



Berserker Street State School

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CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to our Principal, Mrs Rebecca Hack, who was recently elected to the position of Professional Development Officer for the Queensland Teacher's Union. Mrs Hack has been Principal of Berserker Street State School since 2008 and has made a significant contribution to the students and community of our school. We wish her all the best in her new role. Mrs Mandy Rankin will continue in the Acting Principal role for Term 1. The Principal position will be advertised and filled in Term 1, 2019.

TWILIGHT CONCERT



REMINDER: Our annual Twilight Concert is this **Thursday 29th November at 6pm** in the Stadium.

We have performances from all year levels, marimba band, instrumental groups and the world famous staff item. All students are invited to participate. In particular all Year 6 students should attend as this is their last concert before moving on to High School.

Our P&C will be providing hot food for purchase. Cold drinks will also be available.

The canteen will operate between 5.00pm and 6.00pm. The canteen will close at 6.00pm sharp at the commencement of the concert. There will be a short intermission where the canteen will operate as well. To avoid disappointment, please don't be late! Concert starts at 6pm!

WALKATHON PRIZES

Thank you to all the students who got sponsors or donations for our annual Walkathon. We raised over \$5000 which helps with new equipment and resources for our students. There were 20 prizes in the open draw and Mary-Anne Reid from 2R won the major prize of a \$400 bike voucher!

Students who raised \$100 or more were awarded with a prize. Fynn Rixon from PK was the highest fundraiser overall and received \$100 worth of vouchers.

\$10 Tuckshop Vouchers went to our highest laps per year level

CLASS	STUDENT	CLASS	STUDENT
PK	Hudson	3F	Cobey
PG	Elliot	3M	Hamish
1MM	Ace	3M	Braith
2C	Koby	4B	James
2C	Draeden	4/5P	Lucas
2R	Jordan	5CS	Jack
2/3D	Koden	6W	Chase
3E	Abby		

The Pizza Party prize winners for 2018 went to 2R as they had the most children in their class who contributed to the Walkathon!!

LEAVING OR JOINING US AT BERSERKER IN 2019?

We are seeking any specific information from parents and carers that can assist us in the accurate prediction of our student enrolment numbers. If your child is departing the school at the end of this year, we would love to hear from you. This information will allow us to accurately determine the number of

classes we will have in 2019 as well as our staffing and facility requirements. Thank you to those families who have already contacted us.

PREP INFORMATION SESSION

Our annual Prep open morning will be held next Thursday 6th December from 9am in the Prep buildings. This is a great chance for our new Prep students of 2019 to meet their teacher and friends and find out all about Prep at Berserker. Our wonderful P&C will be selling uniforms to our new Prep parents from the Prep building on this day. Eftpos available.

GET SET FOR PREP 2019!

Prep enrolment interviews for 2019 have commenced. Please call into the office to make a booking ASAP.

If your child turns five by June 30th 2019, they are eligible for Prep next year.

Enrolments and Information Packages are now available from the office for children who wish to commence Prep in 2019. The table below is a guide to assist families to determine their child's Prep eligibility.

Birthday	2019	2020	2021	2022
01/07/13 to 30/06/14	Prep Year	Year One	Year Two	Year Three
01/07/14 to 30/06/15	Kindy	Prep Year	Year One	Year Two
01/07/15 to 30/06/16		Kindy	Prep Year	Year One
01/07/16 to 30/06/17			Kindy	Prep Year

CONGRATULATIONS HANNAH!

Hannah Hixon 4/5P has qualified in Level 5 Youth International to represent Queensland at next year's Trampoline National Competition in Melbourne in May. Well Done Hannah and good luck!

TUCKSHOP

The Tuckshop will remain open until the last day of school as usual.

Families please be aware as we come to the end of the school year the tuckshop will be selling out of its stock. An updated list of OUT OF STOCK items can be viewed at the tuckshop. Should your child order something that is out of stock it will be replaced with nuggets to the same value. Sorry for the inconvenience and we thank you for your understanding.

Uniforms for next year can be purchased up until the last day of school. So it is a great time to be purchasing. Beat the rush before 2019!

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/carers automatically via a text message advising them that their child has been marked as an unexplained absence. These SMS messages will be sent to the nominated parent contact number and can be replied to with a simple text stating the reason for absence. Alternatively parents/carers can also call the school to explain the absence on 49990333.

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 8: Loyalty

Loyalty is staying true to someone. It is standing up for something you believe in without wavering. It is being faithful to your family, country, school, friends or ideals – when the going gets tough as well as when things are good. When you are a loyal friend, even if someone disappoints you, you still hang in there with them. Loyalty is staying committed.

SCHOOL RULE FOCUS:

In the last few weeks we have had to remind a number of students about our Hands Off, Feet Off rule. At Berserker, it is never appropriate for any student to put their hands or feet on somebody else. If your son/daughter is having a problem with another student they are asked to follow the following rules:

1. Say 'Stop! I don't like it!'
2. Tell a teacher
3. Tell the office

It is never ok for a student to try to solve a problem by putting their hands or feet on somebody else. This is unsafe and results in children being hurt. Please talk to your children about this rule, alternative ways to solve problems and reinforce the rules for solving problems (as above).

BOOK FAIR

Thank you to all the students, parents, carers, teaching staff and grandparents who came along and supported our 'buy one get one free' Book Fair. Scholastic Book Fairs gave our students a great opportunity by offering them a free book up to the same value! The students thought it was great as they were able to take an extra book for free! The smile on their faces was priceless.

NATURAL MATHS

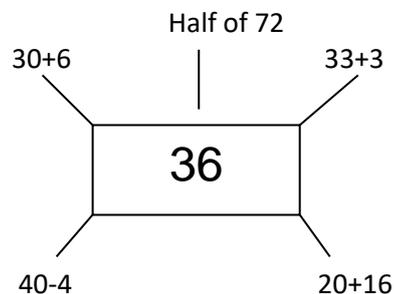
Number Splitting

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.



END OF YEAR CHECKLIST

- Return library books.
- Return home readers.
- Return school musical instruments.
- Let the school know what school you will be attending in 2019 if you are leaving
- Update contact details
- Take home all personal belongings.
- Check lost property box for belongings

OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS

All library books need to be returned ASAP. Notes have gone out to each class to remind students about their overdue books with costs.

At present we have over 400 overdue library books. It is a huge task when I have to chase up all of these students. Please ask your children if they have overdue library books?

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 Cara on 0418116481. PCYC coordinate this wonderful service, for more information email: berserkerstsac@pcyc.org.au

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2018

29 th November	Twilight Concert
4 th December	NRSHS Transition Day
6 th December	Prep Open Morning
6 & 7 December	Year 5 Camp
Fri 7 th December	Prep to 2 Christmas Concert
11 th December	Awards & Graduation Ceremony
11 th December	Graduation Dance
14 th December	Last day of School 2018
21 st January, 2019	Office re-opens
29 th January, 2019	First day of Term 1, 2019

NORTH ROCKHAMPTON STATE HIGH SCHOOL

NORTH ROCKHAMPTON SHS Enrolments:

Please ring 4924 7888 to arrange an enrolment interview for your Year 6 student.

Uniform Shop: Opening hours - Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8am-10am.

Transition Day: Tuesday 4th December for Year 6 into 7 students, 8.45am-2.30pm at the PAC, Simpson St entrance.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

C&K CHILDCARE & KINDERGARTEN **ENROL NOW FOR 2019!**

C&K BERSERKER COMMUNITY KINDERGARTEN
111 Bawden Street
Berserker Q 4701
0749269342
berserker@candk.asn.au
Come in and see us or complete an online waiting list form
www.candk.asn.au/berserkerstreet

BBC CINEMAS **ROCKHAMPTON NORTH**

Bring your Baby sessions:-

Who will change the Future? Nov 23rd, 26th & 28th
Robin Hood Nov 30th, Dec 3rd & 5th
Second Act Dec 7th, 10th 12th
*online booking fees apply.

Mandy Rankin
Acting Principal