



# Berserker Street State School

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## GET SET FOR PREP 2017!

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

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  |

## SCHOOL DISCO

On behalf of the P&C, we would like to thank the families, staff and students at Berserker for their continued support and effort at the disco last Thursday night. It was great to see so many students dressed up! It was one of the biggest discos yet – the P&C raised well over \$2 500!!!! The time given up by the staff to assist and support such an event is greatly appreciated!! Special thanks to DJ Mr Thornton, Mrs Shelton and to Master Chef Mr Bird! Well done everyone and thank you!!!

## BOOK FAIR THIS WEEK!

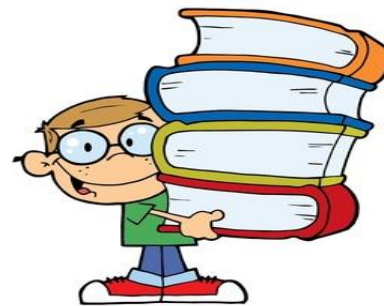
Scholastic Book Fairs is coming to our School this week with a Buy One Get One Free Book Fair! This special event offers a great opportunity for you to add twice as many books to your child's home and classroom library. **There will only be books to purchase no posters, rubbers, pencils etc.**

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.



## CHANGE OF DETAILS

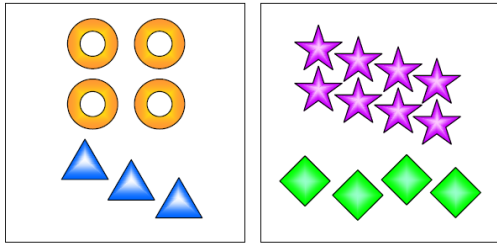


There are times when we may need to contact parents and carers. Do we have your most up to date contact details? If not, please contact the school on 4999 0333 so we can update our records. These details include parent/carers' name, address, phone numbers, email address and emergency contact details.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

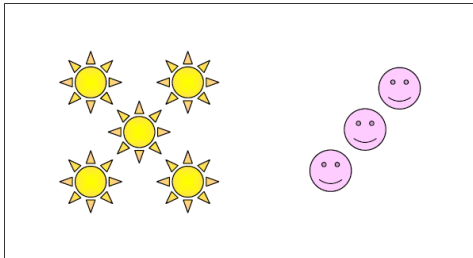
## NATURAL MATHS

### Counting On 1, 2 or 3

Counting on is a very important step in the introduction of addition. To count on children need to know that the counting sequence can be broken into and picked up at any starting number.



How many objects in this group?



To find out how many objects altogether, we know that there are 5 so we can continue the count, 6, 7 8.

## 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 4: Loyalty**

Loyalty is staying true to someone. It is standing up for something you believe in without wavering. It is being faithful to your family, country, school, friends or ideals – when the going gets tough as well as when things are good. When you are a loyal friend, even if someone disappoints you, you still hang in there with them. Loyalty is staying committed.

### **Week 5: Courage**

Courage is personal bravery in the face of fear. It is doing what needs to be done even when it is really hard or scary. Courage is going ahead even when you feel like giving up. Courage is needed in trying new things. It is admitting mistakes

and then doing the right thing. Courage is the strength in your heart.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

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## 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.

## 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.



## 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)

## 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.

## 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)

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2016!

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|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 26 <sup>th</sup> & 27 <sup>th</sup> October | Book Fair               |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> December                    | Last day of School 2016 |

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