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Dear Alex Family Members

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Back to busy weekends

A wonderful Athletics Day, which went on for half an hour too long, happened on Monday and signalled the start of some sort of normal activity that we can look forward to this year. I am sorry that we ran late, I think we all forgot how to do it during 2021.

The uptake in our extra-mural programme this year is very exciting. This weekend has our girls' water polo team in Makanda at a tournament. Our backstage- and production crew are in the thick of it all weekend, preparing and training for the year. The music ensembles are also practising and preparing this weekend. The debating teams are out in full force this afternoon. The cricket teams are playing Woodridge. We have more cricket teams this season than in the past five years. The return of life to the campus in the evenings and weekends is also very exciting indeed.

We open our applications for 2023 Grade 8 next week. If you or your friends or family have any children for whom you would like to apply to Alex, please could you make it a priority to complete the application process fairly soon? We had over 1600 applications on file for 2022 in Grade 8 and we were only able to admit 230. The competition is rigorous and the sooner we have your application the better.

Please remember the SGB by-election scheduled for 2 February at 17H00. If we do not achieve a quorum, we will meet again on 10 February at 17H00 to complete the process. If you would like to nominate a parent of an Alexan to serve on the SGB, please use the form at the end of this newsletter. We must have those nomination forms before the meeting starts.

If you are making payments into the school bank account, please be careful to put your child's name and Grade as the reference. It is very difficult for us to know who has paid if you write 'Alex High School' as the reference.

The Matric Dance date has been set as Saturday 20 August. We will be communicating with parents of Grade 11s about the costs and time frames for décor week.

Please consider paying your school fees by using our debit order system. We have two dates, 25 and 1 of each month. This is a low-cost and hassle-free way of keeping up with your commitments. If you get paid earlier and would prefer an earlier date, then you can set up an automatic payment on your banking app or visit the bank to sign a stop order.

We have finally managed to sort out the issues that we have been having with our phone system. The migration to a digital PABX is complete. The system is now stable. We may still have a few issues transferring calls for a week but after that we hope to

have a seamless, efficient and low-cost solution in place. Please accept my apology for the failed attempts to call us over the past three weeks.

If you park near the fig tree to fetch an Alexan, you may have noticed a new flowbin standing just inside the fence. This is related to the initiative that I discussed last year. If you have used cooking oil, please do not put it into your garbage to be sent to a landfill. It is very polluting in this context. Please send the used cooking oil to school and we will add it to the flowbin. As soon as we have enough oil collected, we will get the oil converted to biodiesel for use in our machines. This is a sustainable way to dispose of the oil. Please only send cooking oil. We cannot use engine oil.

We wish Daniel Nash in Grade 9 all the best as he competes in the inter-provincial biathlon this weekend

Please find the 2022 year planner here:

<https://bit.ly/3ACGvV4>

This is subject to regular change but may help you to plan your life this year.

Please keep yourself and everyone you love safe this week.

Regards



Matthew Ridgway
Principal

Nomination Form

Name of School: Alexander Road High School

Component: Parents

Proposer:

I, _____

Full Name

being a parent of Alexander Road High School, hereby propose:

(Full name of Nominee)

as a member of the governing body of Alexander Road High School.

Signature of Proposer

Date

Seconder:

I, _____

Full Name

being a parent of Alexander Road High School, hereby second:

(Full name of Nominee)

as a member of the governing body of Alexander Road High School.

Signature of Seconder

Date

Declaration by Nominee:

I, the nominee, _____ (Full name of nominee)

accept the nomination and declare that I am not/have not

- a. mentally ill and have not been declared as such by a competent court
- b. an unrehabilitated insolvent
- c. been convicted of an offence and sentenced to imprisonment without the option of a fine, for a period exceeding 6 months or have not yet served a full period of imprisonment.
- d. Been declared unsuitable to work with children as stipulated in terms of the Children's Act 2005(act 38 of 2005)
- e. Had my membership terminated by the HOD in terms of SASA

Signed at _____ on _____

Signature: