



# Berserker Street State School

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## SCHOOL CENTENARY



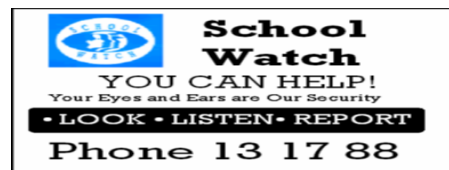
WOW! What an amazing couple of days we have just celebrated at Berserker Street State School. It all started on Friday with an Open Day for past teachers staff, parents and students to come through and see the great changes at our school. They were delighted with seeing the students going about their day, having the students take them on tours, showcasing our wonderful school. We had some wonderful displays throughout various areas of the school which we received great feedback about. Also cutting and eating the Centenary Cake on Friday. Then on Saturday the school was open again for the community to come through as the time capsule was opened. There was a lot of anticipation around the opening of the time capsule. The contents will be put into a book in the office in the near future. There was another Centenary cake to share around with everyone which was enjoyed by all. We had lots of past teachers, students, parents, helpers etc. come through again on Saturday it was wonderful to see so many people come through our school over the two days. It all finished with the Centenary Ball on Saturday night which was enjoyed by all that attended. We must thank the many helpers especially Mrs Lawton and Mrs Shelton who contributed to our Centenary

Celebrations and made it the success it was.

## SCHOOL WATCH

With the school holidays commencing from this Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September, we would ask that you again **look, listen and report** anything untoward that you may see happening in our school grounds over the holidays.

Our staff would like to take this opportunity to wish you a safe and happy break with your children. Reminder to our parents/caregivers that school resumes **Tuesday 3<sup>th</sup> October.**



## INFLUENZA

There has been a confirmed case of Influenza at our School. However there is no need to be concerned as it is under control and being managed. Please watch for signs and symptoms, if your child is unwell please keep them at home.

## ENROL NOW FOR PREP 2018

**Parents are encouraged to enrol their children now, if they are eligible to attend Prep in 2018.**

Information packages and enrolment forms are available from the office for children who wish to commence Prep in 2018 and beyond. If your child turns five by June 30<sup>th</sup> 2018, they are eligible for Prep next year.

## CHORAL FESTIVAL

The School Choir performed at the Pilbeam Theatre on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September. All students performed beautifully! We also had 9 students that performed in the Honours Choir which meant they had an extra song to learn. I was very pleased with their performance and their behaviour throughout the workshop. We received great feedback from parents.

Thank you Mrs Everitt for attending and being a great support! Ms Nedela

## LIFE EDUCATION VISIT

From 3<sup>rd</sup> October to the 20<sup>th</sup> October the Life Education Mobile Learning Centre will be visiting our school. During this time your child will be engaging in an exciting and memorable learning experience, which is aligned with the Australian Health and Physical Education Curriculum. All students receive an age-appropriate and specific workbook so that they can further their education in the classroom, creating an ongoing learning experience.

## VIRTUE

This is the virtue that students will be learning about this week. Please take the time to talk to your children about this.

### Week 10: Gentleness

Gentleness is acting and speaking in a kind, considerate way. It is using self-control, in order not to hurt or offend anyone. You can be gentle with people and animals in the way you touch them and the way you speak to them. You handle things carefully so they will not break or be hurt. When you think gentle thoughts, it makes the world a safer, gentler place.

## SCHOOL RULE FOCUS:

Manage issues with others by following these steps:

- Say "Stop! I don't like it"
- Tell a teacher if the behaviour does not stop.

- Tell the office if the problem is not solved.

Students are expected to follow the steps above in any situation where they have an issue with another student. When students follow these rules situations are able to be resolved promptly and fairly. Please reinforce this rule with your child.

## FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICER

### Holidays with Learning

School holidays sometimes results in the loss of learned skills acquired during the school term. Spending quality time with our children is extremely important for their development and happiness. Parents can help their children by providing age appropriate social interactions and encouraging them to apply essential skills in meaningful activities.

The following are a list of suggestions for parents to consider, which will aid in the smooth transition back to school and strengthen your relationship with your child.

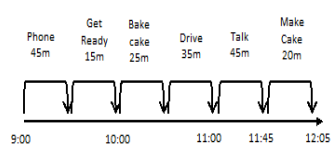
- \* Read with your child.
- \* Calculate grocery bills.
- \* Keep journals and scrapbooks.
- \* Art and craft.
- \* Invite their friends on picnics.
- \* Play games.
- \* Go for a walk together.
- \* Show interest in their activities.
- \* Listen to them and ask questions.
- \* Visit the library.
- \* Walk around the zoo.
- \* Visit a playground or park.
- \* Call the local council and ask about special holiday activities.
- \* Free twilight movies.
- \* Learn and share knowledge at a museum.
- \* Spend time at the beach.

## NATURAL MATHS

### Open Number Line for Time

"It was 9:00 when the phone rang. I spent 45 minutes talking to Grandma. Then I made a cake which took 20 minutes to mix and 25 minutes to bake. I spent 15 minutes getting ready to go out and then it took me 35 minutes to drive to my friend's house. We talked for  $\frac{3}{4}$  hour before eating lunch. What time did we eat lunch?"

When confronted with a time problem such as the one above, many children and adults try to convert times to minutes and then add but this is very inefficient. A more strategic approach can be made visible on an open number line on which you can chunk compatible times. There will be more than one way of doing this. An example of this is set out below in which chunks of time were group in such a way to make it easier to count. You can make up similar stories related to daily routines and use a mixture of chunking and open number lines to find solutions!



## 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.

## 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 LUNCHESES.** Orders must be in by **9am** (otherwise the tuckshop is only able to offer jam or vegemite sandwiches).

## CHANGE OF 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 4999 0333 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.

## LIBRARY ACTIVITY CENTRE



Our school library is open both lunch breaks for students.

### Library Activities (Green Room):

Monday - Movie Day

Tuesday & Thursday-Duplo

Wednesday & Friday - Quiet Reading

### Activity Area:

Games and puzzles are available both lunch breaks each day.

### Computers:

Computers are available both lunch breaks for all students. We encourage

students to use this time as well to finish assessment work etc.

**Library Borrowing:**

Students can return and borrow books at lunch breaks as well.

**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 A04 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 Jo on 0418116481. PCYC coordinate this wonderful service, for more information email: [berserkerstsac@pcyc.org.au](mailto:berserkerstsac@pcyc.org.au)

**ENROL NOW AT NORTH ROCKHAMPTON STATE HIGH SCHOOL 2018**

North Rockhampton State High School enrolments are open. Please return the Expression of Interest form by 15<sup>th</sup> September so that your interview can be arranged.

Enrolment packages can be collected from the primary office or North Rockhampton SHS.

Call 4924 7888 to make an appointment.

**IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2017**

15 <sup>th</sup> September	Term 3 ends
Tues 3 <sup>th</sup> October	Term 4 commences
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Pupil Free Day

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**FUNDRAISING DISCO FOR THE MOUNT ARCHER SCOUT GROUP**

**DATE:** Saturday, 23 September 2017

**TIME:** 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm

**THEME:** Glow In The Dark

**COST:** \$5.00 which includes entry, ticket in lucky door raffle, and some glow bracelets

**RAFFLE:** Tickets will be on sale for a mult-draw raffle - \$2.00 per ticket

- Food and drinks will be available for purchase from The Crazy Joker
- Parents welcome to stay and have a coffee while the children dance

**AUSSIE HOOPS ROCKHAMPTON BASKETBALL**

**Who:** Grade P-2 (4.00pm-4.50pm)

Grade 3-6 (4.50pm-5.40pm)

**Where:** Hegvold Basketball Stadium, Sir Raymond-Huish Drive

**Dates:** Tues 10<sup>th</sup> Oct – Tues 14<sup>th</sup> Nov

**Cost:** New Playes \$77.00

Returning Players \$60.00

Want more information? Call RBI Manager Matt Neason on 49225544

**LIFELINE CENTRAL QUEENSLAND**

\$2 Clothing Sale

29<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> September

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> Sept from 9am to 4pm

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> Sept 8.30am to 3.30pm

Cooee Bay Hall, Yeppoon

Mandy Rankin  
Acting Principal