Dear Parents,

As we had a short newsletter last week due to the ANZAC Day march and long week-end, I’ve included the information sent home last week regarding Parent/Teacher meetings, and NAPLAN, the national testing for Yrs 3, 5 and 7 in two weeks’ time.

**ANZAC DAY PARADE AND MARCH:**
Both were well attended and went off extremely well. Our students looked terrific (as usual) and contributed to this most special day. Thank-you to Mrs Wainwright who organised these events and Mrs Julius Jackson who had our choir fine-tuned.

Thank you to all students who spoke or participated in the Anzac Day Parade on Thursday 24 April. These students were asked to do this only the day before the parade due to a busy last week of term and the school and public holidays. Each of these students did an excellent job, particularly with so little time to rehearse. We would particularly like to commend the school captains who showed excellent leadership in assisting with getting the parade to run smoothly. Well done to each of these students:

- 7J - Ariana Doolan
- 7TW - Ashleigh Law
- 6B - Britney Eaton, Reuben Ropoama, Amelia Malakai
- 6S - Dylan Farley, Chloe Biddle-Bruce, Keenan Pearce
- 6M - Kaylah Williams
- 5H - Ellen Hoven, Lachlan White
- 4F - Chayton Robinson, Kyra Kleinsasser
- 4L - Isabella Madison, Jefferson Ekepati
- 4H - Ellinor Morris
- 3C - Oliver Crewe, Abbey Vandenban, Hana Walker
- 3H - Zander Esterhuizen, Caitlin Brown, Jacob Bowering
- 3K - Bree Harris, Kayley Matapo
- 3PS - Maddy Stevens, Caitlin Weeks
- 2F - Hayden Burnes, Mikayla Kleinsasser
- 2P - Hannah Boyle, Ella Forsyth
- Prep H – John Statis, Sam Bryson

Thank you to the students in the Senior Choir and Mrs Julius-Jackson for the beautiful rendition of ‘Can you hear the children marching?’ Thanks also to Mr Jenkinson and Peter Mason, Rani Andrews, Fletcher Day and Liyah Ekepati-Leilua of 7J who provided the sound and lighting for the parade.

**WELCOME TO MISS KATE OGILVIE Year 4SM:**
Miss Ogilvie is teaching Year 4SM for the next 6 months while Mrs Melrose and Mrs Somers are on leave. Please make her welcome.

**HATS:**
This term our Physical Education lessons for all year levels are athletics. Consequently it is essential that all children have a school hat. Hats are not an option given that Australia has one of the highest skin cancer rates in the world and the foundations are laid when children are young. Please check the school uniform policy on our website or request a copy if you are unsure what to purchase. Caps and legionnaire caps are not part of our uniform.

I appreciate the frustration associated with lost hats and suggest you name the hat very clearly in large letters either inside the hat or under the brim – NOT ON THE OUTSIDE due to ‘Stranger Danger’ issues. We can do this at the office if requested.
CAR PARK:
I’d like to thank all who use the carpark drop-off area responsibly in the mornings and afternoons, plus those who have been so patient at the peak arrival and departure times. Please note that the Kiss and Drop Loading Zone lane in front of the prep building of the car park, cannot be parked in. You can only stop there if your load is actually there i.e. your child is standing there. In addition, you cannot park anywhere in the car park area other than in designated bays.

DRESS CODE:
Our Dress Code is made up of our Uniform Policy and Jewellery/ Presentation Policy. The latest fashion trend of loom bands has resulted in some students bringing these to school. Attached is our Dress Code. Please note that only medical bracelets are permitted, with any other items worn on arms requiring specific approval. This has been our policy for many years.

NAPLAN TESTING: Year 3, 5 and 7 students on 13, 14 & 15 MAY:
For some students NAPLAN testing can be stressful for a number of reasons. Please be aware that:

- NAPLAN test taking is not compulsory - ‘Students may be withdrawn from the testing program by their parent/ carer.’ There is no penalty or disadvantage for any child who does or does not sit the NAPLAN tests.
- If you do not wish your child to take part in the NAPLAN tests, just contact the school and we will give you a form to fill in that withdraws your child from sitting the tests.
- This is preferable to keeping your child at home when the tests are being done, as some parents have done in the past. It means they will not miss out on a week of school and will continue to be complete school work while any other children are doing these tests.
- If children are away on the specific days the tests are on, they will do catch-up NAPLAN tests if they return to school later that week unless you have requested their withdrawal.
- If your child has a learning or physical disability, they may be eligible for assistance e.g. given more time, having the questions read to them. Our staff will contact you and discuss this if it applies to your child or you can contact us.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us. Ph 38974333

MEETINGS WITH TEACHERS:
Our staff has a very heavy workload which makes them time poor. We appreciate that parents want to have a chat with them to catch up on how they are going or pass on information, and request that this is made by appointment. Consequently could you please:
1. If it is urgent/ important, tell the office staff. They will ensure the teacher gets the information ASAP
2. Make an appointment through the office to meet with the teacher. These meetings will be restricted to 10 minutes unless otherwise negotiated
3. Send a note with your child to the teacher
4. Contact admin who can address the concern or follow up with the teacher. This can be emailed to the.principal@herculesroadss.eq.edu.au

PARADES
Our next parade will take place on Friday 2 May with an item from 6B. The following parades will be held on Friday 16 May where 1V and 1B will present a parade item, and Friday 30 May and the choir will present an item. Parents/Caregivers and school community members are welcome to attend parades. They are held every fortnight on Fridays at 8:25am in the Hall.

JUNIOR CROSS COUNTRY: This will be held on Thursday, 1st May for students in Prep to Year 3. DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY: District Cross Country will be held on Monday 19th May. Notes will be sent home shortly.

MOTHER’S DAY STALL
It’s that time of year again when we celebrate our Mums and all the wonderful women who look after us. Hercules Road P&C will be holding the Mother’s Day Stall next Thursday 8th of May. We will have a range of gifts ranging in price from 50c to $5.00. If your child forgets their money on Thursday the stall will re-open on Friday at 1st Break for students who want to buy extra items. If you would like to help on these days please leave your details at the office or turn up at the conference room on the day. All help is greatly appreciated. Lunch is provided on the day for volunteers.

CHOCOLATE DRIVE
A note has been sent home regarding our Chocolate Drive. Please return your forms by Monday 5th May informing us if you would like to participate. Chocolates will be going home on Tuesday 6th May. Only students who have returned forms will receive chocolates.

FUN RUN
Junior Fun Run is on Thursday 1st May. Anyone with outstanding Fun Run money, please hand into the office by Friday 2nd May so we can order prizes.

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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
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 & C News
Next P & C meeting Tuesday 20th May at 2.45pm in the library.

Tuckshop News

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Commonwealth Banking
Banking is every Wednesday. Please hand bankbooks in to office before school.

Due to price increases from our supply companies, some of our prices have had to increase:-
- Emblem Jacket (LWR) $25.00 – all sizes
- Surf hat (round) $8.00 – all sizes
- New style emblem shorts $19.00 – all sizes

Specials (while stocks last)
- Check shirts sizes 18 & 20 $5.00
- Micro shorts (no emblem) all sizes $10.00
- Emblem jumpers size 16 & 18 only $5.00
- Skorts sizes 10, 14 & 16 $12.00

If anyone has any spare coathangers they would be greatly appreciated at the uniform shop (wire or skirt hangers).

There are 3 second hand red sports shirts with the school logo for sale. They are $5 each and are sizes 6 and 10.

The uniform shop is now not open on Mondays until Term 4. Uniform shop hours for this term are: Wednesday 8am to 9am and Friday 2pm to 2.45pm.

HERC AWARD WINNERS

- Honesty: Amber Bourke (7J)
- Effort: Naomi Cavanough (2A)
- Respect: Elisha Phie (5L)
- Cooperation: Madison Kakogiannis (5O)
- Safety: Kailum Learoyd (4SM)

ROSS’ ON COURT TENNIS
Tennis coaching for Term 2 here at School
Prep to Year 7
Classes Tuesday and Friday before school
To Enrol please phone Ross on 32643976

“Be honest by always joining the back of the correct queue when waiting at the tuckshop. Play in correct areas and remember to play approved games that keep us safe.”

REDCLIFFE HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION NIGHT – REDDI Showcase and Junior Secondary Information Night will be held on Thursday 29th May at Redcliffe State High School, Oxley Avenue, Redcliffe. Showcase from 4.30 to 6.30pm and Junior Secondary Information Session from 6.30 to 7.00pm. For more information please phone 3897 1111.

SANDGATE DISTRICT STATE HIGH SCHOOL will be holding an Open Day on Saturday 17th May from 9am to 1pm. For information please visit www.sanddistshs.eq.edu.au

CLONTARF BEACH STATE HIGH SCHOOL will be holding an open afternoon for Junior Secondary on Tuesday 27th May from 3.30 to 5.30pm. For more information please phone 3480 4777 or visit www.clontarfbeachshs.eq.edu.au.