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The first newsletter of Spring

As I mentioned last week, we may all be forgiven for doubting that the seasons have changed. Perhaps Spring is on its way, but there does not seem to be much evidence to hand. I hope that you have not been blown away or freeze-dried during the week. The experts tell us to expect more extreme weather and more weather anomalies as we pump green house gasses into the air.

We have had quite a week to celebrate. Dr Emery won the provincial competition of the National Teacher Awards on Wednesday.

We are very proud of Dr Emery, not just because she won this award but because of all the wonderful work that she does for Alexans every day.



Our Quiz team won the Herald, Isuzu interschool quiz competition last weekend. The Alex team was top of the pile of 27 schools that entered. My thanks to Ms Smit who coached and accompanied them on this journey.



We elected our new Junior City Councillor. Evangelos Batsis, who is the outgoing member held the deputy mayor spot in 2021. We are proud to announce the selection for Milisa Zokufa as the newest member of the team. She joins Naledi Jijana as our representatives. We wish them all the best in this very important role for 2022.

SOME MATHS CONGRATULATIONS

Inter-schools Maths Relay League

John Emery and Rylan Johns won the second round of the Junior Inter-schools' Maths Relay League and came second in the third round



Mitchelle Chininga, Tamicka Luck, Keshia Oliver, and Tsi Tsi Mutambanengwe came second in Round 2 and third in Round 3



Te'shan Olwage, Lusanda Sokutu, Kate Nyirenda, and Evagelos Batsis (absent here) came first in Round 2 and Round 3 in the Senior division



Wits University Maths Competition:

Rylan Johns (Grade 9) and Mohammed Kaka (Grade 11), made it through to the final round.



Regional Team Maths Olympiad

Congratulations to the following Alexans who were selected for the Regional Senior and Junior Team

Junior Team:

Rylan Johns
John Emery
Keenan Smith



Senior Team:
Skye Banks
Daniel Putzier
Evangelos Batsis



Science Expo Award winners

We would like to congratulate Mitchell Chininga and Zadi-Ann Gamba for achieving Bronze for their Eskom Science Expo Projects. Their projects impressed the judges and earned them both a bursary to Rhodes University. We are extremely proud of their dedication and commitment to science and commend them on this outstanding achievement.



An important reminder to everyone who has occasion to drive along Alexander Road. Please do not make a U turn. It is very disruptive and can get other road users quite distressed. It is not difficult to get where you are going from either Second or Third Avenue. These options will not add much time to your trip. I appeal to everyone in this community to be patient and considerate on the road, especially at peak traffic times when tempers are more likely to flare up.

We have moved the scheduled Student Leader voting from next week to a date late in October. The Grade 11s have not been together as a group since early last year and need a while to get to know each other before they cast these most important votes for their leaders for 2022.

Our most heartfelt condolences go to the 12 Alex families who have lost a parent since the start of this term. The reality of the pandemic has struck us at home. The cost is very high, and I must again urge everyone to remain vigilant of the protocols in place to prevent the spread of the virus. Please don't send your child to school if they are not well. If anyone in your home is ill or has been sent for a test for the virus, please keep your children at home until you get the results. I understand the frustration of missing more school time, but we cannot take our focus off these precautions.

Please keep yourself and those you love, safe and warm this week.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matthew Ridgway'.

Matthew Ridgway
Principal

