



Berserker Street State School

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SCHOOL CAPTAINS FOR 2017

We would like to congratulate our new School Captains for 2017.

School Captains: Bianca and Isaac
Vice Captains: Charlie and Jacob

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

HOUSE CAPTAINS FOR 2017

We would like to congratulate our new House Captains for 2017.

Wilkinson: Jake & Josh
Mahoney: James & Emilee
Steven: Ernest & Melanie
Griffin: Monisha & Mia

STUDENT COUNCIL FOR 2017

We would like to congratulate our new Student Council for 2017.

Joerizza, Axel, Lucious, Dylan, Dakota, Jinnali, Shawntika, Gayle and Isabella.

PHOTO DAY

Our annual school photo day is next **Monday 6th March**. It is **extremely important** that all students are in their full school uniform, including the Berserker shirt with logo. Students must have their payment envelope as well as this gets handed to the photographer on the day.

'PLANET RHYTHM' PRODUCTION

We have a great Production coming to our School on **Wednesday 15th March**, 'Planet Rhythm' is a hands-on, interactive experience where every child gets to 'take

the stage'. Students will be exposed to a magnificent collection of world drums and percussion instruments sourced from all around the world. It will be held in the Stadium at a cost of **\$4.50 per student**. All permission forms and payment needs to be made to the office by Friday 10th March. **No late payments** will be accepted after this date.

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.



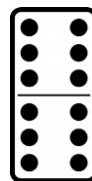
Rainbow Facts

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



- 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

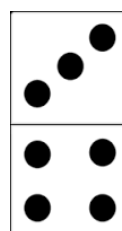
Doubles



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.

XO LAPTOP LEVY

All 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.

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.

FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICER

INDEPENDENCE AND RESPONSIBILITY

Independent children are able to use their own judgement to make decisions and meet their own needs. They take responsibility for their actions and respect the rights of others. Children who are responsible and independent are more likely to succeed in school and in their social relationships.

Encouraging Independence and Raising Responsible Kids:

- Communicate clearly.
- Encourage independence.
- Let children make choices.
- Teach problem solving.
- Give children chores.
- Help children to be organised.
- Allow for mistakes.
- Resist the temptation to rescue your child when they suffer consequences.
- Acknowledge their efforts specifically.
- Talk less and listen with empathy.
- Set an example.
- Know that teaching responsibility takes a long time.
- Slowly increase your child’s responsibilities as he or she ages.

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: Commitment

Commitment is caring deeply about something or someone. It is the willingness to give your all to a friendship, a task, or something you believe in. It is the ability to make decisions and follow

through on them. It is keeping your promises.

Week 7: Creativity

Creativity is the power of imagination. Creativity is a way to develop your special talents. It is seeing something in a new way, finding a different way to solve a problem. Creativity is using your imagination to bring something new into the world.

SCHOOL RULE FOCUS:

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

At Berserker, all students are expected to follow instructions given to them by an adult. This ensures that our classrooms are productive and safe learning environments and that our playgrounds are safe for everybody. The only exception to this rule is if a student feels the instruction they have been given is not safe. In this instance they are to report immediately to the school principal. Please reinforce with your child that they are expected to follow instructions given to them by adults at school.

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).

BOOK CLUB

Book Club form 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!

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

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: berserkerstsac@pcyc.org.au

OZ TAG DRAW

Oz Tag Girls Pool B

3rd March

Berserker Green vs Berserker white
1:50pm Field 3, McLeod Park

10th March

Berserker White vs Frenchville White 2
12:30pm Field 4, McLeod Park
Berserker Green vs RGS Red 1:10pm Field
5, McLeod Park

Oz Tag Boys Pool B

3rd March

The Hall vs Berserker White 1:10pm Field
5, McLeod Park
RGS Black vs Berserker Green 1:50pm
Field 5, McLeod Park

10th March

Berserker Green vs St Mary's 1:10pm Field
2, McLeod Park
Berserker White vs RGS Black 1:10pm
Field 3, McLeod Park

COMMUNITY NOTICES

NORTH ROCKHAMPTON HIGH SCHOOL YEAR 7 - 2018 INFORMATION SESSION

North Rockhampton High School will be running an information session to introduce the school's vision and values, as well as introduce some of the different facilities within the school to potential parents and guardians.
Where: North Rockhampton High School Library
When: Wednesday 15 March 2017
Time: 5:30 – 6:30pm

LEADERS NEEDED - NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

Mount Archer Scout Group is thriving and growing. We are looking for new youth members (aged 6 to 26 years) to grow our group and learn about camping, outdoor activities, the environment, helping themselves and helping others, and generally having fun and adventures. We are also seeking more Leaders to help run our sections and deliver fun, enjoyable and educational programs to our youth members. We are seeking men and women between the ages of 18 to 65 years to become Leaders. All training will be provided, and we will help you get a Blue Card, which is essential. No previous scouting experience is required. Leaders come from all walks of life.

If you are interested in becoming a Leader, or your child wishes to join our scout group, please contact Fiona Marshall either by email (scoutbunyip@gmail.com) or by phone 0403 517 609.

ROCKHAMPTON REGIONAL LIBRARIES YOUTH CODER DOJO CLUB

The CoderDojo is for 7yrs to 17yrs and gives students the opportunity to get help with their coding projects as well as a safe space to learn coding using the library's Ozobots, Sphero's and the Nao Humanoid robot and other programs. The sessions are facilitated by coding experts so are able to answer any curly questions.

WHERE: Sessions held the last Wednesday of every month at the Rockhampton Regional Library – 230 Bolsover Street.

WHEN: Library Technology Centre starting Wednesday 22nd February from 5.30pm to 6.30pm.

THINKING OF BECOMING A FOSTER CARER?

Anglicare CQ is holding a Foster Care Information Session where you can ask lots of questions about becoming a Carer. You will be able to chat with experienced and new foster carers, Anglicare staff including trainers, assessors and support workers and staff from the Department of Child Safety.

WHEN: Tuesday 14th March from 5.30pm – 7.30pm

VENUE: Anglicare CQ, 164 Musgrave Street, North Rockhampton

RSVP: Please contact Child Protection Admin Officer on 48375300 to book a place. Please come to the rear door of Burnett St and press the buzzer for access. Refreshments provided.

Rebecca Hack
Principal