Dear Parents,

Welcome back to term 2 and a special welcome to the new families who have just joined us. This is a very busy term, including ANZAC day this Saturday, the National Testing of Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) for students in Years 3 and 5, and our quadrennial Teaching, Learning and Discipline Audit.

**ANZAC DAY MARCH – MARCH TIME OF 9.30am**

We will be conducting our school Anzac Parade on Friday 24\(^{th}\) April in our school hall at 8.30am. Parents and friends are most welcome.

As in previous years, our school will be participating in the local Redcliffe Anzac Day Parade on Saturday 25 April. Any student who would like to march as part of Hercules Road State School, needs to:
1. Wear full school uniform including school hat
2. Meet at the roundabout at the Anzac Avenue end of Redcliffe Parade at 9.00am for a 9.30am march
3. At the conclusion of the march (9.45am) be collected by a responsible person or have a note stating specifically where they are to go.

### NAPLAN TESTING: Year 3 and Year 5 on 11, 12 & 13 MAY:

For some students NAPLAN testing can be stressful for a number of reasons. Please be aware that:

- NAPLAN test taking is not compulsory - ‘Students may be withdrawn from the testing program by their parent/ carer.’ There is no penalty or disadvantage for any child who does or does not sit the NAPLAN tests.
- If you do not wish your child to take part in the NAPLAN tests, just contact the school and we will give you a form to fill in that withdraws your child from sitting the tests. This is preferable to keeping your child at home when the tests are done as some parents have done in the past. It means they will not miss out on up to a week of school and will continue to complete school work while any other children are doing these tests.
- If children are away on the specific days the tests are on, they will do catch-up NAPLAN tests if they return to school later that week unless you have requested their withdrawal.
- If your child has a learning or physical disability, they may be eligible for assistance e.g. given more time or have the questions read to them. Our staff will contact you and discuss this if it applies to your child or you can contact us.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us. Ph 38974333.

### FAREWELL TO MRS HALL:

Mrs Hall has been our Numeracy Coach for 2 years and was acting Deputy Principal this year while Mrs Wainwright has been on leave. Mrs Hall has been given the position of acting Deputy Principal at Burpengary SS for the rest of the year. Mrs Kathy Hotz will take over the position of acting Deputy at Herc Road until Mrs Wainwright returns in term 3.

### PARENT INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION SESSION – SUCCESSFUL MORNING ROUTINES

This session will be presented by our Guidance Officer, Mr Ross Adams, on Friday 24\(^{th}\) April from 1:30-2:30 in the Conference Room. Following our recent newsletter items about getting your child/children to school on time and happily, Mr Adams is running a face-to-face session for parents to discuss strategies and ways to overcome difficulties that families may face in getting “off to school”. Everyone is welcome to attend and child minding will be available for toddlers if this is needed.

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**ABSENCE LINE**

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Please phone and leave a message if your child is going to be absent from school.
CROSS COUNTRY
Congratulations to the winners of the Cross Country events which were held in Term 1.

Prep boys: Ryan White (PL)  Prep girls: Alyrah Williams (PB)
Year 1 boys: Ashley McShae (1J)  Year 1 girls: Brianna Avery (1J)
Year 2 boys: Iverson Pauga (2F)  Year 2 girls: Zahara Iese (2A)
Year 3 boys: Connor Kelleher (3B)  Year 3 girls: April Tomlinson (3LC)
12 years boys: Abdul Abdel Sadek (6C)  12 years girls: Tinishya Wilis-Eletheriou 6J
11 years boys: Thomas Hilliar (6J)  11 years girls: Arianna Williams (5B)
10 years boys: Shay Cheney (5H)  10 years girls: Madison Lyon (5B)
9 years boys: Luke Mason (4M)  9 years girls: Mia Green (3LC)

Doongara 491  Waroo 479  Malbooma 430

DISTRICT SOCCER
Congratulations to Arianna Williams, Kyal Morris and Mason Eustace for being chosen to compete in the District Soccer team. Good luck!

SCHOOL PHOTOS – THURSDAY 28TH MAY
Our school photos will be taken on Thursday 28th May. Each student will be given an envelope this week. Payments can be made online or by returning the envelope to the class teacher with the correct money.

MOTHERS’ DAY STALL
We will be holding a Mothers’ Day Stall in the hall on 7th May. Items will be available from 50c to $5.00. Volunteers will be needed so if you can help out please put your name down at the office.

SPECIALS (While Stocks Last)
Girls Tights only 4-6yrs $10.00
Checked shirts only size 18 $5.00
Skorts only size 16 (5.00
Dress only size 4 (old style fabric) $38.00
Emblem shorts microfibre only sizes 2-4 $10.00
Emblem shorts microibre only sizes XS (16) M(20) $7.00
Emblem Jackets only sizes 14 & 16 $15.00
Emblem Jumpers only size 18 $5.00

NEW
Girls Tights Red Robin brand - $11.00 – sizes 4-6 yrs
7-10 yrs
11-14 yrs

Polar Fleece Emblem Jackets sizes 4 to XXL $30.00
Track Pants sizes 4-12 - $18.00

HERC AWARD WINNERS 2ND APRIL
Honesty  Allyrah Cooney (1L)  Effort  Nyoca Pilato (1S)  Respect  Narissah Gregory (PB)  Cooperation  Indie King (3L)  Safety  Charlee-Iris Bell (1L)

Where people make the Difference
P & C News

The next P & C Meeting will be held on Tuesday 19th May at 2.45pm in the library. A vacancy exists for the position of Secretary.

Tuckshop News

Volunteers welcome. Please see Katrina in the tuckshop.

Commonwealth Banking

Banking every Wednesday. Please hand bankbooks in to the office before school.

ROSS’ ON COURT TENNIS
Tennis coaching classes available to you here at Hercules Road.
Ross is now taking new enrolments for coaching classes for Term 2 starting Week 1.
Coaching is open to all from Prep to Year 6.
Classes are before school on Tuesdays.
To enrol please phone Ross on 3264 3976.

FREE DENTAL TREATMENT AVAILABLE FOR HERCULES ROAD STATE SCHOOL STUDENTS AT KIPPA-RING SCHOOL DENTAL CLINIC

The Dental Van will not be returning to your school at this time. We can, however, offer you dental treatment at the:-

Kippa-Ring School Dental Clinic
Elizabeth Avenue
KIPPA-RING QLD 4020

To book your checkup appointments for all the children in your family, please contact us by ringing the:-

Oral Health Call Centre on 1300 300 850

If one of your children has a toothache, you can also ring this number to make an appointment.

Please note that a parent or the legal guardian will need to be present at the appointment for the necessary paperwork to be completed. Also, it is essential that you bring your current Medicare Card with you.

Look forward to seeing you soon!

GET REDDI FOR HIGH SCHOOL IN 2016 WITH REDDI-ON-THE-GO
An invitation to parents of Year 6 students to see for yourself why Redcliffe High is “The Ideal Choice!”
28th April 2015 starting at 11.00am

The morning will include:
- Tour of the school
- Watch teachers in action
- Have a light lunch
- Enjoy a music recital

Spaces are limited. Bookings are essential, please call the Redcliffe High office on 3897 1111 to book your place now!