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Dear Alex Family Members

The Heritage Day newsletter.

My thanks to all parents and guardians who facilitated our children dressing in a way that expresses their culture for yesterday and today. What a beautiful sight! We certainly are very blessed to have so many different cultures in our community.

We are looking forward to having our Matrics back in class from Monday. While we still have some exams, the majority of them will be able to check exam papers, make some observations about what still needs to be done before the final push from late October.

We are finalising the logistics required to allow us to welcome our Grade 10s back to full time attendance every day from the start of term 4. We have checked our spaces and the class sizes and made the adjustments required to keep everyone safe. We are confident that it will help support them in the run up to the final exams for 2021.

Next week is the last week of term 3. We only have classes until Thursday. We will be hosting the Matric final assembly at 08H00 on Friday and then the rehearsal for the awards assembly from 08H30. The Winter Sport and Cultural Awards Assembly will start at 09H30. The names of the award winners were circulated on Monday this week and are [here](https://bit.ly/3zndll5) (<https://bit.ly/3zndll5>). There is no academic day on Friday. Anyone who is not involved in either assembly can join the assemblies from home. Reports will be sent during Friday

Matric Final Assembly: <https://youtu.be/OF5ngAMHuTc>

Awards assembly: <https://youtu.be/pkX6bGPAUSc>

While on the topic of academic days we have a new public holiday on 1 November to accommodate the Local Government Elections. This results in us requiring a change to our plan. I am loath to publish version 8 of our academic days schedule because it has nearly had more edits than I have had clean socks. (Yes, I get clean socks every day). I am confident that since we only have 4 academic days after 1 November before we start our internal exams on Monday 8 November, that you can all make the change on your version of the document. We will have the Blue day 7 from Monday 1 November on Tuesday 2 November. The other days will follow suite, as seen in the table below:

Month	Day	Week day	D	Col	Notes
November	1	Monday			Voting Day
November	2	Tuesday	7	Blue	
November	3	Wednesday	7	Green	
November	4	Thursday	1	Blue	
November	5	Friday	1	Green	

My very grateful thanks to everyone who has paid their school fees on time every month this year. We are able to meet our financial obligations every month because of your dedication to this unenviable task. I am very well aware of the struggle to make ends meet, no matter where you find yourself on the earning spectrum. It seems that every week products are more expensive than the last time I bought them. I am working with our finance committee to prepare a budget for 2022. Our proposal will go to the SGB on the 13th of October and if they approve it, the Treasurer will present the budget to parents in a meeting on 17 November 2021 at 17H00. We are facing the same challenges as a school. The prices of our consumables and services are spiralling ever upward. We have worked very hard to keep costs down. We have made good progress in most cost centres by looking at how we do what we do and finding smarter ways to get things done. If all goes well, we will have a draft budget available for viewing from 14 October. I will confirm with you all once we are there.

I hope you enjoy the stray summer weather we have today because it looks like winter is back next week. Have a fantastic time tomorrow, if you are lighting a fire on National Braai Day, enjoy the time with your family and friends.

Please keep yourself and those you love safe this week

Regards



Matthew Ridgway
Principal