



# Berserker Street State School

## Newsletter: 9<sup>th</sup> May, 2016

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### NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM (NAPLAN)

Tomorrow is the start of NAPLAN for all of our students in Years 3 and 5. They will commence the 2016 NAPLAN tests with the "Language Conventions" and "Writing" tests.

To give each child the best chance of doing well, it is important that they are well rested and relaxed. Our top three tips are:

1. **Have a good night's sleep**
2. **Eat a good breakfast**
3. **BE ON TIME TO SCHOOL**

**ALL PARENTS ARE ASKED TO ENSURE THEIR CHILDREN ARE ON TIME TO SCHOOL ESPECIALLY WHILE NAPLAN IS ON. THE BELL GOES AT 8:40AM – ALL STUDENTS SHOULD BE AT SCHOOL BEFORE THIS.**

Students in NAPLAN classes who arrive late will complete their tests in the office so that tests are not disrupted.

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
Yr 3	Language Conventions 40 minutes Writing 40 minutes	Reading 45 minutes	Numeracy 45 minutes
Yr 5	Language Conventions 40 minutes Writing 40 minutes	Reading 50 minutes	Numeracy 50 minutes

### ROCKHAMPTON DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY

On Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April the Berserker Cross Country Team participated in the Rockhampton District Primary Schools' Cross Country Trials at Kalka Shades. The 10 Years students (BORN '06) contested the **2000m races**, while the 11 and 12 Years students (BORN '05, '04) had to compete in the **3000m events**.

All of the students competed in the right spirit and demonstrated great sportsmanship. This positive effort resulted in a number of competitive performances and many PB's, being recorded.

A huge thank you to Mrs Lawton and Mr Thornton for their assistance in managing the team and supporting the students in difficult weather conditions on the day. Thanks also Mr Rogers for assisting with the tents.

### 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.** We have plenty in stock so please see the tuckshop. We also ask that jumpers 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. and are generally very warm and cheap.

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

## 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 5: Integrity

Integrity is standing up for what you believe is right, living by your highest values. It is being honest and sincere with others and yourself. You are integrous when your words and actions match. You don't fool yourself into doing what you know is wrong. You fill your life and your mind with things that help you to live a good, clean life.

### Week 6: Flexibility

Flexibility is being open to change. It means not always having to have your own way. It is being open to the opinions and feelings of others. With flexibility, you are willing to change your mind. If something doesn't work, you try a new way. Flexibility is making changes for the better.

## SCHOOL RULE FOCUS:

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

At our school all students are expected to follow the directions of adult staff members in the school. Children are reminded of this rule on a regular basis. Please take the time to discuss and reinforce this rule with your children this week. This rule helps our students to be safe and ensures that our school and our classrooms can operate effectively and productively resulting in better outcomes for all.

## BREAKFAST CLUB

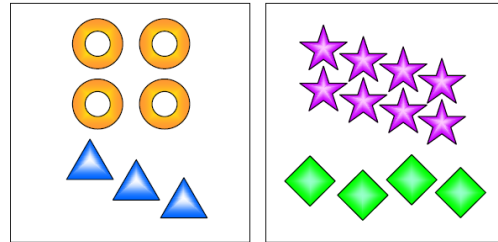
Breakfast Club is available to all students every Monday at the Stadium. We are in need of helpers from 8am to 9am on Monday mornings. If you would like to join us – could you please give the School Office a call on 4999-0333 and leave your

name and phone number so we can contact you.

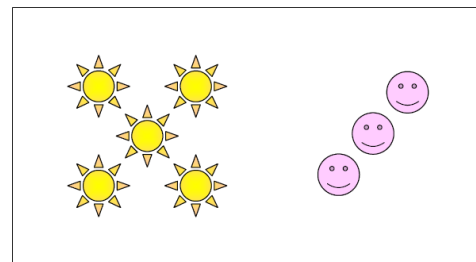
## NATURAL MATHS

### Counting On 1, 2 or 3

Counting on is a very important step in the introduction of addition. To count on children need to know that the counting sequence can be broken into and picked up at any starting number.



How many objects in this group?



To find out how many objects altogether, we know that there are 5 so we can continue the count, 6, 7 8.

## 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.

## HEAD LICE



Head lice have been detected in our school. It is extremely important for you to check your child's head for head lice TODAY and treat if lice are found. Keep checking every 2 days until there are no head lice found for 10 consecutive days. If you do find head lice, recommence effective treatment immediately and be sure to complete the process of treatment. This will help prevent head lice from spreading. If for any reason you are having difficulties treating the head lice on your child effectively, please contact the school. If your child has hair longer than their shoulders it should be tied up for school. There is to be no sharing of hats as this spreads the eggs to the other student.

## 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).

## COMMUNITY KICKBACKS AT AMART SPORTS

Help us secure funding to improve our facilities by shopping at AMART Sports. Our school gets 5% of your purchases which are then paid back to us to improve our facilities. You score Loyalty benefits: preferred pricing, exclusive offers, VIP

shopping nights and member only competitions. All you need to do is:

1. Join Team Amart, Amart Sports loyalty program today instore or online at [teamamart.com.au](http://teamamart.com.au). It's FREE to join!
2. Select our school on your account profile. It's important! If you're already a Team Amart member, simply add us to your account profile.
3. Ensure you swipe your loyalty card EVERY time you shop at Amart Sports.
4. And that's it, with every purchase you make at Amart Sports, we secure funds to improve our facilities.

To join visit **TEAMAMART.COM.AU**

## 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**

## COUGHS AND COLD VERSE

Mary had a little lamb  
She also had the flu  
And when she left her school  
The others had it too.  
So anytime your children  
are sick  
Please keep them home  
with you  
Then the children in our school  
Will be happier and healthier too.



## IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2016

10– 12 May	NAPLAN Testing
Thurs 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Show Day Holiday

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### AFFINITY SWIM SCHOOL

Swimming is a life skill and is so important. We are surrounded by water in dams, rivers, creeks, the ocean and backyard pools. ARE YOUR KIDS WATER SAFE??

We at Affinity Swim strive to ensure that kids become safe and confident in and around water. We have small class sizes, which allows us to give quality time with each individual child, and provides the best value for money. We also offer private 1 on 1 lessons for children requiring personalised attention.

All our instructors are fully qualified with Austswim and we have a total of 75 years' experience.

If you would like more information on swimming lessons for your child, please don't hesitate to contact us on 49262882.

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### 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

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### 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 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.

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#### 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

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### 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)

Phone: 1300 999 282

Email: [info@ctcrokyriverrun.com.au](mailto:info@ctcrokyriverrun.com.au)

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### SAVER PLUS

Would \$500.00 help cover the cost of school expenses?

You or someone you know may be eligible to join a local savings program and receive \$500 for education expenses.

The Smith Family is delivering Saver Plus in the Rockhampton Community and is currently looking for more people to join for the next exciting round. Saver Plus is a 10-month program that can assist you to save for your own or your children's education.

To be eligible to participate in Saver Plus you must:

- \* be 18 years or over;
- \* be a parent or guardian of a student attending school or starting next year, or be attending or returning to vocational training yourself;
- \* have a current health care card or pensioner concession card; and
- \* have some form of household income, for example, your partner or yourself may have casual, part-time, full-time or seasonal employment.

It's easy to find out more and all correspondence will be kept confidential.

Contact your local Saver Plus Worker Kathy Connaughton, on 0408 490984 or (07) 49248125 or email:

[kathy.connaughton@thesmithfamily.com.au](mailto:kathy.connaughton@thesmithfamily.com.au)

To find out more, contact Saver Plus

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