AWARDS CEREMONY

We welcome the Berserker school community to our annual Awards Ceremony and Year Six Graduation tomorrow, Tuesday 5th December starting at 9:00am in the Stadium.

Following the ceremony there will be a special morning tea for our graduating students and their parents. Year 6 students attending are asked to bring a plate of food to share. This can be taken straight to the Stadium in the morning.

GRADUATION DANCE

The Year 6 Graduation dance will be held tomorrow night, Tuesday 5th December, in the Stadium from 6pm until 8.30pm. This event is open to all students in Grade 6 only! Photo opportunities will be available between 5.30pm and 6.00pm outside the Stadium. Students and staff only will then move into the Stadium for the dance. There will be a sausage sizzle provided for the students and their teachers. Parents are able to join their graduating student in a dance from 8:15pm if they wish. All students are to be collected at 8.30pm.

CLEAN UP DAY

This Friday 8th December is our annual clean-up day. It is recommended that students bring a spare set of clothes as they may get wet.

LEAVING BERSERKER IN 2018?

If your child will not be with us for the 2018 school year we would appreciate a call or note to our office as soon as possible so that we are able to accurately plan our 2018 classes.

GET INVOLVED IN OUR P&C IN 2018?

The P&C has had another great year at Berserker Street State School for 2017. The P&C has had various fundraising campaigns this year such as discos and raffles etc. All monies fundraised from these events are put back into the school to support our families and children of Berserker Street State School, by helping the school purchase resources, assisting families with costs of camps, purchasing instruments for the music program and much more.

There were some new faces that joined P&C this year; I would love to see many more. Our P&C meet every third Wednesday of the month in the staffroom. First meeting for 2018 will be advised when school resumes and placed in the newsletter.

No one can do everything, but everyone can do something.

Happy and Safe Holidays

Kylie Hooper
President
SCHOOL WATCH

With the school holidays commencing from this Friday 8th December, 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 Christmas break with your children. School will resume on Monday 22nd January 2018.

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

Thank you to Cherie and Peta for their hard work throughout 2017.

A very big “THANK YOU” to all of the volunteers for the year, your help and support have been fantastic. Hope to see you back next year. Thank you to all the families who have also supported the tuckshop throughout 2017.

Families please be aware as we come to the end of the school year the tuckshop will be selling out of its stock. 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.

Please contact the office or pop in and see Cherie at the tuckshop if you are able to help out in 2018.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from Cherie and Peta in the tuckshop we are looking forward to seeing you all in 2018.

REMINDER: The tuckshop will be open for the sale of school uniforms prior to school commencing for 2018.

Wednesday 17th and Thursday 18th January 9am to 12.
Friday 19th January 9am to 1pm.
IN THE EVENT OF A NATURAL DISASTER?

As we are approaching the season when natural disasters, such as cyclones and fires, are highly probable it is important that our school is well prepared for any event. In the event of a natural disaster, access to school closure information is via

1. **QSchools App**
   
The Qschools app will provide up-to-date information about school closures, in the event of a natural disaster causing damage to the school or preventing access to the school.

   Visit the department’s apps page for more information and all the features: http://deta.qld.gov.au/about/app/

   The Qschools app is available for free download through iTunes, Google Play and the Windows store.

2. **Websites**

   Up-to-date information about school closures can be accessed on the following websites.
   - School Closure Website: http://esc.eq.edu.au

LOST PROPERTY

There are numerous lunchboxes, hats and drink bottles in the large box outside of the tuckshop. All lost property will be donated to charity Friday afternoon, so please take the time to check for any lost items.

GETTING TO KNOW OUR NEW STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

It is now easier for families to share their child’s Kindergarten Transition statement with the school.

The statements are a great way for our Prep teachers to get to know the children in their class before the first day, so they can prepare to welcome them and plan for their ongoing learning and development.

Kindergarten teachers, parents, carers and children develop transition statements together near the end of the kindy year.

The Transition statement gives Prep teachers a snapshot of each child’s strengths, interests and learning through kindy.

Parents and carers can now give their consent for Transition statements to be forwarded to a child’s new school and outside school hours care service directly from kindergartens.

We will be in touch with local services to ensure our email address is known to the kindergarten teachers. For more information about the new Transition statement consent form visit the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority website.

Kindy Transition statements Families are now able to sign a new consent form to allow their child’s Transition statement to be passed on by the kindy to the school.

This will increase the number of Transition statements that we receive to support each child’s positive transition to our school.

Help your child transition from kindy to prep.

Wondering how to help your child transition from kindy to Prep? Great news, with your consent, kindergartens teachers will now be able to provide your child’s Transition statement to their Prep teacher.

The Transition statement is an overview of your child’s learning from their kindergarten program, tailored to each individual child, to help them transition smoothly into Prep. Ask your Kindergarten teacher or for more information go to the
Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority website.

NORTH ROCKHAMPTON HIGH SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP

Uniform selling days January 2018 – Opening Times/Days

**Wednesday 17** - 7am to 2pm
**Thursday 18** – 9am to 4pm
**Friday 19** - 7am to 2pm

Monday 22nd, Tuesday 23rd, Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th January from 7am to 12noon

EFTPOS available – NO CHEQUES ACCEPTED

Uniform Shop (open 8am-10am everyday) phone 49247868

**Uniform Prices and Stationery**

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Prices are subject to change

Normal Opening Times for the Uniform Shop are:

Monday to Friday from 8am to 10am

EFTPOS Available - Tuckshop Phone: 49247818

**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 2018 if you are leaving
- Update contact details
- Take home all personal belongings
- Check lost property box for belongings

**IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2017**

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**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

PARK AVENUE BROTHERS HOCKEY CLUB

Invites you to attend our Come and Try Session
At Kalka Shades, Water Street, Koongal
Kindy to Year 6

Sunday 10th December 2017
4.00pm — 6.00pm

We supply all equipment. You just need to bring your closed in shoes, a water bottle and your smile.

**Free Sausage sizzle after session.**

Limited spaces available. Register your interest at [www.pabhc.com.au](http://www.pabhc.com.au) or contact Robert Sweeney on 0407 118 220

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM OUR STAFF AT BERSERKER!**

Elizabeth Rose
Acting Principal