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Dear Alex Family Members

The Womens' Day newsletter

With our nation taking the day to appreciate our women tomorrow, I thought it appropriate for us to pause and reflect in a similar vein. We all have influential women in our lives, currently or historically. We don't often enough take enough time to appreciate the impact that they have on us. Especially the seemingly simple tasks like getting everyone up on time and managing a home while still working and raising a family. To all the women of our Alex Family, we appreciate and thank you for your dedication to our people.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Kesia Abersalie, who was also picked for the team going to Japan for the Goju Kai. We wish you all the best as you compete.

We are very proud of Ms Burmeister who has achieved a B+ grading as a netball umpire after officiating at the University tournament this holiday.

Calendar Changes

The final timetables for the Matric trial exams and the Matric final exams have been published. They have thrown a spanner into the works of our finely crafted plan for the end of this year. The biggest impact for parents is the movement of the Valedictory to Friday the 17th of October and the Celebrations of Excellence for Grade 8 and 9 to 08H00 on Monday the 20th and for Grade 10 to 12 at 11H30 on the same day.

Sport vs Knysna High School next Saturday

We are playing Knysna High school next Saturday; 250 pupils will be joining us for the trip. Please pay careful attention as these arrangements need some planning.

If your child is chosen to play, they will need to be at school by 04H30. If you face difficulties with transport, please make arrangements for them to spend the night with a friend on Friday so that they do not miss the bus.

We should be back at school by 17H30, we will get them to contact you as we pass Baywest so that you can meet us at school and not have to wait around too long.

Please make sure that there is someone ready to fetch them after our return. If you are travelling to Knysna to join us, please be aware that they will charge you R10 at the gate per person.

If you would like to make arrangements with other people to transport your child home after the games, we need written instructions from you. We will be compelling everyone to be on the bus unless we are in possession of acceptable confirmation. Please avoid any last minute arrangements as these tend to end in frustration.

Teams travelling

We wish our first boys and girls soccer teams all the best as they participate in the district tournament today and tomorrow, We have a debating team in East London this weekend and several of our bands are playing at an eisteddfod today. We wish all these groups travelling mercies and all the best for their contests.

Alex Choir Festival

Please save the date for our choir festival on 14th and 15th of August. These promise to be bumper nights of performances. Please join us.

Academic awards

Well done to all the award winners at our academic awards assembly today. A big thank you to everyone who was able to join us for it. We will be handing out the gold and silver academic badges next week in our Grade Assemblies. The list of gold and silver badge recipients will accompany the Newsletter next week.

Please look after yourself and those you love this week.

Regards



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