



# Alexander Road High School

Private Bag X34377  
Newton Park  
6055  
Gqeberha  
South Africa

Tel: 041 365 1270  
E-Mail: [info@arhs.co.za](mailto:info@arhs.co.za)  
Web: [arhs.co.za](http://arhs.co.za)

26 September 2025

Dear Alex Family Members

## **The demise of Term 3**

As we enter the final week of Term 3 we have completed the marking of our Matric Trial exams. Many of them checked their scripts yesterday, alarmingly some who failed the term or an exam were away from school today. It seems irrational to not be at school when there is clearly work to be done. Just a reminder to everyone that term 3 will end at about 12H00 on Thursday next week. For Grade 10 and 11s we have our annual Careers Evening. They are all compelled to attend, so for them the holiday will only start after the evening is complete. We had over 400 pupils absent today from across the whole school. This is not a result of an outbreak of some pathogen. Please do not listen to your children if they tell you that we are not working in class. We have exams in just over 3 weeks of class time, every second counts. Please support us in this effort.

## **Windband and Friends**

Our recent Windband and Friends concert was a fantastic celebration of music and collaboration, featuring a performance with the Victoria Park Wind Band. The evening began with a lively and engaging set from our brass ensemble. It was a wonderful opportunity to share the stage with fellow musicians and showcase the richness and energy of wind band music.



## **House plays**

Thanks to everyone who joined us for the House Play Festival on Tuesday evening. It was wonderful to share the evening with so many talented Alexans who put together 3 very competitive one act plays.

## **Winter Sports awards**

Please join us for the Winter Sports Awards Assembly on Tuesday morning at 08h00. We get the opportunity to celebrate the efforts of our winter sports teams this year. The names of the award winners are circulated with this newsletter.

### **Sad loss of Alexan Legends**

This week we were saddened by the passing of Cliffy Klebb and Chris Skinner. Cliffy was a long time teacher at Alex and able thespian. His contributions to the world of broadcasting and acting speak for themselves. His biggest legacy here at Alex was the phrase; "Be Kind". He was universally loved by his students and made a lasting impact in the time he was teaching them.

Chris Skinner was the Estate manager for an eon. His thrifty yet wise approach to maintenance and repair is a big reason that our campus works so well. He left a legacy of innovations that will outlast most of us. He was renowned for confiscating all balls that were used in any games that were unsupervised by a teacher. He got very grumpy when people made dents in his grass nets and cricket pitches. He was an incredibly innovative person and he will be sorely missed.

Both men have left the school better than when they arrived and to their families we send our deepest sympathies.

### **School Fees 2025**

A big thank you to everyone who has paid their school fees up to date so far this year. We appreciate your commitment to Alex and we understand that you have many competing demands on your finances. We have quite a lot of fees for 2025 outstanding at the moment. I would appeal to you that if you put any value on the work that our team are putting into your child's education that you pay attention to your outstanding fees. I know that the economy is not in good shape and that there have been a lot of retrenchments in the city over the past few months. It is your school fees that provides us with the resources that we need to do what we do. I am sure that you can all identify with the fact that much of what we do is funded by the SGB with the fees that you pay. We only have 38 people who are paid by the education department. We have over a hundred staff members including admin and grounds teams. Not only do they need to be paid but we need to operate. Please make the payment of your school fees a priority. If you are facing challenges with fees, please contact me. If you leave us without options, we will be forced to hand the account over to our collection agents.

I hope that if you were lucky enough to have the day off on Wednesday that you took the opportunity to rest a little. Our next break is the 16<sup>th</sup> of December, which brings its own tribulations. We need to stick together, support each other until we get to the end of 2025.

Please look after yourself and those you love this week

Yours in education,



Matthew Ridgway  
Principal