Dear Parents,

YEAR 6 & 7 IN 2014:
As our Year 6 and Year 7 classes of 2014 both proceed to High School in 2015, we have been discussing having both Year 6 and 7 School Captains, Sports Captains and Student Leaders in 2014, with Year 5 permitted to be student leaders as of Semester 2 this year and next year. Other considerations include selection of School Dux, Camps and Uniform. I’d like to hear your views, so please feel free to email me at the.principal@herculesroadss.eq.edu.au, drop in a note or attend our P&C meeting – 2.45pm on Tuesday 17 September in the school library.

2014 ENROLMENTS:
Our Open Day was most successful with our Choir, Band and Creative Generation dancers performing for an appreciative audience. We have just over 100 students already enrolled in Prep for 2014, which translates to around 150 Prep students next year. We are currently accepting enrolments for all year levels from any suburb for 2014. However once we are full we can only accept students from our catchment area.

CLASS PLACEMENT TIMEFRAMES:
Tues 10 September - Parents can submit Request for Consideration re Classroom Placement for 2014. Due back Friday 13 September.
Tues 08 October - All new enrolments informed if they have gained a position for 2014
Mon 21 October – Fri 08 November – Prep interviews
Mon 25 November – Prep class placements sent home
Mon 09 December – Yr 1 – Yr 7 class placements sent home

UNIFORMS:
# Please note that high cut footwear is not permitted without a doctor’s letter.

Recently I advised that we were only accepting skorts and netball skirts as part of the school uniform until the end of 2015. This was due to their becoming increasingly unpopular, the costs associated with stocking these clothing items in small numbers, and the difficulty in maintaining a specific uniform policy when the stock is not available from the school.
Two parents have contacted me seeking these items be retained. The matter will be discussed at our next P&C meeting on Tuesday, 17 September at 2.45pm. Please feel free to express your view in person, email or note.

While there are a number of legitimate cases where particular uniform items aren’t worn on a particular day, please be aware that in all uniform cases:
1. A note is required that is written by the parent, detailing when the uniform item will conform with our policy
2. This note must be brought to the office
3. A ‘ticket’ will be given to the student to carry with them. This ticket gives the date by which correct uniform will be worn – this will range from 1 day to 5 days unless there are exceptional circumstances
4. Once the timeframe has elapsed, if a meeting has not occurred to consider exceptional circumstances, consequences as outlined on our policy will commence. This can include detention every day that correct uniform is not worn, non-participation in representational events e.g. sport, or non-participation in any school activity that the principal considers is not part of the essential education program of the school.

HOLIDAYS:
This will be our final newsletter this term. Our end of term 3 break commences on Saturday 21 September, with school recommencing on Tuesday 08 October – Monday 07 October is the Queen’s Birthday public holiday. Enjoy the break. The school year concludes on Friday, 13 December.
CLASS PLACEMENT 2014
Specific requests for 2014 class placement can be made on a Class Placement form which is available from the front office. Parents are reminded that whilst all requests will be considered, there is no guarantee that they will be acted upon. All applications should be returned to the office by Friday 13th at 3pm.

SPEAKING WITH A TEACHER
Parents – please remember that 8:00am – 8:25am is a very busy time for teachers as they get ready for the day’s lessons, catch up with students etc. If you need to speak with your child’s teacher, please arrange for a mutually convenient time so that your question or concern can be given full attention. Please also be aware that once class has started at 8:25am, it is not possible for teachers to suspend a lesson in order to have a conversation. If the matter is urgent, you are welcome to come to the office and make an appointment to see one of the administration team.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW SCHOOL LEADERS
The following students were presented with their School Leader badges today at parade: Kimberley Reeves, Bailey Beaumont, Krystal Irwin, Jack Vandenban, Britney Eaton, Ashleigh Miles, Seanne Derecourt, Ariana Doolan, Callia Derecourt, Samantha Lourigan, Tylah Rowley, Peter Hobart, Tahlia Eising, Zsofia Hegyes, Shontae Morton, Jorja Bailey, Chelsie Nosworthy, Dylan Farley, Teagan Burke and Tyneisha Krause. Well done on taking the initiative to apply – we know you will do a great job.
Year 5 students are now able to apply for School Leader positions because of the upcoming change with Year 7 going to high school from 2015.

STUDENT COUNCIL - FREE DRESS DAY CHEQUE PRESENTATION TO PINE RIVERS KOALA CARE
Recently our Student Council organised a Free Dress Day to raise money for the Pine Rivers Koala Care Association. Today at parade, Joanne and Gary from the Association came along to parade and they were presented with a cheque for $920.50 which was raised by our students and their families. They brought along two tiny koalas, aged 6 months and 9 months – so very cute and cuddly at this young age! Well done to our Student Council and school community for this fine effort. The Pine Rivers Koala Care Association members are very grateful for our donation.

TIDY CLASS AREAS
Well done to Prep H, 2R, 4L and 5C for keeping your areas so neat and tidy. The cleaners selected these classes for doing the best job of ensuring that their areas look great over the last fortnight.

PARADES
Well done to the students of 2A and 2P and Ms Aquilina and Mrs Porter for your fantastic parade item. Charli Stocks and Olivia Bailey presented a dance from the upcoming school musical which was great to see – a wonderful taste of what is to come in our musical early next term. Good job, Olivia and Charli! Our next parade will take place on Tuesday 15 October with items from 1B and 1V and 7TW and 7H. The following parade will be held on Tuesday 29 October. 2B and 2R will present a parade item. Parents/Caregivers and school community members are welcome to attend parades. They are held every fortnight on Tuesdays at 8.25am in the hall.

BUSH DANCE
There will be a Bush Dance for all Year 2 and 3 students in the hall on Thursday 12th September from 1.45 – 2.30pm. Students may bring dress up clothes to change into if they wish. Parents are welcome to attend.

KEEP A WATCH ON OUR SCHOOL THESE HOLIDAYS
Parents and students can help take care of our school by reporting any suspicious after-hours activity to School Watch on 131788. By keeping an eye out we can work together to create a safer school community and help to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in our school. If you see something suspicious, please don’t intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local policy or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter.

FUNDRAISING NEWS

DISCO
Our Disco for this term will be held on Wednesday 11th September. Juniors (Prep - Yr3) from 5.15pm to 6.15pm. Seniors (Yr4 – Yr7) from 6.30pm to 7.45pm. Food, drinks and Glow Products will be available for purchase on the night. Entry $2.00 a student. If you would like to volunteer on the night, please leave your details at the office or send me an email.

CAKE STALL AND SAUSAGE SIZZLE
I would like to thank everyone who donated cakes and slices to our stall that we held on Election Day. I would like to thank the following people for all their help on the day - Karen and Phil Beaumont and their children Bailey, Ryan and Rosalie Beaumont, Moreen Thomas, Vi and Bill Patterson, Duncan Crameri, Isabelle Wellock, Karen Zoch and Leah Bennett. Thanks to them, it was a great success. Without volunteers all of our events would not be possible. So thank you again to all of the wonderful parents who give their time to help.

Barbara Wiggett, Fundraising Co-Ordinator  barbfunhr@gmail.com
**P & C News**

The next P & C Meeting will be held on Tuesday 17th September at 2.45pm in the Library.

**Tuckshop News**

**REMINDER:** Students going to Interschool Sport on Fridays can only order tuckshop for first break.

Thank you to all the volunteers who have worked in the tuckshop this term. If anyone is interested in helping out next term, please see Katrina. All help is greatly appreciated.

**Commonwealth Banking**

Stay cool at school this summer by saving in Term 3 of School Banking!

Win a CommBank Marquee for your school or an iPad mini for yourself just by depositing to your CommBank School Banking Account.

The School with the highest percentage of active students making at least one school banking deposit in Term 3 will win a marquee. **Every student who completes a minimum of one school banking deposit in Term 3 will be in the running to win a cool iPad mini or a Dollarmite Backpack!**

For your chance to win, students need to simply make one or more School Banking deposit during Term 3. To find out more, talk to your School Banking Co-ordinator or visit your local branch.

**Things to know:** Competition opens 08/07/13 and closes 27/09/13. Competition is open to all Queensland School Banking Schools. The Promoter is Commonwealth Bank of Australia ABN 48 123 123 124. Full terms and conditions available in Branch.

**HERCULES ROAD STATE SCHOOL**

**HOURS**

Office Cash Collection: 8:00 to 9:00AM

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 8:00AM to 2:15PM

Uniform Shop: Wednesday 8:00AM to 9:00AM and Friday 2:00PM to 2:45PM

**P & C EXECUTIVES**

President: Laraine Law

Vice President: Leah Bennett

Secretary: vacant

Treasurer: Vicki MacKenzie

Assistant Treasurer: Sue White

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**HERC AWARD WINNERS 10/9/13**

**Honesty** Lara Killeen (1B)

**Effort** Nathan Biddle (3M)

**Respect** Hayze Pemham (2B)

**Cooperation** Katie Imber (1L)

**Safety** Ryan Crowley (2A)

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**PENINSULA EAGLES SOFTBALL CLUB** is looking for junior players, girls 13 and under and boys 12 and under. Please call Kym or Scott after 3.30pm on 3883 2656, if interested.

**FREE ROBOTICS FUN DAY**

The Faculty of Education, QUT invites students, teachers and parents to a free Robotics Fun Day on Saturday 14th September (12-3pm). There will be hands-on robotics displays and workshops including a FIRST LEGO League Workshop. A Girls in Robotics workshop will also be held for girls and their parents. Venue - QUT Caboolture – Cnr Manley & Tallon Streets. Phone 53167580, email b.wightman@qut.edu.au

**FREE ACTIVE KIDS PARK SESSIONS**

The Moreton Bay Regional Council will be running Kids Active After School Sessions from Tuesday 10 September - Thursday 28 November, 2013. The Council encourages all children to have fun and be active in their local parks! Play games, challenge yourself and be active in the FREE After School Active Kids Park Sessions. 20 FREE sessions to choose from! For more information please go to www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au or phone 3205 0555.

**PREPARING FOR PUBERTY FAMILY EDUCATION PROGRAM**

Family Planning Queensland will be holding sessions for Grade 5 – 7 children on 3rd October from 10 – 11.30am at Family Planning Queensland, 100 Alfred Street, Fortitude Valley. The cost will be $20 per family. Booking is essential and must be made by 23rd September. For more information please phone 07 3250 0240 or 3281 4088 or email brisbaneedu@fpq.com.au

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Where people make the Difference
REGIONAL ATHLETIC TRIALS were held last week and all athletes competed with great determination against a very strong wind. Well done to Bethany Tite and Fletcher Day for making the 100m Final, an extremely difficult task. Our multi competitors fared very well:

Girls: 12 years Annie Beatty – 5th, 11 years Fletcher Day – 4th, 10 years Harriet Alexander-Bates - 3rd. This places Harriet as reserve for the Sunshine Coast Regional team. Fantastic work, Harriet!

Boys: 11 years Jake Diduk – 2nd and a member of the Sunshine Coast Regional Team. Jake will be competing in the State Trials held in Brisbane on 15 & 16 October. Good luck Jake, we will be cheering for you.


Congratulations to Brady McDowall who also gained a spot in the High School Sunshine Coast Regional Team with his state qualifying javelin throw of 35m. Fantastic work, Brady, and good luck at the State Trials.

There has been a change of venue for the Boys’ Touch for Interschool Sport due to the Dolphins resurfacing their fields. Year 6 & 7 now play at the Redcliffe Showgrounds and Year 5 play at Pearson Park (next to the TAFE).

Good Luck to Marcus Feagaiga, who is playing in the Sunshine Coast Regional Softball Team at Ipswich this weekend.

Venessa Velt
PE Teacher

INTERMEDIATE AND ADVANCED STRING WORKSHOPS
During the last week of August, students from Hercules Rd State School participated in the annual Advanced and Intermediate Strings Workshops. These workshops are on a par with Regional and District Sporting events. The bar is set quite high to get into the 3-day Advanced Workshop, with only 3 of our students leaping high enough to get in this year. Congratulations to Jag Dadd, Joey Wallace and Sharna Brady who attended this workshop.

The Intermediate workshop ran for 2 days - quite a long distance for young players. The training was quite intense in the lead-up, especially for 3 of our Year Four students, who had to put in a lot of extra laps prior to the event. Congratulations to Liyah Ekepati, Szofia Hegyes, Mikayla Rasmussen, Riley Vafiopulous, Cherie Hall, Lauren Warrington, and Charlie Ho.

SENIORS’ WEEK CONCERT
The students in the Junior Choir, Senior Choir, Creative Generation, Recorder Band and individuals from the String Ensemble dedicated a concert to Senior citizens on Wednesday 21 August. A member of the audience commented on how honoured she felt to be a senior citizen in the audience and how talented the students of Hercules Road State are. Thank you to all the performers, teachers and student helpers.

PENINSULA MUSIC FESTIVAL
The students in the Intermediate Strings, Senior Strings and Concert Band will be participating in the Peninsula Music Festival which will be held at the Redcliffe Cultural Centre on Thursday 17 September. Students are reminded to return their permission slips.

THE MUSICAL DANGER KIDS
The musical ‘Danger Kids’ will take place in the hall on Wednesday and Thursday 23 and 24 October, commencing at 6.30pm. Tickets will be on sale from Week 1 of Term 4.

Lorna Julius-Jackson             Graham Ashton
Music Teacher                  Instrumental Music Teacher (Strings)