



Berserker Street State School

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SCHOOL WATCH

With the school holidays commencing from this Friday 16th September, we would ask that you again **look, listen and report** anything untoward that you may see happening in our school grounds over the holidays.

Our staff would like to take this opportunity to wish you a safe and happy break with your children. Reminder to our parents/caregivers that school resumes **Tuesday 4th October**.

School Watch
 YOU CAN HELP!
 Your Eyes and Ears are Our Security
• LOOK • LISTEN • REPORT
 Phone 13 17 88

CHORAL FESTIVAL

Sweet melodic harmonies filled the auditorium at the Baptist Tabernacle last Monday night as over 200 students from 12 local state schools performed at this year's Choral Festival. Celebrating its 21st birthday, Nathan Cahill (guest conductor) worked meticulously to produce an outstanding choral performance. A big congratulations goes out to the 17 Berserker students who represented our school. I am sure all the participants left with a feeling of accomplishment, joy and fulfilment. Ms Nedela would like to thank all parents/helpers who assisted with transport on the day. Students will be awarded their Medallion and certificate at our final Parade on Wednesday 14th September.

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.

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!

CHANGE OF DETAILS



There are times when we may need to contact parents and carers. Do we have your most up to date contact details? If not, please contact the school on 4999 0333 so we can update our records. These details include parent/carers' name, address, phone numbers, email address and emergency contact details. Please remember to contact the school if any of these details change.

VIRTUE

This is the virtue that students will be learning about this week. Please take the time to talk to your children about this.

Week 10: Gentleness

Gentleness is acting and speaking in a kind, considerate way. It is using self-control, in order not to hurt or offend anyone. You can be gentle with people and animals in the way you touch them and the way you speak to them. You handle things carefully so they will not break or be hurt. When you think gentle thoughts, it makes the world a safer, gentler place.

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.

FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICER

Holidays with Learning

School holidays sometimes results in the loss of learned skills acquired during the school term. Spending quality time with our children is extremely important for their development and happiness. Parents can help their children by providing age appropriate social interactions and encouraging them to apply essential skills in meaningful activities.

The following are a list of suggestions for parents to consider, which will aid in the smooth transition back to school and strengthen your relationship with your child.

* Read with your child. * Calculate grocery bills. * Keep journals and

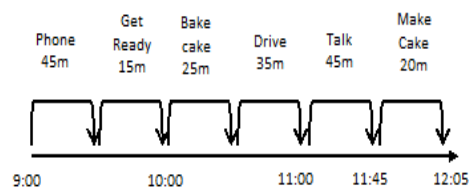
scrapbooks. * Art and craft. * Invite their friends on picnics. * Play games. * Go for a walk together. * Show interest in their activities. * Listen to them and ask questions. * Visit the library. * Walk around the zoo. * Visit a playground or park. * Call the local council and ask about special holiday activities. * Free twilight movies. * Learn and share knowledge at a museum. * Spend time at the beach.

NATURAL MATHS

Open Number Line for Time

"It was 9:00 when the phone rang. I spent 45 minutes talking to Grandma. Then I made a cake which took 20 minutes to mix and 25 minutes to bake. I spent 15 minutes getting ready to go out and then it took me 35 minutes to drive to my friend's house. We talked for $\frac{3}{4}$ hour before eating lunch. What time did we eat lunch?"

When confronted with a time problem such as the one above, many children and adults try to convert times to minutes and then add but this is very inefficient. A more strategic approach can be made visible on an open number line on which you can chunk compatible times. There will be more than one way of doing this. An example of this is set out below in which chunks of time were group in such a way to make it easier to count. You can make up similar stories related to daily routines and use a mixture of chunking and open number lines to find solutions!



STUDENT ABSENCES

Our **Student Absence Hotline is 49990366**
This number is contactable 24hrs a day.

It is really important to call the school or call the Student Absence Hotline on the above number, in the morning if your child is going to be away or late for school so your child's absence can be recorded correctly. 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**

Same day notification

Our school will contact parents as soon as practicable on the day if a student is not at school and we don't know why. If you are advised by the school that your child is away without a reason, please contact the office on 49990333 as soon as possible, to let us know where your child is. We will follow-up with parents if no response is received.

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).

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

Please remember that minimum supervision is provided before school for students. We require students to be sitting down in the rubber area until the 8.40am bell rings.

In the afternoon the bell rings at 2.45pm. We ask that parents and caregivers are prompt in picking up their children. We have a great before and after school care program provided by the PCYC if you require it.

LIBRARY ACTIVITY CENTRE



Our school library is open both lunch breaks for students.

Library Activities (Green Room):

Monday - Movie Day

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday-Duplo

Friday - Quiet Reading

Activity Area:

Games and puzzles are available both lunch breaks each day.

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.

LOST PROPERTY

The lost property at the tuckshop is being sorted every week by Mrs Rogers in the library. We have been very surprised by the amount of jumpers 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.

ADMIN CAR PARK

Parents please be aware that this car park is **ONLY** for the '**Admin Staff**'. It is not a drive in drop off point for your children. It is dangerous as we have students entering and leaving these gates. Parents need to park outside the school grounds at all times.

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

YEAR 7 ENROLMENTS 2017 NRSHS

North Rockhampton SHS enrolments for Year 7 2017 are now open. We have a limited number of enrolment packs available at our Berserker School office. Alternatively you can contact North Rockhampton SHS on 4924 7888 to arrange to receive an enrolment pack at any time. Appointments for an enrolment interview are to be arranged with a North Rockhampton SHS representative, parent/carer and your child.

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, especially over the holiday break please visit the library to have them extended.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2016

16 th September	Term 3 ends
Tues 4 th October	Term 4 commences
Monday 17 th October	Pupil Free Day

COMMUNITY NOTICES

PLAY FUTSAL

Registrations are now open!
Join today!

Live it. Love it. #PLAYFUTSAL
PLAYERS AND TEAMS WANTED

Register your team now:

Juniors 7 to 17 YRS - Seniors 18 & Above

For more information contact the office:

Chantal 0427 340 501

Email: futsal@footballcq.com.au

Website: www.footballcq.com.au

ARCHER PARK SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

2 SPECIAL DAYS – BOTH WEDNESDAYS IN THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

DATE: Wednesday 21st & 28th September 2016

TIME: 10am – 1pm

COST: \$8.50 for entry children with one adult free
\$5.80 for extra adults

Lots to do for the kids – Tram Rides, colour in table, block mat for the toddlers, Find the Answer - Questionnaires for the older kids, knockems – win a chocolate frog. Morning tea and hot food.

Tour guides to tell the stories of how the Morse Code, Electric Staff's work and lots more.

Rebecca Hack
Principal