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High School

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Dear Alex Family Members

Magnificent sky

With all the clouds that have graced our skies in the past few weeks, we have been treated to some quite spectacular sunrises and sunsets. I think that perhaps a few more of us are travelling in the morning or the evening as the sun is doing interesting things on the horizon as the winter darkness sets in. I was particularly struck by the sky yesterday. The developing thunderstorm and the sinking sun put on the most delightful display. It may be a little arbitrary to start a newsletter with talk of the sky, when there are so many important things going on in the world. I propose that taking a moment to appreciate my surroundings can sometimes help me to cope with all that is going on in the world of humans. Do yourself a favour and look up every now and again, because you never know what you might be treated to.

Congratulations

We are very proud of our girls coding teams who participated in a worldwide coding tournament with 288 girls from all over the globe. Our teams placed 9th and 13th. The following girls were in the teams: Emihle Tandani, Kendra Hiles, Chloe Siwisa, Oyisa Ndlovu and Meagan Dick.

Sport

We have fixtures today and tomorrow against several school tomorrow at Alex. Please feel invited to join us for what promises to be a delightful day.

Sounds of Mzansi

Get ready for an unforgettable evening of proudly South African music at *Sounds of Mzansi*! Hosted by the Alex Big Band, this vibrant celebration of South African Jazz Music will feature performances by Masibuyel'embo, the Victoria Park High School Jazz Band, the Rhodes University Jazz Band, and the



Greenwood Primary School Wind Band. Join us in the Percy Walker Hall on 29 May at 19:00 for a night filled with energetic rhythms, rich soulful melodies, and the spirit of Mzansi. Tickets are R50, and a tuckshop will be available. Come experience the vibrant sounds of South African jazz with us.

Exams

We have 5 school days left this term. Our mid-year exams start on Monday the 1st of June. Please check that you have received the exam timetable, that you know which days your child is writing an exam on, and at what time. It is also important for you to ensure that they have the scope of work to be covered for each subject.

Please make sure that they are at school as much as possible next week. They may try to convince you that they will be more productive at home. Please do not drink that kool aid. They are definitely much better served at school.

The term will end on Thursday the 25th of June and not a moment sooner. Please do not assume that because your child has written their last exam that they are on holiday. Script checking and exam review are critical parts of the learning process. Please do not make any plans to leave on a cheaper flight before the last bell on the 25th.

Please look after yourself and those you love, this week.

Fond regards



Matthew Ridgway

Principal