like it!'
2. Tell a teacher
3. Tell the office

It is never ok for a student to try to solve a problem by putting their hands or feet on somebody else. This is unsafe and results in children being hurt. Please talk to your children about this rule, alternative ways to solve problems and reinforce the rules for solving problems (as above).

## LOST PROPERTY

The lost property at the tuckshop is being sorted every week by Mrs Rogers in the library. We have been very surprised by the amount of clothing and lunch boxes that are not named. Please make a point of checking your child's lunch box, clothing and hats so that they are **clearly labelled**. Mrs Rogers can then deliver any items that are named straight to the classrooms.



## IN THE EVENT OF A NATURAL DISASTER?

As we are approaching the season when natural disasters, such as cyclones and fires, are highly probable it is important that our school is well prepared for any event. In the event of a natural disaster, access to school closure information is via

### 1. QSchools App

The QSchools app will provide up-to-date information about school closures, in the event of a natural disaster causing damage to the school or preventing access to the school.

Visit the department's apps page for more information and all the features:  
<http://deta.qld.gov.au/about/app/>

The QSchools app is available for free download through iTunes, Google Play and the Windows store.

### 2. Websites

Up-to-date information about school closures can be accessed on the following websites.

· School Closure Website:  
<http://esc.eq.edu.au>

· DETE Disaster information Website:  
<http://deta.qld.gov.au/natural-disasters.html>

· QGOV Website:  
<http://www.qld.gov.au/education/schools/information/pages/closure.html>

## CHARLES STREET - STAFF CAR PARK!

Parents please be aware that this car park is **ONLY** for **STAFF!** It is not a pick up or drop off point for families. Parents need to park outside the school grounds at all times.

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2015

30 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 5 camp payment due
19 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 5 Camp
4 <sup>th</sup> December	Prep to Year 3 Christmas Concert
8 <sup>th</sup> December	Awards & Graduation Ceremony
8 <sup>th</sup> December	Graduation Dance
11 <sup>th</sup> December	School Finishes

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### JUNIOR BASKETBALL

#### 2015-2016 Summer Seasons

U10-U12's (08-05 born) Friday nights  
U14-U18's (04-99 born) Thursday nights  
Ask us about our U8 Aussie Hoops Program  
Juniors \$190  
U10's \$150 (includes registration and all court fees for the entire season)  
Competitions run through to March 2016  
Please contact Rockhampton Basketball on 49225544 to join a team.  
[www.rockhamptonbasketball.com.au](http://www.rockhamptonbasketball.com.au)

### Halloween Skate and Scoot Night

Date: Saturday 31st October  
Where: YWCA Hall, Robinson St Nth Rockhampton  
Time: 4pm - 7pm  
Cost: Gold Coin Entry  
Come dressed for Halloween and bring your skates or scooter for a fun filled afternoon / evening for primary school aged kids. Food and drink available for purchase, Prizes for best dressed. Under school age welcome but must be closely supervised by a parent or guardian.

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