

HERCIE NEWSLETTER

HOËRSKOOL HERCULES WEEKLY LETTER
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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parent,

Changes in term two: Term two started well, I however would like to remind you of the following changes. Firstly, school day has been extended by half an hour to 14:30 as communicated, this was because of timetable adjustments. Secondly, wearing of winter uniform. Kindly use the school's code of conduct as a guide to ensure that your child wears correct school uniform. Learners not wearing proper school uniform will be expected to rectify such before entering school/class. Any request to have a different consideration of the school uniform must be sent to the school principal.

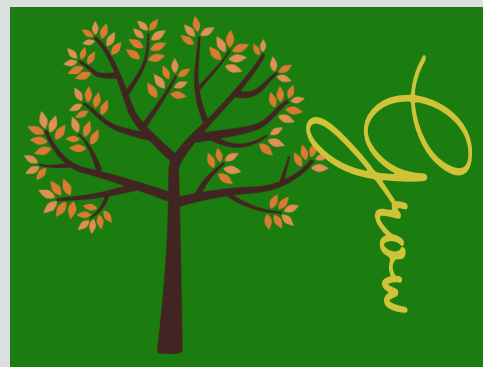
New staff members: We announced the departure of Mr. Miller in term 1. I would like to introduce and welcome Mr. Brown to our school. Mr. Brown replaces Mr. Miller and comes with a wealth of experience in teaching which will go a long way in supporting our learners in Afrikaans.

VALUE OF THE WEEK

Compassion:

/kəm'pəʃn/

*sympathetic pity and
concern for the suffer-
ings or misfortunes
of others.*



*If you want others to be happy,
practise compassion.
If you want to be happy,
practise compassion.
Dalai Lama*

We wish Mr. Brown well in his tenure with our school. On the same note we also welcome Mr. Nematahalelwe to our school. Mr. Nematahalelwe offers English HL/FAL comes with extensive teaching experience. We look forward to his contribution to our school during his tenure.

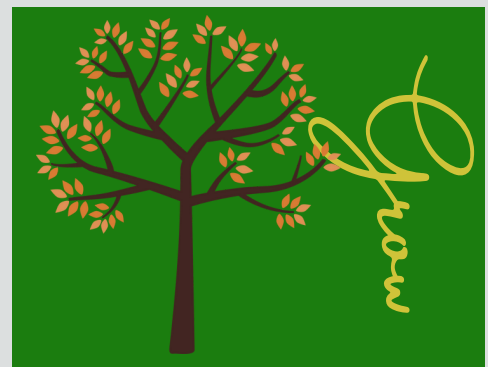
Term 1 report cards: Academic report cards will be issued on Monday (24/04), Tuesday (25/04) and Wednesday (26/04) respectively for Grade 12, Grade 10/11, and Grade 8/9. Reports issuing will be preceded by a brief meeting into learners' performance. Kindly attend this meeting and engage with subjects and class educators to improve learner's academic performance.

Learner attendance: School learner attendance is worryingly low. As a percentage our school's average attendance in term 1 was 89 % thus almost 140 learners out of 1248 learners were absent daily in the last term which influences learners' academic performance. Kindly alert the school by an e-mail of your child's absence on jdeklerk@hshercules.co.za. If you receive absentee message without knowledge of your child's absence, please do contact us so the situation may be investigated and rectified ASAP. Let's help our school to achieve 100 % learner attendance to improve learner performance to 100% pass.

School clean-up campaign (Grade 9): We will have Grade 9 parent's school clean - up campaign on 20 May 2023. On this day parents will do their part to clean the school campus. We start at 08:00 and expect to finish at 11:00. We encourage all our Grade 9 parents to diarize the date and make themselves available to assist.

School fees: I want to thank you for continuing to pay your child's school fees on time. This 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 Emmanuel.Ramathavha@gdeschools.gov.za or hshercules@gmail.com or e.ramathavha@hshercules.co.za



Mr E Ramathavha



*A stranger's compassion
can make a world of
difference.
Oprah Winfrey*

Uit die hoof se kantoor

Liewe ouers,

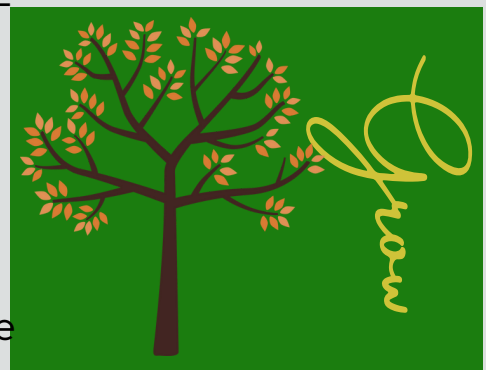
Veranderinge vir kwartaal twee: Kwartaal twee het goed begin, ek wil u egter herinner aan die volgende veranderinge. Eerstens is die skooldag met 'n halfuur tot 14:30 verleng soos wat reeds gekommunikeer is. Die verlenging is as gevolg van roosteraanpassings. Tweedens, die winter kruip nou nader en leerders moet begin om wintersdrag te dra. Gebruik asseblief die skool se gedragskode as riglyn om te verseker dat u kind die regte skooldrag dra. Leerders wat nie behoorlike skooldrag dra nie, sal versoek word om dit reg te stel voordat hulle in die klas toegelaat sal word. Enige versoek rakende uitsonderings aangaande skooldrag moet aan die skoolhoof gerig word.

Nuwe personeellede: Ons het die vertrek van mnr. Miller in kwartaal 1 aangekondig. Ek wil mnr Brown by ons skool verwelkom. Mnr. Brown vervang mnr. Miller en is baie ervare en ek glo hy sal help om ons leerders in Afrikaans te ondersteun. Ons wens meneer Brown sterkte toe in sy ampstermyn by ons skool. Op dieselfde noot verwelkom ons ook mnr Nematahalelwe by ons skool. Mnr Nematahalelwe bied Engels HL / FAL aan en ons sien uit na sy bydrae tot ons skool tydens sy ampstermyn.

Kwartaal 1 rapporte: Akademiese rapporte sal onderskeidelik Maandag (24/04), Dinsdag (25/04) en Woensdag (26/04) vir graad 12, graad 10 en 11 asook graad 8 en 9 uitgereik word. Die aand sal uit 'n kort vergadering bestaan waartydens leerderprestasie bespreek sal word en daarna sal rapporte deur die vooronderwysers uitgedeel word. Woon asseblief hierdie vergadering by en bespreek u kind se akademie met die onderwysers.

Leerderbywoning: Skoolleerderbywoning is kommerwekkend laag. Ons skool se gemiddelde bywoning vir kwartaal 1 was 89 %. Dit beteken dat 140 uit 1248 leerders daaglik afwesig is. Afwesigheid het 'n direkte invloed op akademiese prestasie. Stel asseblief die skool in kennis van u kind se afwesigheid deur 'n e-pos na jdeklerk@hshercules.co.za. Indien u 'n boodskap van die skool ontvang dat u kind sonder u medewete afwesig is, kontak ons asseblief sodat die situasie so gou moontlik ondersoek word. Ek is seker dat 'n 100% bywoningsyfer tot 'n 100% slaagsyfer sal lei.

Skoolskoonmaakveldtog (graad 9): Ons wil graag alle graad 9-ouers uitnooi om solank 20 Mei 2023 in u dagboek te merk vir u beurt om aan ons veldtog deel te neem.



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Compassion is to look beyond your own pain, to see the pain of others.
Yasmin Mogahed

Ons begin om 08:00 en behoort teen 11:00 klaar te wees. Ons moedig al ons graad 9 ouers aan om hulself beskikbaar te stel in hierdie edele taak.

Skoolfonds: Ek wil u bedank dat u voortgaan om u kind se skoolgeld betyds te betaal. Kontak asseblief die skool se finansiële kantoor vir uitstaande state en reëlings.

Terugvoer: Ten slotte, u terugvoer is vir die groei en ontwikkeling van ons skool belangrik. U word versoek om nie van rami.et@hotmail.com gebruik te maak nie. Rig asseblief alle navrae, versoeke of voorstelle aan die skoolhoof by die e-posadresse: hshercules@gmail.com; Emmanuel.Ramathavha@gdeschool.gov.za. of e.ramathavha@hshercules.co.za

Mr E Ramathavha

Joy & Sorrow

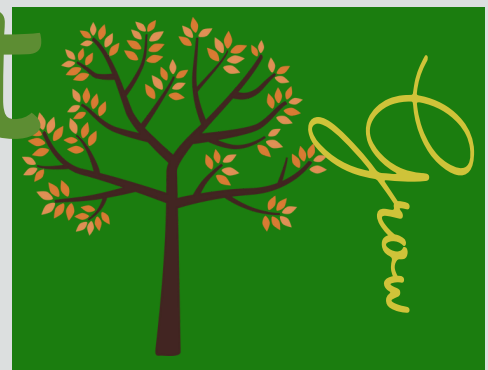
As mentioned in the last newsletter, Mr Miller has accepted a position at another school. We will miss you very much, sir.

Thank you for your enthusiasm and enormous sports knowledge that you so generously shared with our learners.



Important dates

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|----------|----------------------------|
| 24 April | Gr 12 Parents evening |
| 25 April | Gr 10 & 11 Parents evening |
| 26 April | Individual photos |
| 26 April | Gr 8 & 9 Parents evening |



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*Make no judgments where
you have no compassion.
Anne McCaffrey*



Academics

- ✓ Report cards are only issued to PARENTS during the respective Parent's evenings. Please ensure that you will be available on the day of your child's relevant parents' evening.
- ✓ Report cards are given to parents and legal guardians only. No learners or older brother/sister/cousin can receive the report cards.
- ✓ A brand new term has arrived. There are very few days in this term, as the exam starts already next month. Learners, must start preparation now.

DISCIPLINE

Five of the most important reasons why discipline is essential for the development of balanced teenager:

- It helps to develop a positive attitude.
- Improves concentration and ability to focus despite challenges.
- It improves mental health and ensures that problems are solved in a more logical and orderly manner.
- It helps maintain social order and behave more socially acceptable.
- This improves self-esteem and lowers the chance of risky behaviour.



Determination is doing what needs to be done, even when you don't feel like doing it.
Morgan Freeman

Hoërskool Hercules is a cell phone free zone

Hoërskool Hercules has a zero tolerance policy on:

- bullying
- fighting
- smoking
- substances
- bunking
- rudeness
- disrespect



Learner's affairs

 Sports practice has started again. Please ensure that learners arrive punctually and regularly at Rugby, Hockey, Netball and Chess practice. At Hercules High School we believe in giving every sportsman the opportunity to develop his full potential and express himself or herself in sport.

And also in the numerous Culture activities as seen below.



*The measure of a society
is its compassion.
Kristin Hannah*



Do you have what it takes to be the next Miss Hercie?

Enter now with Ms du Toit in A20.

R100 per entry.

Entries close April 26. Must be accompanied by:

- 1 x head and shoulders photograph
- 1 x full length photograph
- entry form
- commitment form




Do you have what it takes to be the next Mr Hercie?

Enter now with Ms du Toit in A20.

 R100 per entry.

Don't miss this highlight of the year. It's your time to sparkle and shine.

Entries now open!

closing date:

25 April

Parent's 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

Absenteeism - jdeklerk@hshercules.co.za Deputy principal - karenbester15@gmail.com

Principal - Emmanuel.Ramathavha@gdeschools.gov.za / e.ramathavha@hshercules.co.za

Banking details

ABSA BANK

Account name:

Hoërskool Hercules

Account number:

080390076

Branch code:

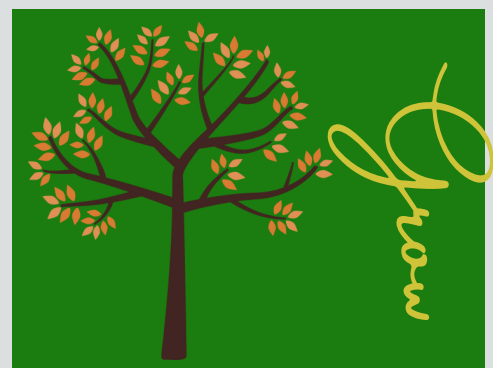
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family code

Send proof of payment to:

hshercules.finance@gmail.com



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Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.
Ephesians 4:32