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Dear Alex Family Members

## The warm glow of dawn

I take great delight at this time of year in seeing the warm glow on the Eastern horizon as I make my way to school in the mornings. It fills me with such hope and enthusiasm. I love the idea that spring is on the way and soon enough I will be going to work in the daylight. As fate would dictate, we have a cold front just in time for the Matric Dance. Even the wintery weather cannot dampen the mood for me. This time of year helps me to appreciate all that is good. I hope your week was a hopeful one.

## Strings Festival

The annual Strings Festival took place on Sunday, 27 July at Grey High School's newly opened Bergman Auditorium, offering a remarkable celebration of Port Elizabeth's thriving strings community. This large-scale event featured 12 ensembles from across the city, including groups from junior schools, high schools, and universities, all coming together to share their passion for music.

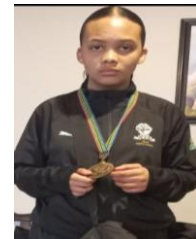


A notable highlight was Alexander Road High School's first festival performance under the direction of their new conductor, Mr. Neal Green. Their performance was well-received and marked a promising new chapter for the ensemble.

The evening culminated in a stirring mass performance, where over 150 string players filled the stage to perform a medley of popular South African songs. The finale brought together students of all ages, showcasing not just musical skill, but a deep sense of community and collaboration.

## Congratulations

We are very proud of Chelsea Van Rooyen who was chosen for the national team touring to Japan for the Goju Kai Global Championships. We wish her all the best for the competition.



Well done to all the academic award winners who will be awarded at the Academic Awards assembly on Friday the 8<sup>th</sup> of August at 08H00. The names of the award winners have been circulated with this newsletter. We invite all the parents who would like to join us for that assembly.



### Alex Choir Festival

Please save the date for our choir festival on 14 and 15 August. This promises to be two bumper nights of performances. Please join us for either or both nights.

### Sport vs Westering

Please join us for our derby fixtures against Westering at Alex this afternoon and tomorrow, in spite of the cool conditions.



### Matric Dance and Décor week

We are very proud of the work that the Grade 11s have done in preparing for the Matric Dance tomorrow night. They have done a spectacular job again this year. The Hall will be open for anyone who would like to see the venue this afternoon. If you would like to view the arrival of the Matrics tomorrow evening, they will be arriving from 16H00 at the front of the school. Please be careful that you give right of way to the cars. If you end up in a conflict with one of the vehicles, you will certainly not win that contest.

### Morning traffic

Please be more considerate when driving in Alexander Road at peak traffic times. In the mornings, we use a drop-and-go system where we ignore the diagonal parking and stop in parallel. Please do not stop in the road, even for a short time, as that has a hugely negative impact on the flow of vehicles. Please do not make a U-turn in Alexander Road at peak times. This disrupts both lanes and also has a negative impact. If we all make decisions that impact positively on our community, then we all improve. Please avoid these manoeuvres out of respect for others.

### Security incidents

We had a very serious incident this week where one of our pupils was on her way past the Newton Park swimming pool and was assaulted. Please can I urge you all to encourage your children to use the shuttle that leaves at 16H00 daily or to walk in big groups in order to deter would-be criminals?

# BRaille BINGO

**TICKETS SALES NOW OPEN!**

	<b>FRI</b> <b>29 AUG</b>	
<b>GREAT PRIZES!</b>		 <b>Alexander Road High hall</b>
Starts at <b>18:30</b>	<b>FOOD 4 SALE</b>	<b>R150</b> per person for 10 rounds
No braille knowledge needed!	FUNDRAISER FOR  BONA BUNTU PROGRAMME	Buy your tickets on  <b>Quicket</b>

## Braille Bingo

We are hosting a braille bingo event on Friday the 29<sup>th</sup> of August. If you have not attended an event like this, please consider it. We are raising funds for the Bonabuntu programme, who support the school. It is going to be a blast. Tickets are available on the link below.

<https://www.quicket.co.za/events/319690-braille-bingo/>

Please look after yourself that those you love this week.

Regards

  
Matthew Ridgway