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To strive for excellence by developing all to their full potential



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Message from the Deputy Headmaster

Quote:

“Playing soccer gives us so much. But the fight for equality and the fight for women and empowering women everywhere is a special second gift.” Christen Press - American soccer player.

One of the topics that we often raise in education, is the development towards gender equality and working towards our learners contributing more meaningfully to society. There is so much that we need to still do, especially at an all boys school. And especially within a developing nation where cultural and traditional norms still don't promote equality. And as much as we educate learners, focussing on content within subject curricula, it is the development of the all-round learner which is even more important. We want to develop better people who play an active and positive role within society.

From a distance, it has been frustrating to watch the USA women's soccer team fight for equal pay, but it is a headline that has enabled many of our learners to acknowledge and understand how much inequality there is in any workplace. But within our own context, it is more than a fight for equal pay. It is a fight for respect. And that opens itself to so many concerns within our society, like the extent of the gender based violence in our country. We need everybody in our community to join us in this process of educating our young men, and making sure they fully understand and grapple with the importance of gender equality.

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The Guardian ran this article, after creating a powerful panel to try outline a way forward in gender equality. Hopefully there is something we can all take from the article and use within our own workspace or community. Click here for the link to the panel that contributed to the article: <https://www.theguardian.com/global-development-professionals-network/2016/mar/03/live-qa-how-can-we-accelerate-the-march-towards-gender-equality>

The whole article can be found here (I have just highlighted a few of the points raised):
12 Steps towards gender equality: <https://www.theguardian.com/global-development-professionals-network/2016/mar/14/gender-equality-women-girls-rights-education-empowerment-politics>

What obstacles are slowing down progress to gender equality in society and the work place?

1. Make education gender sensitive

There has been much progress in increasing access to education, but progress has been slow in improving the gender sensitivity of the education system, including ensuring textbooks promote positive stereotypes. This is critically important for girls to come out of schools as citizens who can shape a more equal society. In some countries, there is a tendency to assume that things are fine as long as there are equal number of girls in schools.

2. Empower mothers

In Afghanistan, there have been great moves to increase number of girls going through formal education through providing schools for girls in every district. We have learned that through empowering women on the community level you will also enhance girls education. When mothers are educated and empowered to make choices in their lives, they enable their daughters to go to school.

3. Stop the violence

Gender inequality allows for violence against women to continue unabated. The UN has found that globally, one in three women will experience violence in her lifetime, with most violence against women perpetrated by a current or former intimate partner.

From that list, there is so much that Graeme College can do within our educational philosophies. But equally, there is so much more than can be done within our communities at home. It is something we all need to take more responsibility for. It needs to happen urgently and without any hesitation.

G van Molendorff
Deputy Headmaster

Right: It was great to get our sport staff together on Monday evening, to discuss the way forward at Graeme. Amongst the planning topics, we also got to investigate organizational culture topics and work towards everybody speaking the same language with regards to culture and values. Covid protocols have changed how everything is done, and our staff have just been superb with adapting to these changes. The safety of our learners is always the priority, and we are trying to find ways to help them exercise safely as well.



Update on Grades 12, 11 and 10 returning to school:

GRADE 12

The Grade 12s have been back for three weeks and while the learning environment has changed, we are forging ahead and making the best of what is left of this year. With the Grade 11s return to school next week, their timetable has needed to change in order to allow for clashes of teacher and venue. The draft of the new timetable appears below. This will affect order of lessons and, in some instances, venues. There will be an orientation meeting for the Grade 10s on Friday 3 July. Because the hall will need to be used on this date, the Grade 12s will be exempt from school on this date.

GRADE 11

Monday, 29 June marks the return of all Grade 11 learners. They need to report to the junior quad on Monday, in full school uniform, at 10h15. There the COVID-19 screening will take place and the various protocols will be explained. The day for them looks quite different, but will allow staff to maximise their time with these young men as we try and prepare them for Grade 12. A draft of their timetable appears below.

GRADE 10

The Grade 10s are due for their first full day of school on Monday 6 July 2020. Owing to the ruling on the number of learners allowed on campus at one time, they will come in, in classes, on alternate days. This requires more explanation and so there will be an orientation meeting for all Grade 10s on Friday 3 July in the school hall. They will need to report to the junior quad at 08h15 on Friday 3 July, in full school uniform. They will be screened and then attend a meeting in the hall where the procedures for their grade will be explained to them. Timetables will be disseminated at this meeting. The venues will also be discussed. The meeting will end by 09h30.

Draft of Grade 11 and 12 Timetable

Below is the envisaged timetable for the next two weeks. It is in draft form, as it may need to be revised in order to accommodate the returning of other grades. This will mainly affect venues. The safety of your sons remains of paramount concern and therefore venues are sanitised often, which might affect things.

Time	Grade 12	Time	Grade 11
Monday			
07h45 - 08h35	Phys Sci/LS/Business Hall/Music Centre/Centre CK/KW/BM	10h35 - 11h25	Acc/Geog/CAT/Art/Des/Mus 33/Music Centre/Lab/Art/Music Room MP/JvM/AL/CJvR/CC
08h35 - 09h25	Hist/LS/Art/Des/Mus Centre/Hall/Music Centre/Art AS/BM/SA/CJvR	11h25 - 12h15	Hist/LS/Art/Des Centre/41/Art KF/BM/CJvR
09h25 - 10h15	Afrikaans/isiXhosa 12/13/Hall IS/HvM/VT/BD	12h15 - 13h05	English Hall TK/LN
10h35 - 11h25	Maths/Maths Lit Centre/Hall MW/LF	13h25 - 14h15	Maths/Maths Lit Centre/Hall MW/LF
11h25 - 12h15	English Hall TK/LN	14h30 - 15h30	History of Art
13h20 - 14h30 14h45 - 15h45	ART JCAC		

Academic:

Time	Grade 12	Time	Grade 11
Tuesday			
07h45 - 08h35	Afrikaans/isiXhosa 12/13/Hall IS/HvM/VT/BD	08h00 - 13h00	Boys who do art to go to the art school
08h35 - 09h25	Phys Sci/LS/Business Hall/Music Centre/Centre CK/KW/BM		
09h25 - 10h15	Acc/Geo/Art/Des/Mus 33/Hall/Art/Music Centre MP/BM/GvM/CJvR/SA		
10h35 - 11h25	English Hall TK/LN		
11h25 - 12h15	Maths/Maths Lit Centre/Hall MW/LF		
12h15 - 13h05	Hist/LS/Art/Des/Mus Centre/Hall/Music Centre/Art AS/BM/SA/CJvR		

Time	Grade 12	Time	Grade 11
Wednesday			
07h45 - 08h35	Hist/LS/Art/Des/Mus Centre/Hall/Music Centre/Art AS/BM/SA/CJvR	10h35 - 11h25	Phys Sci/LS/Business 7/Music Centre/41 CK/BM/MP/CN
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11h25 - 12h15	English Hall TK/LN	14h15 - 15h05	Maths/Maths Lit Centre/Hall MW/LF
12h15 - 13h05	Life Orientation Hall SR/NvM	15h05 - 15h55	Life Orientation Hall SR/NvM
13h20 - 14h30	Art JCAC		

Time	Grade 12	Time	Grade 11
Thursday			
07h45 - 08h35	Acc/Geo/Art/Des/Mus 33/Hall/53/Music Centre MP/BM/GvM/CJvR/SA	10h35 - 11h25	Hist/LS/Art/Des Centre/41 KF/BM
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10h35 - 11h25	English Hall TK/LN	13h25 - 14h15	English Hall TK/LN
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12h15 - 13h05	Maths/Maths Lit Centre/Hall MW/LF	15h05 - 15h55	Maths/Maths Lit Centre/Hall MW/LF
14h00 - 16h00	ART JCAC		

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Friday			
07h45 - 08h35	Phys Sci/LS/Business Hall/Music Centre/Centre CK/KW/BM	10h35 - 11h25	Phys Sci/LS/Business 7/Music Centre/41 CK/BM/MP/CN
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Proposed phased in return to school including various grade orientation plans:

Graeme College has applied for the earlier phasing in (Orientation Programme) of grades: see attached schedules as per application.

Grade 00

Start Orientation:

DAY	DATE	GRADE	START	END	CLASS /GROUP	NOTES
MONDAY	6 July	00	07H50	12H00	½ CLASS	Classes divided into 2 groups in a 10 day cycle

Orientation from Monday 6 July to Friday 10 July.

Set 1 Monday, Wednesday and every second Friday.

Set 2 Tuesday, Thursday and every second Friday.

Arrival between 7:50 am and 8:15 am, and departure at 12, next to the Graemian Centre.

Grade R & Grade 1

Start Orientation:

DAY	DATE	GRADE	START	END	CLASS /GROUP	NOTES
MONDAY	6 July	R & 1	07H50	12H00	½ CLASS	Classes divided into 2 groups in a 10 day cycle

Orientation from Monday 6 July to Friday 10 July.

Set 1 Monday, Wednesday and every second Friday.

Set 2 Tuesday, Thursday and every second Friday.

Arrival between 7:50 am and 8:15 am, and departure at 12, next to the Graemian Centre.

Grade 2

Start Orientation:

DAY	DATE	GRADE	START	END	CLASS /GROUP	NOTES
MONDAY	6 July	2	07H50	12H00	½ CLASS	Classes divided into 2 groups in a 10 day cycle

Orientation from Monday 6 July to Friday 10 July.

Groups : Blue Group comes Monday, Wednesday, Friday during week one, with Gold Group coming Tuesday and Thursday; during the second week the Gold Group will come on the Friday.

Grade 3

Start Orientation:

DAY	DATE	GRADE	START	END	CLASS /GROUP	NOTES
MONDAY	06 JULY	3	07H50	12H00	½ CLASS	Classes divided into 2 groups in a 10 day cycle

Groups : Blue Group comes Monday, Wednesday, Friday during week one, with Gold Group coming Tuesday and Thursday; during the second week the Gold Group will come on the Friday.

Grade 4

Start Orientation:

DAY	DATE	GRADE	START	END	CLASS /GROUP	NOTES
MONDAY	20 JULY	4	07H45	12H30	½ CLASS	Classes divided into 2 groups in a 10 day cycle

A maximum of 50 downstairs in Junior School.

Groups : Blue Group comes Monday, Wednesday, Friday during week one, with Gold Group coming Tuesday and Thursday; during the second week the Gold Group will come on the Friday.

Grade 5

Start Orientation

DAY	DATE	GRADE	START	END	CLASS /GROUP	NOTES
MONDAY	13 July	5	07H45	12H30	½ CLASS	Classes divided into 2 groups in a 10 day cycle

A maximum of 70 boys upstairs in Junior School.

Groups : Blue Group comes Monday, Wednesday, Friday during week one, with Gold Group coming Tuesday and Thursday; during the second week the Gold Group will come on the Friday.

Grade 6

Start Orientation:

DAY	DATE	GRADE	START	END	CLASS /GROUP	NOTES
MONDAY	06 JULY	6	07H45	12H30	½ CLASS	Classes divided into 2 groups in a 10 day cycle

Half the class (max 14 boys) to alternate, with Fridays rolling. A maximum of 45 boys upstairs, and 28 downstairs in Junior School.

Groups : Blue Group comes Monday, Wednesday, Friday during week one, with Gold Group coming Tuesday and Thursday; during the second week the Gold Group will come on the Friday.

Grade 8 & 9

Start Orientation:

DAY	DATE	GRADE	START	END	CLASS /GROUP	NOTES
MONDAY	3 August	8 & 9	08h20	13H05	½ CLASS	Classes divided into 2 groups in a 10 day cycle

Groups : Blue Group comes Monday, Wednesday, Friday during week one, with Gold Group coming Tuesday and Thursday; during the second week the Gold Group will come on the Friday.

Grade 10

Start Orientation:

DAY	DATE	GRADE	START	END	CLASS /GROUP	NOTES
MONDAY	06 JULY	10	07H30	13H05	Groups	Learners divided according to class and attending on alternate days

Groups : Grade 10 MW will come to school on Monday, Wednesday, Friday during week one, with Grade 10VT coming Tuesday and Thursday; during the second week Grade 10VT will come on the Friday. Practical art lessons will take place at the art school on "off" days. A more detailed timetable will be sent out next week. Grade 10s will be required to come in for an orientation meeting on Friday 3 July. Please see the more detailed explanation below.

Grade 11

Start Orientation:

DAY	DATE	GRADE	START	END	CLASS /GROUP	NOTES
MONDAY	29 JUNE	11	10H30	16H30	ALL LEARNERS	End time will depend on subject choice. Please see the more detailed explanation under the academic section of the newsletter.

Grade 7 & 12

DAY	DATE	GRADE	START	END	CLASS /GROUP	NOTES
MONDAY	8 JUNE	7 & 12	07H30	13H05	ALL LEARNERS	G7 to change when G6 join. Grade 12 timetable to change from Monday 29 June to accommodate the Grade 11s coming in

Already started. New timetables available as other learners join. The Grade 12s will continue to come to school every day, whilst the Grade 7s will be accommodated in groups as the other learners join the system.

Uniform changes (from 29 June onwards):

- Full school uniforms will be worn on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays.
- Full school tracksuit will be worn on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Campus Facilities:

- Unfortunately, a reminder that all campus facilities are off limits/ out of bounds to our community members; as per the state regulations.
- Mr Watson has allowed affiliated coaches and staff to use various facilities, adhering to strict protocols which are busy being established depending on the facility.
- Sadly, this is very much out of our control, and in the meantime we are going to ask parents to be patient, as we work through the logistics of this.
- Slowly but surely the Graeme staff, will get our learners involved in activities that will have very strict social distancing and sanitization procedures.
- The safety of our learners and community members is always our priority.

Website update & academic progress

We are attaching a breakdown from teachers in specific areas to this newsletter.

Kindly refer to that document re academic work that needs to be covered. As mentioned last week, we have launched our new website and are currently getting it up to date. Follow the link below for e-learning and online resources:
<https://www.graemecollege.co.za/online-resources/>

Mr Wille has also created a Youtube channel solely devoted to Graeme College training Videos. This will allow him and others to upload videos for our students. This is not a channel to put links on to other Video channels but is designated for Graeme College created videos only.

The Department has released the list of websites that are zero-rated. Zero rating means that the person visiting the site does not use any data to view or download documents.

The full zero-rated list is available at <https://bit.ly/zeroratedsites>.

Finance

FEES AND OTHER CHARGES FOR 2020:

Full settlement of annual school fees on or before the first day of the school year, or entrance into school.

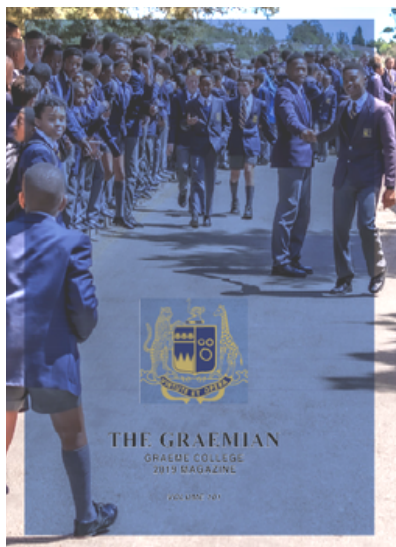
- Monthly payments per written request in January (of each year) to the School Bursar [R2 000 on first day of first term and balance in 10 [ten] equal monthly instalments at the start of each month [01 February – 01 November].
- Defaulters: Both biological parents / legal guardians are responsible for fees, irrespective of marital status. Non-payment of accounts will be dealt with as per School policy.

BANK DEPOSITS:

Please use your sons name and surname as the reference. Unfortunately, we are unable to credit your account if there is no reference to your son. We receive far too many references as “Graeme College, GJG, School Fees, etc”.

Kindly remember, there are 650 learners in the school and without the correct reference, it's impossible to allocate the fees to the correct account.

A big thank you to those who understand the financial implications of the current lockdown restrictions and who continue to pay their school fees monthly.



2019 School Magazine:

The school magazine is available to buy. School magazines fill an important niche in any school's culture. They are a window on the School's activities throughout the year and provide the most accessible historical record for the refreshing of memories.

This issue of The Graemian will find its way into the Grahamstown community, the surrounding areas and wherever Old Graemians have taken root, both in South Africa and overseas.

The purchase price of the 2019 Magazine is R150. For now, parents can pay via EFT using the learners name as the reference: Learners initial, surname and magazine. It will be ready for collection when school re-opens.

Sports

It has been a long time since we've seen our boys playing tennis. Thank you to Mr and Mrs Thiar (our professional coaches that are covid compliant) for all the "paper work" they had to do to get our boys to play and enjoy tennis again.



Grade 00s

The Grade 00's have enjoyed some time playing time in the winter sun. Here are a few photos from their parents.



Grade 00 class
"FUN IN THE SUN"
during distance learning



Grade 4s

Here are a few pictures from the grade 4 boys who had a wonderful Father's Day with their Dads last weekend.



Happy Father's Day!



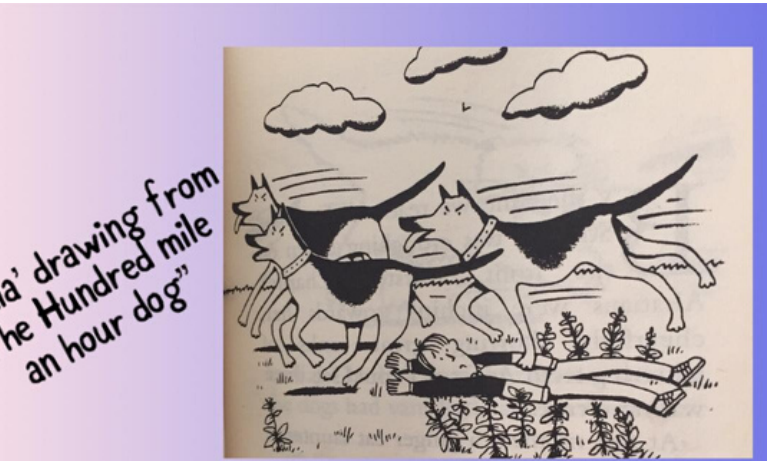
A few grade 4 dads on Father's Day 2020

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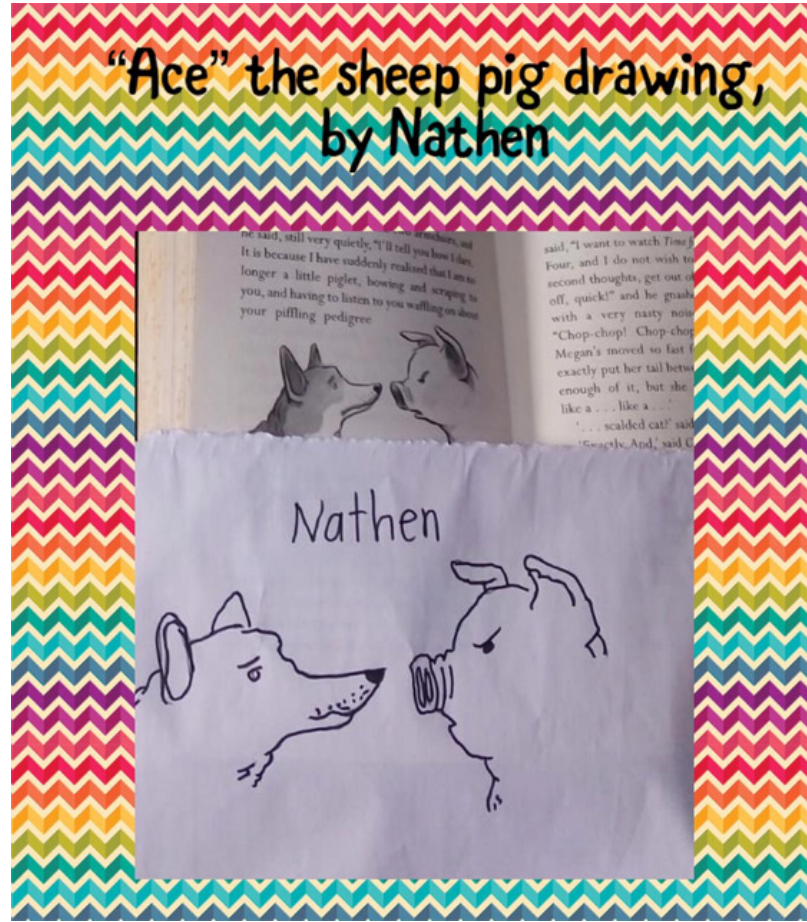
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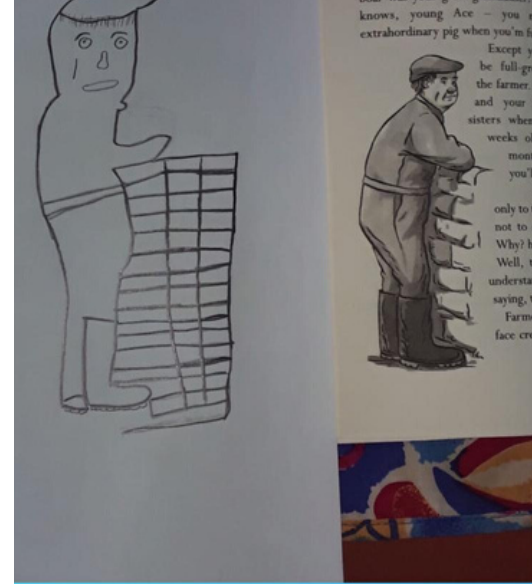
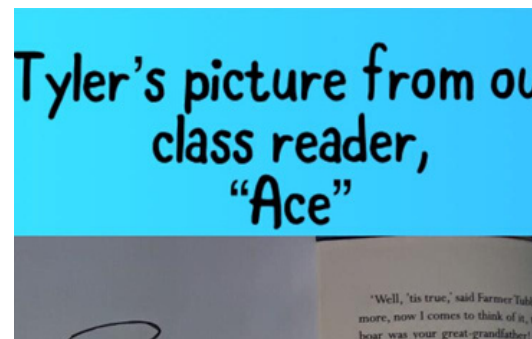
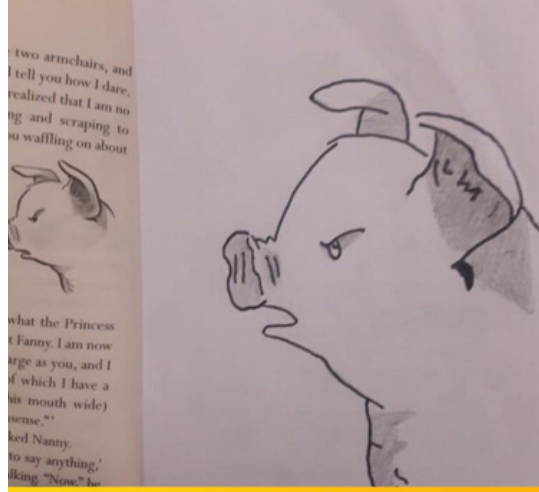
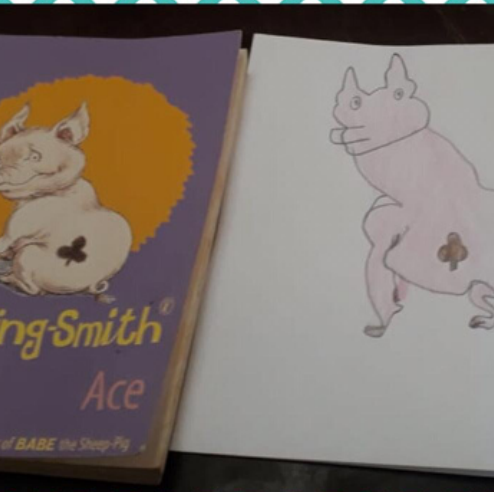
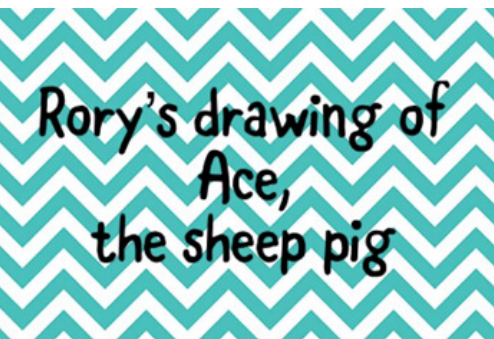
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Original drawing from "Hundred mile an hour dog"



"Ace" the sheep pig drawing, by Nathen



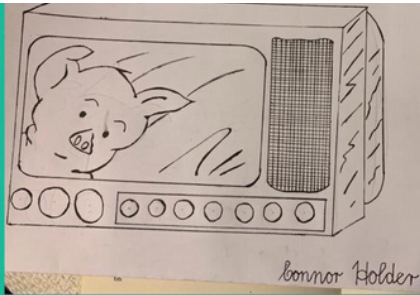
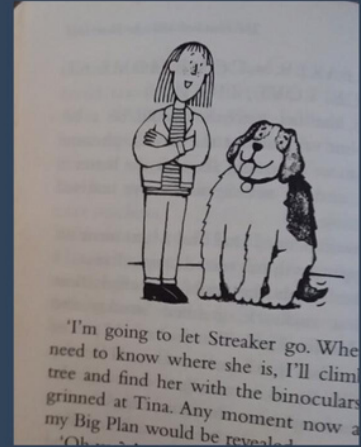
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Iyazi's picture of Ace, the Sheep pig



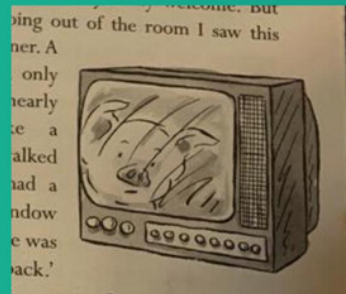
Endi's picture



Our class reader "Ace", drawing by Connor

Connor Holder

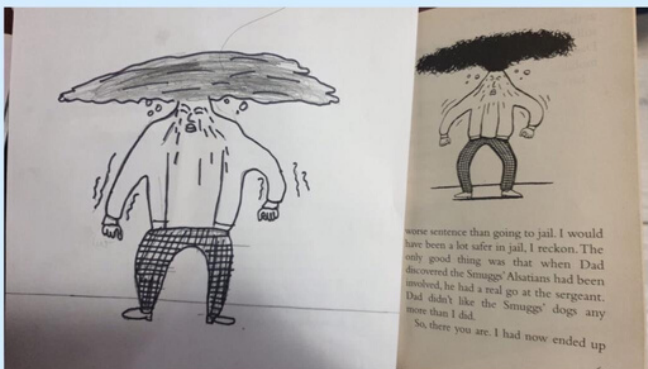
Connor Likes, That Ace Enjoys Going To Watch Tv Every Morning And That He Understands The Farmer While The Other Animals Don't And He Got To Ride In The Front Seat Of The Bakkie To Market With The Farmer.



Bukho's picture from our class reader, "The hundred mile an hour dog"



Joshwin's picture from our class reader, "The hundred mile an hour dog"



Yiva's picture from our class reader, "Ace"



Grade 7s

Below are the 'Champion's League Top 10 Academic Performers'.



From left to right: Leon Mwepu, Nic McKeown, Chris McLean, Cullen Goliath, Chris Long, Damien Swart, Kahllell Taylor, Noah Tabensky , Aya Bill, Lizo Duma (absent).



The above photo are the boys who achieved 'Top 5 for praiseworthy effort'.
From left to right: Andrew Isaacs, Ayola Mali, Alden Walters , Endinako Sicwebu, Dini Mjuku.

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**BRING YOUR CUBE AND SHOW US YOUR
SKILLS ON FRIDAY, 3 JULY 2020.
ONE CHANCE ONLY!
YOU AGAINST THE CLOCK. FASTEST WINS.
PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED.**

The Grade 7s are challenged to participate in a Rubik's cube competition. Speedcubing is about solving a Rubik's Cube in the shortest time possible. The boys are encouraged to show us their skills on Friday, 3 of July. Prizes will be awarded by Mr Swift.

Grant House

Exciting times in Grant House at Graeme College. Boarding at Graeme is a great place to be. Please contact Mike Pretorius if you are interested in the boarding option. Please share the info below with anybody who might be interested. Grant House has become a fantastic 'home away from home'. So many exciting changes so please pop in and see the new look Grant House.



Grant House

**Exclusive boarding facility to Graeme College (est 1873) now has
limited places for 2021. Apply now to avoid disappointment.**



Grant House hostel (est 1975) prides itself on providing a safe and nurturing environment that caters for boys from Grade 4-12. With access to all that Graeme College has to offer, as well as having its own facilities, Grant House enables young men to make the most of their future.

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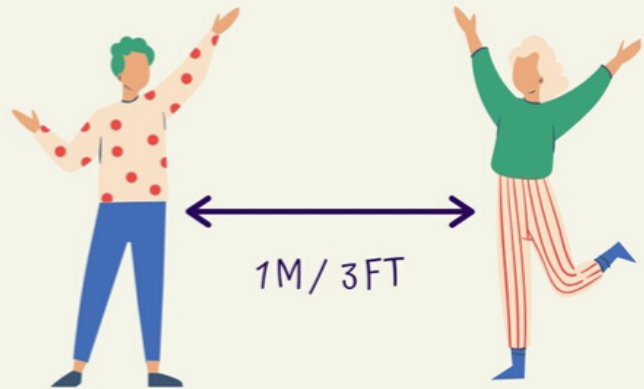
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STOP THE SPREAD



WASH YOUR HANDS FREQUENTLY

Regularly and thoroughly clean your hands with an alcohol-based hand rub or wash them with soap and water.



MAINTAIN PHYSICAL DISTANCING

Maintain at least 1 metre (3 feet) distance between yourself and anyone who is coughing or sneezing.



AVOID TOUCHING EYES, NOSE AND MOUTH

Hands touch many surfaces and can pick up viruses. Once contaminated, hands can transfer the virus to your eyes, nose or mouth.



IF YOU HAVE A FEVER, COUGH AND DIFFICULTY BREATHING, SEEK MEDICAL CARE EARLY

Stay home if you feel unwell. If you have a fever, cough and difficulty breathing, seek medical attention and call in advance.

Source: World Health Organization