



Berserker Street State School

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SPORTS DAY

Next Tuesday 14th June we are holding our whole school Sports Day and we welcome your support and attendance at this exciting event.

This is a whole day event during which every child from Prep to Year 6 will be able to compete in running, jumping, throwing and ball games throughout the day.

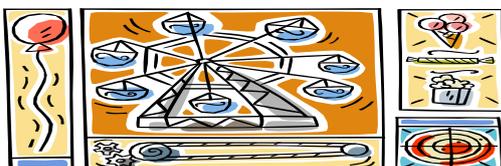
There will be **'no normal tuckshop'** as the P&C will be selling a range of hot food and other food items from the Stadium Kitchen. A 'Sports Day' menu will be sent home later in the week. If you are available to assist in the canteen on the day it would be greatly appreciated. Please see Cherie in the tuckshop if you can be of assistance.

A program of race times will be available in the canteen so volunteers can still watch their children.

There will be **'no normal classes'** and children are encouraged to wear a shirt to match their house colour or school uniform. Please also ensure your child is wearing shoes suitable for sport, plenty of sunscreen and has a clearly named water bottle and hat.

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Reminder: to our Parents and Caregivers that next **Thursday 16th June** is our Show Day Holiday.



GET SET FOR PREP 2017!

Enrolments and Information Packages are now available from the office for children who wish to commence Prep in 2017 and beyond. If your child turns five by June 30th 2017, they are eligible for Prep next year. The table below is a guide to assist families to determine their child's Prep eligibility.

Birthdate	2017	2018	2019	2020
01/07/11 to 30/06/12	Prep Year	Year One	Year Two	Year Three
01/07/12 to 30/06/13	Kindy	Prep Year	Year One	Year Two
01/07/13 to 30/06/14		Kindy	Prep Year	Year One
01/07/14 to 30/06/15			Kindy	Prep Year

Enrolments always welcome!

CQMA TASTES OF THE WORLD FESTIVAL

On Saturday May 28th a group of students from our Senior Choir performed at the annual "Taste of the World Festival". After the official opening speech by Hon Bill Byrnes MP, the choir sang the National Anthem followed by a popular modern song.

Also congratulations to the Berserker cooking team who came third in the cooking competition and were the youngest competitors.

We are very grateful to the Central Queensland Multicultural Association who gave us this opportunity. Thank you to Ms Hite, Ms Nedela and all the parents and students who represented and

supported this event. Many families chose to stay on and enjoy what the festival had to offer with live entertainment, stalls, food and cooking competitions. It was a great day!

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

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 9: Understanding

Understanding is thinking clearly. It is using your mind so that you can see the truth about things. It is paying careful attention and thinking about things in order to see their meaning. Understanding is also having empathy and showing compassion. Understanding gives us the power to think and learn and also to care.

Week 10: Forgiveness

Being forgiving is giving someone another chance after they have done something wrong, knowing that everyone makes mistakes. It is making amends instead of taking revenge. It is important to forgive yourself, too. Forgiving yourself means to

stop punishing yourself or feeling hopeless because of a mistake. Forgiveness is moving ahead, ready to act differently, with compassion for yourself and faith that you can change.

SCHOOL RULE FOCUS

Manage issues with others by following these steps:

- Say "Stop! I don't like it"
- Tell a teacher if the behaviour does not stop.
- Tell the office if the problem is not solved.

Students are expected to follow the steps above in any situation where they have an issue with another student. When students follow these rules situations are able to be resolved promptly and fairly. Please reinforce this rule with your child.

NATURAL MATHS

Skip Counting

Skip counting is counting in equal sized groups, for example - 2, 4, 6, 8 and so on. Counting a large number of objects in 1s can be tedious and time consuming, whereas touch counting in 2s would speed up the process. Try for yourself.



FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICER

Bullying! No way!

Sometimes people may not realise how their behaviour is making someone else feel.

The sorts of repeated behaviour that can be considered bullying include:

- Keeping someone out of a group.
- Giving nasty looks, or being rude and impolite.
- Spreading rumours or lies.
- Messing around that goes too far.

- Harassing someone based on their differences.
- Intentionally and repeatedly hurting someone.

What can I do if I am being bullied?

- Say “No!” or “Stop it!” firmly.
- Walk away.
- Try to act unaffected or ignore the person.
- Talk to a trusted adult at the school or at home.
- Ask friends, parents, teachers for their help to deal with the issue safely.

TUCKSHOP

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

Volunteers are always welcome 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 has started getting 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.

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. **We do discourage the**

students wearing coloured jumpers as they are not part of the school uniform.

PCYC ROCKHAMPTON – BERSERKER ST SCHOOL AGE CARE



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. **Operating hours:** Before School Care 6:30am – 8.45am (**open to all schools**). After School Care 2:45pm till 6.00pm (**BSSS students only**). Vacation Care (operates from PCYC Rockhampton) 7.30am – 6.00pm. For more information please contact Toni on 0418116481. PCYC coordinate this wonderful service, for more information email: berserkerstac@pcyc.org.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**

MISSING LIBRARY/HOME READER BOOKS

We have a significant amount of overdue/missing library books. All parents and carers are encouraged to remind children to search for any missing books that are clearly named and barcoded and may have found their way onto home book shelves. If any are discovered, please send them to our library. We have a significant number of resources which, if not returned, which will be costly to replace. Your assistance is appreciated.

LOST PROPERTY

The lost property at the tuckshop is sorted every week by Mrs Rogers in the library. We are always surprised by the amount of clothing and lunch boxes that are not named. Please make a point of checking your child's lunch box, jumpers and hats so that they are **clearly labelled**. Mrs Rogers can then deliver any items that are named straight to the classrooms.

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. 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.

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IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2016

Tues 14 th June	Sports Day
Thurs 16 th June	Show Day Holiday
Fri 24 th June	Last day Term 2
Mon 11 th July	School Resumes Term 3

COMMUNITY NOTICES

E.T. PHONE HOME....

Radio link up to an Astronaut onboard the International Space Station.

Come along to Glenmore SHS and participate in a radio call to the international Space Station. Watch students speaking directly to astronaut Tim Peak – ESA, onboard the ISS orbiting the Earth. Come learn about life in space and what it's like to be an astronaut. The radio link up will be followed by an astronomy night, viewing the winter night sky.

When: Tonight, Monday 6th June

Where: Glenmore SHS - Mike Maher Centre

For more information please contact Matt Barber-49230335 or mbarb5@eq.edu.au

Or "Like" Glenmore SHS Facebook for more details.

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

To find out more, contact Saver Plus saverplus@bsl.org.au or phone 1300 610 355

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