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Dear Alex Family Members

The Matric Dance Newsletter (finally)

The campus is abuzz with activity this week with the Grade 11s working late into the evening to get the hall ready for tomorrow's event. I am so excited that we can host the dance this year even though it was postponed. I still feel for the 2020 Matrics who were deprived of their dance and this year's Matrics who were deprived of the opportunity to do the preparations. I hold this event very dear because it is a very special opportunity for our Grade 12s to be together and to appreciate one another. My thanks to the large team of teachers who have managed the process and the Grade 11s. If you would like to see the fruits of their labour, we will have the venue open for viewing this afternoon from 14H30 until about 16H00.

If you would like to attend the arrival of the Grade 12s tomorrow, they will start arriving from 15H00. Please be aware that the traffic will jam in 3rd Avenue and Alexander Road. Please try to keep your distance from each other as you line up.

Together, we mourn the loss of Raez Thompson. I did not send out a newsletter last week but our hearts went out to Raez's family as they suffer such a terrible loss. I am sure the whole community will join me in extending our deepest sympathies to the whole family in this difficult time. Raez will continue to be missed by his Alex Family.

We are in the run-up to exams. I need to remind you all about the important details. All morning exams start at 08H30; all afternoon exams start at 14H00. Grades 8 and 9 will only write in the first session but they often write two exams in the same session with a break between exams.

Every child has been given an exam booklet comprising eight pages. Please sit with them well before the exam and complete the front page. This will end up being their personal timetable with start times, dates, and venues. We will publish the seating plans next week. If you could double check that they have not left any exams out or put in the incorrect times, that would be a comfort.

If anyone is sick on an exam day, please let us know. Once we have conducted roll call, we will call you to check on anyone who is missing. Please remember that even the presence of Covid-19 related symptoms that would normally not prevent them from

writing the exam must be acted on. We cannot allow anyone who has symptoms into the school. We only have provision for Matrics who are in quarantine or symptomatic. We cannot accommodate any other grades in this regard.

If anyone breaks any of the exam regulations, they could end up in exam detention. This will take place on the next day that they are writing an exam, from 12H00 until 13H30 in TM04. It is very important that if something does go wrong, the consequences are felt immediately. Please support us in this regard. They will be allowed to study during this detention.

Textbook retrieval is an essential part of the exam process. You will all remember that you paid a book deposit when you first joined the family, and that we supply textbooks for the whole time your child is here. We signed out the textbooks that your child currently has custody of. These will be returned to us after the last exam in each subject. Please confirm with your child that they take the textbook to the last exam and that they remember to submit it. If we don't get the book back, we will need to invoice you for a replacement. We would prefer not to have to invoice anyone, so please help us by checking in all the places that textbooks hide in a teenager's room.

It remains for me to wish the Matrics an enjoyable dance tomorrow. We also send our blessings to all of you for your exams. We know how hard you have worked and we wish you every success as you show proof of the work that you can do.

Please remember the budget meeting planned for 17 November at 17H30.

Please look after yourself and those you love this week.

Regards



Matthew Ridgway
Principal