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Dear Alex Family Members

## The scent of a break in the wind

You might be forgiven for mistaking the season for summer this week as we cracked the high twenties. The wind yesterday would have set you straight though as the cold front without much in the way of rain rolled over us. If you are lucky enough to get the day off work on public holidays, I am sure that you will join me in looking forward to a break next week as we celebrate Youth Day. 16 June 1976 was a pivotal day in our history, often symbolised by Sam Nzima's photograph of Hector Pieterse being carried away from the turmoil after having been shot by police as he went to the post office to fetch a parcel for his teacher. The events of that day helped to focus international attention on the increasingly hostile political and social environment developing in South Africa at the time. International pressure was ratcheted up over the following years to force change. We are a long way from the utopian future envisioned by the leaders of the liberation movement, but at least we can be fairly confident that our police service members will not be firing live rounds at school children.

If you are lucky enough to get some time off on Thursday next week, please spare a moment to contemplate the importance of the day. Friday 17 June is a school holiday, so we have not scheduled any exams for next Friday.

Our exam schedule runs right through to 23 June. The term ends on 24 June and our final assembly will go out via YouTube at 08H00 on the link

<https://youtu.be/4wCmRtjnJN4>

We will start sending reports out right after that. If you need a hard copy of the report, please pop in to reception any time from the start of Term 3 and we will print one for you.

We are very excited to be able to congratulate our sportsmen and women who have been selected to represent the province in Rugby and Hockey this year:

Zukisa Xoshombe in the U16A Rugby Team  
Ntsiki Brandon in the U18B Girls Hockey Team  
Zara Nagan in the U18B Girls Hockey Team  
Gerhard Rockman in the U18A Boys Hockey Team  
Sachin Padayachee in the U18A Boys Hockey Team  
Caleb Gaseba in the U18A Boys Hockey Team  
Kacey Campher in the U16A Girls Hockey Team  
Clireez Brugh in the U16A Girls Hockey Team  
Matthew Reid in the U18B Boys Hockey Team  
Aaliyah Abersalie in the U16B Girls Hockey Team  
Ezray Stadt in the U16B Boys Hockey Team

Andresjko Crowie in the U14A Boys Hockey Team  
Clyden Brown in the U14A Boys Hockey Team  
Camagu Ben-Mazwi in the U14B Boys Hockey Team  
Tristan Botha in the U14B Boys Hockey Team

We are very proud of all of you and wish you every success at the inter-provincial tournaments. Well done to all the coaches, who invested in getting these players to this level of performance.

We start Term 3 on Tuesday 19 July on academic day 6. We will be hosting parent-teacher meetings on Wednesday 20 July (for pupils with surnames starting with A to M) and on Thursday 21 July (for everyone else). These will provide an opportunity for you to meet with teachers and to discuss the results of the mid-year exams. These meetings must be short and succinct. If you need to have a lengthy and detailed discussion with a teacher, please contact them from our Teams page ([www.arhs.co.za/teams](http://www.arhs.co.za/teams)) and make an appointment to see them at another time.

Term 3 is typically very busy. The last part of the winter sport season fills our afternoons and weekends with sports practices and fixtures.

We have planned a test week in late August, just after the Founders' Weekend, which is planned for 26 and 27 August. We will be returning to a more traditional Founders' Day celebration on Friday 26 August, with no classes planned for that day as we engage in our reunion activities. Saturday 27 August will be our Family Day, with inter-class soccer as we last did in 2019. We are looking forward to getting Founders' Day back to its former glory.

We have a staff concert planned for Friday 26 August, be on the lookout for ticket sales. Spoiler alert! You might not get to see Mr Kleb in fishnet stockings this year.

We completed a study skills course for Grade 8s in April and we have a similar course planned for Grade 9s in July. Any other grades that would like to attend the course will have the opportunity on Saturday 13 August. Bookings for the Saturday session will open early in Term 3.

I will not write a newsletter next Friday because it is a long weekend. Our last newsletter for the term will be on 24 June.

Please keep yourself and those you love safe this week

Yours in education



Matthew Ridgway  
Principal