



Berserker Street State School

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WELCOME BACK

We would like to extend a big welcome back to all of our families. We would also like to take a moment to welcome the many new families who have chosen to join us at Berserker Street State School.

TERM 3 STAFF CHANGES

This term sees some changes in our school staffing. Mrs Rebecca Hack is on special training to become a Highly Accomplished and Lead Teacher Assessor while Mrs Mandy Rankin is overseas on well-deserved Long Service Leave and will return to school in Week 4.

Ms Kellie Baldwin will replace Mrs Hack as Acting Principal for the first 3 weeks of term until Mrs Rankin returns in Week 4. Mrs Elizabeth Rose will be Acting Deputy Principal for all of Term 3.

Other staff changes are:

Ms Jenny Halter (SEP teacher)
Head of Special Education Services Wk1-3 of Term 3

Mrs Jan Lawton (Learning Support)
Head of Curriculum Term 3

Mrs Jo Edwards 3L

Mrs Karren Newman 5P

NCCD

The Nationally Consistent Collection of Data is on again. This collection of data regarding Students with a Disability assists with funding opportunities to better help students with special needs. Please contact Kellie Baldwin if you would like more information.

TEMPORARY TEACHER AIDE POSITION SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

There is a temporary teacher aide position available in the SEP for Term 3 and Term 4 2017. Please submit a resume and a response of no more than 1 A4 sheet explaining to:

*why you would like to be a part of the Special Education Program Team

*skills, knowledge and beliefs you would bring to the position of SEP teacher aide. Please send your application to principal.berserkerstreetss@eq.edu.au

Applications close this Friday 21st July.

NAIDOC DAY



Our annual Berserker Street State School NAIDOC DAY CELEBRATIONS will be

held this Thursday 20th July. Students will be engaged in a full day of activities that will build an awareness and appreciation of the history and culture of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Some activities will include storytelling, dancing, listening to elders and more.

ANNUAL BOOK FAIR

Our annual Book Fair will be from next Tuesday 25th July through to Thursday 27th July in the **Green Room in the Library**. Book Fair is an annual fundraiser for the library so please come along and support it. Students who purchase books will be able to put their name in the draw to win one of three \$20.00 vouchers to be spent at the fair.

BOOK FAIR TIMES:

Book Fair will be open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8.15am till 8.40am, first lunch each day and after school till 3.15pm.

REGIONAL SHIELD

Berserker students “better and brighter” at the Regional Shield

Last Thursday and Friday some of our Berserker students swapped school books for the sporting field and truly lived up to the school’s motto. The Regional Shield Netball and Rugby League Teams did our school proud. The Netball Team made it into the Top 4 of the whole Carnival - an outstanding achievement! While our Rugby League Team was highly competitive winning the majority of their games throughout the Carnival.

A big thank you must go to Mr Thornton, Mrs Ryals, Mrs Pringle, Mr Mitchell and supporting staff for their assistance over the two days. Thank you also to the parents/carers who came along and cheered our teams on.

NATURAL MATHS

Landmark Numbers

We look for ways to split a number in order to make an addition easier – one that we can handle with confidence.

We have seen that the friendly numbers are often used in this way because it is easier to add a friendly number. Landmark numbers are in the same category. They are: 25, 50, 75 and 100

Knowing how landmark numbers combine is a useful skill. For example, it is useful to know that $25 + 75 = 100$, or that $75 + 75 = 150$, and we would use this knowledge to find:

$$26 + 77 = 25 + 1 + 75 + 2 = 100 + 3 = 103$$

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: Reliability

Reliability means that others can depend on you to keep your commitments. Reliability is doing something that you have agreed to do in a predictable way, without forgetting or having to be reminded. When you practice reliability, you really care about doing what you said you would do. Other people can relax knowing it is in your reliable hands.

Week 3: Kindness

Kindness is showing you care, doing some good to make life better for others. It is being thoughtful about people’s needs. Kindness is showing love and compassion to someone who is sad or needs your help. Kindness is treating yourself and others gently. It is caring about the earth and all living things.

SCHOOL RULE FOCUS:

Wear your school uniform with pride

At our school all students are to be in school uniform at all times and to wear it with pride. Our school uniform is the Berserker shirt, bottle green shorts, bottle green wide-brimmed hat and shoes suitable for sport. In the colder months, a bottle green jumper and/or bottle green tracksuit pants are acceptable.

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).

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.

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.

FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICER

Importance of Social Interactions

The opportunity for social interactions with others is very important for the development of all children. As children grow and develop, they become more and more interested in playing and interacting with other children. During this social play, children learn appropriate social behaviours, including sharing, cooperating and respecting the property of others, as well as communication and cognitive and motor skills. These skills learnt early can promote future educational and vocational opportunities for your child. Numerous professional childhood studies have found that children of parents who organise age appropriate play times, usually have higher self-esteem and show a greater willingness to interact with their environment as they grow, thus encouraging deeper learning.

If your child is having difficulties socially, they would benefit from spending more time with other children at a playground, pool, beach or organised sport activity. Being there yourself will mean you will be more able to detect the causes of any difficulties they have socially and teach/practice specific ways to play, share, take turns and express feelings to encourage friendships and therefore, have happier children.

CONTACT DETAILS

There are times when we may need to contact parents and carers. Do we have your most up to date contact details? If not, please contact the school on 49990333 or pop into the office so we can update our records. These details include parent/carers' name, address, phone numbers, email address and emergency contact details. Please remember to contact the school if any of these details change.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club is available to all students every Monday 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 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

LATE ARRIVALS/EARLY DEPARTURES



All students must obtain a late slip from the office if arriving at school after 9am. This slip needs to be handed to their classroom teacher. If parents need to collect their child/ren early, they must firstly report to the office to sign them out. Students WILL NOT be allowed to leave the classroom without producing the early slip.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2017

Thurs 20 th July	Naidoc Day
Tues 25 th – Thurs 27 th July	Book Fair
31 st August	Prep & Year 1 We're going on a Bear Hunt
Friday 15 th September	Term 3 ends
Tuesday 3 rd October	Term 4 starts

COMMUNITY NOTICES

C&K BERSERKER KINDERGARTEN

2 positions Available now!!!

2017 Group 1 (Monday, Tuesday and alternating Wednesday)

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