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Dear Alex Family Members

The end of Januworry

Next week sees the end of the long January slog, made worse by an early payday in December and perhaps a little frivolity over the holidays. Our term is off to a flying start. I hope you had a chance to join us on Monday for another fantastic Athletics Day. We had a great time, despite a few drops of rain near the end.

Parent Meetings

Thanks to everyone who joined us for the parent meetings this week. The Grade 9 parent meeting is scheduled for the 10th of February and Grade 11s for the 11th of February. Both meetings start at 17H30. We look forward to those meetings with you.

Grade 12 event

Parents of Grade 12s, please take note that your children need to be at school by 07H45 on Tuesday as they have an event starting at 08H00 in the hall. Various tertiary institutions will have stands with application information for them. The rest of the school starts at 08H20 on Tuesday.

Open Days

On Tuesday and Wednesday next week, we have our annual Open Days. We are fully booked so please don't invite anyone else. We have 600 families visiting the school. You might be caught in the traffic on those two afternoons so be wise about pickup times. Thanks to all of you who are willing to fetch your children at 19H30 when they have finished working at the Open Days.

SGB by-elections

Please remember that we have the first round of our SGB by-elections on Tuesday next week. I sent [this letter](#) to you in December. This first round of the by-elections starts at 17H30 on Tuesday next week. If we fail to achieve a quorum, we will reconvene on 4 February at 17H30, at which point we will proceed without the need for a quorum. Please consider standing for election. We have two vacant posts, and I only have one nomination. This is vital work, and we need your help in filling the vacancies. Please look for the nomination form at the end of the original notification letter (or by following the link above).

Congratulations

We are very proud of Chelsea van Rooyen who was selected to join a karate tour to Japan in August. We wish her every success on that trip.

Societies Day

On Wednesday next week, everyone will get the opportunity to visit the displays set up by each of our societies. This is a wonderful opportunity to try something new. Please encourage your children to sign up for a new activity. They really add a lot of value to the Alex experience. Your support is very much appreciated. We expect them to commit to attending the activities of the society for the year. Even if they don't like it as much as predicted, they will still learn something.

Band rehearsal weekend

The bands are getting to grips with their new repertoire for the year this weekend. We wish them all the best. If your child is rehearsing this weekend, please join us in the hall for a short concert between 16H00 and 17H00 tomorrow. We need to prove that we got some work done and I would like to have a quick chat with you all about the year ahead.

Denim for Diabetes

Please keep an eye out for our fundraising and awareness campaign around diabetes. On Friday next week, anyone who would like to participate will be allowed to wear denims to school as long as they make the donation of R10. Our Interact society is keen to educate everyone about the different types of diabetes and lifestyle choices that can help prevent this growing scourge.

Please don't forget our table of sharing or our cooking oil recycling project.

Please look after yourself and those you love this week.

Regards,



Matthew Ridgway
Principal