

HERCIE NEWSLETTER

HOËRSKOOL HERCULES WEEKLY LETTER
TERM 1, WEEK 6

17 FEBRUARY 2023



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parent,

SGB BI-ELECTIONS: We did not have a quorum for the meeting in which SGB bi-elections were to be conducted. A new date which is 27 February 2023 has been set and the meeting will start at 18:00 in the hall. Your participation and contribution will be highly appreciated. The nomination form has been sent and nominations can also be done on the day of the elections from the “floor”.

NEW EDUCATOR: We had to part way with one of our newly appointed substitute educator appointment last week. Mr. Makhubele took up a position in another school. We wish Mr. Makhubele well and are certain that his contribution will remain indelible in children’s lives wherever he goes. In Mr. Makhubele’s position, we were fortunate to get the services of Mr. Mashele. We wish Mr. Mashele well in his tenure with our school and are certain that he will enjoy his stay.

SATURDAY CLASSES: We have streamlined our Saturday classes program for grades 10 to 12. This was meant to focus on key subjects and to reduce the teacher-learner ratio during the sessions.

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VALUE OF THE WEEK

Approachability:

capable of being approached, accessible, specifically easy to meet or deal with, friendly and approachable



*Power creates distances;
Leaders bridge the gap
Phil Wilson*

Furthermore, the new arrangement maximizes contact time by eliminating flexible study time between teaching sessions. Kindly take note of the Saturday lessons program attached and make necessary arrangements for your child to attend the sessions (ATTENDANCE IS COMPULSORY).

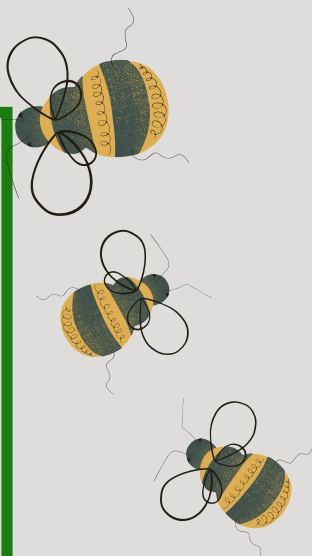
CLEANUP CAMPAIGN: We have arranged school clean-up campaign days per grade for the year. On the day parents are requested to come and assist us in cleaning the school. Cleaning activities include and are not limited to mopping classes, washing windows, cleaning corridors, gardening, painting, and graffiti removal. See attached program and note the date your child's grade will be expected to come assist. Final communication will be sent leading to the date. Looking forward to seeing you then.

MEASELES OUTBREAK: We have been informed of a measles outbreak in the country and the school together with the public health partners will be participating in an immunization drive for grade 8 and grade 9 learners. Information in this regard has been shared separately with affected parents. If affected you are requested to complete and send back consent form giving permission for your child to be immunized by Monday, 20 February 2023.

FEES EXEMPTION: Our school is a FEE-PAYING SCHOOL as implied by the AGM resolutions. Non payment of school fees has serious implications for the school's functionality. Parents unable to pay school fees due to their economic status may apply for school fee exemptions currently open until 20 March 2023. Kindly note that a certain criterion is applied to grant school fee exemption and applying does not guarantee that it will be granted. See attached list of documents necessary to complete the application. Kindly contact our admissions office to obtain necessary information in this regard.

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

Mr E Ramathavha



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If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and be more. Then only you are a leader.
John Quincy Adams

Uit die hoof se kantoor

Liewe ouers,

SBL-TUSSENVERKIESINGS: Ons het ongelukkig nie 'n kworum gehad vir die vergadering waartydens die verkiesing sou plaasvind nie. 'n Nuwe datum is geskeduleer vir die tweede ronde van die SBL-tussenverkiesing en sal op 27 Februarie 2023 om 18:00 in die skoolsaal plaasvind. U deelname en bydrae sal hoog op prys gestel word. Die nominasievorms is gestuur en nominasie kan ook op die dag van die verkiesing vanaf die "vloer" gedoen word.

NUWE OPVOEDER: Mnr Makhubele en mnr Mashele, Ons moes ongelukkig van mnr Makhubele afskeid neem. Ons wens mnr. Makhubele sterkte toe en is seker dat sy bydrae onuitwisbaar in kinders se lewens sal wees waar hy ook al gaan. Ons was gelukkig om die dienste van mnr Mashele te kry. Ons wens meneer Mashele sterkte toe in sy ampstermyn met ons skool en is seker dat hy sy verblyf sal geniet.

SATERDAGSKOOL: Ons het ons Saterdagklasseprogram vir graad 10 tot 12 vaartbelyn gemaak. Hierdie program is daarop gemik om op sleutelvakke te fokus en die onderwyser-leerder-verhouding tot 'n werkbare aantal te verminder. Verder maksimeer die nuwe reëling kontaktyd wat buigsame studietyd uitskakel tussen sessies. Neem asseblief kennis van die Saterdagprogram aangeheg en maak die nodige reëlins vir u kind om die sessies by te woon (Bywoning is verpligtend).

SKOONMAAKVELDTOG: Ons het vir hierdie jaar skoolskoonmaakveldtog-dae per graad gereël. Op daardie dag word ouers versoek om ons te kom help om die skool skoon te maak. Skoonmaak aktiwiteite sluit in maar is nie beperk nie tot die mop van klasse, was van vensters, skoonmaak van gange, tuinmaak, verf, en graffiti verwydering. Sien aangehegte program en let op die datum wanneer dit u beurt sal wees Finale kommunikasie sal gestuur word. Ons sien uit daarna om u hier te hê.

MASELUITBRAAK: Ons is in kennis gestel dat daar 'n maselsuitbraak in die land is en die skool sal saam met die openbare gesondheidsvennote aan 'n immuniseringsveldtog vir graad 8 en graad 9-leerders deelneem. Inligting in hierdie verband sal afsonderlik met relevante ouers gedeel word. Voltooi asseblief die toestemmingsvorms en stuur dit skool toe op Maandag, 20 Februarie 2023.



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*Wake up, be thankful, be approachable, complain less, smile more.
Nothing less is enough.
Anon*

SUBSIDIE EN VRYSTELLING: Ons skool hef skoolfonds en wanneer ouers versuim om te betaal, hou dit negatiewe gevolge vir die funksionaliteit van die skool in. Ouers wat weens hul ekonomiese status nie skoolgeld kan betaal nie, kan aansoek doen vir vrystellings wat tans oop is tot 20 Maart 2023. Neem asseblief kennis dat daar 'n se-kere kriteria vir vrystelling toegepas word en 'n aansoek waarborg nie dat dit wel toegestaan sal word nie. Sien aangehegte lys van dokumente wat nodig is om die aansoek te voltooi. Kontak gerus ons adminkantoor om die nodige inligting in hierdie verband te bekom

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 e-posadres: hshercules@gmail.com of Emmanuel.Ramathavha@gdeschool.gov.za.

Mr E Ramathavha

Important dates

17 Feb	Groentjekonsert / Grade 8 concert
18 Feb	Saturday classes gr 10-12
22 Feb	Blitsbrein / Fast thinkers 14:15
22 Feb	Cluster Athletics
24 Feb	Athletics
27 Feb	SGB Bi-elections

Academics



How to support your child during tests

- **Create a consistent study environment.**

Your child should have a study roster. Ask for it and keep them to it. Make sure they do study during that time.

- **Phones down**

This goes hand in hand with the roster. If it is time to study, the phone stays where you can see it. It is study time, now.

- **Keep communication open.**

Be strict, but approachable (also our value of the week). Make sure that your child knows that you are



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*Influential leaders know the importance of being approachable.
Germany Kent*

available for talks, to ask questions about the work and to find out after the test how your child feel about the paper written on that day.

- **Encourage relaxation and taking part in other activities to unwind.**

Encourage your child to still go to sport practices or spend time on their hobbies. Or go for a walk or jog. The brain needs time to process and store info.

- **Create and adapt to a routine.**

Try to set routine in the household. Children feel safe if they know what is going to happen. They will more easily stick to their study rosters if it is part of the house routine.

- **Adapt to their needs.**

No, that doesn't mean you should obey them. It simply means excuse them for some chores if they need to study. Their studies are really important. It shows that you care about their needs, their goals and their future plans.

- **Never criticize the school in child's presence**

Refrain from that, your child will disrespect you as well as his teachers, but worse he will doubt your judgement. After all, every day you send him to a place and people you don't trust.

Extra Saturday lessons 18th of Feb

Time	Grade 12	Grade 11	Grade 10
08:00 – 10:00	Mathematics / Mathematical Literacy (group 1 & 2) Accounting Life Sciences	English Home Language (group 1) English FAL Afrikaans EAT (group 1 & 2)	Afrikaans HT Afrikaans EAT (group 1 & 2) Mathematics / Mathematical Literacy (group 1 & 2)
10:30 – 12:30	Mathematics / Mathematical Literacy (group 3 & 4) Accounting Life Sciences	English Home Language (group 2) Afrikaans EAT (group 3) Afrikaans HT	Afrikaans EAT (group 3 & 4) Mathematics / Mathematical Literacy (group 3 & 4)

IF NOT,
NOW
WHEN?



*People may hear your words,
but they see your attitude.
John Maxwell*

Date	Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
21 Feb	Creative Arts	Social Sciences		English	Afrikaans: Opstel
22 Feb	Afrikaans: Begrip	English	Afrikaans: Transaksionele Teks	English	Mathematics
23 Feb	English	Afrikaans: Begrip	English	Afrikaans: Transaksionele skryf	English
24 Feb	Athletics				
27 Feb	EMS	Technology	CAT	Visual Arts	EGD
28 Feb	LO	Mathematics	Consumer Studies	Afrikaans: Taal & Begrip	Physical Sciences
1 Mar	Mathematics	EMS	Afrikaans: Taal & Begrip	Physical Sciences	Tourism
2 Mar	Natural Science	Creative Arts	English	Mathematics / Mathematical Literacy	Life Sciences
3 Mar	Social Sciences	LO	Business Studies	Life Sciences	Business Studies

DISCIPLINE

- Many thanks to every Hercie who wears his or her school uniform with pride.
- Thank you for showing self-respect and respect for the school through a neat uniform.
- Thank you for being on time for class and for being in every register period.
- Thank you for coming to class prepared, concentrating in class and doing homework regularly.
- Thank you for not littering.
- We believe in you and know you can!



I want people to see me as respectful of people's opinions, thus being approachable.
Arnele Silveira

Learner's affairs

Blitsbrein
Fast Thinkers



Just the event to show off your **general knowledge**.

Entry fee R40 per team (you and a friend)

Enter at Ms McDonald (A12) during break

Wednesday, 22 Feb at 14:15 in the hall

Massive Prize Money up for grabs



Due to the wonderful rain, the athletic event was moved twice. The Cluster event takes place on Wednesday. The following athletes qualified to represent our school:

Tshegofatso Teffu	- javelin & Discus
Zola Langa	- 400 m
Mulinda Phophi	- 100 m hurdles
Onthatile Mmekwe	- 110 m hurdles
Karabo Difeto	- shotput
Kabelo Mataung	- discus
Tsireletso Mashira	- 800 m
Karabo Tlaka	- 90 m hurdles
Palesa Chechane	- 100 m hurdles
Lesedi Leballo	- high jump
Mukhethwa Phophi	- long jump
Paris Tshabalala	- 400 m
Nandipha Mofokeng	- 100 m hurdles
Nthabaleng Ramolo	- 400 m hurdles
Blessing Tlou	- long jump & shotput



**Do your best guys, we know you'll make us proud.
Enjoy it, be true Hercies who live out our values on
the sports field.**

*If you Have good thoughts it
will shine on your face and make
you approachable for others.
Roald Dahl*

Parents affairs

Contact details

Admin - 012 379 4281

Parent's Whatsapp group - 079 733 4094

Finance - hshercules.finance@gmail.com

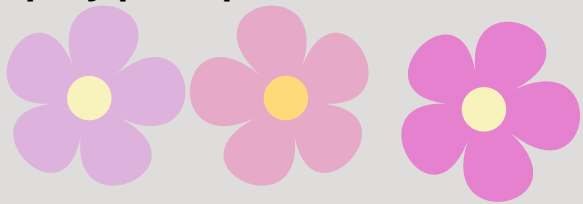
Discipline - hshdiscipline@gmail.com

Newsletter - mcd.hercules@gmail.com

Admin: dorasamym4@gmail.com

Principal - Emmanuel.Ramathavha@gdeschools.gov.za

Deputy principal - karenbester15@gmail.com



CLEAN UP PROJECT

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

Dates & Grades

11/03/23

gr8

20/05/23

gr9

22/07/23

gr8 & 9

29/07/23

gr10 & 11

05/08/23

gr12

16/09/23

gr10

14/11/23

gr11



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Parents, please note that subsidy and exemption application forms are available. Parents must collect the forms themselves from the finance office. Note that this documentation may only be handed to a parent **LAST DAY: 20 MARCH**

*Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.
Roman 12:2*

Hoërskool Hercules SGB Bi-elections 27 February 2023 at 18:00 in the school hall

All parents are cordially invited

**FOR ANY ENQUIRIES:
CONTACT MS BESTER
karenbester15@gmail.com
012 - 379 4281**



Annexure regarding exemption

- Applications for exemption of school fees must be done yearly
 - Only a parent or legal guardian may complete the application
 - All info requested must be provided
 - Both parents are liable to pay school fees, except if they were exempted
 - The following documents must be included with you application
 - Note that if any document is lacking, the application will be rejected immediately and NO EXEMPTION WILL BE GRANTED
 - NOTE THAT ALL COPIES OR DOCUMENTS MUST BE CERTIFIED BY THE POLICE
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- »The latest 3 month's bank statements (if unemployed a verification from the bank of the Bank account)
 - »The latest 3 month salary slips
 - »Divorce agreement (if divorced)
 - »If a learner is in the care of a guardian, a certified affidavit by a social worker or any other person that has the legal authority as well as a court order must be submitted
 - »Death certificate if one or both of the parents are deceased
 - »Certified Affidavit from Police if unemployed and single
 - »Certified Affidavit from Police if the learner is the head of the household
 - »Certified Birth Certificate / ID / Immigration / Asylum documents of the learner
 - »Verification of address (Electricity Bill)
 - »Income and Expenditure Report
 - »Latest School Bill