

Admin Anecdotes

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Dear Parents,

This is our final newsletter for 2014 and what a year it has been! Our enrolment peaked at the highest point ever with 917 students, which has resulted in our capacity being limited to 902 students from now on.

We have had an amazing number of academic, leadership, sporting, music and drama successes this year, which I believe reflect the depth and range of the foundations that we lay for our students.

FAREWELLS:

We farewell our 160 Senior students; the one and only time that both Year 6 and Year 7 students will exit from primary school to secondary school in Queensland. Many of our departing students have attended Herc Road for their entire school career. Our seniors are a significant part of the proud 38 year history of our school. Best wishes for a happy, successful and rewarding life.

This also sees the end of some very long associations with Herc Road for a number of families who have finally had all of their children educated by us. Keep in touch, we will miss you.

From our staff we farewell Mrs Kerrie Parkes (Yr 3PS), Mr Tom Turnbull (Yr 2M) and Ms Margaret Sherar (SEP). Thank-you for your valuable contributions to our students and school.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all who have contributed to making this year such a resounding success and in helping us 'Make the Difference' for so many students and families. We know who you are, and are so grateful for your support.

NEW STAFF APPOINTMENTS:

Welcome to Ms Daphne Muckan who has been appointed to Herc Road next year, and congratulations to Mrs Kelly Johnston (1K), Mrs Janelle McArdle (Prep M) and Mrs Angela Fortuin (4F) who have gained permanent teaching positions at Herc Road. Ms Brenda Lewis and Mrs Kelly Currell return from leave in 2015.

CLASSES FOR 2015/ REPORT CARDS

As occurred last year, we will be sending home a note with your child's report card on Wednesday 10th December. The note will detail the teacher your child will have next year and the classroom location. A great deal of thought has gone into class placements, and parent requests, where possible, have been taken into account. Please be aware that there could be changes to classes and teachers as late as two weeks into the next school year depending on enrolments.

ENROLMENTS:

While we are currently accepting enrolments from all suburbs in certain year levels this year, we are full to capacity in Prep, Year 4 and Year 6. If you live in our catchment area there are guaranteed positions in all year levels, while those who live outside, will receive positions immediately where there are vacancies, or may go on our waiting list where classes are currently full.

If you are leaving and have not told us as yet, please do so.

If you will be LATE starting school next year, we must receive a phone call or note before the end of school advising us of the date your child will return, or your spot may be given to new families. School commences on Tuesday, 27 January, 2015.

SCHOOL, HOUSE AND ARTS CAPTAINS:

These will be announced at the Senior Farewell parade at 2.00pm on Thursday 11 December

FREE DRESS DAYS:

Thursday and Friday 11 & 12 December are free dress days. If a student is leaving Herc Road and would like their shirt signed, the shirt to be signed is NOT to be worn.

EXPECTATIONS:

Our expectations of our students do not change in the last week of the year, nor indeed any week of the year. This includes uniform, jewellery and hair colours. If you are unsure of our uniform and presentation policy, please contact admin before purchasing items for 2015.

Finally I'd like to thank our staff who number just under 100 – every single one of them is totally committed to our students' success and our school; and also our Student Leaders – our School Captains, Sports House Captains, Arts Captains, Student Leaders and Student Councillors – who also number around 100 committed students working for their peers. Our school is so much richer from your leadership and wonderful contributions.

Best wishes for a merry and safe Christmas.

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ABSENCE LINE

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Please phone and leave a message if your child is going to be absent from school

FUNDRAISING NEWS

DISCO Wednesday 03 December

Entry \$2.00 Juniors (Prep – Yr3) – 5.30pm until 6.25pm
Seniors (Year 4-7) - 6.35pm until 7.30pm
Please collect children from the hall not the carpark.

CHRISTMAS STALL Thursday 4th December

Gifts from 50c to \$5.00. Volunteers needed to help throughout the day.

CHOCOLATE DRIVE - Please return all chocolate money to the office ASAP.

ARTS NEWS

SCARBOROUGH CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Students are reminded to return their permission slips for the Scarborough Christmas Lights to Mrs Julius-Jackson. The event will take place at Scarborough Park on **Saturday 6 December**, commencing at 5.00pm. Family and friends are invited to attend.

PREP CHRISTMAS CONCERT

All the Prep classes will be performing Christmas songs to family and friends on Tuesday 9th December commencing at 1.30pm in the hall.

BEACH HOUSE ON SUTTONS CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

The residents of Beach House on Suttons, at 43 Marine Pde Redcliffe, (directly opposite Suttons Beach) invite the community of Hercules Road families to take part in our Neighbourhood Christmas Concert on

Friday evening December 5th from 6.30 onwards.

As you may be aware from previous years, the whole of the unit block is decorated amazingly and has provided many people, both locals and many from further afield, with Christmas cheer. Members of the Hercules Road choir will be entertaining the crowd with a series of Christmas songs, and there will be a sing-a-long of more traditional carols as well.

Please try to make it! For any more information, see Jenny Cousens, 5C.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC – RECRUITING NOW!

Is your child interested in learning an instrument? We still have places available for flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, euphonium and percussion! Did you know that listening to music and learning to play an instrument are two of the few activities that use both sides of the brain? Learning an instrument at school is a great way to give your child a new experience and help them improve skills such as listening, reading and counting. Please ask the office for an Instrumental Music expression of interest letter or see Miss Gadd on Wednesday.

Also:

Instrumental Music – Purchasing instruments for next year

Parents of children who are commencing their second year of multi instrumental music lessons next year and need to buy an instrument – if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to email me – agadd10@eq.edu.au, or come and see me in the music room on Wednesday. It is better to ask for advice than to spend money on an instrument of poor quality which may affect your child's interest in learning music. Thanks, Miss Angela Gadd.

SPORTS NEWS

Congratulations to the following students who were Age Champions and Runners Up in our recent swimming carnival:

9 Yrs Girls	Tahlia Robinson	9 Yrs Boys	Ben Crawford
Runner Up	Beau Marriot	Runner Up	Hayze Perham
10 Yrs Girls	Kyra Kleinsasser	10 Yrs Boys	Seth Scholes
Runner Up	Paige Chester	Runner Up	Jordan Barker
11 Yrs Girls	Tinisha Willis-Eletheriou	11 Yrs Boys	Oliver Schmidt
Runner Up	Amelia Crawford	Runner Up	Ethan Waerea
12 Yrs Girls	Fletcher Day	12 Yrs Boys	Bodie Barker
Runner Up	Aysha Stockman	Runner Up	Lucas Northwood

HOUSE POINTS

Doongara 243 Waroo 207 Malbooma 111

LEAGUE TAG

Congratulations to the senior girls league tag team who won the Brisbane Championships. The player of the day for our team was Harriet Alexander-Bates and the player of the carnival went to Allannah Guttridge.

PAST STUDENTS' SUCCESSES

Congratulations to the following past students who received awards at the recent Redcliffe and Clontarf High School awards nights:

Redcliffe High

Jag Dadd, Valmay Green, Beth McIntyre, Jarrod Vidler and Olivia Reichle.

Clontarf High

Sharna Brady, Latu Fehoko, Amy Walker, Demi Fairley, Lauren Haywood, Junior Ahkee, Cindy Grogan, Emma-Leigh Jordan, Dana Lomas, Jack Porter, Kate Walker, Lochlanne de Graaff, Lillian Ferguson, Jorja Hollands, Jeremy Baker, Hiria Morehu, Jazmin Randall, Paul Seu, Drew Stannard, Benjamin Timmins, Alyssa Ward, Chloe Webster, Hezekiah Filipo Taylor Finlay, Liam Knipe, Jasmyn Irvine, Cheyanna Robinson, Tahlia Webster, Lusila Ekepati-Leilua, Dana Lomas and Danielle Fricker.

HERCULES ROAD STATE SCHOOL

HOURS

OFFICE CASH COLLECTION: 8:00 TO 9:00AM
 TUCKSHOP: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
 8:00AM TO 2:15PM
 UNIFORM SHOP: Monday (Term 1 and 4 only) 8.00AM TO 9.00AM
 Wednesday 8:00AM TO 9:00AM
 and Friday 2:00PM TO 2:45PM

P & C EXECUTIVES

President: Laraine Law
 Vice President: Kellie Judd
 Secretary: Leah Bennett
 Treasurer: vacant
 Assist Treasurer: Vicki MacKenzie

<p>P & C News</p> <p>Tuckshop News</p>	<p><u>ROSTER</u></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>3/12</td> <td>Chrissy</td> <td>10/12</td> <td>Help needed</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4/12</td> <td>Amanda</td> <td>11/12</td> <td>Closed</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5/12</td> <td>Amanda & Angela</td> <td>12/12</td> <td>Closed</td> </tr> <tr> <td>8/12</td> <td>Amanda & Angela</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>9/12</td> <td>Kim</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>Last serving day is Wednesday 10/12. Stocktake and cleaning on Thursday 11/12 – Help needed</p> <p>SPECIALS: Paddle pop – Funny Finger \$1.30</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; text-align: center;"> <tr> <td data-bbox="548 747 824 974"> <p><u>MEAL DEAL 1</u></p> <p>Ham & Cheese Sandwich Flavoured Milk (Choc or Straw) Apple or Iced Bun \$4.50</p> </td> <td data-bbox="876 747 1159 974"> <p><u>MEAL DEAL 2</u></p> <p>Hot Dog Flavoured Milk (Choc or Straw) Apple or Iced Bun \$4.50</p> </td> <td data-bbox="1211 747 1477 974"> <p><u>SNACK DEAL</u></p> <p>Iced bun Apple Plain milk with sippah straw or Small juice \$3.50</p> </td> </tr> </table>	3/12	Chrissy	10/12	Help needed	4/12	Amanda	11/12	Closed	5/12	Amanda & Angela	12/12	Closed	8/12	Amanda & Angela			9/12	Kim			<p><u>MEAL DEAL 1</u></p> <p>Ham & Cheese Sandwich Flavoured Milk (Choc or Straw) Apple or Iced Bun \$4.50</p>	<p><u>MEAL DEAL 2</u></p> <p>Hot Dog Flavoured Milk (Choc or Straw) Apple or Iced Bun \$4.50</p>	<p><u>SNACK DEAL</u></p> <p>Iced bun Apple Plain milk with sippah straw or Small juice \$3.50</p>
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<p>Commonwealth Banking</p>	<p>Banking will continue until the end of the year. Please hand bankbooks to the office on Wednesday mornings before school.</p> <p>This will be the last week for this year to claim prizes with tokens.</p>																							

VOLUNTEER MORNING TEA

A reminder that our Volunteer Morning Tea is on Wednesday 10th December beginning at 10am. Please phone the office to register your attendance.



Opening Times – 2015

Monday 19/1/15 8.30am – 12.30pm
 Wednesday 21/1/15 12pm – 3pm
 Friday 23/1/15 8.30am – 12.30pm

Open all first week back at school 8am – 10.30am

UNIFORM SPECIALS (While Stocks Last)

Micro fibre emblem shorts only sizes 2-6 \$17.50
 Micro fibre emblem shorts only sizes XS(16) – M(20) \$7.00
 Checked shirts only size 18 \$5.00
 Skorts only size 16 \$5.00

BOOKPACKS

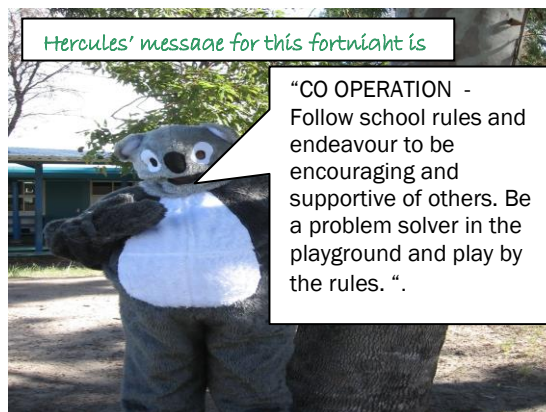
Bookpacks for 2015 can now only be ordered online through Edsco (except for Prep's who have until 5/12/14). Textbooks will be available at the Uniform Shop. We also have a limited supply of stationery available for all year levels.

HERC AWARD WINNERS 28th NOVEMBER

Honesty	Morgan Keats (2A)
Effort	James Baker (2T)
Respect	Christian Mangan (2A)
Cooperation	Finn Glover (2A)
Safety	Mia Schofield (2A)

YEARLY RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES

Prep	Gemma Holmes James Selesele
Year 1	Beau Condon
Year 2	Mia Green
Year 3	Gabrielle Kyllonen
Year 4	Ma Marcela Gono
Year 5	Hannah Cleary Ariel Lyons
Year 6	Jack Vandenban
Year 7	Brock Kehl



UNIFORM SHOP NEWS