

HERCIE NEWSLETTER

HOËRSKOOL HERCULES WEEKLY LETTER
TERM 2, WEEK 2

21 APRIL 2023



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parent,

Hercie-drag T-shirt: To streamline the uniform wear and to ensure that learners always look their best in school uniform, all learners are required to wear the usual school uniform for winter on Fridays. **Sports shirt or Hercie-drag T-shirt (yellow)** is from now on confined to Friday summer uniform (optional), sportswear, and weekend/holiday classes attendance (optional). The change is immediate and parents of learners requiring special consideration are requested to write a letter to the school.

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.**

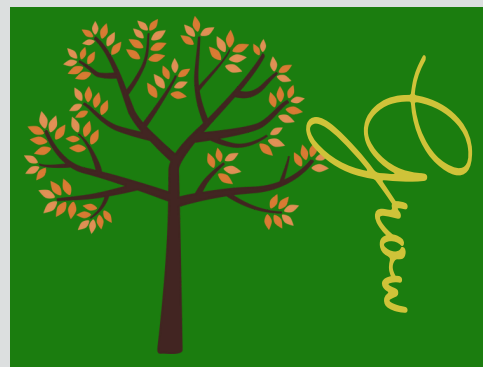
Reports issuing will be preceded by a brief meeting into learners' performance. Kindly attend this meeting and engage with subjects and class educators to improve learners' academic

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VALUE OF THE WEEK Understanding:

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sympathetic
awareness or
tolerance.*



*Peace cannot be kept by force;
it can only be achieved by
understanding.
Albert Einstein*

performance. Parents must come with their learners for the meeting and for brief consultations with the subject educators.

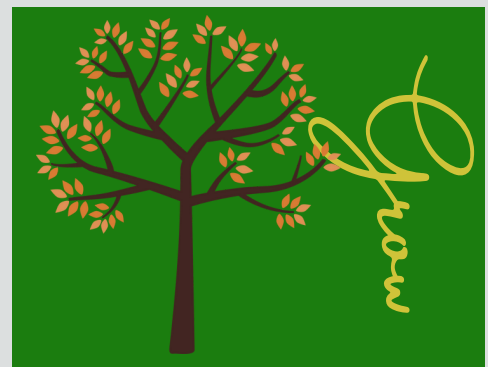
Learners after school: We have had sporadic incidents of learners missing between school and home usually when learners have missed their usual transport home for whatsoever reason. When such incidents happen, it causes unnecessary inconvenience for the school and for the parents as learner safety is at stake. We would like to encourage parents to inform learners to remain on school grounds whilst waiting for transport. The school will in the process communicate with the parent/s to ensure the learners get home safely. The school may not be held accountable and or responsible for learners who decide to leave the safety of the school grounds if learners ignore this provision.

School photos: We will have a school photo shoot on **Tuesday, 25 April 2023**. We request that your child be present as per normal expectations and be dressed properly for the day. School photographs are not only a school's annual culture but are instrumental in preserving learners' memories at school e.g. School yearbook. We would also like to encourage parents to later make orders for school photos to cover the cost of the initiative.

Peak traffic control and calming measures: We have noted with concern the morning and afternoon traffic inconveniences by the school's main entrance. We are exploring peak traffic control and calming measures to address the problem as this is a safety hazard. We will in due course communicate measures we will implement to address this issue. In the meanwhile, we request that parents and transport providers exercise patience and restraint when dealing with others. You may write to the principal for better ideas to address the issue at hand.

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



*The key to learning is an awareness of where you lack understanding.
James Pierce*

Uit die hoof se kantoor

Liewe ouers,



Hercie-drag T-hemp: Om die skooldrag eenvormig te laat lyk en te verseker dat leerders altyd op hulle beste lyk, word daar van alle leerders verwag om die gewone skooldrag vir die winter te dra. Die geel sporthemp of Hercie-drag, soos ons dit ken, is tot die somer, sportdrag, en naweek- en/of vakansie-klasse beperk. Die verandering is onmiddellik van toepassing.

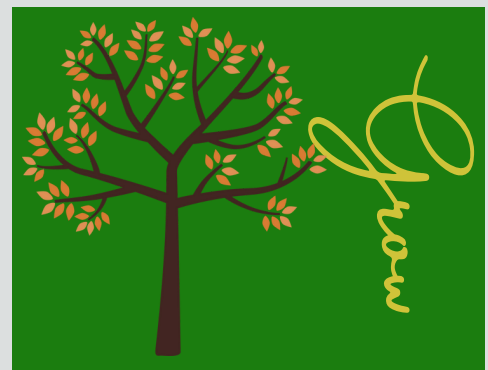
Ouers van leerders wat spesiale oorweging vereis, word versoek om 'n skriftelike versoek aan die hoof te rig.

Kwartaal 1 rapporte: Rapporte sal Maandag (24/04) vir gr 12-leerders, Dinsdag (25/04) vir gra 10 en gr 11 en Woensdag (26/04) vir die res van die skool uitgereik word. Die aand sal afskop met 'n kort inligtingsessie oor die leerders se akademiese prestasie waarna die rapporte uitgereik sal word. Woon asseblief hierdie vergadering by gesels met u kind se opvoeders oor sake rakende u kind.

Leerders na skool: Ons het sporadiese voorvalle van leerders wat die skoolterrein verlaat, maar nie betyds by die huis opdaag nie. Dit vind gewoonlik plaas wanneer leerders hul gewone vervoer huis toe, om watter rede ookal verpas het. Wanneer sulke voorvalle gebeur, veroorsaak dit onnodige ongerief en bekommernis vir die skool. Ons wil ouers graag aanmoedig om te verseker dat leerders op die skoolterrein bly, terwyl daar vir vervoer gewag word. Die skool sal in die proses met die ouer/s kommunikeer om te verseker dat die leerders veilig by die huis kom. Die skool kan nie aanspreeklik en/of verantwoordelik gehou word nie vir leerders wat besluit om die veiligheid van die skoolterrein te verlaat nie.

Skoolfoto's: Amptelike skoolfoto's sal Dinsdag, 25 April 2023 geneem word. Ons versoek dat u kind teenwoordig sal wees en netjies in volle skooluniform geklee sal wees. Skoolfoto's is nie net 'n jaarlikse instelling, maar is ook instrumenteel in die behoud van leerders se herinneringe by die skool soos in die jaarboek. Ons wil ook ouers aanmoedig om bestellings vir skoolfoto's betyds in te handig.

Spitsverkeer by die hoofhek: Ons het met kommer kennis geneem van die ongerief wat die oggend- en middagverkeer by die skool se hoofingang veroorsaak. Ons is tans besig om oplossings te ondersoek. Ons vra dat u die nodige selfbeheer en kalmte van gees sal openbaar teryl die probleem opgelos word.



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*The biggest communication problem is we do not listen to understand.
We simply reply.
Anon*

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 reëlins.

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

Mrs E Ramathavha

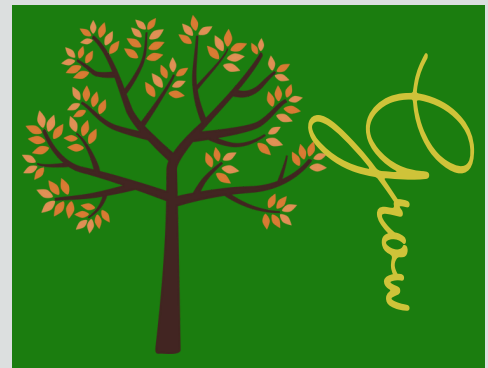


Joy & Sorrow



We welcome Mr Nematahalelwe

"It is with great pleasure to been afforded an opportunity to join the Hoërskool Hercules family. I am assigned to teach grade 8 & 9 Home Language and Social Sciences for grade 9. I am looking forward to share the knowledge with the learners and ensure that they benefit from my teachings. I am looking forward to receive parents' involvement and support in order to achieve the set goals; good results.



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*If one does not understand a person, one tends to regard him as a fool.
Carl Jung*

We present to you Mr. Brown. In his own words: It makes me happy to see other people happy, that is why one of my life's mottos is Romans 12:18. To my learners: Remember at all times that you determine your own future. Be like a sponge and absorb all the information and knowledge you can - it can never be taken away from you. Pay attention in class, give your full cooperation, honour and respect your teachers. always do what is right - even if you are the only one standing up for the truth



Important dates

24 April	Gr 12 Parents evening
25 April	Gr 10 & 11 Parents evening
26 April	Individual photos
26 April	Gr 8 & 9 Parents evening
18 May	Gr 9 Aptitude tests

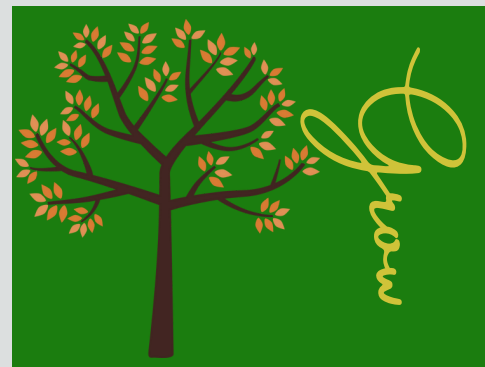


Academics

In the coming week, reports will be handed out during the parents' evening. It is important that parents familiarize themselves with the pass requirements of the grade in question.

Note that no report card will be given to a learner, only to a parent or legal guardian.

Many learners' results are shocking. It's a shame that so many learners get the opportunity to learn, to perform, to progress; but still chooses to make no effort to do homework or prepare for tests, assignments or assessments.



Understanding is the first step to acceptance, and only with acceptance there can be recovering.
JK Rowling

Just sitting in class every day is not enough to pass. Learners have to review themselves every day, do homework every day and study for tests and exams.

It is impossible for a learner to have no homework. Grade 8 & 9 learners have nine subjects and the senior learners have at least seven subjects. How is it possible that a learner cannot have a job in any subject?

Saturday classes

22 April 2023 for grade 12 only

08:00 - 10:00

Mathematics / Mathematical Literacy

10:30 - 12:30

Afrikaans EAT



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DISCIPLINE

Many learners' appearance is still not up to standard. The most common problems are the following:

Girls

- Too short skirts
- Tight fitting trousers
- Wrong earrings
- Nose rings
- Too long braids (longer than waist)
- Other than natural hair colour braids
- Loose hair

Boys

- Not shaven
- Wearing ear and nose rings
- Altered, narrow school trousers
- Sagging pants with underwear showing
- Wrong (colourful) socks



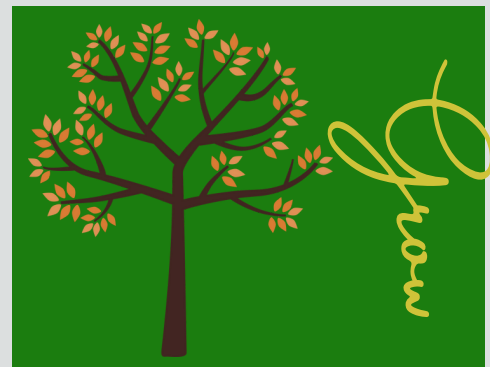
Winter wear must be worn from 1 May - 30 August

Boys:

- Long school pants
- Long sleeve shirt
- School tie
- School jersey, school pullover, school sweater or blazer
- Green or black socks with black school shoes

Girls:

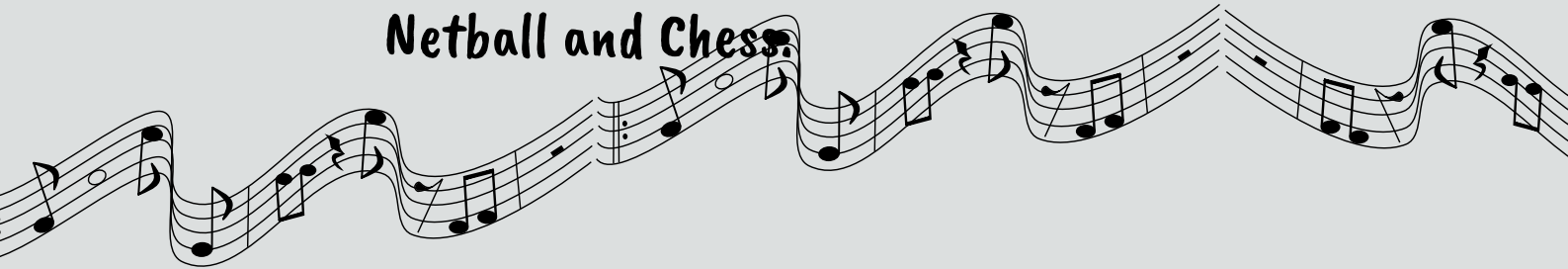
- Skirt with long green bobby socks or green tights
- Long school pants for girls
- Long sleeve shirt
- School tie
- School jersey, school pullover, school sweater or blazer
- School shoes



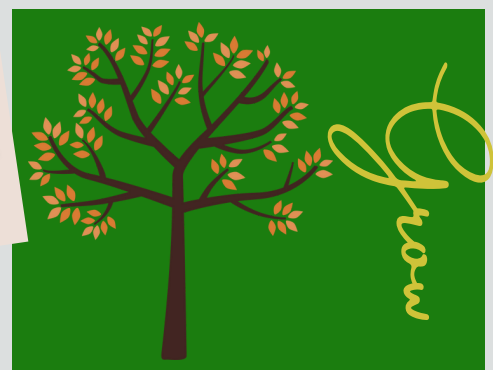
*Feeling is reactive,
understanding is proactive.
Jack Butcher*

Learner's affairs

Sports practice has started again. Please ensure that you show up for practice: Rugby, Hockey, Netball and Chess.



Hoërskool Hercules explodes with all the cultural activities. There is definitely something for every taste at buzzy Hercies.



People don't always need advice. Sometimes they just need understanding.
Robin Williams

Activities to
pick and choose.



**Blood drive
April 2023**

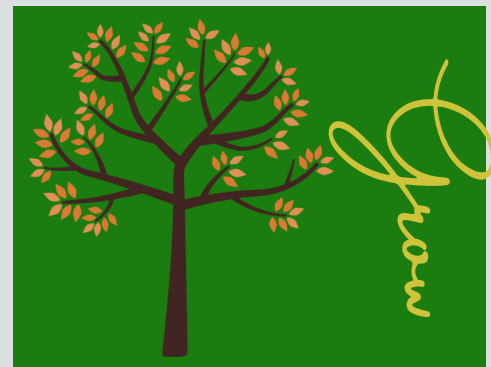
A sweet reminder that
blood donation is the
act of giving blood to
someone who needs it.

It is not just about
giving blood, but it is
an act of kindness, an
act that can save
someone's life.

**#Be the reason for
someone's heartbeat.**



Hercies have caring



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*Understanding and compassion
are necessities, without is
humanity can't survive.
Dalai Lama*

Parent's affairs

Contact details

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Parent's Whatsapp group - 079 733 4094

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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:

632005

Reference:

family code

**Send proof of
payment to:**

hshercules.finance@gmail.com

**Parents, please do the
right thing and pay your
children's school fees
regularly. It's the right
thing to do.**

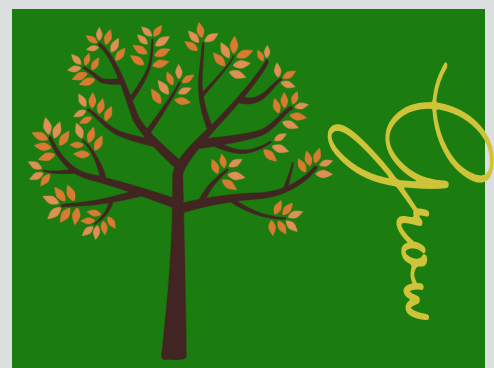


Parents' evenings

24 April - gr 12's

25 April - gr 10 & gr 11

26 April - gr 8 & 9



*Whoever is patient has great
understanding, but one who is
quick-tempered displays folly.
Proverbs 14:29*