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Dear Alex Family Members

Happy and safe Easter

As we reach the end of our second four-day work week, I am starting to get used to it. We have ended up with no April weeks that have a full complement of five working days. Fewer working days in a week is an approach some European countries have been exploring and it certainly has its merits.

If you are celebrating Easter this weekend, we wish you a deeply spiritual time, celebrating an important event. If you are travelling for this weekend, please be very careful. We regularly have terrifying Easter weekend road traffic fatalities data. There are too many people in too much of a rush who try for as much holiday as possible over four days. We need you all back in one piece on Tuesday, so please take your time on the road: rather arrive late than not at all. We start on Tuesday 22 April at normal Tuesday times. Registration will be at 08H20.

The Wiz

We had our first rehearsal with the cast and the band together yesterday and it was a glimpse of what we are in for. You do not want to miss the opportunity to see the show this year; trust me, you will regret it. If you are interested in putting your business advert into the programme, please contact the music secretary on

musicsec@arhs.co.za for details. If you do not yet have your tickets, please get over to Quicket and book your seat:

<https://www.quicket.co.za/events/309649-the-wiz/?ref=organiser-profile#/>



Congratulations

Well done to Ahlomile Sonti who was chosen for the district squad to attend the Provincial Trials for U18 Rugby. Congratulations to Sibahle Luti and Anganathi Manentsa who made it through to the third round of Provincial U16 Netball Trials.

Well done to Liyema Hewana who was crowned the winner of the Mr Elite Competition which he recently entered. Connor Davis, Damien Freeks and Tristan Du Plessis are all playing in a tournament in Jo'burg as part of the eBhayi Football Club tour – we wish them well.



Blood Pressure Study

My sincere thanks to everyone who signed consent forms for our blood pressure project last week. We have done all the tests and have completed all the feedback forms. Our contribution to the data is the largest one made from all the schools that they have approached so far. Well done to all!

Traffic in Alexander Road

Please can I ask again for all of you to adhere to the rules of the road, especially at peak traffic times in Alexander Road. We still have parents stopping in the middle of the lane to drop or fetch a child. We still have people trying to do U-turns. Both of these actions have a significant negative impact on the flow of traffic and stopping in the lane is illegal and, more importantly, inconsiderate. Everyone needs to get to work and, by engaging in these actions, you are negatively affecting many other people. Please bring your community-minded self to bear on morning traffic outside school. It makes for a better day for everyone.

Please look after yourself and those you love this week.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Matthew Ridgway".

Matthew Ridgway
Principal