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Dear Alex Family Members

The snooze newsletter

We have used up all our 4-day work weeks. No more long weekends until mid-June. It is back to the reality of 5-day full-throttle weeks until the last week of May when the pace changes for Exams. The title of the newsletter is for the cast and crew of the show, who are all like walking zombies at the moment. They have been getting home near midnight for the last few weeks and there is not much rest for any of them until the curtain falls on 14 May.

I have tried to stay away from show rehearsals and preparations in order to retain the mystery. My first look at it was the opening night on Tuesday. I am not renowned for lacking adjectives ... I was a few short in describing the extent of my emotions as I left the hall after the show. Suffice it to say that if you have not yet secured a ticket, don't regret a gap. You can buy tickets at school; we sell tickets at the door and you can hop online to secure them. I would advise against buying a ticket at the door; there may not be any left.

I hope that you have your tickets to the show. If not, please move quickly to secure your spot. The links below will be useful.

Public evening performances: <https://qkt.io/jDmlAz>

Ticket price: R95

Friday 6 May 19:30

Saturday 7 May 19:30

Wednesday 11 May 19:30

Thursday 12 May 19:30

Friday 13 May 19:30

Saturday 14 May 19:30

Public matinee performances: <https://qkt.io/SfCAGR>

Ticket price: R85

Saturday 7 May 14:00

Saturday 14 May 14:00

Alex Family Night: <https://qkt.io/Wtzd6Q>

Ticket price: R80

Tuesday 10 May 19:30

We have had such wonderful outings on the sporting front over the last three weeks. The weather (for the most part) has played ball (we do appreciate the rain). Our sport has really got going this year. We have offered some pretty strong competition across

most age groups and sports to some fairly tough competition. Most importantly, we played hard and kept our dignity. If you have the time to support our players, we have three girls' soccer games on the Common and most other sports at Woodridge on Saturday. The meteorologists are promising us cold and wet weather. It would be great to catch up with you face to face for a change, bring your broly.

You may have heard the Minister of Health say something about children at schools not having to wear masks. We have not had updated instructions from the Education Department and, as a result, we are sticking with the current protocols. Subsequent communication from various sources have indicated that, at least for High Schools, the rules on Mask wearing will remain for the time being.

We are very well into the fifth wave of the pandemic at the moment. We have had a number of staff and pupils test positive for Covid-19 and we have an even larger number who are sick with all the symptoms but are testing negative. Please keep tabs on your children's health. If they start to develop symptoms, isolate them at home. They don't need to be tested for any of our systems, but your medical practitioner will have advice, which we support. If someone in the home tests positive, you do not need to isolate the whole family, but I would advise more regular checking for symptoms.

Once we get into the exam session from 23 May, we will need you to consult a medical professional before keeping your child at home. It does not have to be a doctor. If you visit a clinic or the nurse on duty in a pharmacy, they will be able to determine the correct course of action. We won't be able to allocate marks for exams that are missed without the support of a medical certificate indicating that the child is unable to attend school on that date. An early call or email to the school to keep us informed of the decision to stay home will help us to manage the exam more efficiently.

Please remember to send your used cooking oil to school for our biodiesel programme. Please don't forget to support our table of sharing, if you can.

We have a lot of lost property accumulating this term. I am confident that the jerseys and golf shirts were reported as stolen to you, but they lie here in anguish. Please get your children to check on the lost property when they have items stolen. We love to reunite items with owners, made much easier when names are found in the items.

Another reminder: to save as much water as possible. If we do not have access to municipal water, we will still have the ability to flush toilets but there will be no other water available. We might face a real challenge if the sewage system is not functional. I am sure you are developing contingencies at home and doing what you can to save. This is yet another crisis that we can only tackle as a family.

Don't miss the show. Do keep yourself and those you love safe this week.

Yours in education



Matthew Ridgway
Principal