Dear Parents,

**BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES:**
 Occasionally I speak with parents who find they are in a cycle of angst and punishment with their child. I have attached the strategy that I most frequently speak about with them. If you would like to meet and discuss it, please call for an appointment.

**INFORMATION WEBSITE:**
 Also attached is information about the [http://flyingstart.qld.gov.au/resources/Pages/home.aspx](http://flyingstart.qld.gov.au/resources/Pages/home.aspx) website set up by Education Queensland that contains information and articles for parents. This includes information about transition to high school, starting Prep and Bullying.

**COLD WEATHER:**
The cold snap has found some students without winter uniform clothing. This consists of: Plain bottle green tracksuit or bottle green jumper with or without our school emblem. Full length green or black tights are permitted. No stripes or hoods are permitted and jumpers are not to be worn under uniform. Fabric and style should be the same as that sold by our uniform shop. Beanies and gloves are not permitted. If you are unsure, please contact the office prior to purchase.

**NAPLAN TESTING:**
This will be conducted for all students in Years 3, 5 and 7 next week on 13, 14 and 15 of May. If you wish to withdraw your child from this testing, please contact us and we will provide a simple form for you fill out. Students withdrawn from the testing will be provided with school work while testing is occurring.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWEST STUDENT LEADERS!**
Congratulations to our newest group of Student Leaders: Jesse Vafiopulous 7TW, Liam Cash 7TW, Sienna Hall 7TW, Briley Cox 6S, Divan Esterhuizen 6S and Connor Shaw 6S. These students have worked through the process to become Student Leaders and they have done an excellent job. We know that they will be great School Leaders – well done!

**PARADES**
Our next parade will take place on Friday 16 May with an item from 1B and 1V. The following parades will be held on Friday 30 May where the choir will present a parade item, and Friday 13 June with 1J and 1L presenting 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.

**TIDY CLASS AREAS**
Well done to Prep L, Prep S, 4SM and 6M for keeping your areas so neat and tidy. The cleaners selected these classes for doing the best job of ensuring that their areas looked neat and tidy during the last fortnight.

**NSW MATHS & ENGLISH COMPETITION**
Notes will be sent home for these competitions at the beginning of Week 5, Term2.

**STUDENT HEALTH**
We are committed to supporting students’ health and wellbeing. We would appreciate parents/carers providing the school with any relevant health information that is required to support the student at school. This information is also collected at enrolment but needs to be updated regularly, or if a new health condition develops.

Information about medically diagnosed conditions such as allergies, asthma, diabetes and epilepsy and other health conditions that may require school staff to provide support to students, including administering medication and performing health procedures, should be provided to the school. Additionally, any health need that may impact on school activities such as sports, outings (including camps) should also be discussed with the school.

Information should be provided in writing and any specific health plans (only to be completed and signed by the medical practitioner) should be included. Please contact the school to discuss any specific requirements.

Please inform the school office staff of any changes to contact details or the contact details of the people nominated as emergency contacts.

Thank you for your assistance in this regard. All information is kept confidential and only disclosed to the relevant staff. For any enquiries, please contact the school office on 3897 4333.
CHANGE OF DETAILS
It is time to check your contact details. Please fill in the form attached and return it to the office. Alternatively you can fill the form in on our website and forward it by email to office@herculesroads.com
Keeping your details up-to-date ensures that we can contact you easily in the case of an emergency. Also our school will soon be able to email newsletters to your current email address.

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM
The Active After School Program has started. P – Yr 3 Soccer Skills - Thursday 3pm to 4pm
Yrs 4 – 7 Football - Monday 3pm – 4pm. Please come to the office to get an application form.

BOOK FAIR Friday 23rd May – Thursday 29th May
The month of May is National Family Reading Month and our school is hosting a Scholastic Book Fair to celebrate. Our school’s Book Fair is a great way to get your child reading.

It will be held in the library from 7:30am Friday 23rd May and closing at 8:30am Thursday 29th May. The students will be able to view the Book Fair with their class during this week and they will be able to purchase books before school 7:30 – 8:25 and after school until 3:30 every day until Wednesday. Your child may bring home a flyer with some examples of the books available for purchase. Parents and grandparents are very welcome to purchase books. Eftpos will be available.

From the purchase of every book we receive a commission that enables us to acquire some much-needed resources. Last year we were able to purchase over $1000 worth of books for our students.

If you have some spare time during the Book Fair opening hours we would love some parent helpers to assist with the selling of the books.

Thank-you for your support. Sue Bates, Teacher-librarian

SPORTS NEWS
Interschool sport continues for 5 weeks this term. Venues remain the same as last term unless notified. Girls Soccer play at Southern Cross College (Sunshine Rd), Boys Soccer play at Frawley Fields, Clontarf and Grace College, Rothwell, Netball play at Benson Park (Maine Rd) Clontarf and Rugby League play at Talobilla Park and PCYC. Swimming and Bowling are bowling this term.

Junior Cross Country (years P – 3) was a great morning of fun for everyone involved, especially those parents who ran to earn extra points for their child's house.
Results are as follows: Prep boys – Nikola Stamenkovic (PC), Prep girls – Brianna Avery (PM), Grade 1 boys – Iverson Pauga (1L), Grade 1 girls – Zarah Iese (1B), Grade 2 boys – Noah Potts (2M), Grade 2 girls – April Tomlinson (2T), Grade 3 boys – Zander Esterhuizen (3H), Grade 3 girls – Kiama Knipe (3K). The champion house for Cross Country 2014 is Waroo. Thank you to the Sports Captains for supporting and encouraging the younger students.

Congratulations to Marcus Feagaiga, for making the New Zealand Baseball Team.

FUNDRAISING NEWS
Chocolates were handed out to students today. A P&C volunteer will be positioned inside the hall Monday, Wednesday and Friday Morning and Tuesday afternoon to collect money and issue extra boxes. If your family is unable to sell the whole box please return the remaining chocolates and balance of money by Friday 30th May.
When your family returns the money you will automatically be entered into the weekly prize draw which includes $50.00 Coles/Myer Vouchers and other assorted prizes.

MOTHER’S DAY STALL
Just a reminder for parents that we are holding our Mother’s Day Stall on Thursday 8th May, students will be brought up with their classes through the day. Gifts range from 50c to $5.00, the stall will be also open on Friday 9th May at first break for students who would like to purchase extra gifts. Any parents who would like to help at the stall can turn up on the morning or leave your details at the office.

MUSIC NEWS
There will be an all-day Beginner Strings Workshop for all first year string students on Tuesday 24 June in the hall at Hercules Rd SS. Details will be circulated shortly to all first year string students.
The combined intermediate and senior strings ensemble, as well as the school concert band will represent the school at Education Queensland's biennial Fanfare competition on Thursday 5 June. Parents should have received an official note from the school with details, including permission slip, to be returned to the office, granting consent for bus travel to and from the venue.

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OUT AND ABOUT APP NOW ON ANDROID
The department’s most popular app, ‘Out and About’ is now available for Android devices as well as Apple. Aimed at students in Prep to Year 2 and written in Q Beginners font, this free app helps students master the first 100 sight words to which they are typically introduced.
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
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 will be held on Tuesday 20th May at 2.45pm in the library

Tuckshop News

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Volunteers are needed to help in the tuckshop. Please contact Katrina.

Commonwealth Banking

This term we are giving students, schools and our School Banking Co-ordinators the opportunity to win a share of sunken treasure found in the Lost City of Savings.

Students simply need to make three or more School Banking deposits during Term 2, regardless of the value, and they will automatically be entered into the competition to win some fantastic prizes including:

Major student prize.

- Five nights’ accommodation at the Sea World Resort & Water Park on the Gold Coast;
- VIP Passes for two adults and three kids to Sea World, Warner Bros. Movie World and Wet'n'Wild Gold Coast;
- Dolphin Family Aqua Adventure; and
- A $3,000 travel gift card to get them there.

Runner up student prizes.

130 Toys"R"Us Gift Cards to the value of $250 each to spend on their favourite toys.

UNIFORM NEWS

Jackets
New polar fleece jackets with emblems – all sizes from 4 – XL $30.00
These polar fleece jackets are replacing the existing emblem jackets which are $25.00 each (limited sizes left).

Senior Shirts
If your student did not buy a senior shirt in the first order, we are placing a second order. The order form and money ($35.00) must be received by Wednesday 14th May for your student to order one of these shirts. This is the last chance. No more orders will be going in. The shirts should be returned sometime early in third term.

Specials (while stocks last)
- Micro fibre shorts (no emblem): $10.00
- Emblem jumpers size 18 only: $5.00
- Track pants size 16 only: $7.00
- Checked shirts size 18 only: $5.00
- Skorts sizes 10, 14, 16 only: $12.00

Hercules’ message for this fortnight is

“EFFORT: Make an effort to keep our toilet areas clean and safe by remembering to turn taps off and put waste paper into bins. Be prompt and return to class on time.”

Where people make the Difference