

Admin Anecdotes

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Dear Parents,

For a number of years there have been rumours of my pending retirement – finally they are correct. I will be retiring from Herc Road on Friday 18th September, the end of term 3. A new permanent Principal is being selected shortly to take up the position as of 6th October, the start of term 4.

This will be 23 years virtually to the day since I was appointed to Herc Road, and I always appreciated having term 4 to gain an understanding of Herc Road before setting our direction at the start of the next year – hopefully my successor will also gain from this opportunity.

It has been a most incredible and rewarding experience, however it is time to move on to a very different phase after 33 years as a principal. I will advise you as to whom my replacement is as soon as I am informed. I have no involvement in the selection of the new principal.

COLD WEATHER – UNIFORM:

Please ensure your child has the correct jumper/ tracksuit for the cold weather. Hoodies, beanies and gloves are not uniform items. Should your child require specific warm clothing items that are not part of our uniform, please send a letter from your doctor so that we can see how we can best accommodate your child's condition or needs.

TAKING STUDENTS FROM SCHOOL EARLY:

Education Queensland now requires that we account for absences, late arrivals and early departures. Tracking procedures have been put in place with clear procedures we must follow in order to minimize these, including referrals to the police, prosecution and fines.

Currently we have a number of students being collected early to attend appointments on a regular basis. Early departures impact upon teaching as much as late arrivals. While we can accept a parent's reason for one-off early departures, in the case of frequent early departures, we will be requiring evidence e.g. Dentist's appointment card with the practice name and phone number attached. Twenty minutes early departure each day, equates to 2 ½ weeks of missed school instruction in a year.

PUBLIC HOLIDAY:

Monday 8th June is the Queen's Birthday Public Holiday. The school will be closed on this day. The next public holiday after this, is the Redcliffe Show Holiday on Monday, 10th August.

SPORTS DAYS:

Due to our ability to break droughts whenever we hold a sports day, we have moved our Senior Sports days back to Wednesday and Thursday 17th & 18th of June, so that we have a week up our sleeve should we be rained out. Our Junior Sports Day will be on Tuesday 23rd June.

P&C MEETING:

This will be held on Tuesday 16th June in the Library from 2.45pm. All are most welcome.

DOGS IN SCHOOL GROUNDS:

Irrespective of how cute they may be, dogs are not permitted in school grounds. Consequently they cannot be news items or part of show and tell unless there are exceptional circumstances and admin has given permission.

LOAN UNIFORMS

If you have been given a loan uniform from the school, could you please return the items as soon as possible.

FREE DRESS DAY

The Student Council will be holding a Free Dress Day on Wednesday 24th June to raise money for an extension to the school nursery garden. Please bring a gold coin to participate. The theme will be Pyjamas or Onsie's. Please ensure they are sunsafe. Proper closed in shoes must be worn on the day. (NO slippers or Ugg Boots). School hat must be worn for outside play and PE lessons.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

3rd June
AFL Gala Day

8th June
Queen's Birthday Public
Holiday

16th June
Senior Choir Excursion
P & C Meeting

17th & 18th June
Senior Sports Days

22nd June
Junior Choir excursion

23rd June
Junior Sports Day

24th June
Free Dress Day
Instrumental Music Concert

ABSENCE LINE

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

Book Fair 2015

Our annual Scholastic Book Fair has finished for another year. This year has been our most successful. As a result of all of the parents, grandparents, carers and students who bought books or stationery we have been able to purchase from the fair (using commission earned from sales) books and other resources to the value of \$1758. So far from the fair we have bought 116 books to the value of \$1444. We have had many recommendations from the students about which books they would like us to buy for our collection. Mine Craft, Skylanders, Lego and Pig the Pug seem to be the most popular. Thelma the Unicorn was also a winner.

I would like to say a big thank-you to Vi and Sandra who came every day and helped serve our customers. We were also fortunate to have several year 6 students give up their lunch breaks to help out. Without our volunteers I'm sure that we would not have been nearly as successful.

Sue Bates & Anne Cusworth

NAZARENE NURSING HOME EXCURSION

The Senior Strings and Senior Choir will be performing to the residents of Nazarene Nursing Home on Tuesday 16th June. Students have been given a letter about the performance.

DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

SPORTS NEWS 1st Alex (5C) – 10yo Boys
1st Tinishya (6J) – 12yo Girls

Teams: 1st 10yo boys – Alex (5C), Adam (5B), Shay (5H)
1st 11yo boys – Blake (5S), Mason (5H), Thomas (6J)
1st 12yo girls – Tinishya (6J), Angela (6C), Ellen (6M)

As a result Hercules Road has 5 students in the Redcliffe District Cross Country Team; Alex, Tinishya, Arianna, Shay and Abdul.

INTERSCHOOL SPORT

Congratulations to the **Year 5 girls' Soccer** team who won their final, last Thursday. Thank you to all the parents and students who turned up to support the team.

AFL GALA DAY

The annual AFL Gala Day is tomorrow, 3rd of June at the Moreton Bay Sporting Complex, Burpengary.

SENIOR SPORTS DAY

Please note the **DATE CHANGE**. Senior sports day will be **Wednesday 17 and Thursday 18 June**.

The trials for sports day will be held next week. This year our year 3's will be joining our seniors in a non-competitive capacity. This will allow the 9 year old students to gain some experience in preparation for next year when they are eligible to qualify for our District Athletics Team.

DISTRICT TEAMS

Congratulations to **Jacob (6J)** and **Ariel (6M)** for making the Redcliffe District Tennis Team. They will attend the Sunshine Coast Trials on the 17th & 18th June.

REGIONAL TEAMS

Congratulations to **Arianna (5B)** for making the Sunshine Coast Representative Football Team.

JUNIOR SPORTS DAY will be held on Tuesday 23 June.

SCOOTER CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Congratulations to Jack from 4K who competed in the Queensland titles

Under 10's in the Australian Scooter Association at the Gold Coast.

Jack came second in Queensland and will now compete in the Australian Titles in Sydney. Well done, Jack!



GIRLS SOCCER:

Congratulations to Arianna of 5B who was selected in the Queensland Soccer Team. Good Luck!

Congratulations to our past students, Beth and Naomi, on their selection in the Regional Soccer team.

CRAFT MORNING:

Craft Mornings will be held every second Wednesday, commencing tomorrow 3rd June, in the Parent Room in the Hall at 8:30am. All welcome.


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 16th June in the library at 2.45pm.</i>	
Tuckshop News	<p>ROSTER</p> <p>3/6 Chrissy 4/6 Tracey & Rachel 5/6 Angela & Jackie 9/6 Kim 10/6 Chrissy 11/6 Tracey & Kellie 12/6 Angela & Jackie 15/6 Angela 16/6 Kim</p>	<p>SPECIAL – OLAF The Snowman Ice-cream \$2.00</p> 
Commonwealth Banking	Banking every Wednesday. Please hand bankbooks to the office before school.	

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Girls Tights Red Robin brand sizes 4-6yrs, 7-10yrs & 11-14yrs - \$11.00
 Polar fleece emblem jackets sizes 4-XL - \$30.00
 Track pants sizes 4-12 - \$18.50

SPECIALS (while stocks last)

Emblem jackets only sizes 14 & 16 - \$10.00
 Skorts only size 16 - \$5.00
 Emblem microfibre shorts only sizes 2 & 4 - \$10.00
 Emblem Jumpers only size 18 - \$5.00
 Dress only size 4 (old style fabric) - \$38.00
 Emblem microfibre shorts sizes (mens) XS-M - \$7.00

Black Music Trousers 1 pair only (second hand) size 14 - \$5.00

HERC AWARD WINNERS 29th MAY

Honesty Hayze (40)
Effort Breeanna (3B)
Respect James (1L)
Cooperation April (3LC)
Safety Alexis (6M)



WHAT DOES ONE MILLION BREAD TAGS LOOK LIKE?

Please keep bringing them in so we can all see.

INFLUENZA (FLU) SEASON

Winter is coming, bringing cold and influenza (flu) season with it. Queensland Health's influenza page, www.qld.gov.au/flu, covers the symptoms, how to protect yourself and others from getting sick and treatment.

Our school is helping to prevent the flu from spreading by:

- encouraging children, staff and visitors to cover their mouths and noses when they sneeze or cough
- making tissues readily available and ensuring used tissues are disposed of immediately
- ensuring children and staff wash their hands regularly
- cleaning our facilities and resources regularly
- encouraging staff and children with flu-like symptoms to stay at home
- strongly urging staff and children who arrive with flu-like symptoms to instead stay at home and encouraging them to seek early medical advice.

If your child catches the flu, please seek medical advice and keep them home until they are feeling well again.

DECEPTION BAY STATE HIGH SCHOOL EXPO

Deception Bay High will be holding an Expo on 26th June, 2015 from 8:30 – 10:30am. Parents and Year 6 students thinking about enrolling at Deception Bay High in 2016 are welcome to attend. A sausage sizzle will be provided for morning tea.