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Dear Alex Family Members

## Term 2 is off to a flying start

What a wonderful week to start the second term. We have had our activities starting in earnest. The rehearsals for the show continued through the holidays and run every evening until 21H00. Look out for the bookings to open. We are expecting to sell out evenings pretty quickly. I have added the poster to whet your appetite.

We have kicked off our winter sport fixtures. Several matches were played yesterday, and some are on this afternoon with the rest tomorrow morning.

We hosted the UCT Maths competition on Wednesday evening, we had over 200 pupils from schools all over the city and another 50 in classrooms all answering maths questions.

We were blessed with some rain (and a bit of hail) on Wednesday evening. Every drop counts.

The DanceSport crew were out as normal yesterday evening. I know that all these activities demand a lot from our parents and guardians who often have to camp in their cars for long evenings outside the school. They may not say it often enough, but our children do appreciate all the extra effort.

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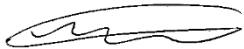
will send you a copy for the fridge door. This will allow you to see what tests are being written every week. We are planning a set of exams at the end of this term. The exam session is shorter than normal because not all subjects have exams specified in the assessment plan issued by the DOE. The timetable will be circulated once it is complete.

The Matric Dance date has caused a little distress. Please accept my apologies if you were affected. I had originally planned the Matric Dance for 7 August. I then discussed the logistics and felt it might fit better on the following Saturday, 14 August. I received feedback indicating that I had not considered all parameters when making the change. I have settled the matter and returned the event to its original date on 7 August. As long as Covid gives us the opportunity to host the event, we are anticipating another fantastic occasion in the life of Alex.

You may be aware of a gradual increase in the number of new cases of Covid being reported nationally. The Eastern Cape still seems to have a low number of new cases daily, but we must remain vigilant. Please stick to our guidelines for sending your children to school. We are still regularly sending pupils home who have arrived with symptoms. Please keep them at home if there is any sign or symptom.

Please keep yourself and those dear to you safe this week.

Fond regards



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Principal