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Dear Alex Family Members

The “back in the swing” Newsletter

After so much anticipation and preparation, we finally have the 2021 academic year off to a flying start. Just like a reluctant fledgling, it took a bit of patience and perseverance to get out of the nest.

On Wednesday I was out on the field witnessing Water Polo, Cricket and some Hockey for the first time in what seems like a very long time. It is the first sense of my pre-Covid life that hints at life being able to continue.

A big thank you to all our parents who have paid school fees in January. I know how very challenging 2020 was and I really appreciate the focus on getting school fees paid. We have extended the deadline for the 5% discount on full settlement of the fees until the end of February.

We have opened our applications for 2022, we already have 389 applications, we only have 240 places for next year because we have a smaller Matric group this year. If you are planning to apply or know of people who are keen to join the family, please encourage them to apply early. We close the application on 3 April, after that all applications will go automatically onto the waiting list.

The latest version of the school calendar has been published and will accompany this newsletter. I have also updated the academic days allocation with the new dates, this is version 3 of the academic days, please discard any earlier versions, we don't want confusion.

Every Friday we have assembly at 10H25. We cannot all go into the hall and have a traditional assembly for obvious reasons. We will always only have half the school, at school every Friday but we would like to make it possible for everyone to join the assembly. From today, I will publish a link to the next assembly. Your children may join us on Fridays if they would like to via a Youtube stream. Please don't stress if you don't have the facilities at home to join. This is a nice opportunity for us to get together as a school, but essential notices will all go via the notices system and I will draw vital information to your attention in these weekly newsletters.

The link for Friday 26 February is <https://youtu.be/7ztxSNpWVRY>

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