



# Berserker Street State School

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### SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

On Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March 'It's a Mad World' performance will be held in the Stadium. The cost to attend the performance is \$5.00. All permission forms and money need to be returned to the office by this Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. No money will be accepted after this date.

### PHOTO DAY

Our annual school photo day is next **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March**. It is **extremely important** that all students are in their full school uniform, including the Berserker shirt with logo. They must have their payment envelope as well as this gets handed to the photographer.

### HOUSE CAPTAINS FOR 2016

We would like to congratulate our new House Captains for 2016.

**Wilkinson:** Joshua & Holly  
**Mahoney:** Manny & Rhiley  
**Steven:** Tobey & Jacqueline  
**Griffin:** Jesuah & Lily



### STUDENT COUNCIL FOR 2016

We would like to congratulate our new Student Council for 2016.

Zoe, Alister, Paris, Felicity, Stevie-Lee, Annaliese, Jaime, Tyne, Brody, Amy, Delani, Vicki, Kiarna, Ella, Paige and Justin.



### MOVIE NIGHT

The P&C will be holding a Movie Night in the Stadium on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March. The movie playing is 'Minions'. It will cost \$3.00 per person or \$10.00 a family. Popcorn, drinks and lollies will be available to purchase on the night. All children under 18 must be supervised by an adult on the night.

### XO LAPTOP LEVY

At Berserker every student from Prep to Year 6 is allocated an XO laptop to enhance their learning. Each year we ask parents to pay a small levy cover maintenance, printing, replacements etc. Once this levy is paid, students receive a Berserker USB for use at school and are able to take their XO home when required for school work. We are very pleased to announce that due to alternate funding

we have been able to reduce the levy to \$10. A note went home today.

### NATURAL MATHS

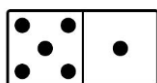
At Berserker, our maths curriculum is centred on the Natural Maths program created by Ann and John Baker, both of whom are experts in the field of mathematics. Their program aims to bridge the gap between research and practice in maths education.



Students are first taught the Natural Maths Strategies in Prep and they continue to learn more right through to Year 6. You may have heard your child coming home talking about “chunking” or “number splitting” during a maths lesson at school today. These are just a couple of many Natural Maths terms that are used school wide. We hope to further promote the use of these strategies at home by explaining a new Natural Maths strategy in each of our newsletters. Who knows, maybe you are already using some without knowing it!

#### SUBITISE

Sometimes you do not need to count as you just suddenly know how many things are in a group – this is called subitising. This is the foundation of all later number sense and is an important skill for early learners.



**How many dots on each side of the domino?**

**How many fish do I have?**



**Did you just know without counting?**

Encourage your child to subitise with things at home. Use dice, pictures, toys, etc. to practice subitising.

### 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 until school commences and from 2:45pm until 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.

### STUDENT ABSENCES

Our **Student Absence Hotline is 49990366**  
This number is contactable 24hrs 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**

### FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICER

#### INDEPENDENCE AND RESPONSIBILITY

Independent children are able to use their own judgement to make decisions and meet their own needs. They take responsibility for their actions and respect the rights of others. Children who are responsible and independent are more likely to succeed in school and in their social relationships.

Encouraging Independence and Raising Responsible Kids:

- Communicate clearly.
- Encourage independence.
- Let children make choices.
- Teach problem solving.
- Give children chores.
- Help children to be organised.
- Allow for mistakes.

- Resist the temptation to rescue your child when they suffer consequences.
- Acknowledge their efforts specifically.
- Talk less and listen with empathy.
- Set an example.
- Know that teaching responsibility takes a long time.
- Slowly increase your child's responsibilities as he or she ages.

## 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: Responsibility**

Being responsible means that others can depend on you. You are willing to be accountable for your actions. When things go wrong and you make a mistake, you make amends instead of excuses. When you are responsible, you keep your agreements. You give your best to any job. Responsibility is the ability to respond ably. It is a sign of growing up.

### **Week 7: Co-operation**

Cooperation is working together for the good of everyone. It is a willingness to respect others and to follow rules which keep everyone safe and happy. Cooperation is being helpful to one another, sharing the load. It is joining others in order to do something that cannot be done alone.

## SCHOOL RULE FOCUS:

### **When an adult tells you to do something, you do it.**

At Berserker, all students are expected to follow instructions given to them by an adult. This ensures that our classrooms are productive and safe learning environments and that our playgrounds are safe for everybody. The only exception to this rule is if a student feels the instruction they have been given is not safe. In this instance they are to

report immediately to the school principal. Please reinforce with your child that they are expected to follow instructions given to them by adults at school.

## TUCKSHOP

The Tuckshop is open before school and both lunch breaks Monday to Friday

Volunteers are always needed so 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).

**Apple Slinkies** are available from our tuckshop. Children can bring an apple from home and pay **20c** to have it put through the slinky machine. However an apple can be purchased from the tuckshop for **50c** and put through the slinky machine as well. *Apple slinkies are fun healthy eating.*

## BOOK CLUB

Book Club has gone home to all students. Forms and money need to be sent to the office or purchased through the Scholastic website (loop details below). **All orders need to be back at school by this Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March.** By supporting our Book Club this enables us to purchase new books for the library on a regular basis through our Scholastic rewards.

### **Book Club Loop for Parents**

Loop is for Credit Card payments only!

To order and pay for Scholastic Book Clubs by credit card visit:

***scholastic.com.au/LOOP or download the app!***

Simply grab your Book Club Catalogue

- Register first to save your details for next time (existing Scholastic Store customers can simply log in)
- Select your school and your child's class
- Add your child's first name & last initial (so the school knows who the book is for)
- Enter the item number from the Book Club catalogue
- All orders are sent directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child's classroom if you order by the close date
- Afterwards, there's no need to return paper order forms or payment receipt details back to your school!

### CHANGE OF DETAILS



Please remember that it is important to notify the office whenever there is a change in address, telephone numbers, emergency contacts and any other circumstances. This makes the process in of contacting parents easier.

### EVERY DAY COUNTS!

Establishing good routines around school can assist with regular attendance. These include:

- Have a set time to get out of bed
- Have uniform and school bag ready the night before
- Have a set time for starting and finishing breakfast
- Set a time for daily homework activities
- Speak about school positively
- Send your child to school every school day including their birthday and the last day of term from Prep.

If you are experiencing difficulty in sending your child to school, contact the school principal for advice and support.  
[www.education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts](http://www.education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts)

### NEWSLETTERS ONLINE

For the convenience of our families, our newsletter is placed on our school website to be available to all families electronically.

Our school website can be found at [www.bersekerstreetss.eq.edu.au](http://www.bersekerstreetss.eq.edu.au)

The current newsletter can be found by clicking the 'latest newsletter' section on the home page.

### AMART'S COMMUNITY KICKBACKS PROGRAM

Amart has launched Amart's Community Kickbacks, a community program that passes rewards back to your team or school. Open to all registered sporting clubs and schools, Amart's Community Kickbacks gives clubs and schools the opportunity to earn rewards.

Simply register for the Community Kickbacks program and 5% of all member purchases will go directly back to your club or school to spend in-store. It's free and easy to join.

### INTERSCHOOL SPORTS

The link below enables Parents to check the Oztag draw for Friday sports. This link will take you to the draw, venue and time of each game.

<https://rocky-interschool-sport.mysportsedge.com.au/stats>

### IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2016

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|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> March    | "It's a Mad World"    |
| Wed 9 <sup>th</sup> March    | School Photos         |
| Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup> March | Term one finishes     |
| Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> April   | School Resumes Term 2 |
| Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> April   | Anzac Day             |
| Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> April | Cross Country         |
| Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> May      | Labour Day            |

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