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Dear Parents,

I would like to wish you all a wonderful Heritage Day for tomorrow and thank all those here at school who contributed to the week we have had - including a memorable special assembly on Monday and the cultural heritage stands which have been on display in the Payne Hall throughout the week.

I am delighted to be able to report, for the first time in many months, that - to the best of our knowledge - we do not have a single boy who is currently COVID positive. Long may this continue! We do not for a second assume that we do not still have many challenging times ahead but are thankful for the continued efforts of all those in our community to limit the spread of the virus.

Ahead of what will once again be a very busy fourth term, I would like to bring a number of upcoming events and important information to your attention:

- Monday, 11th October: Colours Assembly
- Wednesday, 13th October: Photograph Day
- Friday, 15th October: Matric Final Assembly
- Friday, 22nd October: Matric Valediction
- Tuesday, November 2nd: Commencement of Grade 8 - 11 Final Examinations
- Tuesday, November 9th: Annual General Meeting (Including presentation of the 2022 school budget)

- As was the case in Term 2, due to rearranged calendars and affected mark deadlines, please note that Term 3 reports will only be released two weeks into Term 4. Term 3 assessments are being written right up until the final day of the term and in order to adequately prepare reports this delay is unfortunately unavoidable.

- Please note that, as mentioned above, Grade 8 - 11 are writing a Cycle Test on Friday, 1st October; the final day of this term. We therefore expect full attendance on that day. A doctor's note will be required should a student not be able to complete their required assessment on that day.

- School will close for the term at 12PM on October, 1st, following the above mentioned Cycle Test and Inter-House activities.

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The rescheduling of the local government elections to Monday, 1st November has, once again, required that we make a number of changes to upcoming plans, particularly for our matric learners. All these details will be communicated to matric parents in the new week; including the schedule for the month of October, detailed plans for Valediction and the academic support initiatives which will be available to the matrics.

Jeppu has been an incredibly busy place over the course of the past few weeks with athletics, soccer, cricket, waterpolo, debating, public speaking, orienteering, tennis, rowing, mountain biking and basketball events and matches, along with various inter-house activities, taking place. All of which have added so much life and energy to the campus. I would like to commend all the boys who have taken the opportunities available to them with both hands and thank the many educators and coaches who have given up their afternoons, evenings and weekends for the boys. One of the hallmarks of our school, and indeed great schools around the country, is the willingness of students to make the most of their opportunities and to give their best in all they do. It is gratifying to once again see this spirit and attitude abundantly evident on campus.

Yours in health and education,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dale Jackson', enclosed within a hand-drawn oval border.

Dale Jackson
HEADMASTER