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Dear Alex Family Members

Friday the 13th newsletter

I trust that your Friday the 13th has been a lucky one. We seem to be in the middle of a rather severe spike in new Covid-19 infections this week. We have seen a large increase in the number of Alexans who are in quarantine. It may not be bad luck, but we need to keep our collective guard up at least for the next week or two.

We were looking forward to a full round of Hockey fixtures against Westering this weekend. The decision has been taken to cancel all these fixtures in the light of the recent spike in new Covid-19 infections and the fact that Westering was closed today. We have some fixtures planned for next week, but we will assess the situation and make a call on those as we get closer.

We would like to wish the Quiz Team all the very best as they make final preparations for the Herald inter schools quiz competition on Sunday.

The Grade 12s will begin their trial exams on 26 August with the CAT practical exam. We expect them in full attendance until the 25th of August. They have the exam timetable and should be well into their preparations for these important exams.

The Grade 11s will be back at school every day from 30 August. We anticipate this will have a positive impact on their learning and we look forward to the better engagement and more contact time with them.

I hope that you have all enjoyed the rain as much as I have. The cut off low that rolled over us seems to have given our coastline a very good dose of rain but the catchment area seems to have been a bit less fortunate. We will need to continue with our efforts to reduce the amount of water that we use in our daily routines.

Another wonderful Maths relay took place in the hall this afternoon. It was much smaller than normal, as expected, but still a very exciting event. There is not much that gladdens the heart like seeing a room full of high school students having so much fun, doing maths on a Friday afternoon. Well done to the team of organizers for putting the event together again. The senior maths relay is scheduled for 27 August.

Please keep yourself and those you love safe this week.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matthew Ridgway', written in a cursive style.

Matthew Ridgway
Principal