



Berserker Street State School

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SCHOOL CAPTAINS

We would like to congratulate our new School Captains for 2016.

School Captains: Alysha and Jaydyn

Vice Captains: Soraya and Ashton

We know that these children will do a fantastic job and will take pride in their new roles.

P&C MEETING

Our first P&C Meeting for 2016 will be held tonight, 17th February at 6.00pm. The meeting is held in the staffroom located in the Admin Block. We always welcome parent involvement in our school and encourage as many of you as possible to come along. It would be great to see some new faces!

CHARLES STREET - STAFF CAR PARK!

Parents please be aware that this car park is STAFF ONLY! PARENT VEHICLES SHOULD NOT ENTER THE CHARLES STREET GATE. Staff on gate duty has the authority to stop parents driving into this designated STAFF area.

There is a safe drop off and pick up point for SEP students, on Charles Street between the SEP Prep and main SEP buildings.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

I would like to thank all the parents who ensure that their children are at school every day in time for the 8:40am bell.



Research shows that students who attend school regularly and are on time for the

start of each day have the best chance for success.

Missing just one day of school a week may not seem like much, but this adds up to 2.6 school years. In other words if your child misses a day of school every week, it is the same as leaving school early in Year 10.

Children who are just half an hour late each day, miss more than a whole year of school throughout their education. Children who are late also interrupt the schooling of their classmates and the flow of lessons.

We appreciate the efforts of parents to support the school in ensuring your children are on time and ready for learning every day.

XO LAPTOP LEVY

At Berserker every student from Prep to Year 6 is allocated an XO laptop to enhance their learning. Each year we ask parents to pay a small levy cover maintenance, printing, replacements etc. Once this levy is paid, students receive a Berserker USB for use at school and are able to take their XO home when required for school work. We are very pleased to announce that due to alternate funding we have been able to reduce the levy to \$10. A note will go home later this week with further details.

NATURAL MATHS

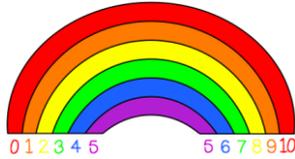
By learning certain maths strategies students will find that sometimes they don't need to count and instead will automatically know the number fact.



Rainbow Facts

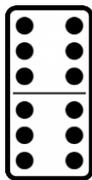
Using rainbow facts can help early learners to add just by looking at the numbers.

RAINBOW TO 10



- 1 + 9 = 10
- 2 + 8 = 10
- 3 + 7 = 10
- 4 + 6 = 10
- 5 + 5 = 10
- 6 + 4 = 10
- 7 + 3 = 10
- 8 + 2 = 10
- 9 + 1 = 10

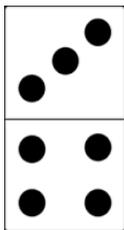
Doubles



Recall of doubles can help to easily add.

How many dots?
Double 6 is 12.

Near Doubles



4 and 3 is near to double 3.
Just say "double 3 is 6 and 1 more is 7".

Double 4 is near to 3 and 4 as well.

Just say "double 4 is 8 and take away 1 is 7".

Do you know the answer without counting? Encourage your child to use rainbow facts, doubles and near double strategies. Lookout for opportunities where you can use these strategies for example at home, at the shops, during play, reading books, etc.

ANNUAL MEET AND GREET

Our Annual Meet and Greet was held on Wednesday 10th February. Our Teaching Staff would like to say thank you to all the parents, caregivers and students who attended. We value our relationship with the school community and we were thrilled that so many of our families were able to attend. Our staff really enjoyed the opportunity to catch up with parents and guardians, have a chat and get to know you and your children better. It was a very enjoyable evening!

READING COMPREHENSION

What books do you enjoy reading? Do you prefer a particular type of genre? Did you now that 40 books were adapted into movies in 2015! Which ones have you read?

The final step to improve reading comprehension is a review of learning. By now students have learnt a whole range of reading comprehension strategies and they need to consolidate what they have read, link it with what they know and store it in their memory. It also helps to link a positive attitude with reading to improve retention.



Vernon the Viking likes to review reading strategies that have helped him understand the text better

while he was reading. He teaches us to:

- Summarize the main ideas in the text
- Review new vocabulary, ideas and link them with what we know
- Reflect on why the author wrote the text (purpose) and how the author achieved his purpose
- Think about how we can use this information in the future when reading another similar text
- Use similar reading strategies every time we read a new text
- Enjoy reading!

FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICER

At the start of the year many parents and students become anxious about a new school, a new teacher, harder work or making new friends.

Here are 8 steps to help your child settle at school:

1. Be strict with bedtimes so children are calm, rested and energetic for school.
2. Develop a morning routine that is TV free. Allow time to have breakfast together, pack lunches, school bags and encourage your child to be well presented and prepared for school.

3. Regularly contact your child's teacher to build a partnership for success.
4. Value their learning by becoming involved with homework tasks.
5. Be happy and encouraging when you are asking them about their school day.
6. Encourage your child to talk to you openly and discuss positive strategies to enable them to problem solve any issues for themselves.
7. Praise success. No matter how small they seem to you, they mean a lot to your child.
8. If you need support, approach our very experienced and caring staff who will be able to recommend helpful resources.

STUDENT ABSENCES

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

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION

Religious Instruction lessons are held every Wednesday from 2.15pm and will commence on Wednesday 24th February. Students at Berserker have the option to participate in a Values program, Ecumenical (Christian) lessons or Catholic lessons. A note was sent home last week to inform parents that students will now be automatically allocated to Religious instruction groups based on information provided by parents on the Application for Student Enrolment form unless other written instructions have been provided to the school. Please contact the office if

you have any queries regarding this process.

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 firstly report to the office to sign them out. Students WILL NOT be allowed to leave the classroom without producing the early 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. Times are 6:30am till school starts and 2:45pm till 6pm. For more information please contact Toni on 0418116481. PCYC coordinate this wonderful service and they also provide before school care for other schools and will do drop offs to these schools as well.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast club is held in the Stadium every



Monday from 8:00am till 8:40am.

VIRTUES

This is the virtue that students will be learning in week 5. Please take the time to talk to your children about this virtue.

Week 5: Respect

Respect is an attitude of caring about people and treating them with dignity. Respect is valuing ourselves and others. We show respect by speaking and acting with courtesy. When we are respectful

we treat others as we want to be treated. Respect includes honouring the rules of our family or school, which make life more orderly and peaceful. It is knowing that every man, woman and child deserves respect, including you.

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. In the colder months, a bottle green jumper and/or bottle green tracksuit pants are acceptable.

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 9am.

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).

BOOK CLUB

Book Club will go out to all students shortly. Forms and money need to be sent to the office or purchased through the Scholastic website (loop details below). 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!

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!

COMMUNITY NOTICES

AUSSIE HOOPS – ROCKHAMPTON BASKETBALL

Who: Grade 1-2

Where: Hegvold Stadium

When: Program starts Tuesday 9th & Friday 12th Feb

Cost: \$80.00 (7 Weeks)

The U8 Mini-Ball is a 7 week competition for Grade 1-2 students. All teams train together on Tuesday afternoons under the guidance of RBI Development Manager Matt Neason (Tues 5.15pm-6.15pm) Players are put into loose teams (not aligned to clubs) Teams play modified 4 on 4 games on Friday afternoons (Fri 4.00pm-5.00pm)

Who: Grade 3-6

Where: Hegvold Stadium

When: Tuesday 9th Feb – Tuesday 22nd April

Cost: \$77.00 (7 Weeks + Player Pack)

Aussie Hoops is a 7 week learn to play Basketball program where you'll learn the FUNdamentals of the game through a series of modified drills and games. On top of the 7 weeks of expert coaching you'll get a basketball, training singlet, and backpack.

Rebecca Hack
Principal