

HERCIE NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parent,

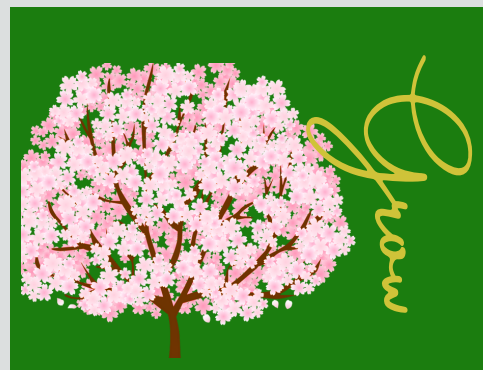
Heritage Day Celebration: On Thursday, 21st of September, our school came alive with vibrant colours and cultural pride as we celebrated Heritage Day. Seeing learners and educators donning their best traditional attires, symbolizing our rich diversity was heart-warming. Laughter and joy filled the air, making it a day to remember. As we approach the long weekend, we extend our warm wishes for a splendid Heritage Day celebration.

AGM and Bi-elections: A gentle reminder that our Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Bi-elections are scheduled for the 27th of September at 18h00. We have three vacant positions on our School Governing Body (SGB) panel, and we encourage all parents to participate by nominating candidates. If you wish to review the audited financial statements for 2022 and examine the proposed budget for 2024, please make an appointment with our finance office. Your input and engagement are vital to our school's success.

Gr. 10 Parents Meeting: Calling all parents of Grade 10 learners! On the 27th of September 2023 at 17h00, just before the AGM and Bi elections at 18h00, we invite you to attend a special subject choice meeting. This gathering will provide crucial academic insights and information regarding the 2024 grade 11 subject choice. Your presence is highly encouraged.

VALUE OF THE WEEK Honesty:

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the quality of
being honest and
speaking the
truth.*



*Anyone who doesn't take truth
seriously in small matters cannot
be trusted in large ones either.
Albert Einstein*

Last School Day Arrangements: As we approach the end of the term, please take note that Friday, 29th September 2023, will be the last school day. The school day will conclude at 11:00, so we kindly request that you make the necessary transport arrangements to ensure your child does not face any inconvenience.

School fees: Our school fees payment is at an ALL-TIME LOW. The situation is threatening the sustainability of some school functions such as the payment of SGB-employed educators. Whilst we commend all parents who are up to date with their school fees payments, we want to plead with those who are behind to try to pay. 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, hshercules@gmail.com or e.ramathavha@hshercules.co.za



Mr E Ramathavha

Uit die hoof se kantoor

Liewe ouers,

Erferisdagviering: Op Donderdag, 21 September het ons skool in 'n bont ne vreugdevolle kleurespel ontplof. Leerders en onderwysers het hulle tradisionele kleres met trots gedra. Dit was 'n vreugdevolle dag en ons wens almal 'n geseënde langnaweek tog.

AJV en tussenverkiesings: 'n Herinnering dat ons Algemene Jaarvergadering (AJV) en tussenverkiesing vir 27 September om 18h00 geskeduleer is. Ons het drie vakante poste op ons Skoolbeheerliggaam (SBL), en ons moedig almal aan om deel te neem deur kandidaat te nomineer. As jy die geouditeerde finansiële state vir 2022 en die voorgestelde begroting vir 2024, wil besigting, kontak asseblief die finansiële kantoor. Jou insette en betrokkenheid is noodsaaklik vir ons skool se sukses.



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*Honesty is more than not lying.
It is truth telling, truth
speaking, truth living, truth
loving.
James E Faust*

Gr. 10 Ouervergadering: Aandag alle graad 10-ouers. Op 27 September 2023 om 17h00, net voor die AJV en tussenverkiesing om 18h00, nooi ons u om 'n spesiale vakkeusevergadering by te woon. Hierdie byeenkoms is noodsaaklik rakende akademiese insigte en inligting oor die 2024 graad 11-vakkeuse.

Laaste skooldagreëlins: Soos ons die einde van die kwartaal nader, neem asseblief kennis dat Vrydag, 29 September 2023, die laaste skooldag sal wees. Die skooldag sal om 11:00 sluit. Ons versoek u vriendelik om die nodige vervoerreëlins te tref.

Skoolfonds: Ons skoolfondsbetaling is DIE SWAKSTE OOI. Die situasie bedreig die volhoubaarheid van sommige skoolfunksies soos die betaling van SB-personeel. Terwyl ons alle ouers opreg bedank wat gereeld betaal, wil ons by diegene wat agter geraak het, pleit om te probeer betaal. Dit help baie om dit vir die skool moontlik te maak gee jou kind die beste opvoeding moontlik. 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.

Mr E Ramathavha

IMPORTANT DATES

27 Sept	AGM
28 Sept	Matric farewell



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*Honesty is telling the truth
to ourselves and others.
Integrity is living it.
Charlie Chaplin*



Academics

Test time table for gr 8-11

Grade and date	gr 8	gr 9	gr 10	gr 11
Tuesday 26 Sept	Life Orientation	EMS - Accounting	History	EGD
Wednesday 27 Sept		Life Orientation	Life Sciences	Physical Sciences
Thursday 28 Sept First session 07:30 - 11:00	Afrikaans EAT	Afrikaans Huistaal & EAT	Afrikaans Huistaal & EAT	Afrikaans Huistaal & EAT
Thursday 28 Sept Second session 11:30 - 14:30	English Home Language & FAL	English Home Language & FAL	English Home Language & FAL	English Home Language & FAL



Diarize these dates:

12 Oct Gr 12 report cards
16 Oct Gr 11 & 10 report cards
17 Oct Gr 9 & 8 report cards
Meeting in the hall at 18:00



Honesty is the fastest way to prevent a mistake from turning into a failure.
James Altucher

Discipline

As a South African, you have the right to basic education which includes adult basic education and further education and learning. This is assured by Section 29 (1) of our Constitution. The government has to make it possible for everyone to have access to a school and a basic education.

Schooling is compulsory for all South African children from the age of 6 (grade 1) to the age of 15, or the completion of grade 9 as stated in the South African Schools Act of 1996.

Parents and learners need to familiarise themselves with their basic rights and responsibilities to make sure that they enjoy the benefits of education in South Africa.

Learner behaviour: Every school - Hoërskool Hercules as well - has a code of conduct that is the school's framework for the creation of a culture of positive behaviour within which learners should conduct themselves. The code of conduct will guide learners about the behaviour that is expected of them and the consequences of their behaviour if they don't follow the code of conduct.

As a parent you should:

- Know the school's code of conduct and ensure that your child upholds it,
- Strengthen the code of conduct by taking primary responsibility for your child's discipline.
- Get to know your child's teacher. A good parent-teacher relationship ensures a happier child with a strong sense of security.
- Be involved by supporting your child's academic and extramural activities.
- Listen with an open mind to your child and the teacher.

Learner misconduct: It is divided into different levels according to the severity of their disobedience. The infringements range from level 1 for less serious misconduct to level 4 for severe misconduct. The level of the misconduct will determine the type of restorative measures a school will take to remedy the behaviour. This can be in the form of a verbal warning for minor misconduct (e.g. homework not done, minor disruption, work not submitted) to disciplinary hearings and suspension for more severe misconduct (e.g. continuous disruption, disrespect, bunking, fighting, illegal substances)

Source: WKOD.online

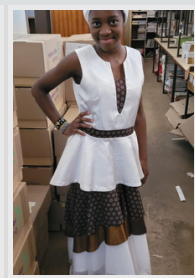


*Honesty is a virtue.
Dishonesty is an art.
Victor Courage*

Learners' affairs



**Hercies are
celebrating their
unique cultural
heritage.**



*Honesty is a very expensive gift.
Don't expect it from cheap people.
Anon*



It's always so nice to see Old Hercies perform.
We introduce our own Rugby World Cup player:

Johan van Heerden

Johan matriculated at Hoërskool Hercules in 2005 after which he played rugby for TUKS Academy. He then played for the Pumas, including in 2009 when they won the Currie Cup First Division.

After playing for the Griffons, he emigrated to Romania. He has been a Romanian citizen since 2012 and also represented Romania in the RWC in 2015. Unfortunately Johan is yet to play for his team in the 2023 Rugby World Cup yet.

In his own words on Sunday's match: "Such an emotional day for me full of emotions. I've been waiting for this day for a long time. My country of birth vs my adopted country, that I call home now, being in the best form of my life."



stuff about staff

Department: Life Orientation & Arts

Ms T Swart

HOD: Life Orientation & Arts
Teaching Visual Arts gr 10 & 11
Creative Arts gr 9

Ms Swart is our newly appointed HOD. She has big dreams for her department. One of them: to establish art as a subject and develop learners' artistic talent.



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1 Favourite song: House of the Lord by Phil Wickham

2 Best day of my life: Every single day of my life, because we are given an opportunity daily to honour God in His ways. But if I had to choose just one day, it would be the day I married my husband. When I made the decision to follow Jesus

3 If I was an animal: I would probably a bunny (small & fluffy)

4 Dream for Hercules: Is that God will give us wisdom on how to run the school. That we will reach new heights in everything that we do. That Hoërskool Hercules will be on everyone's lips because of the change that has taken place in the school.

5 Celebrity crush: Chris Hemsworth

Being honest will not win you a lot of friends. But it will get you the right ones.
John Lennon



Ms R Mpehle
Teaching Life Orientation gr 8 - 12
She describes her subject as: "A subject about a person's essential being; themselves."

- 1 Favourite food: Mugodu and pap (that's cow intestines)
- 2 Favourite person: My daughter
- 3 Three books every person should read: The power of your subconscious mind by Joseph Murphy; Read people like a book by Patrick King; Things I never said to myself

by Duduzile Neoleen Ngwenya.

4 In 10 years ... I want to be a successful professional, a well rounded individual. I see myself committed to continued growth and self improvement.

5 I am a teacher ... because it is my vocation. It gives me the platform to shape young minds and inspire the next generations to be productive, successful individuals.

Ms A Mphephu
Teaching Creative Arts gr 8
Life Orientation gr 10 & 12

Her motto is: Never stop dreaming because once you stop dreaming you start dying.
#dreams are free!



1 Favourite colour: Black

2 Best holiday: My favourite holiday destination is Mpumalanga, which means - where the sun rises. I enjoy all nature serene landscapes, just to unwind amidst and escape from the hectic pace of daily life

3 What I love about my job: What I deeply appreciate about my profession is the invaluable opportunity it affords me to engage with the hearts and minds of your youth, thereby enabling me to impact indispensable life skills and knowledge that will undoubtedly accompany them throughout their lifelong odyssey.

4 Favourite subject at school: History

5 Who inspired you to be a teacher? My grade 5 teacher, Mr Munzhelele, He was a guiding light in my early education, he was the spark that ignited my passion for teaching. His dedication, patience and belief in my potential left an indelible mark, inspiring me to pay it forward.



Ms M Prinsloo
Teaching Life Orientation gr 8 - 12
I am the teacher who will always be running and jumping. I have so much energy and zest for life that I hope will inspire the learners to be more active as well. I love sports and love coaching and shaping young athletes.



1 Favourite drink: Homemade ice tea

2 My role model: My mom

3 What I love about my job: I love making jokes with the kids and seeing them grow as young people

4 My spirit animal: a honey bee

5 If I had a superpower: I want to be invisible!

*A half truth is a whole lie.
Sophia Loren*

Parents' affairs

Financial statements for 2022
and the
proposed budget for 2024
are available for perusal at the
finance office by
appointment. Please
contact the office in this
regard.

AGM
Annual General Meeting
27 September at 18:00

**Parents, like many times before,
we ask once again that parents
do not stop in front of the gate,
or the inlet at the car gate. Also
warn your children's drivers not
to do this. This causes
unnecessary congestion and
creates danger for our children.**



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*The truth will set you
free.
John 8:32*