

HERCIE NEWSLETTER

HOËRSKOOL HERCULES WEEKLY LETTER
TERM 3, WEEK 11

29 SEPTEMBER 2023



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parent,

As we bring Term 3 to a close: we extend our sincere gratitude for your unwavering support throughout this term. While the school books may temporarily close, the pursuit of knowledge should never cease. We kindly urge parents to inspire and guide their children to continue studying during the upcoming holidays, ensuring they are well-prepared for the final examinations and assessments in Term 4. There are a plethora of online platforms available, such as Siyavula, IXL, and Vodacom e-school, among others, which can greatly support our learner's continued education.

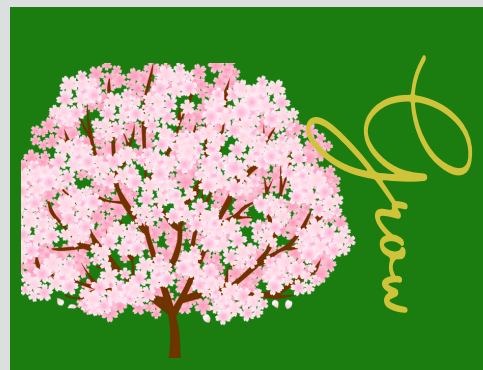
Grade 12 Preterm Camp: We are excited to inform you that our Grade 12 learners will be participating in a pre-term camp from the 2nd to the 5th of October 2023. Attendance at this camp is compulsory, and we kindly request parents to review the timetables and make all necessary arrangements to ensure your child's attendance. Additionally, please note that the Department of Education has arranged a residential camp to further support our learners.

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VALUE OF THE WEEK Compassion:

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sympathetic pity and
concern for the
sufferings or
misfortunes of others.*



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

Bi-elections: On the 27th of September 2023, the school held its Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Bi-elections, which were a resounding success. We are pleased to announce the election of three new School Governing Body (SGB) members: Mr. Mphahla, Mr. Sekutu, and Mr. Maake. We warmly welcome all three members to our SGB and eagerly anticipate their valuable contributions to the school throughout their tenure.

AGM and 2024 Budget: The AGM proceeded smoothly, with parents unanimously approving the expenditure and income report as presented. Furthermore, the budget for 2024 has been officially approved, which includes a 3% increase in school fees. Detailed minutes of the meeting will be shared with parents in due course. We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to the parents who attended the AGM and Bi-elections meeting. Your participation is crucial to the success of our school.

New Heads of Departments (HODs): We are delighted to introduce and welcome two new Heads of Departments: Ms. van Loggenburg, who will oversee Afrikaans, and Ms. Maringa, responsible for Mathematics (including Mathematical Literacy). Both will commence their roles effectively from the 1st of October. We eagerly look forward to their contributions to our school and wish them a successful tenure.

Farewell to Ms. Van Den Heever: On a somber note, we bid a heartfelt farewell to Ms. van den Heever, who has dedicated the past five years to Hoërskool Hercules. Ms. Van den Heever made significant contributions as a softball and netball coach and as a member of the school assessment team. She leaves behind an indelible legacy in the hearts of her colleagues and students. We express our gratitude and fondly say, "Mooi loop, Juffrou".



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

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

Joy & Sorrow



Ms van der Heever or Miss van Zyl, as the children still call you, this is a sad koebaai. May you be well, we will miss you very much and the void you leave is great.

Mag dit met jou goed gaan op jou nuwe pad.



IMPORTANT DATES

- 10 Oct School starts
- 12 Oct Grade 12 parents' meeting
- 16 Oct Grade 10 & 11 parents' meeting
- 17 Oct Grade 8 & 9 parents' meeting



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

Academics Discipline

Importance of imparting discipline in school

Discipline is not just a moral value but it is the most powerful virtue that is necessary to be successful in life. One cannot achieve the goals of life without being disciplined. From a film star or a sports person to a business man or lawyer, it is discipline that takes them forward in life. However, discipline is not learned in a day. It takes years to acquire this trait and the best time to learn discipline is right from childhood. That is why schools play a crucial role in imparting discipline and creating well balanced individuals. Discipline is a way in which we align our body, mind and our soul to follow a proper order. A person who is disciplined performs everything in the right manner and is able to achieve great heights in life both personally and professionally. Discipline is the only way which can bring stability in a person's life. Not even a single work can be executed properly in the absence of discipline. Thus, it is essential to practice discipline in every sphere of life.

Discipline is essential to maintain a learning environment in school

If a child is not disciplined, he will never be able to implement his plans in real life which will later cost him way too much. If there will be no discipline in a school, the learners will be free to do anything. Everyone will bunk the classes. So, no one will prefer to sit and learn in the classroom. The learners will also refrain from doing homework. Ultimately, the learners won't be able to learn anything. Hence, discipline is important to create a learning environment in the school.

Academic performance and discipline is co-dependent

It is very clear from many studies and research that no academic performance or results are possible without good discipline. Learners who are undisciplined cannot focus on the task at hand, their brain is simply not trained enough. It's unequivocal: no discipline, no performance. Schools, parents and learners who therefore prioritize academic performance must also insist on strict discipline.

Source: Khatun, A & Siddiqui, MPG. THE ROLE OF DISCIPLINE IN EDUCATION AND ITS IMPACT ON THE PROCESSING OF LEARNING. In JETIR October 2018, Volume 5, Issue 10, p87-96



*We can't heal the world today, but
we can begin with a voice of
compassion, a heart of love and an
act of kindness.
Mary Davies*

Learners' affairs



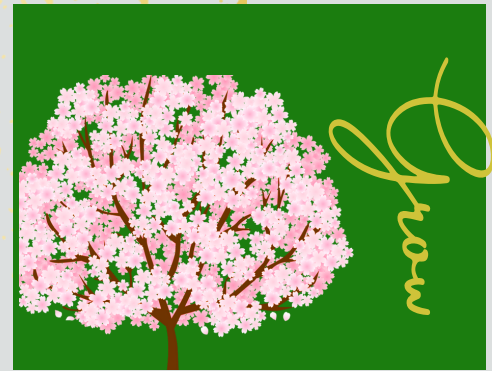
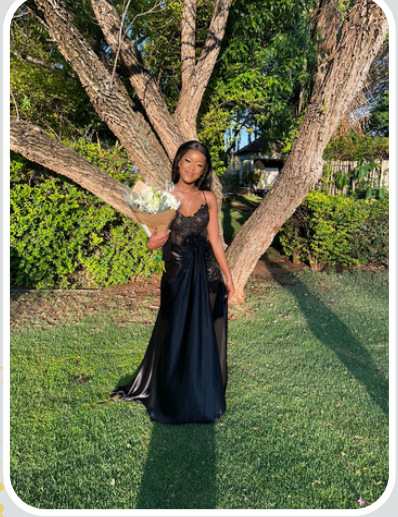
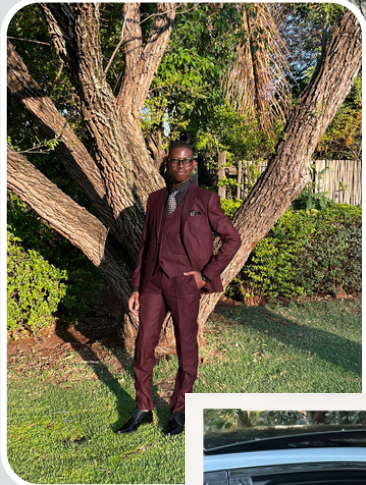
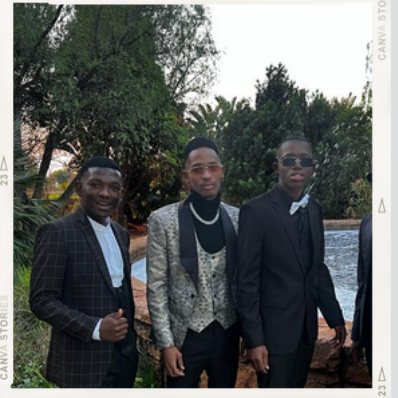
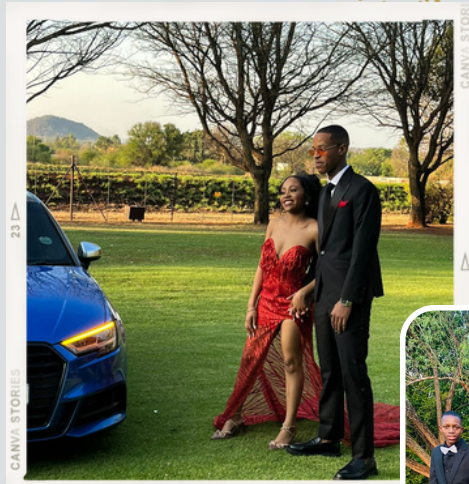
The U/19 girls ended their softball season on a high note. Their last game was against HTS John Vorster. They unfortunately lost 8-6.

Matric Farewell

As always, the matric farewell was a stylish and prestigious function. Thanks to all the teachers who walked the extra mile to make this possible.



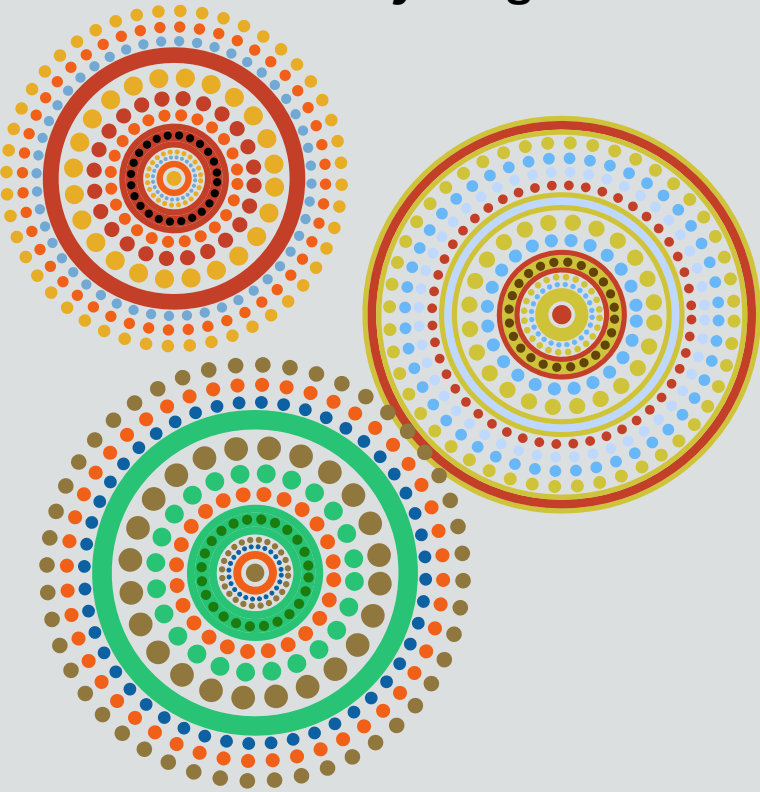
Compassion and tolerance is not a sign of weakness. But a sign of strength.
Dalai Lama



Unlike self-criticism, which asks if you are good enough, self-compassion asks what is good for you.
Kristen Neff

Parents' affairs

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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*As a father has compassion for
his children; so the Lord has
compassion for those who fear
Him.
Psalm 103:13*