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Dear Alex Family Members

The 70th Celebrations Culminate

After all the preparations and anticipation, we had our Founder's Day celebrations today with the assembly this morning when we celebrated the 70th birthday of the school. We welcomed Old Alexans to the assembly. We were so pleased that they had the time to join us, allowing us to share the culture of the school, as it is now, with them. In addition to the Old Alexans, we had a very special group of people in the assembly – most of the ASEF Trustees as well as invited guests who go under the banner: "The 70s group". You can see that they did not spend too much time on their name. They spent all their energy on bringing to fruition a number of projects to help celebrate the 70th anniversary of Alex. As a community, we are very grateful to them all for the many hours that they have invested. Some of the fruits of their labour include the new information system, consisting of 85-inch screens mounted around the school to display the announcements, recent achievements and, recently, the updated history of the school. The same group is responsible for the newly installed timeline displaying the infrastructural developments of our campus. When you are next in the Heart, take a moment to look up at this very impressive display. It really helps us all to appreciate where we fit into the history of this amazing school. Be on the lookout for name plates that have been attached to the various parts of the school that have been renamed in honour of people whom we hold in high esteem. These are intended to help us all appreciate how these people contributed to the development of Alex. This is also a project of the same group.



Glenda Boyes

Senior Deputy Principal
1993 - 2014

Deputy Principal
1985 - 1993

Secretary of ASEF Trust
2015 - Present



Glenda Boyes Jubilee Quad

The Development of the Quad over the years

The Quad was created in 1962 when substantial additions to the buildings took place. Before this, only the current Middle Wing existed. When the Front Wing was added in 1962, the Quad was formed. From December 1956 to 1962 this area was not enclosed and was used by staff for parking their cars and for pupils' bicycle stands. Over the years the Quad has served many purposes. A makeover for the Quad was begun in 2005, and it was named the Jubilee Quad as it coincided with Alex's 50th Jubilee. In 2025, the Platinum Jubilee year, the Quad was renamed the Glenda Boyes Jubilee Quad.



The Glenda Boyes Jubilee Quad

We took a moment today to rename the Jubilee Quad, which was named at the 50th Anniversary of the school. We honour Ms Glenda Boyes for her extraordinary commitment and service to our community. We should all count ourselves supremely grateful to have people of Glenda's dedication in service of the school.



Rocking and Rolling with Us

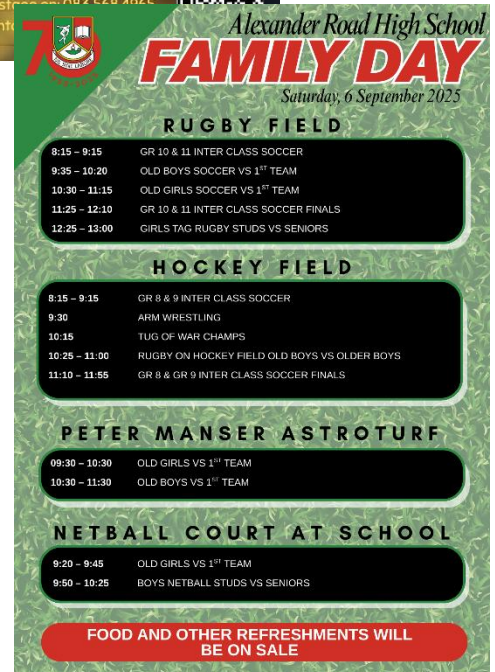
Tomorrow night, Centrestage hosts our Rockin' since 55 show at their venue in the Baywest Mall. We are looking forward to embarrassing ourselves for you. Please get your tickets before it is too late.

<https://www.quicket.co.za/events/331266-rockin-since-55/>



Family day

Tomorrow is Family Day. We are looking forward to seeing as many of you as can join us for the morning. We are expecting the weather to hold for us. As much as we need some rain, we are hoping to get it on Sunday. Please bring the whole family to enjoy being together as a community. There will be food trucks and a jumping castle



Big Bands Festival

We are very excited about the Big Bands Festival. This event rotates between the schools that participate, and this year is hosted by Grey. Please put a pin into your diary for this one. It is the only time in the year when you get to see all the very best high school bands in one performance. It culminates in a mass band event with over 100 musicians.

<https://www.quicket.co.za/events/330706-2025-high-schools-bands-festival/?preview=t>



Wind Band and Friends

Further out, please keep 20 September open for our Wind Band Concert. We look forward to some delightful individual and ensemble performances.

Congratulations

The team consisting of Norman Msaka, Devin Fortune, Chloe Siwisa, Oyisa Ndlovu and Liam Goliath entered a Computer Coding Competition and have recently won their way through to the nationals, where they came second in the country. They are now preparing for the international competition in October. We are very proud of their success and wish them every success in the next round.

Please look after yourself and those you love this week.

Regards

A handwritten signature in dark ink, consisting of a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Matthew Ridgway