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Womens' Day Newsletter

A very happy Womens' Day to everyone. We all appreciate the contribution of women to our collective existence. Please spoil all the women in your life on Monday. If the meteorologists are right, we are in for a cold one, so coffee and breakfast in bed seems a sensible idea.

We sent reports on Wednesday. If you have not yet seen your reports, please let me know. There are some areas of concern for a few people who have found it difficult to manage their time while they are away from the rigour of the classroom. The results are pleasing in general as many people have applied themselves diligently and have adapted well to the new normal.

Please contact teachers to discuss any concerns that you might have. They can all be contacted from the www.arhs.co.za/teams page. We would love to have a parent-teacher meeting to make it easy for these conversations to happen, but we are restricted to the number of people that we can accommodate at once. Please don't hesitate to follow up with any issues that may present themselves.

We resume all sports at full capacity from Monday. Fixtures will be arranged, and we will need some people to come in to team practices on the days when they are not at school. Winter sport will continue until the end of August. The only winter sport that will not play any more matches is rugby because we need at least four weeks of conditioning training before we can have a game. Some summer sports will start with their pre-season training later in August. The winter sport programme must still take precedence over any activity related to summer sport.

All the music ensembles and societies will be fully functional as from next week. We are looking forward to a return to the type of activity we are used to on the campus. In all these scenarios we will be very strict with our adherence to Covid-19 related protocols. While we allowed to have full sporting activities under the latest Disaster Management act, we are very aware that the number of new cases in the city is still quite high.

A reminder that the Grade 11s will return to attending class every day from 30 August. The Matrics will be writing their trial exams and we will have the capacity to keep the Grade 11s safe and have them at school every day.

The test calendar has been published, the links to them are below. It is a good idea to have these readily available so that there are no surprises.

[Grade 8](https://bit.ly/3yxbjEX) (<https://bit.ly/3yxbjEX>)

[Grade 9](https://bit.ly/2X35QIb) (<https://bit.ly/2X35QIb>)

[Grade 10 to 12](https://bit.ly/3ixWNaF) (<https://bit.ly/3ixWNaF>)

The latest volume of the Alexpress is out, please download it [here](https://bit.ly/3xnMF8x) (<https://bit.ly/3xnMF8x>) Thanks to Mr Lavelle and his team for their hard work in getting this publication together.

My sincere thanks to everyone who has managed to keep up with school fee payments this year. Your contribution to the continuity of the school is very much appreciated.

A reminder to everyone who drives in Alexander Road, particularly at peak traffic times, to please drive slowly and remain vigilant for stray Alexans. We have had a number of near misses and a few incidents where pupils have been hit by cars in the road. The assumption should be that the pupils will walk into the road without properly checking and they will be distracted by friends and phones. Please pay extra attention, especially if you are in a hurry to fetch someone and rush back to work.

Please keep yourself and those you love safe this week.
Fond regards



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Principal