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Dear Alex Family Members

The State of our Nation

During the State of the Nation Address last night, I was hoping to hear some of the most ambitious plans that our President could muster. If each of us step back and consider the state of our nation, we have a lot to be grateful for, but we also have a lot that needs the attention of our President. The elections this year provide us all with the opportunity to have an impact on the future of our beautiful country. I really hope that enough people think deeply enough about the election and make their mark where they feel their best interests are represented. We have a recent history of opting out of the electoral process then complaining that we are not happy with government decisions. I know that you cannot please all the people all the time. If we pick the right people and hold them relentlessly accountable, we should end up with a prosperous economy and make South Africa the incredible place that it has the potential to be.

Congratulations

We congratulate all our Gold and Silver academic badge winners who received their badges in assembly today. We are very proud of them and their achievements. If your child is not sporting a badge, please encourage them to maintain the focus and keep up the hard work. It is attainable with enough diligence.

Awards assembly

A reminder about the awards assembly on Monday at 08H15. Please join us to celebrate the academic awards and the top 10 in each grade. We should be done by 08H55.

Homework completion

We are facing some challenges relating to homework not being completed. I discussed the importance of homework at the parent meetings over the last few weeks. You should expect your child to complete some homework four nights per week. The time required will vary based on the grade and work ethic. Please ensure that there is a place and a specific time block allocated to the completion of homework, just to entrench the routine. This homework spot should be away from the traffic in the home. The phone should be in quarantine; when there is a need to refer to work on the phone, that access should be monitored.

If your child does not complete their homework, the teacher will email you to inform you and issue some sanctions. Please support us in this effort. Academic discipline is core to our success.

MySchool Card

If you shop at one of the outlets that supports the MySchool card programme, and you do not already swipe your MySchool card with each purchase, please could you take the time to sign up by following this link:

<https://www.myschool.co.za/portal/register>

If you have the card but do not have Alex as a beneficiary, then please add us. You are allowed up to three different beneficiaries, so you don't have to abandon your other causes. To add or change beneficiaries, you can install the app on your phone or use the above link to sign in and edit them. Thank you for your support in this way.

Lost Property

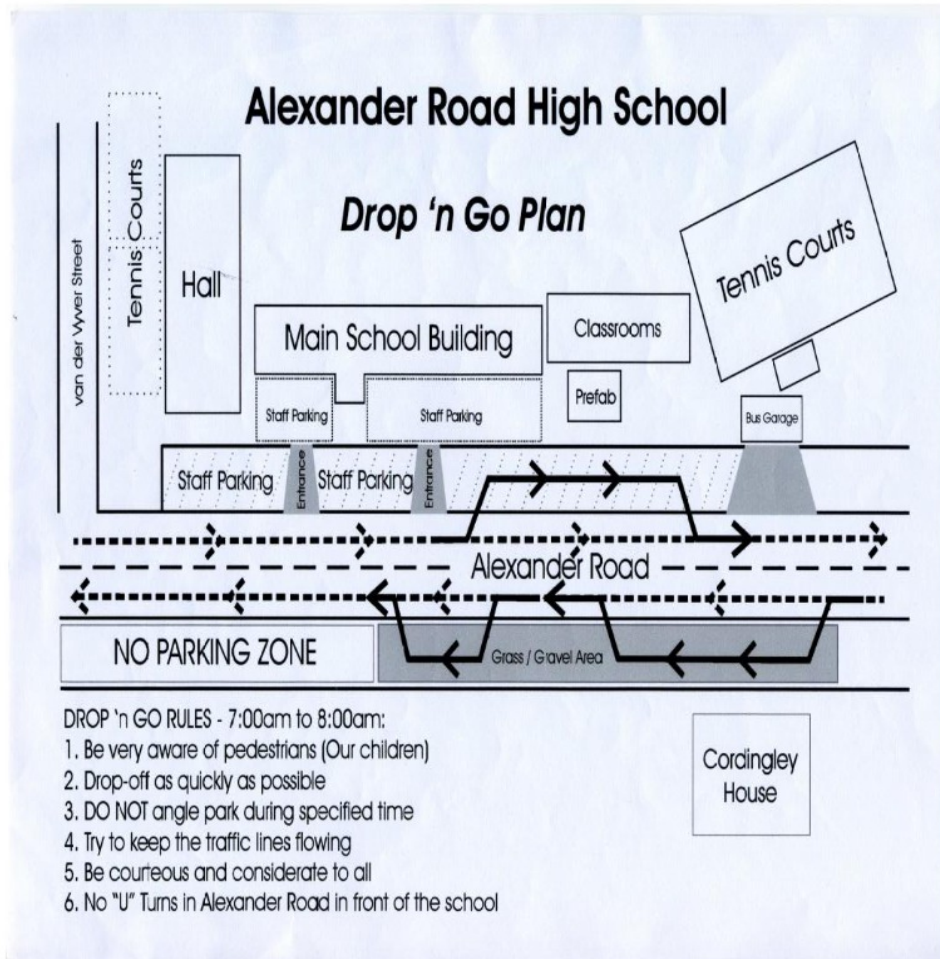
Please send your child to lost property at second break on any day if they have had their water bottle or lunch box go missing at school. We have hundreds of nearly new items that are accumulating on our lost property shelves. Please mark these items so that we can reunite them with the owners when they are "stolen" by being left on the field after break every day.

White sport socks

If you were in need of the white sport socks with the green and red hoop, but could not get them from the shop because their stock ran low, please follow up. The shop has stock now. We will start with sanctioning anyone who still has plain white socks after Monday, 4 March. The school clothing shop is closed this Monday (12 February) for stock take, so please build that into your planning.

Drop and Go

A reminder about the drop-and-go system that we run in the mornings. Please stick to this plan.



Open Day

Please share the word with anyone that you know might be interested in sending a child to Alex next year: we are hosting an open day next week on Tuesday and Wednesday from 17H00. It would be a good time for them to get a peek inside the magic that is Alex. Booking is essential and spaces are rapidly filling up, so don't wait until it's too late: <https://forms.office.com/r/DAcQg2eUU8>



ALEXANDER ROAD HIGH SCHOOL

Invites all current Grade 7s to our
GRADE 7 OPEN DAY 2024

WHEN?
13 + 14 February

BY BOOKING ONLY >>>
Please book using either method below.

Booking Link:
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Scan the QR Code:

Information:
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Nil Sine Labore

Come and get a taste of the Altogether Experience. Alex is a family-oriented school, offering a well-rounded education, where children develop character while pursuing their goals. We pride ourselves on being forward-thinking and reflecting a quality driven, true South African educational experience.

The poster features the school's crest on the left, which includes a book, a lamp, and a figure. Below the crest is the motto 'NIL SINE LABORE'. The main text is in white and green on a black background. At the bottom, there are two small images: a swimming pool and a sports field.

Please remember our table of sharing and used cooking oil collections.

Whatsapp community

This is a test to see how many of you get to the bottom of the newsletter every week. We are starting a whatsapp community, to update you on campus activities and to share classic Alex moments. If you don't already have enough on your phone, please join the community:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/CQWgXyJtFqAHdN1bSGrHyO>

This is not a whatsapp group, you will only be able to see the numbers of people who are already in your contact list. I will be posting. Posts will be very controlled. I will take your guidance of if I am sending too much.

Please look after yourself and those you love this week.

Regards



Matthew Ridgway
Principal