



# Berserker Street State School

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## WELCOME BACK

I would like to extend a big welcome back to all of our families. I would also like to take a moment to welcome the many new families who have chosen to come to Berserker.

Term 2 is a very busy and important term in schools. NAPLAN testing will occur in just a few short weeks so our Grade 3 and 5 teachers are busily preparing their students. Please speak to your child's teacher if you have any questions at all about the NAPLAN tests.

**Reminder: School closed next Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May for Labour Day.**

## NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM (NAPLAN)

All students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 across Australia will undertake common national tests in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation) and Numeracy from 10 - 12 May 2016.

Please see the timetable below regarding testing dates and test focus during each of the sessions.

	Tuesday 10 May	Wednesday 11 May	Thursday 12 May
<b>Y r 3</b>	<b>Language Conventions</b> 40 minutes <b>Writing</b> 40 minutes	<b>Reading</b> 45 minutes	<b>Numeracy</b> 45 minutes
<b>Y r 5</b>	<b>Language Conventions</b> 40 minutes <b>Writing</b> 40 minutes	<b>Reading</b> 50 minutes	<b>Numeracy</b> 50 minutes

## BSSS CROSS COUNTRY

A big thank you to all the staff who assisted with conducting our BSSS Cross Country and Fun Run on the 21<sup>st</sup> April. They encouraged the students to enjoy the challenge of the run in the hot conditions while maintaining their safety. Thank you to Mr Thornton, Mrs Lawton and Mr Rogers for their fantastic support and assistance with preparations, setting up and packing away equipment.

Please see the Winners of each Age Group for the Cross Country below...

### 9Years (Born '07) ONLY Yr4's

**GIRLS:** Summer W. (4G)

**BOYS:** Charlie L. (4M)

### 10Years (Born '06)

**GIRLS:** Melanie H. (5/6H)

**BOYS:** Jacob O. (4G)

### 11Years (Born '05)

**GIRLS:** Soraya P. (6L)

**BOYS:** Germaine D. (6P)

### 12 Years (Born '04)

**GIRLS:** Alysha W. (6L)

**BOYS:** Jesuah W. (6L)

## ANZAC DAY

This Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April our whole school will participate in a commemoration ceremony in the Stadium at 1.45pm for Anzac Day.

Our School and Vice Captains will play a significant role in the ceremony. Thank you to Mr McCabe who will come along to play the Last Post and the Rouse.

We would like to thank the staff and students who marched on Anzac Day and represented Berserker.

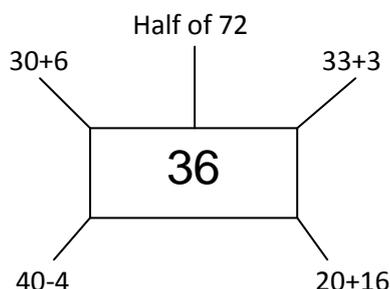
## NUMBER SPLITTING

As adults, we use number splitting 'on the run', so to speak. To find \$36 and \$47, we are likely to start with a front-end addition, adding  $30 + 40$  first before adding the remaining 13. Often this is because we need an estimate, or ball-park figure, first. There is no need to add the 6 and 7, if we know that we don't want to spend more than \$70. So what we do to make the addition manageable is to split the numbers into useable parts.

There are many ways in which 36 and 47 can be split.

1. The keen doubler would split 47 into 36 and 11, because  $36 + 36 = 72$  is part of their repertoire.
2. Another person might prefer to split 36 into 33 and 3, because  $3 + 47$  is easy and you only then have to add in the remaining 33.
3. The front-end addition method splits both numbers into their 10s and 1s parts on the basis that they can more easily be handled separately.

Whichever approach is taken, the first step is to see that 36 can be split in different ways. After that, the actual addition strategy used will depend on which of the number splitting possibilities you chose.



## 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 3: Service

Service is giving to others and wanting to make a difference in their lives. It is

looking for ways to be helpful instead of waiting to be asked. The needs of others are as important to you as your own. When you work with a spirit of service, you give any job your best effort. You make a real contribution. People who want to be of service can change the world.

### Week 4: Trustworthiness

Trustworthiness is being worthy of trust. People can count on you to do your best, to keep your word and to follow through on your commitments. Others can rely on you. They can trust that if it is at all possible, you will do what you said you would do, even if it becomes really hard. When you are trustworthy, others can be sure of you and you can be sure of yourself.

## SCHOOL RULE FOCUS:

### Use Kind Words

At our school all students are expected to treat all members of our school community with respect. Part of this expectation is that students use kind words when speaking to other students or adults in our school. At Berserker Street State School we encourage our students to always communicate with others in a way that allows everybody to feel good about themselves and not use words to hurt others. Please reinforce this rule with your child.

## 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**

## FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICER

If your house is rushed and very busy in the mornings, your children may arrive at school late, hungry, upset and not ready to learn. Establishing a healthy morning routine and allocating responsibilities, makes life easier for everyone in the house. One useful way to set up a routine is by putting together a morning checklist like the example below. Children can tick off jobs as they are done, develop discipline, independence and responsibility and have a small reward at the end of each week for their great efforts. The jobs on the checklist and the reward need to be negotiated between yourself and your children so they feel part of the process and not just the outcome.

### Morning Routine

Job	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri
Get up on time	√				
Go to the toilet and wash your hands	√				
Eat breakfast	√				
Clean up after breakfast	√				
Brush your teeth	√				
Wash your face	√				
Brush your hair	√				
Get dressed	√				
Make your bed and tidy your room	√				
Pack lunch in your port	√				
Check that you have your hat and homework	√				
☺ When all jobs completed	☺				

☺ 5 SMILES = TUCKSHOP ON FRIDAY

## 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 LUNCHES.** Orders must be in by **9am** (otherwise the tuckshop is only able to offer jam or vegemite sandwiches).

## WINTER UNIFORM

Now that the weather is starting to get cooler we need families to be thinking about winter uniforms.

Our tuckshop sells school zip-up fleecy jackets which looks great with our uniform for \$25, sizes from 4 to 16. We ask that these are clearly labelled.

Alternatively you can purchase a plain bottle green jumper from a department store such as Big W, K Mart, Best & Less, and Target etc. which are generally very warm and not expensive.

The weather can change very rapidly so we strongly recommend arranging a jumper now for when it is cold.

## 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 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.

### 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.

### IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2016

Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Labour Day
10 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Naplan Testing
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Show Day Holiday

### COMMUNITY NOTICES

#### ROCKHAMPTON PANTHERS AFL (GET STARTED CLUB)

Girls and Boys.....Come and play AFL in a U 7, 9 or 11 teams.

**Training:** Tuesday and Thursday

Rockhampton Cricket Ground **5pm – 6pm**

Free Jersey when you sign on. Contact Junior Co-ordinator Tom Kneen 0429 478 189

#### ROCKHAMPTON BASKETBALL

##### AUSSIE HOOPS

Who: Grade 1-2

Where: Hegvold Stadium

When: Program starts Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May through to Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June

Time: 4pm – 5pm

Cost: \$77.00 (7 Weeks)

Aussie Hoops is a 7 week learn to play Basketball program where you'll learn the FUNdamentals of the game through a series of modified drills and games. On top of the 7 weeks of expert coaching you'll get a basketball, training singlet, and backpack.

##### JUNIOR COMPETITION

Who: Grade 3-6 U10's – U14's

Where: Hegvold Stadium

When: New Season Launch 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> May.

Finals in early September.

U10 - U12's (09-05 BORN) Friday nights

U14 - U18's (04 – 99 BORN) Thursday nights

Cost: \$190.00 U10's \$150.00

(includes registration and all court fees for entire season)

Get involved with the fastest growing sport in town!

Register at [www.aussiehoops.com.au](http://www.aussiehoops.com.au) by entering 4700 in the post code locator.

For further information please contact Shaun on 49225544

#### SCHOOLS GET INVOLVED IN THE CTC ROCKY RIVER RUN

This year's CTC ROCKY RIVER RUN will be bigger than ever and are inviting all secondary and primary students to take part in the Annual CTC Rocky River Run.

**Date: SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2016**

***CTC ROCKY RIVER RUN will donate \$2 for each registered student to their primary or secondary school.***

***The school with the greatest percentage or registered students will receive the Prestige's Award of the CTC Rocky River Run Perpetual Trophy along with prize money.***

Register at [ctcrokyriverrun.com.au](http://ctcrokyriverrun.com.au)

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