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Dear Alex Family Members

And So It Begins

We have reached the end of May and the end of teaching for the first half of the year. It's hard to come to terms with the fact that we are entering the 6th month and about to start mid-year exams. The terms seem to have flown by. In the final preparation for exams, please check that your child has a copy of the exam timetable. That the exam dates and times have been correctly identified and noted in the space provided in the exam booklet. Nothing creates anxiety like a missed exam.

We do not require your child to be at school on the days that they are not writing an exam. They do not need to be here for the whole day if they are only writing in one session. If they are writing in the morning session, then the arrival time must be before 08H30. If they are writing in the afternoon session, they need to be here before 13H30. Failure to arrive on time will result in an exam detention from 12H00 until 13H30 on the next exam date.

If your child is too sick to write an exam, please call or email the school to let us know. Please get them to a doctor. We need a medical certificate in order to follow the correct protocol. If we have not heard from you by 09H15, we will give you a call to find out why they are missing.

If they are staying at home on a day, then please remember that they are not on holiday. They must stay at home and work. No beach or mall visits during the morning. If you would like to send them to school on a day when they are not writing, please let me know so that we can cater for them.

Please do not book travel in the week Monday 23 to Thursday 26 June, or listen to your child if they tell you, that there are no classes. We have important activities, including assessments in that week. Their last day will end at 13H30 on Thursday 26 June. We are doing staff training on Friday the 27th and thus do not require the children to attend on that day.

Clothing Shop Times During Exams

A reminder that the school clothing shop will be open from 11:30 to 13:30 during exams, if you need anything on Monday to Wednesday inclusive.

Winter Clothing Drive

Please support our Winter Clothing Drive. This project is run by the Junior City Council; we would appreciate any donations of clothing that will help to make a real difference in the life of someone who is experiencing real need.



Family Favourites

We are still hunting your most cherished family recipes for our celebration compilation to be published in our reunion week at the end of August. We are looking for those dishes that you rely on as a faithful part of feeding the clan. They do not have to be complex or restaurant cuisine. We are also



looking for families and businesses to take on the cost of a page. Think about the benefits for your business of being represented on a page of a recipe that is used once a week.

Reception Hours During Exams

Please take note that our reception office closes at 14H30 during exams. Please email me or info@arhs.co.za if you need anything after 14H30 during exams.

Westering Derby at Westering

We wish our sports teams all the best as they take on Westering this afternoon and tomorrow. Please join us at Westering if you have the time.

Please look after yourself and those you love this week.

Fond regards

Matthew Ridgway

Principal