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Dear Alex Family Members
The wet week newsletter

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After we almost had spring toward the end of last week, we seem to have been thrust back into winter this week. I appreciate the rain because I have some freshly planted vegetables that seem to be enjoying the gentle start to their life in the ground.

I hope your week has been a productive one. I am sure the pressure of the looming tests has manifested in your home. We are a week and a half away from the mark submission deadline. Most subjects will have a test or project due in the next few days. This is further complicated if anyone misses a day. Please contact the teachers where tests are missed to make a plan. Some can be written at home under supervision. We don't want to stress our children further because there is an accumulation of tests all to be written on their return.

We have had a much better week with respect to people who are not feeling well arriving at school. My sincere thanks to everyone for being more focused on that aspect of managing the spread of the virus. Please continue to stand firm on this issue.

We are very excited about the Showcase 2021. With no major production this year we are hosting a competition for individuals who can record their performance and submit them to us. We will pit them against each other in various categories:

- Drama: Comedy monologue, not more than three minutes long
- Music: Singer with a song from any Broadway show
- Music: Solo musician (no restriction as to musical instrument or genre)
- Stand-up comedy act: Best personality
- Speech: Original speech written and performed

In order to enter please follow this link. https://bit.ly/3luJqbu

The submission date is 14 October, so dust off your vocal cords and get rehearsing.

In celebration of Heritage Day next Friday, we would like everyone to come to school on Wednesday and Thursday next week dressed in traditional wear. Even if you don't have exotic traditional wear, your taste in civvies would also be an expression of your

culture. We are having an assembly to celebrate the diverse cultures in the Alex Family. I have asked our children to create some videos explaining some part of their culture to everyone else. It could be of their favourite festival or meal, or even a family tradition. We have so much to appreciate about each other. Next week will be an exciting opportunity to share.

A few dates to remember for your planning. The last day of Term 3 is 1 October. If you refer to your <u>academic days version 7</u>, you will note that we have not assigned an academic day. We will start at 08H00 with our final Matric Assembly. At 08H30 we will begin the rehearsal for the Winter Sport and Cultural Awards Assembly that will start at 09H30. The list of award winners will be published early next week. We will only have the people involved in the assemblies at school on that day. Everyone else will ned to join us via the live stream on YouTube.

The Matric final Assembly will be available here: https://youtu.be/OF5ngAMHuTc

The Awards Assembly will be available here: https://youtu.be/pkX6bGPAUSc

The reports for Term 3 will be issued during Friday 1 October. We will be back in action for Term 4 on Monday 11 October with Green day 7.

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

Fond regards

Matthew Ridgway

Principal