



Berserker Street State School

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WELCOME TO BERSERKER

As we enter the new school year we hope that you are all well rested and ready for a wonderful 2016. We would like to welcome back our returning students and families. Also, a huge welcome all of our new families and students to our school.

We would also like to extend a warm welcome to our new staff this year and introduce them to you. We welcome Melanie Crowley (Prep C), Bridget Walker (2/3BW), Birgit Nedela (Music), Sherie Wagstaff (Guidance Officer). Also, welcome back to Kelly Manley and Urszula Cimoch. We also have a number of final year University students who will be at Berserker at times throughout the year. We wish them all the best for 2016 at Berserker.

GET INVOLVED IN OUR P&C IN 2016?

The P&C had a great year at Berserker Street State School in 2015. We were able to fundraise and support the school by donating \$10 000 to assist with the costs of installing Wi-Fi to the whole school. This was a goal set by the P&C in 2014 and we have achieved that goal with your support, and we thank you very much. The P&C has had various fundraising campaigns last year such as discos, sausage sizzles and raffles. All monies fundraised from these events are put back into the school to support our families and children of Berserker Street State School, by helping the school purchase resources, assisting families with costs of camps, purchasing instruments for the music program and much more.

There were some new faces that joined P&C last year; I would love to see many

more! Our P&C meet every third Wednesday of the month in the library. Our February date and time is to be advised.

No one can do everything, but everyone can do something.

Billie-Jean Ryals
President



ANNUAL MEET AND GREET

In the coming weeks, we will be having our "Meet and Greet" and free sausage sizzle.

This is a great opportunity to meet with your child's teacher and other key staff at Berserker. All family members are invited to attend. A free sausage sizzle will be provided for all family members, staff and students. In the past our staff have enjoyed the opportunity to meet with parents and guardians at this community event.

SMOKING BAN IN OR AROUND ANY SCHOOL GROUNDS

From the 1st January 2015 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 well before you reach the school boundary.

HOSTILE PEOPLE ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

Unfortunately, from time to time, school staff are forced to deal with aggressive or hostile people on the school grounds.

The Education (General Provisions) Act 2006 has been amended to give more power directly to school principals to deal with hostile people on school premises.

- State school principals are able to give verbal direction to a person to leave the school premises for 24 hours. This direction is legally binding.
- State school principals will be able to issue a person with a 60-day prohibition (s.340) from entering school premises.

ASSEMBLY

Assembly starts this Wednesday 3rd February in the Stadium. This is a whole school assembly. Assembly will take place at 1:45pm fortnightly on Wednesday afternoons, immediately prior to Religious Instruction classes.

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 including drop offs to these schools.

NEW GUIDANCE OFFICER

Hello, my name is Sherie Walker and I will be our full time Guidance Officer whilst Mr Jamieson is coordinating our school's Special Education Program. My role involves:

- working directly with students and teachers, support personnel, family and other specialists/professionals
- providing guidance and counselling services to students and their families
- performing case management and referral services to optimise students' access and engagement in education
- working collaboratively with other school-based support personnel to address the needs of students
- planning support programs that can help students achieve positive outcomes

I look forward to working collaboratively with the Berserker Street School community to provide the best outcomes for all our students.

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.



ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

Please remember that minimum supervision is provided before school for students. We require students to be sitting down in the rubber area until the 8.40am bell rings.

In the afternoon the bell rings at 2.45pm. We ask that parents and caregivers are prompt in picking up their children. We have a great before and after school care Program provided by the PCYC if you require it.

SCHOOL WEBSITE & QSCHOOLS APP

Our school website feeds into a fantastic application called **QSchools**. This application can be downloaded for free on all smartphones and android phones and allows you to access school specific information quickly and easily. As new information is added to our website it feeds directly to the QSchools App so you have up-to-date information at your fingertips.

The QSchools application gives you immediate access on your phone to school notifications, contact details, a calendar of school events, school newsletters, the school 'Twitter' feed, tuckshop information (including the tuckshop menu) and other school documents. It is an extremely user-friendly application and will help you to stay up-to-date with what

is happening at our school. **Download it today and find out just how great it is!**



XO LAPTOPS

Our students at Berserker are allocated their own laptop to use on a daily basis. There is a \$20 fee each year for the use of these laptops. This covers maintenance, printing, replacement, USB stick etc. Once this levy is paid, a red band will be placed on the xo. Students are then able to take their XO home when required for school work. All students from Prep to Year 6 will use these computers in their everyday classroom to enhance their learning.

A note will go home soon regarding payment of this fee.

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 a hat for play.

TUCKSHOP

The Tuckshop is open Monday to Friday at both lunch breaks.

Lunch orders are taken each morning. Students should have their orders on a paper bag or provide 10c extra for a bag from the tuckshop. Orders must be in before school.

Volunteers are always welcome so please see Cherie if you can help. Even short periods such as before school or at lunchtime - every little bit helps. Tuckshop has breakfast available to purchase from 8:00am till 8.30am (see tuckshop for menu prices). The current tuckshop menu is available from our website.

LIBRARY

Our school library is open and ready for students at lunch times.

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 will start borrowing from next week Monday. We encourage all students to have a library bag for transporting books to and from school. This can be as simple as an old pillowcase from home.



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**

SCHOOL SAFETY

Slow down around our school

The beginning of the school year is very hectic, parents and carers are being urged to slow down in the school zones. Most school areas have 40km/hr speed limits in place.



Parents can set an example to other drivers by observing these limits when dropping off and collecting the kids from school. Being cautious and slowing down in school zones doesn't make a big difference to your trip time, but it could save a child's life.

Parents should also take the time to teach their children about road safety and the safest ways to travel to and from school.

Some basic tips:

- ensure your child knows the safest route to and from school
- teach your child to always walk on footpaths
- make sure your child crosses at traffic lights, pedestrian crossings or supervised school crossings and ensure they know the safe times to cross
- accompany young children when they are walking or riding to school until they are old enough to understand road safety
- teach your child to be alert for cars going in or out of driveways

- discourage your child from playing with balls or toys while walking to school.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

TOUCH FOOTBALL JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT DAY

This event is open to every child from the ages of 9 to 16 no matter what experience or skill level they are.

Date: Sunday 7th February 2016

Times: 9am till 12.30pm (8.30 for registration please)

Bring: Hat and water bottle and wear shoes and sunscreen

Provided: Morning tea is provided

Cost: No cost

Anyone interested should email Denise at admin@rockytouch.com for more details or to register to attend.

Rockhampton Touch is also holding a junior competition in the first half of the year for Under 10s, 12s, 14s Boys and Girls teams (no mixed) on Friday nights commencing Friday 26th February 2016. Nominations are being called for teams from schools, clubs and individuals to participate in this competition which closes on 19th February. For more information please call Denise on 0409631633.

TENNIS LESSONS SIGN-ON:

When: Sun 31st Jan from 4-6pm

Where: SunCity Sports Club, 420 Richardson Road, North Rockhampton.

Phone: Shane 0412286666.

TOUCH RUGBY LEAGUE

Rockhampton Juniors

What: Touch Rugby League for Juniors

Develops coordination, ball skills and social skills, great off-season fitness, emphasis on fun!

When & Where: Starts February 1st @ 4.15pm

8 game season, Monday afternoons, MCLed Park

Ages: U6's to U14's

How Much: Only \$55 for 8 games

Contact: Walson: 0419429675

admin@trlrockhampton.com.au

NO TACKLES, NO SCRUM – SAFE AND FUN!

ROCKHAMPTON JUNIOR TENNIS

Rockhampton Junior Tennis Association's 2016 season will start on Saturday, January 30, with fixtures (\$10/session) held from 8.00 – 11.00am Saturdays, and from 4.00 – 6.00pm Tuesdays. Coaching (\$12/lesson) will also begin on January 30. Register any Saturday at Rockhampton Regional Tennis Centre, Victoria Park, or by phoning (07) 4927 1436. Qualified coaches and experienced supervisors are employed.

Rebecca Hack
Principal