Dear Parents,

As you might already know, Mr Rose has taken long service leave for 6 weeks and will be returning to the school on Monday October 20. We trust that he is having an enjoyable break. While acknowledging the various bouts of illness that are doing the rounds at the moment, we’d like to reinforce the need to come to school every day and on time. Our Attendance Officer is continuing to monitor student absence.

Thankyou to parents who are using the Absence Line (PH 3897 4360) to notify us when their child is unable to attend school.

SENIOR GRADUATION
The Graduation Committee has set a date and times for the Senior Graduation (Year 6 and Year 7 students) Ceremony.
Date: Wednesday 10 December.
Venue: school hall
Times: 6:15pm arrival for 6:30pm start - 9:15 pm conclusion
The program will include the presentation of various awards as well as performances by students. After the ceremony, students will have a light supper followed by a disco.
A payment of $15 is required to help cover costs of the supper and the Senior Yearbook. This will be invoiced in Term 4 so no payment is needed at this time.
Further details and a letter requesting information about the number of seats needed per family, will be sent home early in the new term.

INTERSCHOOL SPORTS - MOUTHGUARD POLICY
Rugby, Soccer, AFL
The use of mouthguards in interschool sport is a school based decision. At Hercules Road State School given the medical issues and expense associated with significant teeth and mouth injuries, it is our policy that students who play these interschool sports are required to wear mouthguards in order to play.

An exemption will be given if a letter is received from a parent or dentist, stating a reason that is considered valid by admin, that a mouthguard should not be worn. Expense to purchase a mouthguard will not be considered a valid exemption, given that the cost due to injury would clearly exceed the cost of a mouthguard.

All other interschool sports:
A mouthguard is recommended but not essential.

INSURANCE COVER FOR STUDENTS:
Some school activities and physical education, particularly contact sports, carry inherent risks of injury. Parents are advised the Department of Education and Training does not have student accident insurance cover for students.

If your child is injured at school as a result of an accident or incident, all costs associated with the injury, including medical costs are the responsibility of the parent or caregiver. Some incidental medical costs may be covered by Medicare. If you have private health insurance, some costs may also be covered by your provider. Any other costs must be covered by parents.

Student accident insurance pays some benefits in certain circumstances should your child have an accident. It is up to all parents to decide what types and what level of private insurance they wish to arrange to cover their child.

Please contact your insurer or an approved Australian insurance broker if you wish to take out student personal accident insurance cover for your child.
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.

FLUORO AND CRAZY HAIR DAY:
The Student Council will be holding a Fluoro and Crazy Hair Day on Thursday 11th September. Gold coin donations will go to the Redcliffe Area Youth Space.

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE:
Forms for the Reading Challenge are to be returned by Friday 5th September.

TALENT QUEST:
The Talent Quest Heats have now concluded. Students will be notified on Wednesday if they have been successful in securing a place in the Grand Final which will take place on Wednesday evening 17 September. Tickets for the Grand Final will go on sale on Wednesday 6 September and will be sold outside the office before school. The pricing will be as follows:

- Family Ticket: $6.00
- Single Adult: $3.00
- Single Student: $2.00

THE ADVANCED AND INTERMEDIATE STRINGS AND CONCERT BAND REGIONAL WORKSHOPS which were held at Watson Park last week were a great success. The workshops culminated in a concert with the students from various schools on the Peninsula performing to family and friends.

DANCE CLUB:
Mrs Parkes is 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.

FANCY DRESS BALL and BUSH DANCE:
The Fancy Dress Ball for Prep-Year 1 and the Bush Dance for Year 2-3 will take place on Wednesday 3 and Thursday 4 September respectively. The Fancy Dress Ball will commence at 6.30pm and the Bush Dance will be held during school hours from 1.45-2.15pm. Students are reminded to bring water bottles to the Fancy Dress to keep hydrated during the evening.

DISCO:
Reminding you our Disco 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. Camp Australia will be coming along to do face painting for $2.00 as they are fundraising for The Smith Family. They will also be selling raffle tickets to win a tyre planter teacup like the one outside the gym. If you would like to volunteer on the night, please leave your details at the office.

CHOCOLATE DRIVE:
We are holding a mini drive as we have extra supply of chocolates. We are asking if any families would like to sell chocolates to please come and write your details on the list in the office and chocolates will be supplied to you. An entry will be put into a draw for every box sold to win a prize pack. The prizes from the previous drive will be handed out at our next parade.

FATHER’S DAY STALL:
The 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.

IRISH DANCING STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS:
Four dancers from Herc Road competed in the Irish Dancing State Championships last week:- Alexis Tuckett, Kate Edgar, Shannagh Mangan and Flynn Mangan.


All dancers also competed in teams. Shannagh Mangan danced in 5 teams – all teams placing 1st. Flynn Mangan danced in one team which also placed 1st. Alexis Tuckett placed 1st in two team dances. Kate Edgar placed 1st in two team dances and placed 3rd in another.

Alexis, Kate and Shannagh will be competing at the Australian Nationals in Canberra in September.

Congratulations to all of these students on a successful competition!
P & C News

The next P & C Meeting will be held on Tuesday 16th September at 2.45pm in the library. All welcome.

Tuckshop News

ROSTER
Wed 27/8 Chrissy                         Wed 3/9 Chrissy
Thurs 28/8 Amanda & Jenny               Thurs 4/9 Amanda & Jenny
Fri 29/9 Amanda & Angela                Fri 5/9 Amanda & Angela
Mon 1/9 Angela                          Mon 8/9 Angela
Tues 2/9 Kim                            Tue 9/9 Kim

MEAL DEAL 1
Ham & Cheese Sandwich
Flavoured Milk (Choc or Straw)
Apple or Iced Bun
$4.50

MEAL DEAL 2
2 party pies
Flavoured Milk (Choc or Straw)
Apple or Iced Bun
$4.50

SNACK DEAL
Iced bun
Apple
Plain milk with sippah straw or Small juice
$3.50

Commonwealth Banking

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

SPECIAL SALE: Microfibre shorts size 14 only. No elastic in shorts - $2.50

FOR SALE - 1 size 8 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
Microfibre shorts sizes 2 - 10 and 14 only $5.00
Emblem jackets sizes 4, 14 and 16 only $25.00
Emblem jumpers size 18 only $5.00
Skorts size 16 only $5.00

HERC AWARD WINNERS 22nd AUGUST

Honesty  Kailee Richardson (3C)
Effort    Harley Manson (1L)
Respect   Noah Fraley (3C)
Cooperation  Tamara Biddle (3C)
Safety    Jemma Pszkit (3PS)

“RESPECT – Always listen to others when they are speaking. Treat others the way you would like to be treated.”

CLONTARF BEACH STATE HIGH SCHOOL A.C.T. CUP

Primary School Challenge
Parent Forum
Monday 8th September, 2014

Program – 3.30pm – 4.30pm visit our Junior Secondary Headquarters, Experience Junior Secondary in the 21st Century, Explore our Signature Programs in Academia, Sports and the Arts

Book an enrolment interview for 2015

REDCLIFFE STATE HIGH SCHOOL will hold a Junior Secondary Parent Information Night for parents of incoming Year 7 and 8 students on Thursday 28th August at 5:15pm in the Birds Nest Theatre, Western Campus.

PENINSULA EAGLES SOFTBALL CLUB is looking for players junior and senior. Please phone Scott McIntyre on 3883 2656 after 6:30pm.
DISTRICT ATHLETICS RESULTS FOR 2014

10 yrs Girls
Arianna Williams  3rd multi

11 yrs Girls
Harriet Alexander-Bates  Age Champion
3rd 800m
2nd High Jump
1st Shot put
1st Multi

12 yrs Girls
Fletcher Day  Age Champion
1st 200m
2nd High Jump
3rd Relay
Emily Clark  3rd 200m
Bethany Tite  3rd Relay
Allana Guttridge  3rd Relay
Mishah Kaiwai  3rd Relay
Caitlin Ninness  2nd Discus

10 yrs Boys
Mason Eustace  Runner-Up Age Champion
1st 100m
1st 200m
1st Relay

Thomas Hilliar  1st Long Jump
1st Relay
Blake Kehl  3rd 800m
Kyal Morris  1st Relay
Daniel Shannon  1st Relay
Lachlan White  1st Discus

11 yrs Boys
Dylan Farley  2nd Long Jump
2nd Relay
Ethan Waerea  2nd Relay
Abdul Abdel Sadek  2nd Multi
Nga-Tana Ching  2nd Relay
Keenan Pearce  2nd Relay

12 yrs Boys
Brock Kehl  1st Long Jump
2nd Relay
3rd Multi

Jake Diduk  2nd Relay
Brandon Cox  2nd Relay
Jesse Kaiser  2nd Relay

Congratulations to the following students who will compete at the Regional Athletics:-

Tasiletta Kioa  Mason Eustace  Thomas Hilliar  Lachlan White
Harriet Alexander-Bates  Dylan Farley  Caitlin Ninness  Fletcher Day
Brock Kehl  Marcus Feagaiga

Hercules Road State School also won first overall.