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Dear Alex Family Members

Sports Festival Weekend

With tomorrow being the ides of March as discussed 2 weeks ago, I hope that your March has not been all doom and gloom. The announcement of the new budget was not one that predicts a lot of financial easing in the coming months. We could be staring down the barrel of a much bigger and more immediate VAT hike, so I do think we should look on the bright side of life. Our U14 Sports Festival is in full swing. Please feel warmly invited to join us today, tomorrow or on Sunday for a wonderful celebration of sport. It is particularly important to us that this festival caters for the youngest people in high school. They seldom get the opportunity to play in festival conditions. Secondly that there is no ranking or ultimate winner of the event. We want coaches to think of it as early season team preparation. Perhaps to try a few new combinations or players in new positions. The way that sport should be played.

Congratulations

We are very proud of Sethar Reid and Caleb Prince who were both fast enough to qualify for the provincial swimming team that is travelling to Cape Town for the Interprovincial Tournament. Well done to them both. We wish them all the best at the event.

Winter Extramural Afternoon Schedule

I managed to send you the 2024 Winter sport schedule last week so my apologies on that, accompanying this newsletter is the 2025 schedule, which may prove to be a lot more useful.

Fanfare and Flourishes

Please book your tickets for the concert on Thursday next week. This is going to be a delightful way to start your long weekend. I have been eavesdropping on the rehearsals and they already sound marvellous. Don't miss out.



Pushing through the pain

I have already mentioned in previous newsletters that we don't allow children to change their sport and cultural activity choices after they make them. The subtending philosophy is that if you choose Cricket and then decide that you don't like Cricket, you need to fulfil your obligation to the rest of the team until the end of the season. Once the season ends, you are free to make a new and different choice. Tenacity is a much sought after character trait by employers. Please do not support your children when they come home after a tough match or practice and want to quit. Encourage them to get back out there and make the best of it. We want them to take their commitments seriously and we need them to play for the whole season because we sign in to leagues with a certain number of teams. If we have a number of people drop out, then we cannot field teams and that is not nice for those children who remain or the opposition. I really appreciate your support on this matter.

End of term 1

We have a short week next week and the following week, we have subject focus day on the 27th. Many of our children will be writing test or assessment on that day. Please ensure that you do not make plans to depart early on your holiday if you are lucky enough to be travelling. We have staff training on Friday the 28th, so we don't need them at school on Friday (Which is an official school day). Our Summer Sport Awards assembly is on Thursday the 27th at 13H00.

Please remember our table of sharing and our used cooking oil collection.

Please look after yourself and those you love this week.

Regards,



Matthew Ridgway
Principal