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## Principal's Report

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We have now been back in normal school routine for 3 weeks and it has been wonderful to have all of our students back. Our students have done a fantastic job of settling back into learning and following school expectations. The chatter and hum of students that we missed so much in the first 5 weeks of term has been a welcome return.

### Student Expectations

We have been focusing on lining up expectations with our students for the last couple of weeks and the efforts they have made with this have been commendable. It is wonderful to see our students walking to their line up areas, lining up quietly in one (Years P-2) or two (Years 3-6) straight lines, facing the front, and waiting for teacher instructions. This week we are shifting our focus to transitions. Transitions refer to the process of students moving from one to another (eg. from line-up to the classroom, from the classroom to a specialist lesson etc).

### Thank You

A huge thank you to all parents and caregivers for their support, understanding and contribution to the implementation of changed processes at school in the last few weeks, particularly around drop off and pick up routines, social distancing and staying off the school grounds as much as possible. We appreciate that this has been a significant change for many of our families and we are grateful to everyone who has abided by these changes to ensure we can keep our school community safe.

We are still waiting for clarification from the Department of Education with regards to easing of restrictions around events such as assemblies and cultural events. As this information becomes available we will ensure this is communicated. Students have been participating in virtual assemblies at

school via Skype over the last few weeks and have enjoyed this as a different means of engaging in assembly.

### Uniform Expectations

A reminder that Berserker is a uniform school and students are expected to be in full school uniform every day (Berserker uniform shirt, bottle green shorts, wide-brimmed bottle green hat and shoes suitable for sporting activities (eg. sneakers or sandshoes). On colder days a bottle-green jumper and/or bottle-green tracksuit pants (or leggings/tights) are acceptable. Thank you in advance to our families for ensuring your children come to school in full school uniform every day. If your child is unable to wear their full school uniform due to extenuating circumstances it is expected that a note explaining this be sent to school with them.

We have a considerable number of students coming to school each day without a hat. Berserker is a sun-safe school and a bottle green, wide-brimmed hat is a mandatory part of our school uniform. It is expected that students will have a hat at school each day. Hats are required when students engage in play activities at lunchtime and also when they attend Physical Education lessons. Berserker Street SS hats can be purchased from our school tuckshop. Alternatively, a bottle-green wide-brimmed hat is acceptable. Please assist us by ensuring that your child has their hat every day and by ensuring that you have clearly named their hat so it can be returned to them in the event that it is misplaced.

### Prep 2021

Prep enrolments for 2021 are now being accepted at the school. Enrolment packs for Prep 2021 are available from Administration.

### Students Who Are Unwell

Students who are unwell in any way are not permitted to attend school. This aligns with the expectations of both Queensland Health and the Department of Education with regards to hygiene in schools. If a child attends school and staff reasonably suspect that they are unwell, parents/caregivers will be contacted and asked to collect them immediately. We

appreciate your support with this as we work together to protect our school community at this time.

### Reporting

Our teachers have been working hard to modify units and assessments to ensure that students are still able to receive a grade for their learning during the first semester. Semester One report cards will be sent home around Week 3 of Term 3.

Students will be assessed in English, Maths and Science and receive an academic grade and effort grade for these subjects from their classroom teacher. Students in Prep – Year 2 will also receive a grade for Music, students in Years 3 & 4 will receive a grade for Physical Education and students in Years 5-6 will receive a grade for AUSLAN.

We are at the end of our first term of learning and it has been a very unusual end to the term. It feels very strange for us not having all of our learners here with us this week. We have been blessed to have some of our students with us this week and have enjoyed the opportunity to spend time with them. We have really missed all of our other students and the usual chatter and hum of our school. It has been strangely quiet.

### School Review

At the end of Term 1 we had our school review. A report has been provided to the school from the Education Improvement Branch and the recommendations of this report will inform our work over the next four years. Our staff have been engaged in sessions over the last few weeks to unpack the recommendations of this report. The Executive Summary of this report is on our website. Further information about the next steps in our learning journey will be communicated with our school community early next term.

Have a great week!

Mandy Rankin

## PBL News

In the last newsletter we introduced Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) and how this approach benefits the school community as it allows staff to help support, define, teach and reinforce positive behaviours of ALL students.

At Berserker we have established our new school values - **Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful and Be a Learner**. By establishing these school values we aim to improve student academic outcomes, reduce the rates of problem behaviour across the school and communicate these expectations with all our Berserker families.

Over the next two weeks our **new** focus will be on Transitions and set expectations that align with behaving in a responsible way. Transitions occur when a class/student walks between classes or from one area to another. Students are encouraged to adhere to the following transition expectations:

- Wait for teacher instruction.
- If leaving the classroom: chairs tucked in (if applicable) and wait for teacher instructions

- Make one/two lines at the door or another designated space.
- Walk to the left (including going up and down stairs)
- Hats on heads (if students have them for the transition)
- If using stairs, walk up and down the left hand side
- Walk in one line, facing forward. (Prep-2)
- Walk in two lines, facing forward. (3-6)
- Hands off feet off, keeping voices quiet
- Move as a group



## P&C News!

### Tuckshop Opening Times

Tuckshop will only be open on **Wednesday, Thursday and Friday for the rest of the term** with the full tuckshop menu available. **ALL SPECIALS WILL RETURN TO THE NORMAL DAYS FROM NOW ON.** Uniforms will be available to purchase throughout the week as well. All eftpos transactions will take place at the office otherwise brown paper bag lunch orders are welcomed. Parents are also invited to ring up and pay over the phone. At the end of the term the committee will revise the opening days for Term 3. **REMINDER: No parents should be approaching the Tuckshop during the week. All enquires and purchases must be done up at the office due to the current COVID restrictions.**

### Fundraising

There will be some fundraising events happening in Week 10! These events are to help support the tuckshop and keep it in operation. There will be a letter coming out with more details about the fundraisers. We hope that all families can get behind these events and help raise the much needed funding.

[https://berserkerstreetss.schoolzineplus.com/\\_file/media/100/tuckshop\\_menu\\_and\\_uniform\\_1\\_.pdf](https://berserkerstreetss.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/100/tuckshop_menu_and_uniform_1_.pdf)

### P&C Meeting Date

The P&C are meeting at **3:15pm this Wednesday 17th June** (location to be advised). Due to social distancing you will need to register your attendance by emailing the P&C - [pandc@berserkerstreetss.eq.edu.au](mailto:pandc@berserkerstreetss.eq.edu.au) by Tuesday 16th June.

*Keith Rose*

*P&C President*

## School Holidays

With the school holidays commencing from next Friday 26th June, 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 happy holiday break with your children. Reminder to our parents/caregivers that school resumes Monday 13th July.

### [Activity Area](#)

Games and puzzles are available both lunch breaks each day.

### [Computers](#)

1st Lunch - Prep to Year 3

2nd Lunch - Year 4 to Year 6

Friday - open to any grades both lunches

### [Library Borrowing](#)

Students can return and borrow books at lunch breaks.

### [Overdue Library Books](#)

Reminder that all library books need to be returned each week for your child to be able to re-borrow. At present we have over 350 overdue library books to students. It is a huge task when I have to chase up all of these loans. Please start asking your children if they have library books to return?

Karen Rogers

Teacher Aide Librarian



## Staff Changes for Term 3

Miss Steph Fowler and Mrs Peta-Lea Barrett will be leaving Berserker at the end of this term and moving to other schools in Rockhampton and Sunshine Coast. We thank Ms Fowler and Mrs Barrett for the amazing work they have done in their time at Berserker and wish them success in their new schools!

## From the Guidance Officer

Mental health is the way children think or feel about themselves and the world around them. Taking care of our mental health is just as important as having a healthy body. As a parent, you play an important role in your child's mental health. This poster gives some ideas about how you can nurture your child's mental health at home.

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Alana Fitchen

Guidance Officer

## Library Activity Centre

Our school library is open both lunch breaks for all students everyday.

### [LIBRARY ACTIVITIES:](#)

#### [Green Room](#)

Movie Day