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Dear Alex Family Members

Lucky Friday the 13th

If you are a superstitious person, you might have stayed in bed this morning, afraid of the bad luck that is destined for your life on Friday the 13th. Why not turn that superstition on its head and have a quick stock-take of the many wonderful people and circumstances that we so often take for granted?

Just this week we are in the last stretch of “Into the Woods”. If you have not yet had an opportunity to see the show, you only have three performances left.

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

Ticket price: R95

Friday 13 May 19:30

Saturday 14 May 19:30

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

Ticket price: R85

Saturday 14 May 14:00

You can get your ticket at the door, but don't delay, you will be wracked with regret if you miss out.

Our national infection rate from Covid is quite high as we ride the fourth wave. We have had quite a few people who are sick but have tested negative. It is that time of year when our children are all tired and the cold weather is nipping at their extremities in the mornings and evenings. Please keep a close eye on them. They can be a bit naughty about putting tracksuits on after practices and matches. If you or someone in your home tests positive for Covid, there is no need to quarantine unless there are symptoms. Children can return to school as soon as the symptoms have cleared up. It would be advisable to keep your distance and to wear your mask a bit more often if there is a Covid-positive person in your contact circle, just be extra safe.

We are in the process of adding card payment and SnapScan facilities to the Heart. As soon as the implementation is complete, we will be able to take payment in these two ways. We hope it will be more convenient for some who find cash a challenge. When you are here over the weekends, it might be easier for you as well.

With one week to go before we shift into Exam mode, I need to remind everyone of the protocols. Everyone should have their exam timetable and specifications for each exam by now. The seating plans will be circulated next week. If your child is not writing on a day, then they are allowed to stay home and study. Please remind them

that they are not on holiday; they may not roam the malls. We need them at home, working.

All morning exams require everyone who is writing to be at school by 08H00 on the exam day. The second session starts at 13H00, which means that candidates must be at the venue by 12H30.

If you cannot have your child at home on a non-exam day, please let me know that they will be coming to school and I will accommodate them with a venue to study.

If there is illness and you decide that your child is not able to write, please contact us before the session starts. Please visit a medical professional to get a certificate stating that the child is unable to write. Please send us that certificate. Anyone who misses an exam without the required documents will be given zero for that paper.

If you are running late, please let us know. They will be allowed to enter the exam. They will not be given extra time unless the delay was unavoidable.

We have had a very exciting time on the sports field this week. We had an excellent set of fixtures against Woodridge over the weekend, even though it was quite wet (we never complain about precipitation). A tough set of hockey fixtures happened against Pearson. Some exciting results came from the soccer teams who have been doing so well this year. We host Victoria Park, starting from this afternoon. The weather looks a lot dryer than last week, but it still might be a bit chilly. If you have the time, we would appreciate your support for what promises to be a wonderful celebration of school sport.

Please keep yourself and those you love safe this week

Yours in education



Matthew Ridgway
Principal