



# Berserker Street State School

## Newsletter: 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2017

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### ROTARY CLUB

The Berserker staff and students would like to thank the Rotary Club for donating and assisting with breakfast over the NAPLAN period. Our students were able to have a great start to each day, so thank you!

### JERSEY DAY

Next Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May is jersey colours day. All students are encouraged to wear a rugby, football, netball or coloured shirt/jersey. If you don't have a jersey you may wear free dress. A gold coin donation is payable.

### WINTER UNIFORM

Now that the weather has started getting 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.**

Alternatively, you can purchase a plain bottle green jumper from a department store such as Big W, K Mart, Best & Less, and Target etc. These are generally very warm and cheap.

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

### YEAR 6 CAMP

Our Year 6 students arrived back last Monday from their annual school camp to Tallebudgera. The students enjoyed participating in various activities like tobogganing, mountain walk, disco, tandem bike riding, canoeing etc.

The students had a great time and gained a great amount of confidence from the activities that they participated in.

### WHAT SORT OF START IS YOUR CHILD GETTING?

**School starts at 8:45am!**  
**Just a little bit late doesn't seem that much but.....**

Missing just.....	That equals....	Which is.....	Over 13 years of schooling that's.....
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1.5 Weeks per year	Nearly <b>Half a Year</b>

20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 minutes per week	Over 2.5 Weeks per year	Nearly <b>1 Year</b>
Half an hour per day	Half a day per week	4 Weeks per Year	Nearly <b>1 and a Half Years</b>
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 Weeks per year	Over <b>2 and a Half years</b>

***Did you know your child's best learning time is the start of the school day!  
 That's when every minute counts the most!!***

## SHELL QUESTACON SCIENCE CIRCUS

All students will attend the Shell Questacon Science Circus on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May. This is a wonderful educational experience and the school is happy to be able to offer this opportunity to all students free of charge.

## RACQ ROAD SAFETY EDUCATION

In Week 8 the RACQ Road Safety Education program "Streets Ahead" will visit our classes, teaching us how to be safe pedestrians, passengers and bike riders. For videos explaining the content in the RACQ program, please visit

<https://www.racq.com.au/streetsahead> and go to the 'For Parents' tab.

## VIRTUES

These are the virtues that students will be learning about this fortnight. Please take the time to talk to your children about them.

### Week 6: Patience

Patience is quiet hope and trust, expecting things to turn out all right. Patience is being calm and tolerant when difficult things happen. It means showing acceptance when you or others make mistakes. Patience is doing something now so that later it will bear fruit, like planting a seed and waiting for it to grow. Patience is a commitment to the future.

### Week 7: Joyfulness

Joyfulness is being filled with happiness. It is a peaceful sense of well-being. Joy is inside us all. It comes from an appreciation for the gifts each day brings. Joy comes when we are doing what we know is right, and when we laugh and see the humour in things. Joy is the inner sense that can carry us through the hard times even when we are feeling very sad.

## SCHOOL RULE FOCUS:

### Be in your proper place at all times

At our school, all students are expected to be in their proper place at all times. Before school students must be seated on the rubber area or under A, B or C block only. During learning time, students are to be with their teacher in the appropriate classroom or learning area unless they have been given permission by an adult to move from this area. When sent to the toilet or other areas by a staff member, students must ensure that they go directly to this area and move promptly back to their classroom. At lunchtime students are to play in allocated areas and not move into out-of-bounds areas. At Berserker Street State School we encourage our students to be in their proper place at all times to ensure that they are safe. Please reinforce this rule with your child.

## NATURAL MATHS

### Turnarounds

How many objects in these groups?

Turn-around - start on 5 and count on 3

Turn-around - start on 9 and count on 2

In an example  $2 + 6$  it is easier to begin with the larger number of 6 then count on 2 more.

By re-ordering the two numbers in addition it makes them easier to add.

## FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICER

### The Importance of Physical Activity

Physical activity is very important for a child's development and leads to a healthy and active life. Please encourage your children to participate in physical activity for these reasons:

- healthy growth and development
- maintain a healthy weight
- strong bones and muscles
- improves balance, coordination and strength
- helps to develop gross motor and fine motor skills
- improves concentration and thinking skills
- builds confidence and self-esteem
- relieves stress and promotes relaxation
- develops social skills and makes friends

## 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).

## 2017 QLD PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

In 2017, Prep to Year 2 will participate in the QLD Premier's Reading Challenge. The challenge commenced last Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> May. Over the next few months students will be challenged to read or experience a specific number of books. For a student to successfully complete the QLD Premier's Reading Challenge they must read or experience the number of books indicated in the table below.



Year level	Number of books
Prep – Year 2	Read or experience 20 books

The following activities can be counted towards the challenge:

- reading independently
- shared reading

- being read to (Prep – Year 2 only).

The challenge will end on the 25<sup>th</sup> August and each student will submit their completed reading record form to their class teacher. Certificates of Achievement will be mailed to the school and issued to students in Term 4.

#### **Why read?**

*Literacy skills are vital to ensuring children have the best chance to succeed in their schooling and life. The QLD Premier's Reading Challenge is an opportunity for students to be enthusiastic about reading, writing, authors and illustrators. Reading a variety of books builds vocabulary and knowledge, improves spelling and comprehension, can improve confidence, and it's also a great way to relax.*

#### **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.

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**

Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Shell Questacon Science Circus
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day
Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Show Day Holiday
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Term 2 ends
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Term 3 starts

#### **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

##### **PETS IN THE PARK MICROCHIPPING DAY** **SUNDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JUNE** **ONLY \$10 8AM – 12 NOON**

##### **Rigarlsford Park – Elphinstone Street, Koongal**

- Cat owners please purchase a voucher and leave kitty at home.
- Pre-fill the paperwork online to save time at the event.
- Register your dog at the event.

##### **SCIENCE CIRCUS IS COMING TO ROCKHAMPTON**

**When:** Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June

**Where:** CQ University Australia, Building 81, Community Sports Complex, Bruce Highway, North Rockhampton.

**Time:** 11am – 4pm

**Admission:** Family \$18, Adult \$6, Student/Concession \$5 **(CASH ONLY)**

Children under 5 and complimentary ticket holders FREE Children under 12 must be accompanied by an Adult.

***Science toys for sale (cash only)***

Enquiries: 044 7143 433

##### **LE SMILEYS EARLY LEARNING CENTRE**

**Long Day Standalone Kindergarten**  
**66 Lucas Street – Berserker**

**OPEN NOW – Limited Vacancies for 2017**  
**Taking enrolments for 2018! ph.: 49223684**

- Open 7am – 5pm
- Minimum of 2 days up to 5 days per week
- Same days each week
- No enrolment fees or fees to pay in advance
- Eligible for CCB and CCR fee relief
- Low or no cost to healthcare card/pension card holders
- Write 2 Spell 2 Read Literacy and Numeracy Program
- Program delivered by a Qualified Early Childhood Teacher

[www.lesmileys.com.au](http://www.lesmileys.com.au) or Email: [berserkerkindy@lesmileys.com.au](mailto:berserkerkindy@lesmileys.com.au)

##### **TENNIS ROCKHAMPTON**

Tennis Rockhampton has positions available for junior and senior coaching 6. 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 4922 5181.

Rebecca Hack, Principal.