Dear Parents,

In this newsletter I am including an article written by a secondary school teacher and addressed to his students. As all of our parents face their children moving on to secondary school some time in the not too distant future, I believe it is worth reading. In addition, we have included a flyer from Redcliffe High on how to enrol there. Similar information from Clontarf High will be included in future newsletters.

If your children will be attending high school in the next year or two, I suggest you visit Redcliffe, Clontarf and Deception Bay High Schools, as each school has a distinctive ‘flavour’ that may make the difference for a happy and successful secondary education and future.

**INTERSCHOOL SPORT:**
The cooler weather brings on a whole new range of interschool sport, with the District Cross-Country run just yesterday. As usual our Herc Road athletes did us proud – Mrs Velt our physical education teacher has her report attached.

Please note that it is considered an honour to represent our school, whether it be as a leader, musician, athlete or in any other capacity. Consequently we expect the absolute best behaviour of our students when performing in these roles.

**STAFFING:**
On Friday Mrs Wainwright is taking maternity leave for the rest of this year. We wish her all the very best at this exciting time and will keep you informed if it is a baby brother or sister for Sam. Mrs Sharelle Hall will be acting Deputy Principal in Bronwyn’s place.

**‘GREAT RESULTS GUARANTEE’ FUNDING**
Schools have this year received Commonwealth money through the State Governments which will be used over the next four years to target literacy and numeracy, largely for the early years of schooling and for students who are not meeting the national minimum standard in literacy or numeracy. The Queensland Government has used this funding to implement the ‘Great Results Guarantee’ program.

Through the ‘Great Results Guarantee’ funding, Hercules Road State School has received just over $250 000 for use in 2014. We have used the money in the following ways to support literacy and numeracy development:

- Funding one full-time and one part-time Numeracy Intervention Teacher who are supporting classes from Year 1 through to Year 7
- Funding 24 hours a week of teacher aide time to support intensive literacy and numeracy intervention programs in Prep
- Extra teacher funding to support a Frequent Readers’ Program from Prep – Year 3
- Purchasing resources to support literacy and numeracy including 75 mini laptops
- Professional development for teachers and teacher aides to further skill them in supporting students in literacy and numeracy development

**SCHOOL WEBSITE AND Q SCHOOLS APP**
Don’t forget that our new school website is up and running so you can check this for copies of the school newsletter, upcoming calendar dates, forms and documents, latest news and annual reports. The URL is: https://herculesroadss.eq.edu.au

Also, if you have a smart phone, you can download the free ‘Q Schools’ app. Search for Hercules Road State School within the app, and it will become one of your ‘favourite schools’. You can then check the app on your phone for the same sort of information that is on our school website but you can have it with you when you carry your phone around. One handy feature is that you can add dates for events listed in the app to your smart phone calendar.

**NSW MATHS & ENGLISH COMPETITION**
Notes will be sent home this week for these competitions.

**TIDY CLASS AREAS**
Well done to 1V, 2S, 3C and 4F 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.
PARADES
Our next parade will take place on Friday 30 May with performances by our School Choirs. What a treat! The following parades will be held on Friday 13 June with 1J and 1L presenting a parade item, and Friday 27 June with 7J and 7M and hopefully, our Concert Band, presenting items. Parents/Caregivers and school community members are welcome to attend parades. They are held every fortnight on Fridays at 8.25am in the Hall.

STUDENT COUNCIL
There has been a change of date for our next student council meeting. It will now be held in Week 7 on Wednesday 4th June. There will be a free dress day in Week 8 on Thursday 12th June. Please bring a gold coin donation.

SPORTS NEWS
What a fantastic effort by all those students who attended District Cross Country yesterday. Congratulations to the 11 year old boys team of Abdul Abdel Sadek, Kane Beeching and Jack Raby who received a bronze medal and the 12 year old girls team of Fletcher Day, Shenae Grogan and Shannagh Mangan who also received a bronze medal. Hercules Road came 4th overall. As a result of their efforts, Fletcher Day, 1st, Shannagh Mangan, 5th (12 year old girls) and Abdul Abdel Sadek, 3rd (11 year old boys) have made the Redcliffe District Cross Country Team and will compete in the Regional Trials at Maroochydore on June 3rd.

GIRLS DISTRICT TOUCH FOOTBALL TRIALS
Trials for the Girls District Touch Football will be held on Tuesday 27th May from 3.30 to 4.30pm here at Herc Road.

CHOIR
The Junior and Senior Choirs will perform at the next parade on 30th May.

MUSIC NEWS
STRING ENSEMBLES AND BAND for FANFARE THURSDAY 5 JUNE
Please make sure you have returned your permission slip and $5 for bus transport to and from the venue.

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photography
We will be photographing your school on Thursday 29th May.

You will have received a flyer/envelope for each of your students explaining the products available and how they may be ordered. This year we have introduced online ordering for your convenience and the convenience of your school.

Ordering Online: Should you wish to order online you will find detailed instructions on how to go about this on the back of your order flyer, or you can order using your payment envelope in the same way you always have.

Please note: envelopes are not required to be handed in if ordering online.

If Not Ordering Online: Payments can be made by cash, cheque or money order. Please ensure that each student returns his/her own envelope, even if payment is made in the eldest child’s envelope. It is important that envelopes are not placed inside other envelopes.

Students not ordering online are to bring their envelopes on or preferably before Photo Day.

Sibling Photos are also available for students enrolled at the school, however they cannot be ordered online. Please collect a ‘Sibling Order Envelope’ from your school’s office. You can still pay for these online, however the order envelope MUST be returned to the school on or preferably before photo day.

If you have any queries please contact AdvancedLife Photography Ph: 3216 8280, Fax: 3216 8850 csonorth@advancedlife.com.au

PIE DRIVE
We will be holding a Pie Drive this term with Simply Pies. Simply Pies is a local company on the Sunshine Coast. All Pies are 900gm+, made on 95% Lean Beef, No Preservatives and great easy meals to freeze. If anyone would like to try one of their Pies before ordering a store is located at the Matilda Servo on Anzac Avenue as you go out to North Lakes. Order forms will be sent home next week on Monday 26th May, forms will need to be returned by Monday 9th June and delivery will be on Monday 16th June

DISCO
We will be holding a Disco on Wednesday 4th June. Entry will be $2.00, Drinks, Food and Glow Products will be available to purchase.

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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, 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 & 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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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.

**HERC AWARD WINNERS**

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**CHOCOLATE DRIVE**
Just a reminder that all money for the chocolate drive needs to be returned by Friday 30th May. Extra boxes are still available. I will be located up at the hall Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings and Tuesday afternoon.

**FUN RUN**
For all students who participated in the Fun Run fundraiser - all prizes will be here by the end of next week and distributed to you at your class.

**REDCLIFFE STATE HIGH SCHOOL – PROGRAM OF EXCELLENCE RUGBY LEAGUE TRIALS**
WHERE: Redcliffe SHS – Western Campus - Gym
WHEN: Friday 30th May – All Day
WHAT TO BRING: Playing Apparel, Morning Tea, Enrolment Forms, Water bottle, hat and Sunscreen

**SANDGATE DISTRICT STATE HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC ACHIEVER EXAM** will take place on Saturday 24th May at 9am. For more information please contact Sandgate High School on 3869 9888 or email lmack35@eq.edu.au.

**CLONTARF BEACH STATE HIGH SCHOOL** will be holding an open afternoon for Junior Secondary on Tuesday 27th May. For more information please contact the school on 3480 477 or visit their website www.clontarfbeachshs.eq.edu.au.

Where people make the Difference
The following article is by a teacher, Chase Meikle. It is directed at high school students, however I believe his message is important for all children and parents, although the terminology and examples need to be modified. As all of you will have children at high school at some point in time, I believe parents should consider what he has to say. I have modified some language. The link is attached should you wish to read the entire article.

THIS IS WHAT STUDENTS NEED TO HEAR:

First you need to know right now that I care about you. In fact, I care about you more than you may care about yourself. And, because I care, I need to be honest with you. Do I have permission to be honest with you — both in what I say and how I say it? Here’s the thing: I lose sleep because of you. Every week.

Before I tell you why, you should understand the truth about school. You see, the main event of school is not academic learning. It never has been. It never will be…… Yes, algebra, essay writing, Spanish, the judicial process — all are important and worth knowing. But they are not the MAIN event.

The main event is learning how to deal with the harshness of life when it gets difficult — how to overcome problems as simple as a forgotten locker combination, to obnoxious peers, to gossip, to people doubting you, to asking for help in the face of self-doubt, to pushing yourself to concentrate when a million other thoughts and temptations are fingertips away.

It is your resilience in conquering the main event — adversity — that truly prepares you for life after school. Because, mark my words, school is not the most challenging time you will have in your life. You will face far greater challenges than these. Sure, you will have times more amazing than you can imagine, but you will also confront incomparable tragedy, frustration, and fear in the years to come.

But, you shouldn’t be worried about the fact that you will face great adversities. You should be worried because you are setting yourself up to fail at overcoming them. Here’s the real reason I lose hours of sleep worrying about you: You are failing the main event of school. You are quitting. You may not think you are quitting, but you are because quitting wears many masks.

For some, you quit by throwing the day away and not even trying to write a sentence or a fraction because you think it doesn’t matter or you can’t so there’s no point. But it does. What you write is not the main event. The fact that you do take charge of your own fear and doubt in order to write when you are challenged — THAT is the main event.

Some of you quit by skipping class on your free education. Being punctual to fit the mold of the classroom is not the main event of showing up. The main event is delaying your temptation and investing in your own intelligence — understanding that sometimes short-term pain creates long-term gain and that great people make sacrifices for a greater good.

For others, you quit by being rude and disrespectful to adults in the hallway who ask you to come to class. Bowing to authority is not the main event. The main event is learning how to problem solve maturely, not letting your judgement be tainted by the stains of emotion.

I see some of you quit by choosing not to take opportunities to work harder and pass a class, no matter how far down you are. The main event is not getting a number to tell you you are worthy. The main event is pulling yourself together and making hard choices and sacrifices when things seem impossible. It is finding hope in the hopeless and courage in the chasm.

What you need to see is that every time you take the easy way out, you are building a habit of quitting. And it will destroy your future and it will annihilate your happiness if you let it. Our society cares nothing for quitters. You must learn how to deal with hardship, you are either the muscle or the dirt. You either take resistance and grow stronger or blow in the wind and erode.

As long as you are in my life, I am not going to let quitting be easy for you. I am going to challenge you, confront you, push you, and coach you. You can whine. You can throw a tantrum. You can shout and swear and stamp and cry. And the next day, guess what? I will be here waiting — smiling and patient — to give you a fresh start. Because you are worth it.

So do yourself a favour: Man up. Woman up. No more excuses. No more justifications. No blaming. No quitting. Just pick your head up. Rip the cords out of your ears. Grab your pencil and let’s do this.

Are you showing your children how to quit or how to be resilient? Do you insist they are at school on time every day, no excuses, justifications or blame? - More next newsletter on ‘Resilience’.