



Berserker Street State School

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NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM (NAPLAN)

Tomorrow is the start of NAPLAN for all of our students in Years 3 and 5. They will commence the 2017 NAPLAN tests with the "Language Conventions" and "Writing" tests.

To give each child the best chance of doing well, it is important that they are well rested and relaxed. Our top three tips are:

1. **Have a good night's sleep**
2. **Eat a good breakfast**
3. **BE ON TIME TO SCHOOL**

ALL PARENTS ARE ASKED TO ENSURE THEIR CHILDREN ARE ON TIME TO SCHOOL ESPECIALLY WHILE NAPLAN IS ON. THE BELL GOES AT 8:40AM – ALL STUDENTS SHOULD BE AT SCHOOL BEFORE THIS.

Students in NAPLAN classes who arrive late will complete their tests in the office so that tests are not disrupted.

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
Yr 3	Language Conventions 40 minutes Writing 40 minutes	Reading 45 minutes	Numeracy 45 minutes
Yr 5	Language Conventions 40 minutes Writing 40 minutes	Reading 50 minutes	Numeracy 50 minutes

FREE NAPLAN SAUSAGE SIZZLE

The Rotary Club will be providing all current Berserker students with a free sausage sizzle before school for the NAPLAN days at the Stadium. The students will get a great start to the day.

CAPRICORNIA SCHOOL SPORTS

Congratulations go to these students who will represent Capricornia at the upcoming State Championships. We wish them all the best.

Isacc Walker – Rugby League
Bianca Petersen – Soccer
Jonathon Hockley – AFL

ROCKHAMPTON DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY

On Thursday 27th April the Berserker Cross Country Team participated in the Rockhampton Interschool Cross Country Trials at Kalka Shades. Our 10 Years (Born '07) students contested the 2000m races, while our 11 and 12 Years students (BORN '06, '05) had to compete in the 3000m events.

All of our students competed in the right spirit and demonstrated great sportsmanship. This positive effort resulted in a number of competitive performances and many PB's (Personal Best Times) being recorded. For example, Emilee Cameron improved her 3Km time by almost 2minutes!

Our most outstanding performance was by Jack O'Neill (10 Years BOYS) who may be invited to participate in the next level of representative trials.

Thank you to Mr Thornton and Mrs Lawton for their assistance in preparing the team.

Thanks to Mr Mitchell as well for assisting with managing the team and working as an Official on the course on the day. Finally thank you to both Mr Rogers and Steve Moore for their assistance with the Team Shade Tent.

All of these staff members did a fantastic job of supporting our students and allowing us to successfully participate in the Cross Country trials.

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 4: Diligence

Diligence is working hard and doing the best job you possibly can. When you are diligent, you take special care to do things step by step. You think and move carefully to make sure things will turn out right. Being diligent is being industrious, giving all you have to give to whatever you do.

Week 5: Humility

When you are humble you don't act as if you are more important than other people. You are happy to serve others and think other people's needs are important. You don't expect others or yourself to be perfect. You don't criticize others or yourself. You admit mistakes and learn from them. Sometimes mistakes are our best teachers.

SCHOOL RULE FOCUS:

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

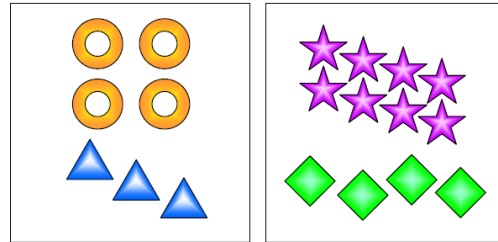
At our school all students are expected to follow the directions of adult staff members in the school. Children are reminded of this rule on a regular basis. Please take the time to discuss and reinforce this rule with your children this week. This rule helps our students to be safe and ensures that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

productively resulting in better outcomes for all.

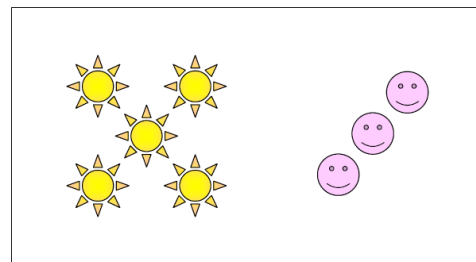
NATURAL MATHS

Counting On 1, 2 or 3

Counting on is a very important step in the introduction of addition. To count on children need to know that the counting sequence can be broken into and picked up at any starting number.



How many objects in this group?



To find out how many objects altogether, we know that there are 5 so we can continue the count, 6, 7 8.

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. We have plenty in stock so please see the tuckshop. We also ask that jumpers 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. and are generally very warm and cheap.

We do discourage the students wearing coloured jumpers as they are not part of the school uniform.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club is available to all students every Monday at the Stadium. We are in need of helpers from 8am to 9am on Monday mornings. If you would like to join us – could you please give the School Office a call on 4999-0333 and leave your name and phone number so we can contact you.

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

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).

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.

FREE DENTAL CARE FOR CHILDREN

The Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS) provides up to \$1,000 over two consecutive calendar years in dental treatment for eligible children aged 2 to 17 years.

If you are a family who holds a Health Care Card, receives a Centrelink payment or Family Tax Benefit A, your child(ren) may be eligible for the CDBS. Call Medicare on 132 011 to confirm your family's eligibility.

If your eligibility is confirmed:

Make an appointment with a dentist of your choice. Ask your dentist about additional costs and payment methods (mention the CDBS).

At the appointment:

The dentist must discuss your child's treatment and associated costs before starting treatment. You will need to sign a consent form before treatment begins. Some dentists may bulk bill OR you will have to pay the amount and claim the refund through Medicare.

Beneficial treatment could include:

- Examinations
- X-rays
- Cleaning
- Fissure sealing
- Fillings
- Root canals
- Extractions

Not claimable under this scheme are: Orthodontic work, cosmetic dental work, or dental services provided in a hospital.

For more information, contact Medicare on 132 011.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2017

8 th – 12 th May	Year 6 Camp
9 th – 11 th May	NAPLAN Testing
Thurs 15 th June	Show Day Holiday

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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

TENNIS ROCKHAMPTON

Tennis Rockhampton has positions available for junior and senior coaching 6 days a week. We cater for all ages and standards from beginners to advanced with group, squad and private lessons available.

For this term, we are offering a free racquet, t-shirt and water bottle for all new junior (4-12) players that sign up.

There is also a free school pick-up available.

If you would like any more information on any programs we offer or would like to book a spot please phone Glenn on 0407 693 900 or Paul on 0431 229 146.

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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