



# Alexander Road High School

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Dear Alex Family Members

## **The April fool's day newsletter**

I hope that you did not get absorbed by any of the multitude of April fool's gags that circulated in cyberspace this morning. There were certainly some very amusing ones that I encountered. There is nothing quite like a light-hearted moment to brighten your day.

Please be reminded that we are back in uniform from Tuesday next week. If there is any reason that your child won't be in uniform, please inform the Grade Head and they will take it from there.

A reminder that next week is the last of our test weeks for the term. School on Tuesday will start at 07H45 for everyone. We were aware of several late arrivals during the last test week owing to issues in the transport sector. Accordingly, we have moved the test session to start after the first lesson. Registration will start as normal at 07H45; lesson 1 will start at 07H55 and the test will start at 08H40. We hope this will address the problem going forward.

We are very excited about our 'Music at the drive in' event, planned for 16 April at 18H00. We cannot have a hall full of people to hear the fantastic work of our music ensembles so we have a pop-up drive in and we will capture the performance and send it real time to the drive-in screen on the field. Families can sit in their cars on the field and enjoy that concert together but separated in our vehicles. Tickets will be on sale next week so keep an eye out for them. I suspect they will be sold out very quickly.

We started a mini film festival in 2019, timed to run at the same time as the house plays. This year we have a number of submissions. We are very excited to share them with you and to get your votes on which you think are the best mini films. Please go to <https://www.arhs.vip/blog/video-category/alex-film-fest-2020/> to see the entries and then click on the button at the bottom of that page to cast your vote. Please remember that you will need one of your children around to log in with their school username and password in order to record the vote.

We are trying to streamline our process when you need to fetch your child before the end of the day. We don't want you to have to wait for them or to have them miss too much class. If you send a hand-written note, please remind them to hand it in at the reception desk at the start of the day. They must excuse themselves from class at the appropriate time and report to reception with enough lead time to complete the required exit document. We should not have to call them out of class if they know about the appointment.

Interact is supporting love sandwiches. The details are below. Please support them if you can.

**Love STORY**

Donate money to feed a hungry child

**Alex**

**INTERACT**

NEEDS YOUR HELP

Donations can be made:  
In cash to the bursar -  
via EFT to the following bank account -  
Alexander Road High School  
Standard Bank  
080380174  
Reference: LoveSandwich

*love sandwiches*

The support for our table of sharing has picked up this week. Thank you to everyone who has sent tinned or other food. If you are still keen to help, please send the goods to the print room with your child. This is an ongoing endeavour.

Tragically, we lost a member of our family this week. Thembani Simba started with us in Grade 8 this year. He had hardly started school when he was struck down with an illness. He was in intensive care for much of February and passed away this week. Our deepest condolences to the family on this loss. he was a young man, brimming with potential taken home before he had a chance to make his mark. May his soul rest in peace.



If you are travelling this long weekend, please let your holiday start when you get into the car. Stop often; enjoy the scenery. When someone behaves badly on the road, just make space for them to do their thing. This approach will make you more relaxed when you arrive and will extend your holiday to include your travel time. We need you all back safe and sound next week.

Please have a kosher and joyous Passover and a blessed Easter. May your family time be joyous this weekend.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matthew Ridgway', written over a horizontal line.

Matthew Ridgway  
Principal