

Admin Anecdotes

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Good Afternoon,

Hope the warmer weather suits you!

This week I would like to focus on parental partnerships with the school. At the recent Prep information morning I was talking about parents getting involved in school. Your children really enjoy this when it happens and it allows you to know what is going on in their world, the areas they are having success in and the ways in which they need to improve. If we as a school work with families in a positive way, then the children are the winners and that is what we are here for!

Of recent times I have been talking with staff and students about what they value in terms of education; we as a school community need to define what it is we are about. This will be called our Moral Purpose. The group I haven't heard from yet is you as parents. We have prepared a survey on-line that we would like you to complete please. It focusses on what you currently value and where you think we should be focusing our efforts. Once we have heard from our parent body we will publish the information that has been provided to us by all three groups. Then our task will be to draft an overall purpose statement. PLEASE take the time to complete this activity. We want to hear from you.

Fill in the survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZQQTb72>

To access the survey, type the URL into your web browser or click on the link from our website home page.

If you do not have access to the web then we will have some iPads available for you at Assembly next week so you can have your say. We will also try to have a few devices out after school so again you can have your say.

Since arriving I have heard from a number of parents regarding the drop off zone. We are currently working with the QLD Police Service and the Transport Department in preparation for the railway opening to ensure this area is as safe as possible. In the mean time I would ask of parents please that they use the areas as they are intended. There are clear parking and Stop, Drop and Go areas. Use these as signed please and this will make the areas as safe as possible in the short term. I would like to acknowledge the suggestions I have received from a few parents who have had practical suggestions to prevent gridlock and we will see if the Transport Department will engage with these.

Finally the P&C meeting is coming up. It will be held at 2:45pm on the 17th of November. We would like to see you as parents there if possible.

Have a good week
Stephen

NEW START DATE FOR THE 2016 QUEENSLAND SCHOOL YEAR:

A new start date for Term 1 of the 2016 school year will see Queensland students return to the classroom on Wednesday 27th January 2016 – the day after the Australia Day public holiday.

The previous start date of Monday 25th January 2016 will become a flexible professional development day for school staff.

For a full list of the 2016 term dates and holidays in Queensland visit the calendar page on the Education website.

2016 CLASSES AND ENROLMENTS:

If you either know that your child won't be returning to Herc Road in 2016 **OR** if you think that this **might** be the case, could you please let the front office know. We are starting to form 2016 classes and it is very helpful to have a good idea of how many students we are expecting to be on our books.

Also, if you know of a family who is intending to enrol their child/children could you please encourage them to do this soon. Your help is appreciated.

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Art Show

6th November

Senior Shirt orders to be completed

13th November

Free Dress Day

17th November

P & C Meeting

25th November

School Disco

27th January 2016

Start of Term 1

ABSENCE LINE

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

ENGLISH AND MATHS COMPETITIONS:

Congratulations to the following students who received Certificates on parade last week for the English and Maths Competitions:-

English – Credit

6M – Madison, Paige
6C – Shaun
6TS – Myah

5C – Kyra
5B – Matthew
5S – Beau

4O – Abbey
4H – Oliver

3LC – James
3B – Hayden

Maths – Credit

6TS – Kate, Luke
5C – Kyra
5S – Blake

4H – Oliver, Bree-Anna
4O – Ryan

3LC – James, Mia
3B – Hope, Hannah

Maths - Distinction

6TS - Lachlan
4K - Tane
3B - Hayden

CELEBRATE TUCKSHOP DAY – FRIDAY 6 NOVEMBER

Who can imagine our schools without tuckshops? School tuckshops play an important role in school life and provide students with nutritious, tasty and affordable food. [Tuckshop Day](#) on Friday 6 November gives school communities the opportunity to show their appreciation for the work they do.

I encourage you to celebrate this day and thank your tuckshop convenors and volunteers.

Also happening on Tuckshop Day is the Queensland Association of School Tuckshops (QAST) Gala awards presentation dinner.

The 2015 awards, sponsored by DET's [Smart Choices initiative](#), acknowledge tuckshops that have demonstrated excellence and innovation in supplying a healthy, efficient and viable food service for students. Further information regarding the awards dinner is available from the [QAST website](#).

YEAR 3 SWIMMING LESSONS:

This is the last week of swimming lessons for the Year 3's. Thank you to all parents for sending their children along prepared for swimming.

INTERSCHOOL SPORT:

This is the last week for interschool sport for this year.

GYMNASTICS

Congratulations to Mikayla (3C) who competed and achieved the results shown below at the Gladstone Invitational on the 24th October 2015.

Overall score of 34.70 placing 3rd in her division WG3 U9.

Well done Mikayla!

SOCCER:

Congratulations to Noah (4K) who was selected to play for Australia in the U11 soccer team. He will fly to Spain in July next year to compete. Good luck Noah!

SECOND INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC CONCERT – WEDNESDAY 18TH NOVEMBER

The students in the Senior Concert Band, Junior Concert Band, Senior Strings and Recorder Band will be performing in the Second Instrumental Music Concert on Wednesday 18th November commencing at 6.30pm. Students have been given letters detailing the information for the performance.

PARADE ITEM – FRIDAY 13TH NOVEMBER

The students in the Junior Strings and Senior Concert Band will be performing at parade on Friday 13th November. Family and friends are welcome to attend.

THE TUH 'BIG THANK YOU' GIVEAWAY

Just by saying a 'Big Thank You' to our teachers and librarians, you can help our school win one of 5 x \$1000 education resource bursaries.

Your child can also win one of 100 x \$50 gift vouchers just by entering.

All you have to do is visit bigthankyou.com.au and say in 50 words or less how their teacher or librarian helps to inspire a love of reading (parents can help younger students with their entry).

The 'Big Thank You' Giveaway is proudly sponsored by TUH, a health fund that was founded in Queensland 43 years ago to serve the education community. Entries close at 5pm on Friday 4 December.

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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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Commonwealth Banking	Banking every Wednesday. Please hand bankbooks in at the office before school on Wednesday.																															

HERC AWARD WINNERS 30th OCTOBER

Honesty Tahira (2A)
Effort Crystal (6TS)
Respect Emanuel (4O)
Co-operation Melati (1J)
Safety Kiesha (4O)

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.



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: Help is needed during these hours. Please put your name down at the office or Uniform Shop if you can assist.

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

SENIOR SHIRT ORDERS

Orders for Senior Shirts for next year need to be returned by **Friday 6th November.**

**CLONTARF BEACH STATE HIGH SCHOOL
ORIENTATION DAY**

*Tuesday 17th November, 2015
9.00am to 2.00pm*

All Year 6 students who have enrolled at Clontarf Beach SHS for Year 7 2016 are invited to attend the day. Students will have the opportunity to become familiar with the school surrounds and procedures. Parents are welcome to attend from 12.30pm **Classes for 2016 are filling fast!**
To arrange your enrolment interview, phone the school on 34804777