



Berserker Street State School

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LEAVING OR JOINING US AT BERSERKER IN 2016?

We are seeking any specific information from parents and carers that can assist us in the accurate prediction of our student enrolment numbers. If your child is departing the school at the end of this year, we would love to hear from you. This information will allow us to accurately determine the number of classes we will have in 2016 as well as our staffing and facility requirements. Thank you to those families who have already contacted us.

CLASS PLACEMENTS FOR 2016

If you have any concerns with your child's classroom placement for 2016 please call by the office and see Rebecca or Mandy as soon as possible.

TUCKSHOP DAY

Last Friday was Tuckshop Day across Queensland. Tuckshop Day recognises the great work of thousands of people across the state each and every school day. It also highlights the important role tuckshops play in school life.

We acknowledge the hard work done by Cherie and Peta and the many volunteers that have assisted throughout the year. We have had 38 year 6 students who have given up their lunchtimes to help out so thank you to those students as well.

Please contact the office or pop in and see Cherie at the tuckshop if you are able to help out.

PREP INFORMATION SESSION

Our annual Prep open morning will be held on Thursday 3rd December from 9am in the Prep buildings. This is a great chance for our new Prep students of 2016 to meet their teacher and friends and find out all about Prep at Berserker. Our wonderful P&C will be selling uniforms to our new Prep parents from the Prep building on this day. Eftpos available.

LIFE EDUCATION VISIT

In week 8 the Life Education Mobile Learning Centre will be visiting our school. During the week your child will be engaging in an exciting and memorable learning experience, which is aligned with the Australian Health and Physical Education Curriculum. All students receive an age-appropriate and specific workbook so that they can further their education in the classroom, creating an ongoing learning experience.

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

Enrolments always welcome!

P&C MEETING

Our next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday 18th November at 3.00 pm. 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 afternoon.

SCHOOL UNIFORMS FOR 2016?

Reminder that uniforms can be purchased from the Tuckshop, Monday to Friday from 8am till 10.30am. So if you need uniforms for next year it is a great time to be purchasing. Beat the rush before 2016!

OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS

All library books need to be returned to the Library by Wednesday 25th November. Notes will go out to each class to remind students about their overdue books.

After this date another note will go out showing the cost needed to replace the lost or unreturned books.

At present we have over 250 overdue library books. It is a huge task when I have to chase up all of these students. Please ask your children if they have overdue library books?

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.

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**

NATURAL MATHS

Landmark Numbers

We look for ways to split a number in order to make an addition easier – one that we can handle with confidence.

We have seen that the friendly numbers are often used in this way because it is easier to add a friendly number. Landmark numbers are in the same category. They are: 25, 50, 75 and 100

Knowing how landmark numbers combine is a useful skill. For example, it is useful to know that $25 + 75 = 100$, or that $75 + 75 = 150$, and we would use this knowledge to find:

$$26 + 77 = 25 + 1 + 75 + 2 = 100 + 3 = 103$$

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.



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.

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 6: Unity

Unity helps people work and live together peacefully. When you practice unity, you feel connected to everyone and everything. Unity brings harmony, like the music made by the different instruments in an orchestra. Unity comes when we value each person. The joy of one is the joy of all. The hurt of one is the hurt of all. The honour of one is the honour of all.

Week 7: Purposefulness

Being purposeful is having a clear focus, instead of being confused or unsure of what you are doing or why you are doing it. You are acting purposefully when you have a goal you are working toward. You concentrate your mind and your efforts so that something good will happen as a result. Some people just let things happen. A purposeful person *makes* things happen.

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 the 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 are acceptable. 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.

NEW START DATE FOR THE 2016 QUEENSLAND SCHOOL YEAR

A new start date for Term 1 of the 2016 school year will see Queensland students return to the classroom on **Wednesday 27 January 2016** - the day after the Australia Day public holiday.

The previous start date of Monday 25 January 2016 will become a flexible professional development day for school staff.

SMITH FAMILY

Is your child at school or starting next year? Would you like \$500 to help pay for uniforms, books, excursions or a laptop?

To be eligible you need to:

- Have a Health Card or a Pensioner Concession Card
- Have a child at school now or starting next year
- Have some form of household income, for example, your partner or yourself may have casual, part-time, full-time or seasonal employment

Saver Plus can match your savings for school costs, dollar for dollar, up to \$500!

Kathy Connaughton

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IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2015

19-20 November	Year 5 Camp
3 December	Prep Open Morning
4 December	Prep to Year 3 Christmas Concert
8 December	Awards & Graduation Ceremony
8 December	Graduation Dance
11 December	School Finishes
26 January	Australia Day
27 January	School resumes for 2016

NORTH ROCKHAMPTON HIGH SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP

Uniform selling days January 2016 –
Opening Times/Days

Wednesday 20 8am to midday

Thursday 21 2:30pm – 6:30pm

Friday 22 8am to midday

Monday 25 no uniform sales

Tuesday 26 closed

Wednesday 27-Friday 29 7:30 – 11:30am

Uniform Prices and Stationery

Polo Shirts	40.00
Maroon Shorts	35.00
Blouse Formal - Girls	35.00
Skirt - Girls	40.00
Shirt Formal - Boys	35.00
Gery Shorts - Unisex	40.00
Long Pants - Girls	10.00
Long Pants – Boys (selected sizes)	10.00
Pullover Jumper	40.00
Tracksuit Tops	55.00
Tracksuit Pants/Bottoms	45.00
Hats	20.00
Ties - Girls	25.00
Ties – Boys (Long/Short)	25.00
Socks	7.00
Lanyards	5.00
Badges	10.00

Prices are subject to change

Normal Opening Times for the Uniform Shop are:

Monday to Friday from 8am to 10am

Eftpos Available - Tuckshop Phone:
49247818

Rebecca Hack
Principal