Dear Parents,

This is a big fortnight. Over the next two weeks we will be holding:

**DISCIPLINE AUDIT 14th AUGUST**: On Thursday 14th of August, we will be undertaking a ‘Discipline’ Audit. This is a recent requirement of all State Schools and involves an auditor coming to our school and looking at the effectiveness of our behaviour management practices.

**P&C MEETING 19th AUGUST**: Our next P&C meeting is on Tuesday 19th of August commencing at 2.45 pm in the school library. All are welcome.

**OPEN SESSION 20th AUGUST**: This is an opportunity for parents who are unfamiliar with our school to have a tour to see what we do at Herc Rd to ‘Make the Difference’. This will be held on Wednesday 20th of August commencing at 8.15am until 10.30am – registration is from 8.00am -8.15am. Children who will be Prep age next year can spend this time in our Prep classes. Please give us a call if you would like to attend. All are welcome.

**ACTING POSITIONS FROM 22nd AUGUST**: I will be taking long service leave at the end of next week until Monday 20th of October. Mrs Langdale our Deputy Principal will be acting in my place and Mrs Leighanne Hann who is teaching Yr 5L will be acting Deputy in her place.

**MOUND AREA CLOSED TEMPORARILY**: Due to the dry conditions and pitter-patter of many feet, we have closed the mound area (where the dinosaur is) to give the grass an opportunity to regenerate. Hopefully we will receive some decent rainfall shortly.

**INCORRECT UNIFORM**: Our current uniform policy has been in place for some time now, however we have a small number of students who frequently choose to wear non-uniform items despite having the correct uniform at home. Please ensure that you either phone or send a note with your child advising of a non-uniform item and the date by which it will be corrected. In the event of our not being advised of the non-uniform item and reason, detentions will commence immediately as per our uniform policy which is available from the office or on our website. Deliberate vandalism, loss or damage to uniform in order to not comply with our policy, will result in the consequences detailed in our policy.

**E-NEWSLETTERS BEGINNING IN WEEK 7**: To ensure that you receive your e-newsletter in Week 7 fill in and return the attached flyer to the office as soon as possible. You do not need to do this if you have already filled in an email update form.

**ATTENDANCE**: At Hercules Road State School, we value school attendance as we believe high attendance usually results in better learning outcomes for our students. In Semester 1 we achieved a 92.5% average attendance, however just over 13% of our students attended school less than 85% of the time and just over 14%, attended less than 90%. It is our goal to have ALL our students attending school at least 95% of the time.

To work towards this goal, the school has implemented two initiatives for this semester. Firstly, we have employed an attendance officer, whose primary responsibility is to monitor school attendance. She will particularly look for repeated unexplained absences and for patterns of consistent absence and/or lateness. Families identified as needing support to improve school attendance will be contacted.

Secondly, we will be acknowledging on parade the students who achieve a high level of attendance over the coming semester. While we understand that genuine reasons for absence exist, we will be looking for students who achieve at least 98% attendance over the semester (absence data does not include school based activities such as camp, sport or music workshops).

We encourage you to work with us to support our students to achieve their very best by ensuring that your child is at school, every day, on time and ready to learn. If we can support you in any way to achieve this, please contact our office.
Congratulations to the Year 7 Girls Soccer team (Ashleigh Law, Josie Robinson, Allana Guttridge, Hannah Fuller, Keely Rubesaame, Tylah Rowley, Jaya Vidler, Tahlia Eising, Avoia Tasi, Georgia Leach, Sara White) who are now the SOUTH EAST QLD CHAMPIONS. The girls drew their first game, 1-1 and won their second game 3-1 to secure a spot in the final. They each raised their skills to a new level showing commitment, dedication and great team spirit to come away with a 3-1 win.

Well done girls, you very much earned that medal and deserve to be called champions.

**INTER SCHOOL SPORT** starts Friday 22 August. Permission notes will be handed out this week and need to be returned to the relevant coach ASAP. All sports training will commence this week.

Boys’ touch football is played at Talobilla Park, Girls touch football at Frawley Fields (Clontarf), Baseball at Padres Grounds (next to Talobilla), AFL at Southern Cross College (Sunnyside Rd) and Volleyball at Scarborough SS.

**DISTRICT ATHLETICS**
This Thursday and Friday a team of 42 athletes will be competing in District Athletics at Zammit Oval, Deception Bay. Students will be giving their all to be successful in their chosen events as well as trying to secure a place in the Redcliffe District team. Parents are very welcome to come along, join our happy tent and cheer on our athletes. Good luck to everyone.

**DISCO**
Our Disco for this term will be held on Wednesday 27th August. Juniors (Prep- Yr3) from 5.30pm to 6.25pm. Seniors (Yr4 – Yr7) from 6.35pm to 7.45pm. Food, drinks and Glow Products will be available for purchase on the night. Entry $2.00 a student. If you would like to volunteer on the night, please leave your details at the office.

**Father’s Day Stall** will be held on Thursday the 4th September, with gifts ranging between 50c to $7.00. Students will visit the stall on a class roster. If you would like to come and volunteer please leave your details at the office. Lunch is provided on the day for volunteers and all help is greatly appreciated.

**COOKIE DOUGH ORDER**
Due to late orders and show holidays the delivery date for the Cookie Dough has been changed to Thursday 21st August. Orders can be picked up at the hall from 2pm. Sorry for any inconvenience.

**TALENT QUEST HEATS**
The Talent Quest Heats have commenced and will take place on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday of Week 5 and Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of Week 6. All the heats will take place at first break.

Redcliffe State High School will be taking their music ensembles on a mini tour of the Peninsula Primary Schools on Wednesday 13th August. They will be performing at Hercules Road SS from 12.00 - 1.00pm.

**OPEN DAY**
The students in the Junior Choir, Senior Choir, Concert Band, Creative Generation and individuals from the String Ensemble will entertain prospective parents and students in the hall on Wednesday 20 August. The Concert will commence at 8.20am and will finish at 8.45am. All performers are required to be at the hall by 8.00am.

**ADVANCED AND INTERMEDIATE REGIONAL STRING AND CONCERT BAND WORKSHOPS August 18 - 22**

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to represent Hercules Road SS at the upcoming Regional string workshops:

**Advanced:** Zsofia Hegyes, Juelle Randall

**Intermediate:** Mikayla Rasmussen, Riley Vafiopoulos, Jaziah Leota-Colbran, Rhianna Patrick, Rani Andrews, Lauren Warrington, Tinishya Willis-Eleftheriou, Caitlin Cherry

**Concert Band:** Fletcher Day

**DANCE CLUB**
Mrs Parkes will be running a Dance Club for students in Year 3 and 4 on Tuesdays at first break. Please see Mrs Parkes if you are interested in joining the club.

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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
The next P & C meeting will be held on Tuesday 19th August at 2.45pm in the library.

Tuckshop News

| MEAL DEAL 1             | MEAL DEAL 2             | SNACK DEAL
|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------
| Ham & Cheese Sandwich  | 2 party pies             | Iced bun
| Flavoured Milk (Choc or Straw) | Flavoured Milk (Choc or Straw) | Apple
| Apple or Iced Bun       | Apple or Iced Bun        | Plain milk with sippah straw
                                | $4.50                   | or Small juice

Commonwealth Banking
Banking every Wednesday. Please hand bankbooks into the office before school.

FOR SALE
1 size 8, 1 size 10 and 1 size M, Year 6 Senior Shirts, 1 size 12 Year 7 Senior Shirt at a cost of $35.00 each. First in buys these shirts.

WHILE STOCKS LAST
Micro Fibre Shorts (no emblem) sizes 2-10 & 14 - $5.00
Fleecy Emblem Jackets sizes 4, 12, 14 and 16 only - $20.00
Emblem Jumpers sizes 16 and 18 only - $5.00
Checked shirts size 18 only - $5.00
Skorts size 16 only - $5.00
Micro fibre shorts with emblem sizes 2-8, XS, S, M only - $17.50

HERC AWARD WINNERS 8TH AUGUST
Honesty      Ella Crocker (2A)
Effort        Dominique Doolan (2M)
Respect       Jacob Bowering (3H)
Cooperation   Trenton Shipard (1K)
Safety        Hemi Clayton (2T)

“EFFORT: Remember to enter all buildings in the school using the correct entries. Wipe your feet on the mats provided to help keep the carpets clean.”

REDCLIFFE LITTLE ATHLETICS SIGN ON
15th & 22nd August 6pm – 8pm
23 August 2pm – 4pm
Mable Street,
Margate

For more information please call Joanne on 0422 094 450