



Berserker Street State School

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WELCOME BACK

I would like to extend a big welcome back to all of our families. I would also like to take a moment to welcome the many new families who have chosen to come to Berserker.

Term 2 is a very busy and important term in schools. NAPLAN testing will occur in just a few short weeks so our Grade 3 and 5 teachers are busily preparing their students. Please speak to your child's teacher if you have any questions at all about the NAPLAN tests.

Reminder Public Holiday:

Monday 1st May is Labour Day.

NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM (NAPLAN)

All students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 across Australia will undertake common national tests in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation) and Numeracy from Tuesday 9th to Thursday 11th May 2017.

Please see the timetable below regarding testing dates and test focus during each of the sessions.

	Tuesday 9 May	Wednesday 10 May	Thursday 11 May
Y r 3	Language Conventions 40 minutes Writing 40 minutes	Reading 45 minutes	Numeracy 45 minutes
Y r 5	Language Conventions 40 minutes Writing 40 minutes	Reading 50 minutes	Numeracy 50 minutes

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 Berserker. All upcoming school events, sporting fixtures and results etc. are posted on the Berserker Street State School Facebook page.

BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE

This Sunday 30th April Berserker School will be hosting the Bunnings Sausage Sizzle to raise funds for Year 6 Camp. Any help would be greatly appreciated so if you are able to volunteer please contact the office or see the Year 6 teachers. Please come along and purchase a sausage on Sunday as all money raised assists our students with the cost of Year 6 Camp.

EASTER RAFFLE

Thank you to everyone who supported the Easter raffle. The students did a great job promoting and selling the tickets. All money raised goes towards the Year 6 Camp.

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

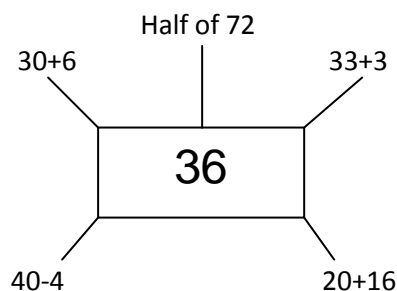
NUMBER SPLITTING

As adults, we use number splitting 'on the run', so to speak. To find \$36 and \$47, we are likely to start with a front-end addition, adding $30 + 40$ first before adding the remaining 13. Often this is because we need an estimate, or ball-park figure, first. There is no need to add the 6 and 7, if we know that we don't want to spend more than \$70. So what we do to make the addition manageable is to split the numbers into useable parts.

There are many ways in which 36 and 47 can be split.

1. The keen doubler would split 47 into 36 and 11, because $36 + 36 = 72$ is part of their repertoire.
2. Another person might prefer to split 36 into 33 and 3, because $3 + 47$ is easy and you only then have to add in the remaining 33.
3. The front-end addition method splits both numbers into their 10s and 1s parts on the basis that they can more easily be handled separately.

Whichever approach is taken, the first step is to see that 36 can be split in different ways. After that, the actual addition strategy used will depend on which of the number splitting possibilities you chose.



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 2: Orderliness

Orderliness is being neat, and living with a sense of harmony. It is being organised and having a place for things when you need them. Orderliness is planning something so that it works, doing it step by step instead of going in circles. Orderliness is putting first things first, and taking care of things you need to do.

Week 3: Trust

Trust is believing in someone or something. It is having confidence that the right thing will happen without trying to control it or make it happen. Sometimes it is hard to trust when life brings painful experiences. Trust is being sure, down deep, that there is some good in everything that happens.

SCHOOL RULE FOCUS:

Use Kind Words

At our school all students are expected to treat all members of our school community with respect. Part of this expectation is that students use kind words when speaking to other students or adults in our school. At Berserker Street State School we encourage our students to always communicate with others in a way that allows everybody to feel good about themselves and not use words to hurt others. Please reinforce this rule with your child.

STUDENT ABSENCES

Our **Student Absence Hotline is 49990366**. This number is able to be contacted 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 haven't been notified of a reason for their absence. 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.

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 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).

WINTER UNIFORM

Now that the weather is starting to get cooler we need families to be thinking about winter uniforms.

Our tuckshop sells school zip-up fleecy jackets which looks great with our

uniform for \$25, sizes from 4 to 16. We ask that these are **clearly labelled**.

Alternatively you can purchase a plain bottle green jumper from a department store such as Big W, K Mart, Best & Less, and Target etc. which are generally very warm and not expensive.

The weather can change very rapidly so we strongly recommend arranging a jumper now for when it is cold.

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

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2017

Monday 1 st May	Labour Day
8 th – 12 th May	Year 6 Camp
9 th – 11 th May	NAPLAN Testing
Thursday 15 th June	Show Day Holiday

FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICER

If your house is rushed and very busy in the mornings, your children may arrive at school late, hungry, upset and not ready to learn. Establishing a healthy morning routine and allocating responsibilities, makes life easier for everyone in the house. One useful way to set up a routine is by putting together a morning checklist like the example below. Children can tick off jobs as they are done, develop discipline, independence and responsibility and have a small reward at

the end of each week for their great efforts. The jobs on the checklist and the reward need to be negotiated between yourself and your children so they feel part of the process and not just the outcome.

Morning Routine

Job	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri
Get up on time	√				
Go to the toilet and wash your hands	√				
Eat breakfast	√				
Clean up after breakfast	√				
Brush your teeth	√				
Wash your face	√				
Brush your hair	√				
Get dressed	√				
Make your bed and tidy your room	√				
Pack lunch in your port	√				
Check that you have your hat and homework	√				
☺ When all jobs completed	☺				

☺ 5 SMILES = TUCKSHOP ON FRIDAY

COMMUNITY NOTICES

YEPPON LITTLE THEATRE

Presents

The Importance of Being EARNEST

By Oscar Wilde

Directed by Marnie Laidlaw

Set in the Victorian Era, Wilde's most enduring Play.
64 William Street, Yeppoon

Bookings www.yeppoonlittletheatre.org.au

Cost: \$20 each

Dates: 21 & 22nd April, Matinee 23rd April, 28 & 29th April.

JUNIOR BASKETBALL

New seasons starting May 4th & 5th

Stay out of the elements this winter with the best indoor sport in town. Basketball is fast paced, fun, and most importantly a sport that everyone can play. We'll help you find a club, a team, and a level of competition that is perfect for you.

Fri Nights – U10-U12 comps (Players born '10-'06)

Thurs Nights – U14-U18 comps (Players born '05-'00)

Please call Matt Neason on (07) 4922 5544 for more information.

ROCKHAMPTON MT. ARCHER LION'S CLUB

BOOK FAIR

WHEN: First Sunday of Each Month

TIME: 7am - 10am

WHERE: Mt Archer Lion's Club House, Hinchliffe Street, North Rockhampton

Books for everyone – children of all ages

Hard covered, Classic, Sports, Travel, Biography, History, Drama, Music, Poetry, Health, Text, Famous Authors, Australian, Cooking, Craft, Gardening, Science and many more

ALL MONEY IS DONATED BACK INTO OUR LOCAL AREA

SAVER PLUS

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

You or someone you know may be eligible to join a local savings program and receive \$500 for education expenses.

The Smith Family is delivering Saver Plus in the Rockhampton Community and is currently looking for more people to join for the next exciting round.

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

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; and
- * have some form of household income, for example, your partner or yourself may have casual, part-time, full-time or seasonal employment.

It's easy to find out more and all correspondence will be kept confidential.

Contact your local Saver Plus Worker Kathy Connaughton, on 0408 490984 or (07) 49248125 or email: kathy.connaughton@thesmithfamily.com.au

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