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Earth Fire Wind and no Water

When I wrote the newsletter last week, we were just at the very start of a rather serious situation. Many of us experienced an outage of either water or electricity or both. Certainly we all rather appreciate the fact that mostly, we do have access to electricity and water. This of course does not undermine the fact that these form part of basic human rights that we ought not to appreciate them as a luxury but we should expect to have them working at all times.

I hope that you are all up and running again. I know that there are still some suburbs that were going on and off with power yesterday afternoon. Thank you for sending your children to school in spite of not being able to provide clean uniform. Their attendance is very important. The dispensation for deviations from the code of conduct ends today. If you are still experiencing challenges, please make sure that you contact your register teachers to keep them up to date. Ideally we will all be back in the swing of things by Monday.

Congratulations

We are very proud of Liyana Lewis who was selected for the Eastern Cape Childrens' Choir.

We wish our Cricketers and Girls' Waterpolo teams all the best as they participate this weekend. Three Alexans are off to Mossel Bay this weekend to participate the Surf Lifesaving Championships, Nathan Brown, Shéthar Reid and Brynn Isaacs. We wish them every success.

Academic awards and badges

We are very excited again this term to be able to issue a new batch of Silver and Gold academic badges. Gold badges go to people who had an aggregate of over 79% at the end of last year. Silver badges go to those with an average between and including 70% and 79%. These badges will be issued in the Grade Assembly next week Friday. The names of the badge winners will be published with the newsletter next week.

On Monday the 9th of February at 08H00, we will be hosting our Academic Awards assembly. Names of the award winners will be distributed with today's newsletter. These awards are based on a series of exam results and represent a significant achievement by these recipients. Parents and guardians are invited to join us on the 9th for the assembly. The assembly will be completed by 08H45.

Summer Schedule

The summer activity schedule has been published, also with this week's newsletter. I have also posted it on the web site and on the parents' club community Whatsapp group. Please check with your children and confirm the activities that we are hosting. It is seldom the case that we cancel an activity session. When it rains, outdoor activities can come indoors in lots of cases. We will communicate timeously if there is anything that you need to know.

Denim for Diabetes

Thank you to everyone who supported Denim for Diabetes today. Raising awareness and raising funds were both part of our goal for the activity.

Societies Day

On Wednesday our Societies Day went off with a bang. We will be asking everyone to sign up for their summer sports, service and cultural activities for the season. Please encourage them all to get involved. Please remember that we expect anyone who joins a sport or activity to fulfil their commitment to the activity for the term. If they decide that they don't like it after 3 weeks, they need to persevere until the end and make better choices in the following term.

Please look after yourself and those you love this week.

Fond regards


Matthew Ridgway
Principal

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THE WEEK IN FOCUS

WEEK 4: 2 - 7 FEBRUARY

MONDAY 2 FEBRUARY	Class Rep voting grade 8 Matric Find Your Future Expo P4 and P5 Boys 1st Cricket vs VP Away Boys U14 Cricket vs Westering Away, U14B TBC
TUESDAY 3 FEBRUARY	Blood donations
WEDNESDAY 4 FEBRUARY	Blood donations
THURSDAY 5 FEBRUARY	Grade 12 Leadership Seminar (all day) Cake Sale Debating Beginners Festival (Hall) SGB by elections 17H30
FRIDAY 6 FEBRUARY	Grade assembly Academic badges RCL voting grade 8 Band rehearsal weekend
SATURDAY 7 FEBRUARY	Boys Cricket vs MUIR B age group Gala Band rehearsal weekend