Dear Parents,

**PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2016**

At Hercules Road State School we provide the very best of early learning opportunities. Children in our Prep classes experience the joy of learning to read, write and work with numbers to ten. This learning unfolds within a fun, yet structured environment. Children learn routines and develop social skills that lay a positive, solid foundation for learning throughout the years to come.

Enrolling in Prep year at Hercules Road State School is a simple process:

1. Complete enrolment forms (available online or from our front office)
2. Hand these in to the front office. A copy of your child’s birth certificate is also needed …this can be done at the office,
3. You will receive a letter (mid Term 3) requesting that you make an interview appointment for you and your child. This is an opportunity for you to tell us a little more about your child and his/her needs.
4. Late in Term 4 you will receive a letter with details of your child’s teacher for 2016 and the location of his/her classroom.

In addition to the formal part of the enrolment process you are also invited to:

1. Come along to our Open Morning – Tuesday 27 October, 2015: presentation 8:30 am – 10:00am (2016 Prep students to join prep class).

During this session the Principal will give information about our school, take you on a guided tour and answer any questions that you may have. While parents are at this session, prospective 2016 Prep children are able to join in a range of activities within a Prep classroom.

2. Come along to a Parent Information and Transition Morning – Tuesday 24 November, 2015 8:45 – 10:30 am.

This is another opportunity for children to become a familiar with a Prep classroom and some of the activities that they will experience as a Prep student. After settling the children parents are invited to listen to:

Our Speech Pathologist will outline the importance of oral language in the learning process and will provide information about simple things you can do at home to help develop your child’s language. She will also talk about what to do if you have concerns in this area.

One of the teachers from the district Behaviour Support Team will then talk about what you can do to get your child ready to start Prep.

* Child minding for younger siblings will be provided in a room adjacent to the sessions.

**CONGRATULATIONS:**

Congratulations to a past student, Amy Walker, who has been named Creative Arts Captain at Clontarf Beach State High School.

**GYMNASTICS:**

Congratulations to the following student from our school who competed and achieved the following results at the Sunshine Coast Gymnastics Junior Regionals Competition on the 9th May 2015.

Mikayla Kleinsasser – Overall score of 33.275, placing 11th place in her division WG3

Well done Mikayla!
MUSICAL:
The students in the Junior and Senior Choir will be singing the songs in the Musical “A Kidsummer Night’s Dream” which will take place in the hall on Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th September commencing at 6.30pm. The students are required to be at the hall by 6.00pm. Weekend rehearsals will commence this Sunday 30th August and will also be on Saturday 5th September from 1pm to 5pm. The choir members were given letters detailing the information about the rehearsals and the performances. The performances will take place over two nights and students are required to attend BOTH NIGHTS. Please return the permission slips confirming whether your child will be attending both performances. If you have any queries or concerns please call the school on 3897 4333 or see Mrs Julius-Jackson.

Thank you for your co-operation
Lorna Julius-Jackson
Music Teacher

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC:
Congratulations to Rhianna, Jayda, Amali, Riley and Oliver for the excellent work at the Advanced Instrumental Workshops last Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

The workshops culminated in a splendid concert on the evening of the final day.

Well done students!

Graham Ashton
Instrumental Music Teacher

SCHOOL SUPPORT STAFF RECOGNITION WEEK 31ST AUGUST – 4TH SEPTEMBER:
Let’s recognise our school support staff and celebrate them!

Without School Support staff thousands of young Queenslanders would not have a quality education.

Queensland’s public schools would not open, there would be no enrolments, no excursions, no play areas or ovals freshly mown and safe, things would stay broken, computers would no longer be networked or effective educational tools, no science experiments, no outdoor education and literally no lights on if the bills weren’t paid!

In many ways, School Support Staff are the unsung heroes of our school system.

CYBERBULLYING – USING TECHNOLOGY TO BULLY PEOPLE

RULES:
1. We protect ourselves
2. We stick up for our mates and look out for them
3. We do not try to fix problems on the internet. Don’t reply - gather evidence, block and report

FEDERAL CRIMINAL CODE:
‘A person is guilty of an offence if they use a carriage service (technology) to menace, harass or cause offence’
Cyberbullying is a criminal offence and a person can be sent to prison for up to 3 years. Under the ‘Age of Criminal Responsibility’, a person 10 years of age or above can be convicted if it can be shown that they knew what they were doing was wrong.

You can only be the victim of on-going cyberbullying if you choose – you can block and report.

If someone is cyberbullying you:
1. Never keep it to yourself
2. Never question yourself – this is not about your looks, your family etc
3. Save as much of the information as you can that is sent to you
4. Block users who cause problems
5. Avoid problem sites or messages
6. Seek help
P & C News

The next P & C Meeting will be held on Tuesday 15th September at 2.45pm in the Library.

Tuckshop News

COMMONWEALTH BANK SCHOOL BANKING UPDATE – PLEASE READ

Concerns have been raised regarding the ‘Cosmic Light Beam Torch’ reward item due to the inclusion of four button batteries that can be accessed by unscrewing the back of the torch. Whilst this reward has been independently tested and deemed to meet relevant product standards the Commonwealth Bank have made the decision to proactively withdraw this item from the School Banking Rewards Program. Parents/Guardians are requested to dispose of any ‘Cosmic Light Beam Torches’ their child may have already received as part of the Rewards Program. Students who have previously received a ‘Cosmic Light Beam Torch’ are welcome to redeem an alternative reward item.

SCHOOL BANKING BOOKS

It has been brought to my attention that some people who signed up for school banking at the sign up day last term, are yet to receive their account details. If you could please leave your child’s name at the office and I will chase these up as soon as possible.

Amy Swalwell
School Banking Coordinator

HERC AWARDS WINNERS 21ST AUGUST

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FATHER’S DAY STALL:

We will be holding a Fathers’ Day Stall on Thursday 3rd September. We will be selling gifts from 50c to $5.00. Volunteers will be needed to help run the stall on the day. If you can spare some time please put your name down at the office.

We will be running a Fathers’ Day Competition to win a gift pack for your dad. All you need to do is:

- Draw a picture of your Dad on an A4 piece of paper.
- Finish this sentence (write it at the bottom of your picture)
  My Dad is amazing because …………………….

Bring your entries to Mrs Judd in G Block (SEP) by Tuesday 2nd September.

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN:

Please keep bringing in stickers – we are aiming for last year’s target of 45000.

MUSICAL TICKETS:

Tickets for the Musical will be on sale from 31st August – 8th September at the following times:

| Monday - Friday | 7.30 – 8.00am | Tuesday & Thursday | 2.40 – 3.00pm |

Family (2 adults & 2 children from immediate family only) $15.00   Student $4.00   Adult $6.00

Tickets will be available at the door if not sold out prior.