

Admin Anecdotes

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Prep – Yr 3

11th February
Parent Information Sessions
Yr 4 – Yr 6

13th February
Senior Shirt Orders

17th February
P & C Meeting

19th February
District Swimming Carnival

**STUDENT RESOURCE
SCHEME PAYMENTS DUE
NOW**

ABSENCE LINE

38974360

Please phone and
leave a message if your
child is going to be
absent from school

Dear Parents,

Every year I am amazed by the great children in our school. Incredibly, this year to date is exceptional – they would have to be one of the most amazing groups I can recall in the past 23 years. If you were able to attend our first parade of the year, I believe you would agree – our Captains spoke so confidently, our Preps participated beautifully and the whole parade had a very special feel.

2015 ENROLMENTS:

Currently we have 870 students enrolled. As we must keep positions available for further enrolments from within our catchment area, we are unable to accept enrolments from outside our catchment area at this time.

2016 ENROLMENTS

We are now accepting enrolments for 2016 from all suburbs at this time. We anticipate approximately 140 vacancies for 2016, so I urge parents and their friends to enrol any new students who they would like to attend Herc Road next year as soon as possible.

P&C:

Our first P&C meeting for the year will be held on Tuesday afternoon, 17th February, commencing at 2.45pm in the school library. Meetings usually last 1 hour. All parents and friends are most welcome.

PERSONAL ELECTRONIC DEVICES/ MOBILE PHONES:

Attached to this newsletter is a form for parents or caregivers to complete and return to school by Friday 20 February if your child will be bringing electronic devices to school. Please note that these devices must be handed into the office every morning, and that images or recordings by students at school or in uniform that are sent or posted on-line are strictly not permitted. Additional forms are available from the office. These are to be renewed at the beginning of each school year.

STUDENT RESOURCE SCHEME:

Please note that the **STUDENT RESOURCE SCHEME IS DUE AND PAYABLE NOW** if you have not already done so. Information was provided to parents upon enrolment or with booklists at the end of last year. Cost per student is \$45 for Prep students and \$40 for students in Years 1 – 6.

This scheme operates for the benefit of participating parents and is funded solely from the SRS fees. Classroom resources provided by the scheme will not be issued to the students whose parents choose not to participate.

Non-participants will be responsible for providing their child with these additional items which are used in the classroom. A list of requirements will be sent home for parents to provide to enable the student to engage with the curriculum.

If you need more information on the scheme or require a participation form please contact the office.

PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS:

Please note that the Parent Information Sessions for Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 will be held on Wednesday **11th February** from 5.45pm – 6.30pm. We apologize for the incorrect date which was published in last week's newsletter.

LOST PROPERTY:

We have a collection of non-uniform lost property items that were handed to the office last year including some reading glasses and children's toys. Please call in to the office to view these items.

Jeff Rose, Principal

Adele Langdale, Deputy Principal

Sharelle Hall, Acting Deputy Principal

Tips on Getting to School On Time and with Minimal Stress.

A Herc Road parent shares their own experience on what has helped their family get to school on time and as calmly as possible.

We have often had a panicked and chaotic start to the day and arriving late made us all feel stressed and consequently dreading the morning rush. We decided to do something about it, mainly by learning from other parents and by trial and error. Here are some of the things that have helped us (so far!) and we would love to have any ideas too.

We had had enough of stressful mornings so discussed it over dinner one night about whether we all felt the same and what we could do about it seeing as we will have to do this for the next 10+ years! This helped make us all start on the same side.

1. No electronic device, tv, playing/drawing etc until the children are completely ready for school including breakfast, teeth cleaned and bags packed. Then IF there is time they can have timed access to this.
2. We realised that the above tip also had to apply to us parents too. I now get up earlier than everyone else so I can check my emails/Facebook so I can stay focused when we are all getting ready.
3. Work backwards from what time we need to leave the house to get to school by 8.15 (so they can have a calm start to the school day). We set an alarm on my phone and their alarm clock for when we all need to get up and then another alarm for 5 minutes before we need to leave the house (so the reminder doesn't always have to come from the parent).
4. Make sure that the kids go to bed early enough each night to allow enough sleep so they are able to get up when the alarm goes off. We now only allow reading for the hour before bed to help them calm down and relax and no electronic devices in their bedrooms.
5. Now many of the school routines are organised so it has helped to create a chart of what is needed each day so we can prepare it in advance e.g. homework on Fridays. The children then check the chart the night before and put what is needed in their bag. This can be a picture chart for younger children. Trying to get them to take responsibility has been key (despite the fact it can be quicker for us to just do it for them!)
6. To help our mornings run more smoothly we do a lot of things the night before. For example, asking the children to make sure their school bags are empty of water bottles, notes, etc. Make sure that they put their shoes by the front door and that all their school uniform/underwear/socks are laid out ready for them.

These are some of the ideas that have worked for us and we hope they may help others too. Please let the office know if you have any other tips for families as we will be exploring more tips in the next newsletter.

MUSIC NEWS

Here are the details regarding the days, times, venues, commencement and teachers in the Music Groups at HRSS. All students in the given year levels are welcome to attend the Choirs and Recorder Band. Please see the teachers concerned if your child wants to play an instrument.

	Junior Choir (Yr 3-4)	Senior Choir (Yr 5-6)	Recorder Band (Yr 5-6)	Beginner Strings (Yr 3)	Senior Strings (Yr 4-6)	Concert Band Yr 4-6)
Day	Friday	Wednesday	Tuesday	Friday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Time	1 st Break	1 st Break	1 st Break	Lessons in class time.	Lessons in class time. Ensemble Tuesday afternoons from 2.30-3.30pm	Lessons in class time. Ensemble Wednesday afternoons from 2.30-3.30pm
Where	Music Room 1	Music Room 1	Music Room 1	Music Room 2	Music Room 2	Music Room 2
Commencing	Week 2	Week 2	Week 2	Week 1	Week 1	Week 3
Teacher	Mrs Julius-Jackson	Mrs Julius-Jackson	Mrs Julius-Jackson	Mr Ashton	Mr Ashton	Mr Wemyss

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
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: Sandra Sparrow
Assist Treasurer: Vicki MacKenzie

P & C News	<i>The next P & C Meeting will be held on Tuesday 17th February at 2.45pm in the library.</i>
Tuckshop News	Volunteers welcome. Please contact Katrina in the tuckshop.
Commonwealth Banking	Banking every Wednesday. Please hand bankbooks in to the office before school.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Senior shirt orders need to be returned with money by **Friday 13th February** (this Friday). No late orders will be accepted.

I would like to thank Linda, Sandra, Jan and Barbara for all their wonderful help at the start of the year.

Anyone still needing to buy textbooks can obtain them from the Uniform Shop. We also have a range of stationary items.

UNIFORM SHOP SPECIALS:

Second hand long sleeved white music shirt - size 10	\$10.00
Second hand long black music trousers – size 14	\$ 5.00
Micro Fibre emblem shorts only sizes 4 & 6	\$17.50
Micro Fibre emblem shorts only sizes XS(16), S(18), M(20)	\$ 7.00
Skorts only size 16	\$ 5.00
Checked shirts only size 18	\$ 5.00

SPORTS NEWS

INTERSCHOOL SPORT:

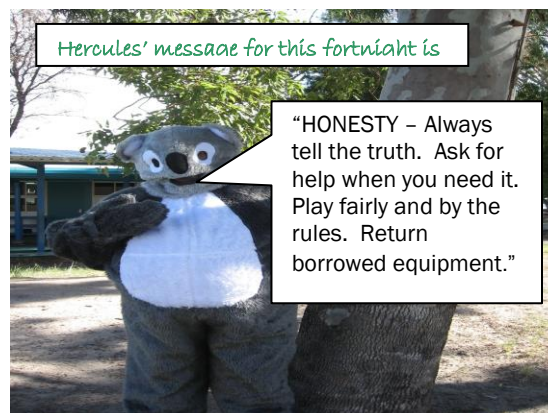
Term 1 sport will commence in Week 5. Notes will be sent home this week.

DISTRICT SWIMMING CARNIVAL:

Redcliffe District Swimming Carnival will be held on 19th February at the Redcliffe High Performance Centre. Information notes have already gone home. Please remember that the paper nominations are due on the day of the carnival.

HERC AWARD WINNERS 6th FEBRUARY

Honesty	Ashley Clements (3B)
Effort	Olivia Massa (5S)
Respect	Talia Dennis (2T)
Cooperation	Amy Bickerton (2T)
Safety	Harri Foster (1B)



ROSS' ON COURT TENNIS

Tennis coaching classes available to you here at Hercules Road.
Tues 7.30am – 8.15am for Prep to Year 6.
To enroll please phone Ross on 32643976

