



# Berserker Street State School

## Newsletter: 11<sup>th</sup> October, 2016

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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.

### PREP ENROLMENT INTERVIEWS ON NOW!

**Prep enrolment interviews for 2017 have commenced. Please call into the office to make a booking.**

**If your child turns five by June 30<sup>th</sup> 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!**

### PUPIL FREE DAY

Reminder to our Parents and Caregivers that **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October** is a Pupil Free Day. Please mark this on a calendar as this day is set aside for Teacher Professional Development.

### APPLICATIONS FOR INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC 2017

Recruiting of instrumental music students for 2017 has commenced. Positions will be available in the areas of strings, woodwind, brass and percussion for students in years 4-6 in 2017. Education Qld provides specialist teachers who offer free group lessons during school time. More details can be found on the Application Forms which are available from the school office.

### BOOK FAIR IS COMING!

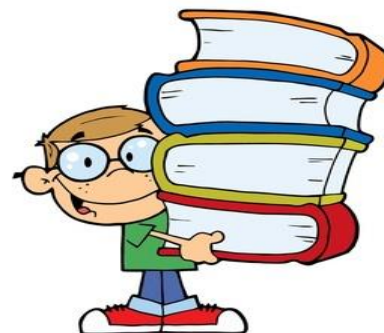
Scholastic Book Fairs is coming to our School with a Buy One Get One Free Book Fair! This special event offers a great opportunity for you to add twice as many books to your child's home and classroom library.

For every book purchased you receive a second book of equal or lesser value FREE to give as a gift to a friend, teacher, donate back to the library or keep yourself.

**Dates:** Wed 26<sup>th</sup> and Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> October

**Place:** Library Activity Centre

**Times:** 8.15-8.40 am, 1<sup>st</sup> Lunch and after school till 3.15pm both days.



## WHAT SORT OF START IS YOUR CHILD GETTING?

**School starts at 8:45am!**  
**Just a little bit late doesn't seem that much but.....**

Missing just.....	That equals....	Which is.....	Over 13 years of schooling that's.....
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1.5 Weeks per year	Nearly <b>Half a Year</b>


20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 minutes per week	Over 2.5 Weeks per year	Nearly <b>1 Year</b>
Half an hour per day	Half a day per week	4 Weeks per Year	Nearly <b>1 and a Half Years</b>
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 Weeks per year	Over <b>2 and a Half years</b>

***Did you know your child's best learning time is the start of the school day!  
 That's when every minute counts the most!!***


## NATURAL MATHS

### Turnarounds

How many objects in these groups?



Turn-around – start on 5 and count on 3



Turn-around – start on 9 and count on 2

In an example  $2 + 6$  it is easier to begin with the larger number of 6 then count on 2 more.

By re-ordering the two numbers in addition it makes them easier to add.

## 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.

## 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: Compassion

Compassion is having kind feelings toward someone who is hurt or troubled. It is caring deeply and wanting to help, even if you don't know them. It is being kind and forgiving to someone who has hurt you.

### Week 3: Moderation

Moderation is creating balance in your life between work and play, rest and exercise. It is having or doing enough of something – not too much, not too little, but what's just right for you. If you study all the time

or play all the time it is not being moderate. Moderation is being in charge of your time and using self-discipline to keep from doing too much or too little.

#### **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**

##### **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.

#### **BREAKFAST CLUB**

Breakfast Club is available to all students every Monday from 8.00am to 8.40am at the stadium.

We are in need of helpers from 8.00am to 9.00am on Monday mornings. If you are able to assist please call the School Office on 4999 0333 and leave your name and phone number so we can contact you.

#### **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).

#### **UNIFORMS**

School Uniforms can be purchased from our tuckshop Monday to Friday from 8am till 10.30am. The tuckshop is open on these days before school for your convenience. Full school uniform, including the Berserker shirt with logo, is a requirement for all Berserker students. All students should also have closed in shoes and hat for play.

## 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 children early, they must first report to the office to sign them out. Students are not allowed to leave the classroom if parents do not have a valid sign out slip.



## 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.

## 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)

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2016

17 <sup>th</sup> October	Student Free Day
9 <sup>th</sup> December	School Finishes

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### ARCHER PARK RAIL MUSEUM - FAMILY FUN DAY

DATE: Sunday 23rd October 2016

TIME: 9AM – 1PM

COST: \$2 ENTRY – 14YRS AND OVER  
\$2.50 – TRAM RIDES

Come along and enjoy the displays and market. Ride the Purrey Steam Tram, see the Diesel and Steam engine and heritage rail carriages.

There will be morning tea and sausage sizzle, vintage, classic and ford cars, military museum stall, live music, rail memorabilia, exhibits and lots more.

### 2016-17 SUMMER BASKETBALL

From complete beginners to long-time players we have the right level of competition for you. Competitions start the week beginning the **10<sup>th</sup> October and run through to the end of March 2017.**

#### Juniors:

U10-U12's ('10-'06 BORN) Friday Nights

U14-U18's ('03-00 BORN) Thursday Nights

**JU12-U18's \$60 12 month BQ Registration, \$150 Court Fees.**

**U10's \$30 12 month BQ Registration, \$140 Court Fees.**

#### Seniors:

WOMEN'S Monday Nights (DIV 1-DIV 3)

MEN'S Tuesday Nights (DIV 1-DIV 4)

**\$60 BQ Registration, \$207 COURT FEES**

\*For players who have existing BQ Registration they will just need to purchase court fees product.

Please contact Rockhampton Basketball on 49225544 to join a team, or head to [WWW.ROCKHAMPTONBASKETBALL.COM.AU](http://WWW.ROCKHAMPTONBASKETBALL.COM.AU) to register.

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