



# Berserker Street State School

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### WELCOME BACK

We would like to extend a big welcome back to all of our families. We would also like to take a moment to welcome the many new families who have chosen to join us at Berserker Street State School.

### AUSLAN



We are very excited to announce that starting this term the Year 5 and 6 students will be learning AUSLAN (Australian Sign Language) as part of the LOTE program. Berserker is proud to be one of only a few schools in our region to incorporate AUSLAN into the school's curriculum!

### SMS ALERT SYSTEM



Starting this term parents/carers will automatically receive a text message advising them that their child has been marked as an unexplained absence. These SMS messages will be sent to the nominated parent contact number and can be replied to with a simple text stating the reason for absence. Alternatively parents/carers can also call the school to explain the absence.

### NCCD

The Nationally Consistent Collection of Data is on again. This collection of data regarding Students with a Disability assists with funding opportunities to better help students with special needs. Please contact Mandy Rankin if you would like more information.

### ANNUAL BOOK FAIR

Our annual Book Fair will be from next Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July through to Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July in the **Green Room in the Library**. Book Fair is an annual fundraiser for the library so please come along and support it. Students who purchase books will be able to put their name in the draw to win one of three \$20.00 vouchers to be spent at the fair.

#### BOOK FAIR TIMES:

Book Fair will be open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8.15am till 8.40am, first lunch each day and after school till 3.15pm.

### NAIDOC DAY

Our annual Berserker Street State School NAIDOC DAY CELEBRATIONS will be held on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> August. Students will be engaged in a full day of activities that will build an awareness and appreciation of the history and culture of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Some activities will include storytelling, dancing, listening to elders and food tasting.

### GET IN THE GAME!

The Department of National Parks, Sport and Racing are offering parents and guardians to get the get started vouchers! Get Started vouchers provide up to \$150 to assist children and young people who can least afford or may otherwise benefit from joining a sport or recreation club. Opening date started from the 13<sup>th</sup> July. For more information on *Get in the Game* and other programs, visit [www.npsr.qld.gov.au](http://www.npsr.qld.gov.au) or

[www.qld.gov.au/recreation/sports/funding/getinthegame/](http://www.qld.gov.au/recreation/sports/funding/getinthegame/)

## REGIONAL SHIELD

### ***Berserker students “better and brighter” at the Regional Shield***

Last Thursday and Friday some of our Berserker students swapped school books for the sporting field and truly lived up to the school’s motto. Congratulations to the netball team who were the winners for their division securing a trophy. Their efforts, participation, sportsmanship and team work brought out the best in each student. Due to the wet weather the Rugby League results have not yet been finalised.

A big thank you must go to Mr Piskor and Ms Leahy and supporting staff for their assistance over the two days. Thank you also to the parents/carers who came along and cheered our teams on.

## 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 30<sup>th</sup> 2017, they are eligible for Prep next year. The table below is a guide to assist families to determine their child’s Prep eligibility.

| Birthday             | 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!***

## NATURAL MATHS

### Landmark Numbers

We look for ways to split a number in order to make an addition easier – one that we can handle with confidence.

We have seen that the friendly numbers are often used in this way because it is easier to add a friendly number. Landmark numbers are in the same category. They are: 25, 50, 75 and 100

**Knowing how landmark numbers combine is a useful skill. For example, it is useful to know that  $25 + 75 = 100$ , or that  $75 + 75 = 150$ , and we would use this knowledge to find:**

$$26 + 77 = 25 + 1 + 75 + 2 = 100 + 3 = 103$$

## 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 2: Assertiveness

Being assertive means being positive and confident. It begins by being aware that you are a worthy person with your own special gifts. When you are assertive you think for yourself and ask for what you need. You have the self-confidence to tell the truth about what is just.

### Week 3: Cleanliness

Cleanliness means washing often, keeping your body clean, and wearing clean clothes. Cleanliness is your mind is concentrating your thoughts on things that are good for you. You can “clean up your act” by deciding to change when you have made a mistake. Staying clean also means keeping your body free of harmful substances.

## SCHOOL RULE FOCUS:

### ***Wear your school uniform with pride***

At our school all students are to be in school uniform at all times and to wear it with pride. Our school uniform is the Berserker shirt, bottle green shorts, bottle green wide-brimmed hat and shoes suitable for sport. In the colder months, a bottle green jumper and/or bottle green tracksuit pants are acceptable.

## 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)

## 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).

## FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICER

### Importance of Social Interactions

The opportunity for social interactions with others is very important for the development of all children. As children grow and develop, they become more and more interested in playing and interacting with other children. During this social play, children learn appropriate social behaviours, including sharing, cooperating and respecting the property of others, as well as communication and cognitive and motor skills. These skills learnt early can promote future educational and vocational opportunities for your child. Numerous professional childhood studies have found that children of parents who organise age appropriate play times, usually have higher self-esteem and show a greater willingness to interact with their environment as they grow, thus encouraging deeper learning.

If your child is having difficulties socially, they would benefit from spending more time with other children at a playground, pool, beach or organised sport activity. Being there yourself will mean you will be more able to detect the causes of any difficulties they have socially and teach/practice specific ways to play, share, take turns and express feelings to encourage friendships and therefore, have happier children.

## 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**

## BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club is available to all students every Monday. A healthy breakfast of cereal, toast, juice and milo is available from 8.00 am to 8.40 am at the stadium.

## 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.

### 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](mailto:berserkerstac@pcyc.org.au)

## 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/ren early, they must firstly report to the office to sign them out. Students WILL NOT be allowed to leave the classroom without producing the early slip.

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2016

|                                 |                 |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| 16 <sup>th</sup> September      | School Finishes |
| Tues 4 <sup>th</sup> October    | School Resumes  |
| Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> October | Pupil Free Day  |

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### HOUSE CALL DOCTOR

House Call Doctor are commencing a community rewards program on 1 July that will give back to schools, and sporting clubs throughout QLD.

The program will give one dollar for every patient we see back to their selected school if they book through our App.

- To take part in our give-back program, your school or sporting club must register online
- When someone downloads our app and adds a patient, they have the opportunity to nominate a school or sporting club that their child is a part of
- Each time a booking is made and completed for that patient, a point is awarded to their nominated school or club
- Each quarter, your points are converted to a dollar amount and given to your school or sporting club.

### BOKWA!

Bokwa is now at PCYC Berserker!

Come and join us for this fun dance fitness class!

Free to all PCYC members attending Berserker After School Care

See Toni for more details or phone 0418116481

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