



Berserker Street State School

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WELCOME TO BERSERKER

As we enter the new school year we hope that you are all well rested and ready for a wonderful 2017. We would like to welcome back our returning students and families. Also, a huge welcome to all of our new families and students to our school.

We would also like to extend a warm welcome to our new staff this year and introduce them to you. We welcome Zara Guley (1G), Billie-Jean Ryals (3R), Jade Batley (5B), John Christensen (6C), Morgan Foster SEP 5 and Maddison Portch is the Speech and Language Pathologist. Also, welcome back to Kellie Baldwin (HOSES), Jill Waldron (2SW) and Sam Cranston. We also have a number of final year University students who will be at Berserker at times throughout the year. We wish them all the best for 2017 at Berserker.

PHOTO DAY

DATE CLAIMER : Our annual school photo day will be **Monday 6th March**. It is **extremely important** that all students are in their full school uniform, including the Berserker shirt with logo.

ANNUAL MEET AND GREET

We will be having our annual "Meet and Greet" and free sausage sizzle on Monday 13th February from 5pm to 6pm in the Stadium.

This is a great opportunity to meet with your child's teacher and other key staff at Berserker. All family members are invited to attend. A free sausage sizzle will be provided for all family members, staff and students. In the past our staff have

enjoyed the opportunity to meet with parents and guardians at this community event.

GET INVOLVED IN OUR P&C IN 2017?

The P&C had a great year at Berserker Street State School in 2016. The P&C had various fundraising campaigns last year such as discos, movie night etc. All monies fundraised from these events are put back into the school to support our families and children of Berserker Street State School, by helping the school purchase resources, assisting families with costs of camps, purchasing instruments for the music program and much more.

There were some new faces that joined P&C last year; I would love to see many more! Our P&C meet every first Thursday of the month in the Admin Office. The first meeting will commence this Thursday 2nd February at 3:00pm. Hope to see you there!

No one can do everything, but everyone can do something.

Billie-Jean Ryals
President



SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

At Berserker Street State School we are aiming to have all students at school 95% of the time throughout the year. Under the Queensland law Parents and Caregivers must send children to school everyday unless there is an acceptable reason such as:

- illness
- competing in school sporting or cultural events

If you know your children are going to be absent from school, you must let the school know why the absence has occurred within two school days of their return. If possible, it is best to advise the school beforehand by ringing the Student Absence Hotline or phoning the office on 49990333. Routine medical or other health appointments should be made either before or after school or during the school holidays if possible.

ASSEMBLY

Assembly started yesterday, 1st February in the Stadium. This is a whole school assembly. Assembly will take place at 1:45pm fortnightly on Wednesday afternoons, immediately prior to Religious Instruction classes.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC NEWS

Welcome back to 2017 for our new and continuing students. All beginner students have had their first lesson and are looking forward to learning to play their new instrument. All continuing students will commence lessons in week 3. Our Instrumental Music teachers are: Mrs Fiona Dobson - Strings on Monday; Mrs Robyn Everitt – Strings on Tuesday; Mr Peter McCabe – Band on Thursday and Friday.

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
(BSS 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: berserkerstsac@pcyc.org.au

BREAKFAST CLUB

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

We are always in need of helpers from 8am to 9am on Monday mornings. If you would like to join us - could you please call the School Office on 4999 0333 and leave your name and phone number so we can contact you.

SCHOOL FACEBOOK

Our school has its own Facebook page. This is a great way to keep updated with all the fun and exciting things that happen at our school. We also add upcoming events and results from sporting fixtures etc.

XO LAPTOPS

Our students at Berserker are allocated their own laptop to use on a daily basis. There is a \$10 fee each year for the use of these laptops. This covers maintenance, printing, replacement, USB stick etc. Once this levy is paid, a yellow band will be placed on the xo. Students are then able to take their XO home when required for school work. All students from Prep to Year 6 will use these computers in their everyday classroom to enhance their learning.

A note will go home soon regarding payment of this fee.

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.

UNIFORMS

School Uniforms can be purchased from our tuckshop Monday to Friday during tuckshop operating hours. Full school uniform, including the Berserker shirt with logo, are a requirement for all Berserker students. All students should also have closed in shoes and a hat for play.

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.

The tuckshop no longer stocks iced coffee as suppliers have deleted this from their range. They have substituted this with flavoured banana milk bottles and vanilla flavoured poppers instead.

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).

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.

Our school library is open and ready for students at lunch times.

SCHOOL SAFETY

Slow down around our school

The beginning of the school year is very hectic, parents and carers are being urged to slow down in the school zones. Most school areas have 40km/hr speed limits in place.

Parents can set an example to other drivers by observing these limits when dropping off and collecting the kids from school. Being cautious and slowing down in school zones doesn't make a big difference to your trip time, but it could save a child's life.



THE SMITH FAMILY

Would \$500.00 help cover the cost of school expenses?

The Smith Family is delivering Saver Plus in the Rockhampton Community and is currently looking for more people to join this wonderful program.

Saver Plus is a 10-month program that can assist you to save for your own or your children's education.

Participants receive:

- * One dollar in matched savings from ANZ for every one dollar you save, up to \$500
- * MoneyMinded financial workshops,
- * Personal support and guidance from The Smith Family, a trusted community organisation.

At the end of the program you can use your matched savings to purchase education-related items, such as a laptop/computer, school & sports uniforms/shoes, camps/excursions, swimming & music lessons and text books & stationary.

To be eligible to participate in Saver Plus you must:

- * be 18 years or over
- * be a parent or guardian of a student attending school or starting next year, or be attending or returning to vocational training yourself
- * have a current health care card or pensioner concession card
- * have some form of household income, for example, your partner or yourself may have casual, part-time, full-time, cash in hand or seasonal employment.

If you are interested in receiving \$500 in matched savings, please contact Kathy Connaughton - Saver Plus Coordinator 0408 90984 or 49248125 Email - kathy.connaughton@thesmithfamily.com.au

COMMUNITY NOTICES

ROCKHAMPTON CHILDREN AND FAMILY CENTRE

Rockhampton Children & Family Centre will be hosting a Homework Class every Monday and Wednesday from 3.15 to 4.30 commencing in February. This is only for Indigenous Children in Prep to Years 3 and an exception for children with special needs. A tutor will be contracted by this service to oversee the Home Class. A note will be going home soon. Any queries please contact Mayann Lammermoor on 07 49285043 or Fax 07 49282429

FRENCHVILLE SCORPIONS SOFTBALL CLUB

Frenchville Scorpions Softball Club is a family friendly club with teams for everyone from 3 years of age.... all ages and abilities welcome. Juniors, teenagers, womens and mens teams available. Softball is one of the cheapest

sports in Rocky and registrations start from just \$20 (children under 12)... interested ???

Sign-on Sunday 29th January at Frenchville Sports Club. Please contact Selena Knott on 0458 169 003 or the Frenchville Sports Club for more details.....

WANDERS HOCKEY CLUB SIGN ON

The 2017 Sign on day is Saturday 4th February from 9am-12pm at 34 Water St Berserker.

Wanderers has been operating in Rockhampton for 70 years. We welcome all new and returning players from 4yrs and older. All players are encouraged to come and try for free on the day. There will be a sausage sizzle, mini games, ice blocks plus information about the season ahead. Hockey is a great family sport offering a range of skills, discipline and most of all FUN!

Contact Bridget for more info: wanderershockeyclub@live.com.au or find us on Facebook:

www.facebook.com/wanderershockeyclubrockhampton

ROCKHAMPTON TOUCH FOOTBALL JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT DAY

Rockhampton Touch Association is holding their Annual Development Day for juniors interested in learning more about Touch footy. This event is open to every child from the ages 9 to 16 no matter what experience or skill level they are.

Date: Sunday 6th February

Times: 9 till 12.30pm (8.30am arrival for registration please)

Bring: Hat and water bottle and wear shoes and sunscreen

Morning tea is provided

No Cost! Anyone interested should email Denise at admin@rockytouch.com for more details or to register to attend (for catering purposes and to ensure sufficient coaches and support staff are in attendance).

JUNIOR FIXTURES

Rockhampton Touch is also holding a junior competition in the first half of the year for under10s. under 12s and under 14s Boys and Girls teams (no mixed) on Friday nights commencing Friday 3rd March. Nominations are being called for teams from schools, clubs and individuals to participate in this competition and close on 24th February. For more information please call Denise on 0409631633.

FRENCHVILLE JUNIOR FOOTBALL – SIGN ON

Frenchville Junior Football 2017 registrations open on Sunday, 29 January 2017. The registration package is available on the Frenchville Sports Club website: <http://www.frenchvillesportsclub.com.au/sports/football-soccer-junior/> An information day will be held on Sunday 5 February 2017 from 10am -1pm at the Frenchville Sports Club Function Rooms.

AUSSIE HOOPS LEARN2PLAY BASKETBALL

Grade 1-2's Tues 4.00-4.55pm

Grade 3-6's Wed 4.00-4.55pm

Starting Tues 14th and Wed 15th Feb.

*Participants will receive 7 weeks of expert coaching, their very own basketball, singlet and backpack, as well as other exciting handouts.

Head to www.aussiehoops.com.au or contact Matt Neason on 4922 5544 for more information.

Rebecca Hack
Principal