



# Berserker Street State School

## Newsletter: 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2016

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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

### LEAVING OR JOINING US AT BERSERKER IN 2017?

We are seeking any specific information from parents and carers that can assist us in the accurate prediction of our student enrolment numbers. If your child is departing the school at the end of this year, we would love to hear from you. This information will allow us to accurately determine the number of classes we will have in 2017 as well as our staffing and facility requirements. Thank you to those families who have already contacted us.

### HUMAN RELATIONSHIPS EDUCATION

TRUE Relationships and Reproductive Health (formerly known as Family Planning Queensland) will provide two educational sessions for Year 6 students on 21st and 28th November. The sessions will focus on Body Parts & Reproduction and Puberty. TRUE has been providing sexuality education in Central Queensland schools for nearly 30 years and the program they use is recognised as balanced, informative and age appropriate. A letter with more information has been sent home to all Year 6 parents. . ***If you DO NOT wish for your child to participate in this program please phone and advise the school office staff by this Friday 11th November, 2016.***

### TWILIGHT CONCERT



Don't miss our annual Twilight Concert **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 6pm** in the Stadium. We have performances from all year levels, marimba band, instrumental groups and the world famous staff item. All students are invited to participate. In particular all Year 6 students should attend as this is their last concert before moving on to High School.

**Concert starts at 6pm!** It is essential that the students arrive by 6pm to ensure that they are ready to perform.

P&C will be selling hot food and drinks. These will be available to purchase from the canteen.

## BOOK FAIR

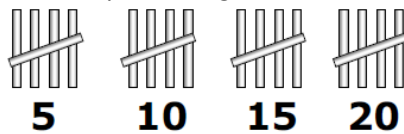
Thank you to all the students, parents, carers, teaching staff and grandparents who came along and supported the special Book Fair. Scholastic Book Fairs gave our students a great opportunity by offering them a Buy One Get One Free Book Fair! The students thought it was great as they were able to take an extra book for free! The smile on their faces was priceless.

## NATURAL MATHS

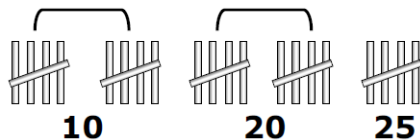
### Tallies

Tallies are a quick and easy way of recording data such as team scores, eye colour, favourite foods; but they are also much more than this.

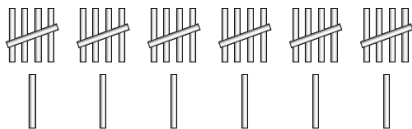
Tallies encourage children to subitise groups of 5 and to count in 5s, a process called *skip counting*:



This leads on to students spotting '10s' and count the 10s to make counting more efficient.



If the foundation is firm, children will have a strong base for both working out and subsequently knowing their multiplication facts.



Did you see this as  $6 \times 5$  and  $6 \times 1$  and say: I know that  $6 \times 5$  is 30 and 6 more makes 36!

Try and use tallies when counting at home with your child and use real life items lying around the house.

## 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: Unity

Unity helps people work and live together peacefully. When you practice unity, you feel connected to everyone and everything. Unity brings harmony, like the music made by the different instruments in an orchestra. Unity comes when we value each person. The joy of one is the joy of all. The hurt of one is the hurt of all. The honour of one is the honour of all.

### Week 7: Enthusiasm

Enthusiasm is being inspired – full of spirit. It is being cheerful and happy. It is doing something wholeheartedly, with zeal and eagerness – giving 100% to what you do. Being enthusiastic is being excited about something, looking forward to it. It comes from having a positive attitude.

## SCHOOL RULE FOCUS:

If an adult tells you to do something, you do it.

At our school all students are expected to follow the directions of adult staff members in the school. Children are reminded of this rule on a regular basis. Please take the time to discuss and reinforce this rule with your children this week. This rule helps our students to be safe and ensures that our school and our classrooms can operate effectively and productively resulting in better outcomes for all.

## 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.

### FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICER

#### Be Positive!

There are both positive and negative aspects of most situations. We get to choose which ones we will focus on. These ideas will help you focus on the positive so that your family will be happy:

1. Surround yourself with friends that are a positive influence.
2. Look for the bright side in every situation.
3. Smile a lot to lift your mood.
4. Take time to recharge if you need to.
5. Do things you love to do.
6. Focus on your imagination and efforts on becoming a positive person.
7. "Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened." – Dr. Seuss
8. Keep talking the 'Positive Talk'.
9. Don't sweat the small stuff.
10. Accept the facts but set goals to move forward.

### 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.

### 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 borrowing finishes for the year from this Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November!***



### 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.



## 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.

## 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 are always 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.

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2016!

23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Twilight Concert
24 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 5 Camp
1 <sup>st</sup> December	Prep Open Day
6 <sup>th</sup> December	Awards & Graduation Ceremony
6 <sup>th</sup> December	Graduation Dance
8 <sup>th</sup> December	Class visits
9 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of School 2016

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### CHEERLEADING TRY OUTS!

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November 10am – 2pm  
Level 1, 111 East Street, Rockhampton  
No experience required  
Teams compete in local, interstate and internationally. 2016 – Competed in Hawaii  
Everyone is welcome!  
Ages 4+ Levels 1-3 Join us today  
Email for Level Try Out Times  
[cqthundercheersquad@hotmail.com](mailto:cqthundercheersquad@hotmail.com)  
***Every athlete will be offered a position!***

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