

# HERCIE NEWSLETTER

HOËRSKOOL HERCULES WEEKLY LETTER  
TERM 2, WEEK 5

12 MAY 2023



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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

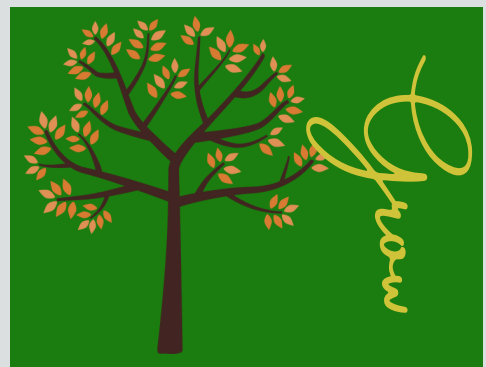
Dear Parent,

**Ms. Malete:** I would like to introduce and welcome Ms. Malete to our school. Ms. Malete is our temporal Afrikaans educator substituting Mr. Brown who departed after a rather brief period with our school. She has extensive experience as a teacher and as an Afrikaans EAT educator. We wish Ms. Malete well in the brief period she will be serving our school.

**School clean-up campaign:** As previously communicated, we will have a school clean-up campaign for parents of learners in grade 9. This will be on Saturday 20 May 2023 from 08:00-11:00. Our focus will be on window cleaning. Parents are requested to bring a stool or something to stand on, a window cleaner, a sponge/squeegee, and a cloth. A link will be sent to parents to confirm availability. Whilst the campaign is aimed at grade 9 parents, other parents may still participate.

## VALUE OF THE WEEK Fairness:

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impartial and just  
treatment or behaviour  
without favouritism or  
discrimination*



*Fairness doesn't mean everyone  
gets the same. It means  
everyone gets what they need.  
Rick Riordan*

**Extra lessons timetable:** Extra lesson timetable has been shared with parents for grades 8 and 9. Please do note the dates and arrange transport as may be necessary if your child is affected by the arrangement. Lessons are aimed at learners that did not perform well in term one. Scholar transport buses will leave at 15:30 on the days of extra lessons i.e., Mondays and Wednesdays.

**Parent-Teacher meetings:** Continuous engagements between parents and educators is important for educators to offer appropriate learner support and timeous feedback to parent/s amongst others. I encourage parents to contact individual educators to arrange for such meetings (visit our website for the e-mail addresses of individual educators). Note, meetings can only take place between 14:30 and 15:00 (15:30 latest), thus under no circumstance may an educator schedule such a meeting during lesson times.

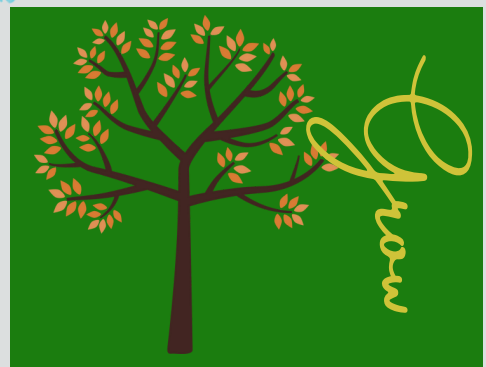
**School fees:** I want to thank you for continuing to pay your child's school fees on time. This goes a long way in making it possible for the school to provide your child with the best education possible. Kindly contact the school's finance office for outstanding school fee statements and payment arrangements.

**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](mailto:Emmanuel.Ramathavha@gdeschools.gov.za) or [hshercules@gmail.com](mailto:hshercules@gmail.com) or [e.ramathavha@hshercules.co.za](mailto:e.ramathavha@hshercules.co.za)

Mr E Ramathavha



Excellence  
is not a skill.  
It is an  
attitude.



*Live so that when your children  
think of fairness, caring, and  
integrity, they think of you.  
H Jackson Brown Jr*

# Uit die hoof se kantoor

Liewe ouers,

**Me Malete:** Ek wil graag vir me Malete by ons skool verwelkom. Me Malete is ons tydelike Afrikaanse opvoeder wat mnr Brown vervang. Sy het baie ondervinding as Afrikaanse EAT-opvoeder. Ons wens Me Malete baie sterkte toe vir die kort tydperk wat sy ons skool sal dien.

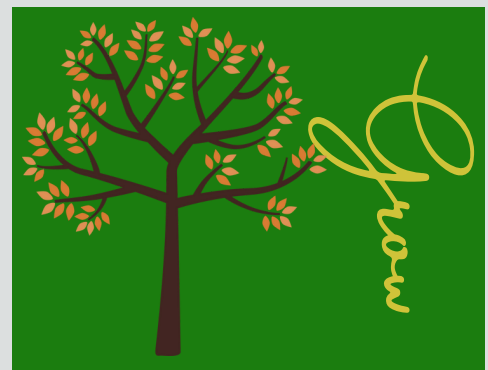
**Skoolskoonmaakveldtog:** Soos voorheen gekommunikeer, loods ons skool weer 'n skoonmaakveldtog vir die ouers van leerders in graad 9. Dit vind Saterdag 20 Mei 2023 van 08:00-11:00 plaas. Ons fokus sal op vensters was wees. Ouers word versoek om 'n stoeltjie of iets om op te staan saam te bring, 'n vensterskoonmaker, 'n spons of vensterskraper en 'n lap. 'n Skakel sal aan ouers gestuur word om u beskikbaarheid te bevestig. Alhoewel die veldtog op graad 9-ouers gemik is, kan ander ouers steeds deelneem.

**Ekstraklasrooster:** Ekstraklasse se rooster is met graad 8 en 9-ouers gedeel. Let asseblief op die datums en reël vervoer soos nodig. Klasse is gemik op leerders wat nie goed presteer het in kwartaal 1 nie. Skoolbusse sal dus op Maandae en Woensdae om 15:30 vertrek.

**Afsprake met onderwysers:** Deurlopende kontak tussen ouers en opvoeders is belangrik om toepaslike leerderondersteuning en tydige terugvoer aan ouers te bied. Ek moedig ouers aan om individuele opvoeders te kontak om sulke vergaderings te reël (besoek ons webwerf vir die e-posadres van individuele opvoeders). Let wel, vergaderings kan slegs tussen 14:30 en 15:00 (laatste 15:30) plaasvind. Geen opvoeder mag tydens skooltyd plaasvind nie.

**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-posadres: hshercules@gmail.com; Emmanuel.Ramathavha@gdeschool.gov.za. of e.ramathavha@hshercules.co.za



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*Mrs E Ramathavha*

*Life is not fair. It never was and it will never be.  
Deal wit it.  
Matthen McConaughey*

# Joy & Sorrow



We welcome a new friendly face at admin.  
Ms Valentia Moagi. She is a dedicated and enthusiastic person who readily adapts to change, works hard and meet tight deadlines without compromising quality.  
We know you will be very happy with the Hercie family. Thank you for the assistance you already gave our educators.

## Important dates

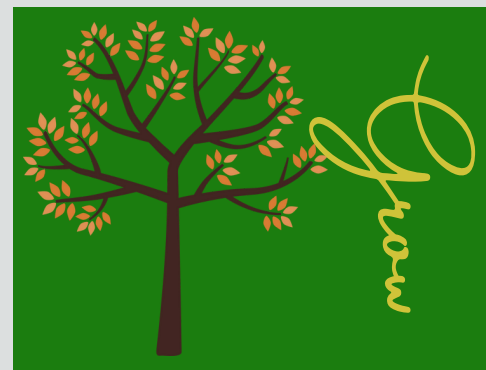
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| 13 May | Extra lessons for grade 12 learners |
| 14 May | Mothers' day                        |
| 16 May | Hockey match home                   |
| 18 May | Netball match home                  |
| 18 May | Hockey match away                   |
| 19 May | Gr 9 Aptitude tests                 |
| 20 May | Gr 9 parents' Clean up Campaign     |



## Academics

### Aptitude tests for gr 9s

- Aptitude tests will be conducted for our grade 9 learners on the 19th of May.
- It's a wonderful opportunity for learners to find out what their strengths, aptitudes and talents are.
- This is also the ideal opportunity to help learners when they have to choose subjects for the FET phase and also gives guidelines for possible career choices.



*If you see something that is not fair,  
not right, not just. You have to  
speak up, say something and do  
something.  
Jay Lewis*

# Saturday lessons for gr 12 only

13 May

|               |                                          |
|---------------|------------------------------------------|
| 08:00 - 10:00 | Afrikaans EAT                            |
| 10:30 - 12:30 | Accounting<br>Geography<br>Life Sciences |

Extra lessons for gr 8 & 9  
14:30 - 15:15

|        |                    |
|--------|--------------------|
| 15 May | Afrikaans EAT / HT |
| 17 May | Mathematics        |
| 22 May | English HL / FAL   |
| 24 May | Afrikaans EAT / HT |



Did you know?

Homework develops:

Discipline

Responsibility

Accountability

Self-esteem

Time management

Self-confidence



*If life is unfair to everyone.  
Doesn't that make it fair?  
Albert Einstein*

# DISCIPLINE

## Hoërskool Hercules has a zero tolerance policy on: **Bullying**

But what exactly is bullying? This week we are going to focus on bullying, especially because we are experiencing an increase of bullying behaviour with our grade 8 and 9 learners. Parents, please take the time to talk to your children about this concerning behaviour. Explain to your child what this entails, but especially also the emotional scars it can cause.

**Bullying behaviour is:** When a child or group of children misuse their power to hurt other children or exclude them.

**The following** three essential elements are always present in bullying behaviour, namely:

- deliberate use of aggression,
- unbalanced power relationship between bully and victim and
- the causing of physical pain and/or emotional anxiety.

### **Types of bullying:**

- Verbal and written, for example name calling, negative / ugly comments, intimidation, threatening or humiliating sms's, badmouthing on social media
- Physical, for example bumping, scratching, shouldering, hitting, tripping, biting, rolling eyes, showing suggestive signs.
- Social/Relationships, for example gossiping (verbal or written), revealing personal information, manipulation of the child with a view to humiliation, exclusion from a group.

### **Consequences of bullying:**

- Increased fear of school and absenteeism.
- Victim's development is affected.
- Causes handicaps.
- Feelings of inferiority.
- Self-esteem problems.
- Feelings of loneliness.
- Social isolation.
- Emotional problems.
- Psychosomatic symptoms.
- Communication problems.
- Depression.
- Struggle to achieve academically.
- Some victims commit suicide.
- Rule-breaking, anti-social behaviour patterns.
- Risk of criminal behaviour later.



*Fairness is such a valuable thing, that no money can buy it.*  
*Alain-Rene Lesage*

# Learner's affairs

## Sports' results

**Netball against Daspoort Secondary**

**First team won 16 - 5**

**u/17 lost 8 - 10**

**u/16 won 18 - 5**

**u/15 won 12 - 0**

**Netball against Prinshof**

**u/17 won 1 - 17**

**u/16 won 0 - 18**



*The test for fairness is  
how fair you are to whose how  
are not.  
Anon*

# Match dates

## Hockey:

- 16 May home vs Blue Hills College
- 18 May away vs Langenhoven High School
- 25 May home vs Lyttleton Manor

Hockey girls had a good  
match but lost 4- 0  
against Pecanwood  
College

# Match dates

## Netball:

- 18 May home vs Pretoria West
- 25 May away vs Prestige Pretoria West
- 30 May home vs Motheong
- 1 June away vs Elandspoort

Please remember about the Tshwane Youth Arts  
Festival's Visual Arts exhibition.

A variety of prizes for the best artwork in each  
category.

Enquire at Mrs Swart



MAY 14TH

## MOTHER'S DAY

CARDS

HOËRSKOOL HERCULE  
ART DEPARTMENT

FUNDRAISER

MOTHER'S DAY  
CARD

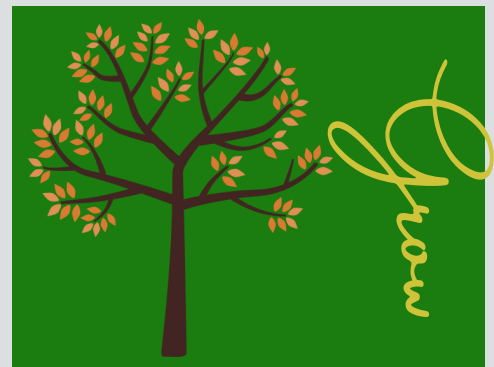
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MOTHER'S DAY  
GIFT BAG

R15

ALL GRADE 10 & 11  
VISUAL ART LEARNER  
ARE SELLING THE CARDS

For more information  
contact  
Me. T. Swart (C22)  
t.swart@hshercules.co.za



*There is balance in life -  
not fairness.  
Sherley Hazzard*

# Parent's affairs



Hoërskool Hercules  
Gr 9 Parents  
Clean up campaign  
All grade 9 parents are  
requested to save this date:  
20 May; 08:00 - 11:00.



Come and do your part

## 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**

## Contact details

Admin - 012 379 4281

Finance - hshercules.finance@gmail.com

Newsletter - mcd.hercules@gmail.com

Absenteeism - jdeklerk@hshercules.co.za

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

Parent's Whatsapp group - 079 733 4094

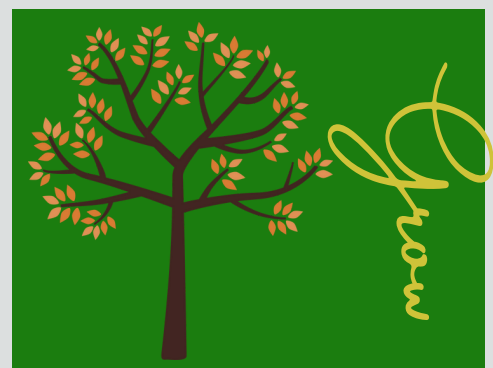
Discipline - hshdiscipline@gmail.com

Admin: dorasamym4@gmail.com

Deputy principal - karenbester15@gmail.com

Parents, if you haven't visited the  
school's brand new, fantastic  
website, have a look.

<https://www.hshercules.co.za/>



*Fairness will produce peace  
and result in lasting  
security.  
Isaiah 32:17*