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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parent,

Welcome back to school in 2023. We are grateful that you chose our school to advance your child's education and look forward to your support in fulfilling this mandate. A special welcome to parents of our new grade 8 learners as they join us officially for the first time this year. We look forward to your support during this academic year.

I am pleased to announce and introduce two new staff members who joined our school with effect from 01 January, Ms. Sehodi and Mr. Matshabe. Ms. Sehodi joins our school as a HOD of technology whilst Mr. Matshabe is a mathematics and science educator. We wish both our new colleagues the best in their tenure with our school.

On a sad note, we laid to rest one of our 2022 grade 12 learners earlier this month. Our condolences go to the Ramahlo family. I want to thank learners, teachers, and other parents that went to support the Ramahlos during their period of bereavement.

As I mentioned in our last newsletter, we will this year focus on improving our learner's

VALUE OF THE WEEK

Good work ethic:

Definition: a set of values centered on the importance of doing work and reflected especially in a desire or determination to work hard



*There is no substitute for hard work.
Thomas Edison*

academics, learner discipline, and parental involvement. Strategies to improve in these areas will be at the core of our discussions during our parents' meetings and other engagements. Kindly note next week's meeting dates and please do attend.

We are experiencing a backlog regarding the distribution of learner textbooks. Whilst our grade 12 have received textbooks, grade 11 textbook issuing is at a slow pace, and this will obviously affect distributions in other grades. We will use all available resources to speed up the process of issuing textbooks in the next few days. Furthermore, we will our system to prevent a repeat as this has a direct effect on learning in class.

Discipline issues remain a challenge even as we start the year. Please note the following key non- negotiables:

1. **No cell phones (Cell phones to be confiscated with a fine).**
2. **No wrong uniform e.g. Skinny pants, short skirts, long braids, Hercie shirt, and colored hair (Learners to be returned home to fix)**
3. **No late arrival for class and for school (Same day bag detention will be enforced until 16:00 for late arrivals).**
4. **No bullying (Learners involved in bullying are to be suspended immediately pending SGB disciplinary hearing).**

I want to thank you for paying your child's school fees on time. The timeous payment goes a long way in making it possible for the school to provide your child with the best education possible. Kindly contact the school's finance office for outstanding school fee statements and payment arrangements.

In conclusion, your feedback is important for the growth and development of our school. We request that you e-mail any and every feedback without hesitation. Kindly send such to hshercules@gmail.com or Emmanuel.Ramathavha@gdeschools.gov.za.

Mr E Ramathavha
Principal



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*Hard work beats talent
when talent doesn't work.
Tim Notke*

Uit die hoof se kantoor

Liewe ouers

Welkom terug by die skool. Ons is dankbaar dat u ons skool gekies het om u kind te onderrig. Ons vertrou dat ons op u ondersteuning kan staatmaak. 'n Spesiale woord van welkom aan die ouers van ons nuwe graad 8-leerders wat vanjaar vir die eerste keer amptelik by ons aansluit. Ons sien uit na u ondersteuning gedurende hierdie akademiese jaar.

Ek is bly om twee nuwe personeellede bekend te stel wat vanaf 1 Januarie by ons skool aangesluit het, me Sehodi en mnr Matshabe. Me Sehodi sluit by ons skool aan as die departementshoof vir Tegnologie, terwyl mnr Matshabe 'n Wiskunde- en Wetenskapopvoeder is. Ons wens beide ons nuwe kollegas die beste in hul amps-termyn by ons skool.

Op 'n hartseer noot het ons vroeër hierdie maand een van ons 2022 graad 12-leerders ter ruste gelê. Ons meegevoel gaan na die Ramahlo-gesin. Ek wil leerders, onderwysers en ander ouers bedank wat die Ramahlos tydens hul routydperk bygestaan het.

Soos ek in ons vorige nuusbrieff genoem het, gaan ons hierdie jaar fokus op die verbetering van ons leerders se akademiese vordering, leerderdissipline en ouerbetrokkenheid. Strategieë om op hierdie gebiede te verbeter, sal die fokus van ons besprekings tydens ons ouervergaderings en ander afsprake wees. Neem asseblief kennis van volgende week se datums en woon asseblief die vergaderings by.

Ons ervaar 'n vertraging met die uitreiking van leerderhandboeke. Terwyl ons graad 12-leerders reeds hul handboeke ontvang het, geskied die uitreiking van graad 11-handboeke teen 'n stadige pas, en dit beïnvloed die uitreiking van ander grade se boeke. Ons probeer om hierdie proses in die volgende paar dae te bespoedig. Verder sal ons ons stelsel hersien om 'n herhaling van hierdie vertraging te voorkom aangesien dit 'n direkte effek op leer in die klas.

Dissiplinekwessies bly 'n uitdaging selfs al het die jaar skaars begin. Let asseblief op die volgende nie-onderhandelbare reëls:

1. **Geen selfone nie** (Selfone moet met 'n boete gekonfiskeer word).
2. **Geen verkeerde skooldrag bv: afgestikte broeke, kort rompe, lang vlegsels, Hercie-hemde en gekleurde hare** (Leerders sal teruggestuur word huis toe om dit reg te maak).
3. **Geen laatkommery vir klas en vir skool nie** (Oortreders sal dieselfde dag detensie tot 16:00 sit).
4. **Geen boeliery nie** (Leerders wat hierby betrokke is, sal onmiddellik geskors word hangende 'n SBL-dissiplinêre verhoor).



*Work so hard that one day
your signature will be called
an autograph.
Anon*

Ek wil u bedank dat u skoolfonds betyds betaal het. Die gereelde betaling maak dit moontlik vir die skool om u kind van die beste onderrig te voorsien. Kontak asseblief die skool se finansiële kantoor vir uitstaande skoolfondsrekeninge en betaling.

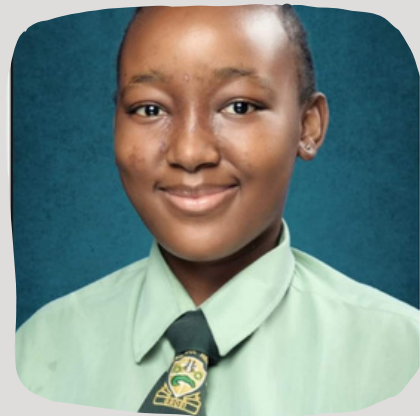
Ten slotte, u terugvoer is vir die groei en ontwikkeling van ons skool belangrik. Rig asseblief alle navrae, versoeke of voorstelle aan die skoolhoof by die volgende twee e-posadresse: hshercules@gmail.com of Emmanuel.Ramathavha@gdeschool.gov.za.

Mnr E Ramathavha
Skoolhoof



JOY AND SORROW

During the holidays we learned of the tragic death of one of our former matriculants, Mphoentle Masego Ramahlo. Our deepest condolences to the family and friends. We carry you in our prayers.



A big welcome to the two new teachers, Ms Sehodi and Mr Matshaba. We know that you will soon settle in and quickly become part of the Hercie family.

In Mrs Sehodi's own words:
Bad company corrupts good habits,
and I also believe that we are
destined for greater things and we
should not let opinion of others
define who we are and our destiny.
To learners and parents: Let's work
together to achieve the best results
that is **mission 100% pass rate** and
produce a responsible adult.



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*You don't get what you wish
for; you get what you work for.
Martin Luther King*



At the end of the year Miss van Rensburg went on leave and returned as Mrs de Beer. Congratulations on your marriage. We wish you and your all blessings.

Important dates

14 Jan	Saturday classes for grade 12's
16 Jan	gr 11 Parent's evening
17 Jan	gr 10 Parent's evening
18 Jan	gr 9 Parent's evening
19 Jan	gr 8 Parent's evening
20 Jan	Athletic meeting at Hoërskool HF Odendal



Planning for 2023

Advertise your business on our fence

- 1 year: R3 500-00 per year
- Can be paid in 3 installments of R1150
- Businesses design and supply their own billboard plus steel frame.



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Good work ethic is the most important component of being successful.
Kliff Kingsbury

DISCIPLINE

Discipline is the word that implies a great meaning in everyone's life. It is a set of standard rules that is set up by teams to manage groups or individuals. It is a way of being honest, hard-working, motivated and encouraged throughout life.

Discipline is an important behaviour in life. It is a character trait which is crucial for expressing many other attributes in life. It refers to orderliness in life, which is essential for success in one's life. Additionally, it demonstrates respect to physical and moral laws in society.

We all know that learners are the future assets of the nation. As per research conducted by top schools in South Africa, discipline lays a good foundation of being selective, independent, punctual, focused, encouraged and organized in life. Self-discipline is very important that lies in inhibiting our headlong desires and passions. As compared to those who disregard discipline, a disciplined child takes an interest in studies. He/ she can choose subjects and his/ her career more easily and independently than ill disciplined learners.

It is rightly said that, "Life without discipline is just like a ship without radar".

It can be well understood by citing an example: A team of experienced players often lose the match because of a lack of discipline in the team, but a disciplined team can win an impossible Match.

At Hoërskool Hercules we believe that we are a disciplined team and we strive more and more towards creating a disciplined environment that benefit learning and teaching.

Zero tolerance

- No cell phones
- No bullying
- No disrespect
- No disruption
- No late coming
- No bunking
- No skinny pants
- No short skirts
- No coloured hair



Don't just do what you are told to do. Do what needs to be done.
Albert Einstein

Parents affairs

School fees for 2023:

- R11 200 per year or R1 120 per month for 10 months.
- Start paying now
- 10% discount if the full amount is paid before last day of February

Banking details

ABSA BANK

Account name:

Hoërskool Hercules

Account number:

080390076

Branch code:

632005

Reference:

family code

**Send proof of
payment to:**

hshercules.finance2@gmail.com



Bi-elections: 11 February 2023

Get a nomination form 16-27 January

Nominations close 3 Feb

Voting 11 Feb 09:00 - 11:00

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*There is profit in hard work,
but mere talk leads to poverty
Proverbs 14:23*