

Admin Anecdotes

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Dear Parents,

Thank-you for the warm welcome from students, staff and parents; it has certainly been very nice to be welcomed into the Hercules Road community.

Since my arrival I have had the chance to talk to lots of staff and all students when I visited classrooms in the first week. I have managed to talk to some parents. It will take some time for me to settle in, so stick with me please if I take time to learn about your situation. I would also like to comment on the physical appearance of the school as it was something very apparent when I first arrived in the school and is reflective of the hard work of many I believe!

I am very pleased to see and hear about the reputation of Hercules Road in the community. There have been obvious successes in sporting, musical and behaviour areas of the school. The students are well presented and they are easy to identify as a Hercules Road students. I am very keen to maintain these high standards! There have been some recent improvements in learning which I am most pleased about as this is the area I will be focussing on.

I had the opportunity go to the first P&C meeting for the term last week. I am very keen to see more parents involved as I see this as the primary forum for parents to have their say and contribute to the overall running of the school.

After talking to the students on parade I would like to repeat some of my simple messages that I gave them.

A=B=C. If students come to school each and every day (A) and behave for the time they are here at school (B) then we as teachers and educators can teach them a high quality curriculum and improve their learning. Very simply, that is what I am about.

I also talked to those present at parade about my style. I am a polite courteous person and am happy to listen to all people. I will treat students, parents and staff with respect while I am treated this way. I see education as a partnership among students, school and home and believe that students, staff and parents have a responsibility to carry their 1/3 share of the load and to work together.

I do look forward to working with you and meeting you if I have not yet done so.

Have a good fortnight

Stephen

CLASS PLACEMENTS FOR 2016:

As in previous years, parents have the opportunity to lodge a request re class placement for 2016. Forms can be collected from the front office and must be lodged by 30th October. Please note that requests for specific teachers are not required.

MARIA'S GARDEN:

Maria Gardiner, who passed away unexpectedly in 2014, was a long time member of our school community. A memorial garden (and plaque) has been created along the pathway that leads to the office. We remember her fondly.

NEW BELL

A bell is now sounded at 2:50pm each afternoon. Children who have not been collected by this time must report to the office so parents can be contacted.

NSW ENGLISH AND MATHS COMPETITION:

Certificates will be given out on parade next week. Children who achieved distinction or credit will receive their certificates on parade.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

21st October

Year 3 Swimming lessons begin

27th October

Open Day

4th November

Art Show

13th November

Free Dress Day

17th November

P & C Meeting

25th November

School Disco

ABSENCE LINE

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

ART SHOW:

An Art Show will be held on 4th November in the hall. The show will be open to parents after school on this day. Entries for the Art Show can be handed to Mrs Judd, Miss Syms or Dr Law by 2nd November.

FREE DRESS DAY 13TH NOVEMBER:

The Student Council will be holding a Free Dress Day on Friday 13th November. Please bring a gold coin to participate. Please ensure clothing is sunsafe. Proper closed in shoes must be worn on the day. A school hat must be worn for outside play and PE lessons.

SCHOOL DISCO:

The P & C will be holding a School Disco on Wednesday 25th November. Further information will be provided closer to the date.

EXCITING NEWS!!! PIRLS: PROGRESS IN INTERNATIONAL READING LITERACY STUDY

Some of our Year 4 students have been selected to take part in the *Progress in International Reading Study (PIRLS)*. PIRLS is an important educational research project investigating student achievement in reading. More than 50 countries, including Australia, are participating in this study. PIRLS is an important activity to keep us, as parents and citizens, informed about how our students in Australia are performing in comparison to their peers in other countries and to compare programs of study and teaching practices. We will be able to obtain current national and international information which will help improve the teaching and learning in reading in our country.

Selected students will do an assessment in reading literacy and complete a questionnaire about their experiences at home and school. There is no need for students to study specifically for the assessment as it will not affect individual students' grades or progress in school.

Parents or guardians of selected students will also be requested to complete a questionnaire about early learning experiences and their own attitudes towards reading. All data will be kept strictly confidential and no individual student or school will be identified in published data or reports.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

The Uniform Shop is now open again on Mondays. Booklists for 2016 have gone home. If your child has not received one please see the Uniform Shop or office. Booklists need to be returned by 27th November, either online to Edsco or to the school. All orders must be paid for when ordered.

GOT SOME SPARE TIME?

Volunteers are needed to help in the Uniform Shop the week before school starts (18th January, 2016 to 20th January, 2016). If you can help, please leave your details at the office or the Uniform Shop.

SHOP HOURS FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS:

The Uniform Shop will be open at the following times in the week prior to the start of the 2016 school year:

Monday 18 th January	8:30am – 12:30pm
Wednesday 20 th January	8:30am – 2:30pm
Friday 22 nd January	8:30am – 12:30pm

SPECIALS: (while stocks last)

Micro Fibre Emblem Shorts	only sizes 2 & 4	\$10.00
Micro Fibre Emblem Shorts	only size XS (16) & S (18)	\$ 7.00
Old Style Fabric Dress	only size 4	\$38.00

ARTS NEWS

PENINSULA MUSIC FESTIVAL - TUESDAY 20TH OCTOBER

Students in the Senior Strings and Concert Band attended the Peninsula Music Festival today at the Redcliffe Cultural Centre. All the instrumental students on the Peninsula compete in this festival and are presented with a gold, silver or bronze award at the end of the competition. Awards that the Strings and Concert Band obtained will be published in the next newsletter.

OPEN DAY – TUESDAY 27TH OCTOBER

Students in the Senior Strings, Concert Band, Creative Generation, Junior Choir, Senior Choir and some students from the Musical will be entertaining the parents of prospective students at Open Day on Tuesday 27th October from 8.30am until 9.00am. Students will be given a letter detailing the information for this performance.

MUSIC COUNT US IN – THURSDAY 29TH OCTOBER

The whole school will assemble in the hall on Thursday 29th October at 11.30am to sing the song "Gold" for the occasion called "Music Count Us In". All around Australia thousands of students will be singing the same song on the same day and at the same time. The purpose of this occasion is to highlight the importance of music in the development and learning of children.

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:

Treasurer: Sandra Sparrow

Assist Treasurer:

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SPORTS NEWS

YEAR 3 SWIMMING LESSONS

Swimming lessons will commence for Year 3 tomorrow, Wednesday 21st October. Students must wear a bathing cap. These are available at the pool for \$5.00.

CONGRATULATIONS:

Congratulations to Mason Eustace for his achievement in the State Athletics Championships. Mason qualified for the 100m semi- final and was ranked 14th fastest in Queensland. Well done Mason!

HERC AWARD WINNERS 18th SEPTEMBER

Honesty Hayden (3B)
Effort Hayze (4K)
Respect Chayton (5B)
Cooperation Mia (3LC)
Safety Hayden (3LC)

HERC AWARD WINNERS 16th OCTOBER

Honesty Ellie (3K)
Effort Haidyn (2A)
Respect Allie (4O)
Cooperation Rohan (PS)
Safety Leila (1S)



ROSS' ON COURT TENNIS

Tennis coaching here at Hercules Road School
 Ross is now taking all new enrolments for his tennis coaching classes for Term 4.
 Coaching is open to all from Prep to Grade 6
 Classes are before school on Tuesdays
 Small class sizes
 Sign on now!
 Have fun! Learn to play tennis!
Phone Ross on 32643976

