



Berserker Street State School

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P&C Meeting

Our P&C Meeting will be held tonight at 6.00pm. Our AGM date is to be advised. The meeting is held in the staffroom located in the Admin Block. We always welcome parent involvement in our school and encourage as many of you as possible to come along. It would be great to see some new faces!

MOVIE NIGHT

The P&C will be holding a Movie Night in the Stadium this Thursday 17th March. The movie playing is 'Minions'. It will cost \$3.00 per person or \$10.00 a family. **Pay at the door on the night.** The canteen will open from 5.30pm and the movie starts at 6pm. There will be sausages, drinks, lollies and popcorn available for sale on the night. All children under 18 must be supervised by an adult on the night.

EASTER RAFFLE

Help support Year 6 Camp by purchasing tickets in their Easter Raffle. \$1.00 per ticket or 3 for \$2.00. Tickets on sale before and after school on the rubber surface.



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.

SCHOOL WATCH

With the school holidays commencing from next Thursday 24th March, we would ask that you again **look, listen and report** anything untoward that you may see happening in our school grounds over the holidays.

Our staff would like to take this opportunity to wish you a happy Easter vacation with your children. Reminder to our parents/caregivers that school resumes **Monday 11th April.**



School Watch
YOU CAN HELP!
Your Eyes and Ears are Our Security
• LOOK • LISTEN • REPORT
Phone 13 17 88

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 child early, they must firstly report to the office to sign them out. Students WILL NOT be permitted to leave the classroom without producing the early slip.

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.

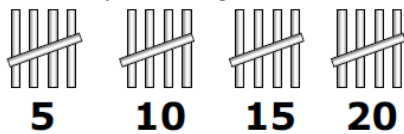
NATURAL MATHS

Tallies

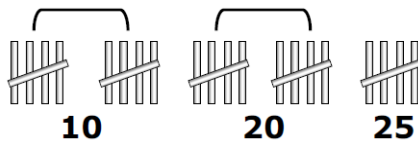


Tallies are a quick and easy way of recording data such as team scores, eye colour, favourite foods; but they are also much more than this.

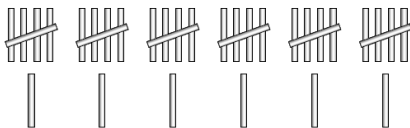
Tallies encourage children to subitise groups of 5 and to count in 5s, a process called *skip counting*:



This leads on to students spotting '10s' and count the 10s to make counting more efficient.



If the foundation is firm, children will have a strong base for both working out and subsequently knowing their multiplication facts.



Did you see this as 6×5 and 6×1 and say: I know that 6×5 is 30 and 6 more makes 36!

Try and use tallies when counting at home with your child and use real life items lying around the house.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast club is held in the Stadium every Monday from 8:00am till 8:40am.



INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS

The P&C has kindly purchased two trombones, a trumpet, clarinet and alto saxophone for our band program this year.

All students in the band and string programs have made a great start to learning their instruments. We look forward to hearing them perform on Parade and at the Twilight Concert later in the year. The Senior String students have started rehearsing for two competitions in May - The Rockhampton Eisteddfod and Fanfare.

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**

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.

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 8: Friendliness

Friendliness is being a friend. It is taking an interest in other people. It is going out of your way to make others feel welcome or to make a stranger feel at home. When you are friendly, you happily share your belongings, time, ideas, and feelings. You share the good times and the bad times together. Friendliness is the best cure for loneliness.

Week 9: Caring

Caring is giving love and attention to people and things that matter to you. When you care about people, you help them. When you do a careful job, you give it your very best effort. You treat people and things gently and respectfully.

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).

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL

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.

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 8.40am.

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.*

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

FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICER

Holidays with Learning

School holidays sometimes results in the loss of learned skills acquired during the school term. Spending quality time with our children is extremely important for their development and happiness. Parents can help their children by providing age appropriate social interactions and encouraging them to apply essential skills in meaningful activities.

The following are a list of suggestions for parents to consider, which will aid in the smooth transition back to school and strengthen your relationship with your child.

* Read with your child. * Calculate grocery bills. * Keep journals and scrapbooks. * Art and craft. * Invite their friends on picnics. * Play games. * Go for a walk together. * Show interest in their activities. * Listen to them and ask questions. * Visit the library. * Walk around the zoo. * Visit a playground or park. * Call the local council and ask about special holiday activities. * Free twilight movies. * Learn and share knowledge at a museum. * Spend time at the beach.

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

Thurs 24 th March	Term one finishes
Mon 11 th April	School Resumes Term 2
Mon 25 th April	Anzac Day
Thurs 28 th April	Cross Country
Mon 2 nd May	Labour Day

COMMUNITY NOTICES

LITTLE ATHLETICS – SIGN ON

A 2nd Come and Try day is on Sunday 20th March from 3pm to 5pm at North Rockhampton High School Oval, Robinson St.

More Information about NRAC: www.nrac.org.au
Email: secretary@nrac.org.au or phone: 0437022380 (Paul)

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