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Dear Alex Family Members

Almost into the Woods

With the rising national total of Covid-infected people in South Africa, we have cautiously scheduled our sporting fixtures for the weekend against VP. Included in these fixtures are our first two rugby games this year. I am sure that many of you will be aware of other schools in the city that have had pupils displaying symptoms and subsequently testing positive for Covid, resulting in whole teams being quarantined.

Please adhere strictly to the protocols relating to sports matches at VP this weekend. No spectators will be allowed onto the property. Please drop your children off and wait until they have passed the screening and then arrange to fetch them as soon as possible after the game. I know how desperately so many parents want to support their children during the matches. There might be a chance to see some of the game from the fence at VP, but I would imagine that there will be quite tough competition for the spots with the view.

Please be wary of taking up these spots as they may lead to crowding. Fixture times for tomorrow [are here https://bit.ly/3uRQlcO](https://bit.ly/3uRQlcO)

If you have a MySchool card and are interested in entering their competition, please visit their website to find the details.

We are going into the final stages of our preparations for our musical, *Into the Woods*. Ticket sales have opened this week. Please follow one of these links to book your seats. <https://qkt.io/Ze8vk4> for any show at R95 per ticket or <https://qkt.io/XXT3Ux> for the family show on Monday 31 May at R70 per ticket. The sale of tickets has gone very well so far, I would advise that you book soon to avoid disappointment.

There is still the possibility that our show could be affected by Covid. If conditions change and we need to adjust or cancel some of our shows, we will most certainly do that to ensure the continued safety of everyone. At this point, we are cautiously



optimistic about the show being able to run but conditions change daily, and recent increases are posing a threat.

I would like to draw your attention to a virtual event planned for Sunday this week on the topic of Teenage cyber addictions, cyber bullying and the warning signs that parents should look out for in parenting as well as for educators in the digital era. If you are interested, please visit their page on Facebook <https://fb.me/e/1orfR1pzX> and sign up to join them.

We have had the IEC conducting some voter education in the school over the past few weeks. One of their motives was to make it easy for our pupils to register to vote. They accept registration from anyone over the age of 16, although the person must be over 18 on the day of the election in order to cast their vote. Some pupils felt compelled to complete the registration forms. Please note that this was never the intention. The invitation is open to anyone who felt coerced into signing the registration form to visit me and we will withdraw the registration before it gets to the IEC.

We wish everyone who is celebrating Eid today a blessed day with your family and friends.

Please keep yourself and your loved ones safe this week.

Fond regards



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