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Dear Alex Family Members

End of Term 3 Newsletter 2021

Phew, what a term. I have the habit of treating Term 3 like the pariah term. Not too much happens in Term 3 and apart from the trial exams for Grade 12, we spend much of the term waiting for Term 4 to happen. Most years we have fantastic music concerts to entertain us while we wait. This term has been packed with fantastic activity. There is a good reason that the pupils and staff are feeling weary and ready for the short break.

The success of our Quiz Team, and the Maths Olympians in round three of that competition were the highlights, supported by a few actual sports matches. The Matrics' last week at school has added some lightness to the campus as they dressed up all week. Some Matrics also have a lot to celebrate, there are some wonderful results on their reports. It has not all been fun in the sun; we have had a few challenges. The event of Tuesday this week has had a profound effect on our community. It is often the case that out of adversity comes beauty. My family and I are incredibly grateful to the Alex community for the love and support shown to us this week. I can report that I am recovering well and feel so much stronger because of your support.

Reports will be emailed from the start of today. If you need a hard copy, please pop into reception from the start of next term and the ladies will gladly help you. We have not had the opportunity to host our normal parent-teacher meetings this year but there is no reason not to be in touch with your child's teachers. Please have a good look at their report and look to the right of the marks to see the name of the teacher. If you don't have their email address, just go to www.arhs.co.za/teams. Find the teacher you need and drop them an email if there is any reason at all do so. We are fully invested in your child's success. Anything that reduces that success must be addressed sooner rather than later.

We will be streaming both assemblies today for anyone who would like to join us online. The final Matric assembly is here: <https://youtu.be/OF5ngAMHuTc>
And the awards ceremony is here: <https://youtu.be/pkX6bGPAUSc>

Alexans, please give your parents a break this holiday. Wash some dishes; don't be too demanding on their time.

We need to hit the ground running next term. October 15 is not an academic day; only Grade 12s will need to be at school. The prize winners must be at school by 08H00 for their rehearsal. The Matric Celebration of Excellence starts at 09H00 and should end by 10H30. The Valedictory assembly will start at 11H00. Please could each Matric invite only one parent or guardian to the event on 15 October because we can only accommodate 250 guests in order to comply with the Disaster Management Act.

Those Matrics who would like to participate in the 2021 footprint are reminded that they should bring shoes to wear after the Valedictory, if they plan to donate their school shoes as part of the assembly. A reminder to Grade 12 parents about the information in the [Matric newsletter](https://bit.ly/2Y7l0gy) published two weeks ago (<https://bit.ly/2Y7l0gy>)

The rest of the school will be able to join us via the live stream.

Similarly, 18 October is not an academic day. The Grade 8s to 11s who are prize winners will need to be at school by 08H00 for the rehearsal for the celebration, which will start at 09H00. The Grade 8 to 11 prize winners may also invite only one parent or guardian to the event because we can still only accommodate 250 guests. This event will also be live streamed to allow everyone to participate.

For both events there will be parking available on the school field. Vehicle entry will be via the gate in Van der Vyver Street and will be open from 07H30.

Normal school will resume from Tuesday 19 October with green day 2 as per our published [Academic days](https://bit.ly/2V4dDV4) document. <https://bit.ly/2V4dDV4>
A reminder about the one change to that document as a result of the public holiday on 1 November. The change is detailed 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	

We will start our internal exams on Monday 8 November. We will have the final exam timetable ready early in Term 4.

Thank you all for your contribution to this term. I hope that there is a break in your home this week, even if it is just from getting your children to school.

Please look after yourself and those you love this week.

Fond regards



Matthew Ridgway

Principal