GET SET FOR PREP 2017!

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

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Enrolments always welcome!

INFORMATION FOR MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS

The school is more than happy to provide information to assist doctors and medical professionals who are working with your child. If your child requires a letter or information from the school to take to a Paediatrician or other medical professional, please speak to either the Principal or the Deputy Principal. This way we can ensure that our specialist staff quality assure any documents we provide to make sure they cover everything the medical professional may need to be aware of.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS

Congratulations and best wishes to all our String and Band students on their great performances at the Combined Schools Concerts. The string students are playing today, Monday 15 August and the band students on Tuesday 16 August. The audience will be treated to some fabulous music. Some of the highlights will be the strings playing Moody Monster and Sleeping Pandas and the Bands rendition of Roar and Geronimo.

We look forward to hearing the students play on parade later in the year.

BOOK CLUB

Book Club has been distributed to all students. Forms and money need to be returned to the office or purchased through the Scholastic website (loop details below) by next Wednesday 24th August. By supporting our Book Club this enables us to purchase new books for the library on a regular basis through our Scholastic rewards.
**Book Club Loop for Parents**

Loop is for Credit Card payments only!

To order and pay for Scholastic Book Clubs by credit card visit: [scholastic.com.au/LOOP or download the app!](scholastic.com.au/LOOP)

Simply grab your Book Club Catalogue
- Register first to save your details for next time (existing Scholastic Store customers can simply log in)
- Select your school and your child's class
- Add your child's first name & last initial (so the school knows who the book is for)
- Enter the item number from the Book Club catalogue
- All orders are sent directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child's classroom if you order by the close date
- Afterwards, there's no need to return paper order forms or payment receipt details back to your school!

### NATURAL MATHS

**Bridge through 100**

This same strategy that works for bridging through 10 also works for larger numbers where instead of bridging through 10 the bridge is through 100. So for $90 + 40$ the bridging process is to add $90 + 10$ to make the hundred and then to add the remaining $30$ to make $130$. Adding $30$ to $100$ presents no problem to children who have been exposed to friendly numbers.

### 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 6: Thankfulness**

Thankfulness is being grateful for what you have. It is an attitude of gratitude for learning, loving, and being. It is appreciating the little things which happen around you every day. It is having a sense of wonder about the beauty of this world. It is being aware of the gifts in your life.

**Week 7: Justice**

Practicing justice is being fair in everything you do. It is seeing with your own eyes and not judging something or someone by what other people tell you. Being just is standing up for your rights and the rights of other people. It is taking responsibility if you make a mistake and making amends. Justice means that every person’s rights are protected.

### SCHOOL RULE FOCUS:

**Be in your proper place at all times**

At our school all students are expected to be in their proper place at all times. Before school students must be seated on the rubber area or under A, B or C block only. During learning time, students are to be with their teacher in the appropriate classroom or learning area unless they have been given permission by an adult to move from this area. When sent to the toilet or other areas by a staff member, students must ensure that they go directly to this area and move promptly back to their classroom. At lunchtime students are to play in allocated areas and not move into out-of-bounds areas. At Berserker Street State School we encourage our students to be in their proper place at all times to ensure that they are safe. Please reinforce this rule with your child.
FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICER

The Importance of Physical Activity

Physical activity is very important for a child’s development and leads to a healthy and active life. Please encourage your children to participate in physical activity for these reasons:

- healthy growth and development
- maintain a healthy weight
- strong bones and muscles
- improves balance, coordination and strength
- helps to develop gross motor and fine motor skills
- improves concentration and thinking skills
- builds confidence and self-esteem
- relieves stress and promotes relaxation
- develops social skills and makes friends

CAPRICORN COMMUNITY SURVEY

In 2015, Communities for Children FP Capricorn, developed the Capricorn Community Profile which collated data, research and results from community consultation that directly affected children aged birth to 12 years and their families. The profile was instrumental in identifying community characteristics, assess needs and identify gaps to inform priorities for the Capricorn region. This formed the basis of the Community Strategic Plan and allowed for funding to be provided for key early intervention and prevention projects through Communities for Children.

The survey will take 10-15 minutes to complete, and grouped data will be shared with people and organisations in our community that can make a difference.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7QKYD5C

Are you a parent or carer of a child under 12 years of age?

Communities for Children FP Capricorn need your help to identify the needs of families in our community. Your feedback will help to plan programs and activities that will help our local children and their families.

Child Survey for 8-12 years old?

Communities for Children FP Capricorn would like to know more about the children and families that live in our region. You can help us by taking a short survey that will give us some information about you, your family and your school.

For more information contact Michelle Roberts Project Manager -The Smith Family
Communities for Children – Capricorn
Allenstown State School
Phone: 07 4924 8121
Mobile: 0409 772 646 Fax: 07 4924 8188
Michelle.Roberts@thesmithfamily.com.au
thesmithfamily.com.au

OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS

Please remind your children if they have overdue library books they need to be returned to the library. For students wishing to keep their books for longer, please visit the library to have them extended. Overdue class lists went out last week.

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
**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).

**LIBRARY**

Our school library is open both lunch breaks for students.

**Library Activities (Green Room):**
- Monday - Movie Day
- Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday-Duplo
- Friday - Quiet Reading

**Computers:**
Computers are available both lunch breaks for all students. We encourage students to use this time as well to finish assessment work etc.

**Library Borrowing:**
Students can return and borrow books at lunch breaks as well.

**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).

**IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2016**

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**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**FOOTBALL CQ – SOCCER/FUTSAL SKILLS CLINIC**

**Indigenous Program** Starting October 2016 6 weeks training with fully accredited coaches. Cost to be advised. Duration 1.5 hours training sessions.

**Learn new skills, learn to kick both feet, develop 360 degree awareness**

**Girls Program (Novices & Beginners) School Holiday Clinic** for 8-13 year Girls 19, 20 & 21 Sept 2016 Cost $36.00 Duration 2hrs Closing date 9/9/16

‘Get the Edge’ School Holiday Clinic for 8-13years 19, 20 & 21 Sept 2016 Closing date 9/9/16
Cost $36.00 Duration 2hrs

**Learn the skills for both indoor and the outdoor game.**

**Location:** YWCA, Robinson Street, North Rockhampton
Register your interest – operationsmanager@footballcq.com.au

**Upcoming Coaching Courses are displayed on the Football CQ website.**

**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

**Rebecca Hack**
Principal