



Graeme College

To strive for excellence by developing all to their full potential



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Quote:

“Although no one can go back and make a brand new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending.” – Carl Bard.

Message from the Deputy Headmaster

Not too long ago, I sat in a webinar and listened to the great Anil Kumble give advice about leg-spin bowling. He played 132 Test matches and 271 ODI's for India - taking 956 international wickets along the way (which ranks him as the third highest wicket taker in the history of the game). He was also a former head coach of the Indian cricket team. In 2015 he was inducted into ICC Hall of Fame and in 2005 he was awarded the Padma Shri, which is one of India's highest civilian honours.

But far more important than any of those accolades, was a story told while introducing him. With all the immense wealth and fame in India, it is easy to possibly neglect integrity or values. After a Test Match, Kumble was to fly out the next morning at 7am. He was the guest speaker at a charity function for terminally ill patients at 6pm that day. Due to a crash at the Chennai airport (where he was supposed to land), his flight was unable to depart. No flights were able to land in Chennai which obviously took matters, seemingly, out of his control. By the time the host learnt of the issue, he contacted Kumble in panic. Only to find out that Kumble had already made a plan. The great cricketer had arranged to fly from Mumbai to Bangalore, where he then hired a car and drove 6 hours to Chennai. He attended the function as planned and never made a fuss about the alternative arrangements. I wonder how many people would have made

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that type of effort or sacrifice to get to the function, especially when there would have been no expectation from the charity or the host. And that, after a tough five days of cricket at the highest level. That gesture reminded me of an inspiring Albert Einstein quote:

“Try not become a man of success, but rather try to become a man of value.”

It is such a stunning lesson to learn, and from one of the greatest sportsmen ever. What a great role model for our learners and a message that everybody can learn from. I love the fact that he is an icon of sport, but his values and integrity are even more important to him.

G. van Molendorff
Deputy Headmaster

Junior Photo Day

Friday 27th November

Boys are to attend school in full school uniform (class photographs). Boys writing exams will complete exams before sitting for photographs. No sports gear is necessary as boys will wear full school uniform in all photos. The first photo will be taken around 11am.

GRAEME COLLEGE JUNIOR SCHOOL (GRADE ONE TO SEVEN)

- A special programme has been developed from Monday 30 November to Thursday 3 December. School will continue from 07h30 to 12h30 each day. Details will be distributed to the learners.
- School is OPTIONAL for all boys. They must wear tracksuits if they attend.
- Outdoor Activities (Traditional and Fun Sports) will be on offer. X-Country, Tennis, Squash, Golf, Cricket, Touch Rugby, Soccer, Rounders, etc.
- Reports collection details to follow. Dates to be confirmed asap.



The Grade 00 boys are practicing their Christmas carols for their concert coming up next week. The concert will be held virtually and a recording will be of the concert will be uploaded to YouTube for families and extended families to enjoy in the safety of their homes.

School Magazine

The school magazine is a historical document of the growth of the school. It informs the future generation of students about the traditions built up of their school and is the window to the activities of the school.

The 2019 Graeme College school magazine is available to buy for R150.00.

Finance

Internet payments- please note

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.

Eco Brick Project

A big thank you to the boys, parents and staff who are so diligently donating bottles, plastic and foil to fill the 2 liter bottles and help us support the Eco Brick Project. We are on 160 bricks to date! One of the aims of this project is to raise awareness of the effects of plastic pollution and the effects it is having on our planet - we want to make a difference! As we are going into exam time now, the Grant House boys' focus will be shifting to their books! We will be continuing this project in 2021 as we are looking to do something special for the community along with Dr Trevor Davies and The Grahamstown Project.



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Exams and COVID-19 Protocols

Please take note that next week all the Grade 8 - 12s will be writing exams. It is essential that everyone arrives in time and then leaves, so that the venues may be sanitised and that the next session can sit their exams. The Grade 8s need to report to the senior quad every day at 10h30. The Grade 9s need to report to the senior quad every day at 07h30. The Grade 10s and 11s need to report to their relevant meeting points 30 minutes before the start of the exam. On most days this is at 07h30. The Grade 12s are given their meeting times via WhatsApp as these are dependent on the number of candidates writing.

Library times

As from next term the library will be open at first break only, every day. If you would like your son to study in the library in the afternoons, you need to write a letter to the school (Mrs Strutt) to get permission. Thank you for your cooperation.

Google Calendar

Please click on the link below to be directed to the school Google Calendar. The link helps you subscribe to the school calendar which you can add to your phone, tablet or computer. Just click on the 'plus sign' at the bottom right hand corner of the calendar.

<http://www.graemecollege.co.za/calendar.html>

Staff workshop



Due to lockdown and new Covid-19 rules, teachers have to pitch in different ways and in different levels. In the above picture our own Ms. Shavonne Randall was tasked by the GHT DOE to assist in organising and facilitating a Grade 12 Life Orientation assessment workshop and memorandum discussion. The workshop was held in the Graemian Centre and Covid-19 rules of sanitising, social distancing and wearing of masks was adhered to. The workshop was a great success and many Grade 12 teachers present thanked Ms. Randall for her professional and well informed approach.

Grade 5s

This week the Grade 5 boys were revising for their English through matching cards for antonyms, synonyms, homonyms, plurals and gender. Here are a few pictures of the boys working hard.



Grade 6s

Grade 6AR class did a great job in physically illustrating right and straight angles through practical maths.



Grade Rs

The grade Rs have been enjoying the last few weeks at school before the December holidays. It has been a busy term and we conclude each week with a Friday fun day. This Friday we had a bike ride where the boys were allowed to bring their bikes to school. We ended the day by going down to Somerset field where the boys had some fun riding their bikes.

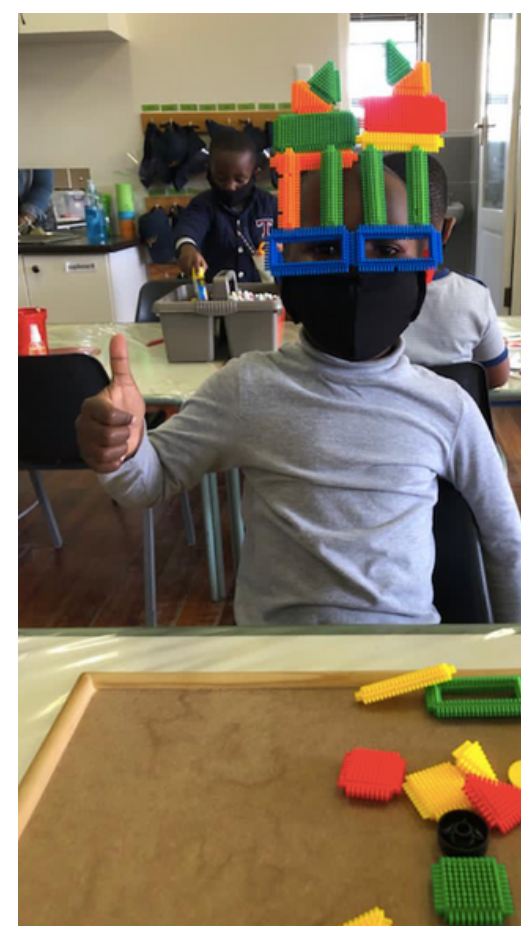


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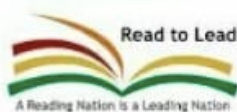
Grade Rs

For Grade Rs learning through play is important and it is how they develop their cognitive skills. Tasks are designed to explore, ask questions, create and this is how they improve their thinking skills. Here in these pictures they are hard at work doing just that.





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Weekends
Days for administration
School days
Public holidays
Special school holidays
School holidays

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Public and School Holidays 2021

01 January	New Year's Day
21 March	Human Rights Day
22 March	Public holiday
02 April	Good Friday
05 April	Family Day
26 April	School holiday
27 April	Freedom Day
01 May	Workers' Day
16 June	Youth Day
09 August	National Women's Day
24 September	Heritage Day
16 December	Day of Reconciliation
25 December	Christmas Day
26 December	Day of Goodwill

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November 2021						
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December 2021						
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Duration	No. of weeks	No. of days	No. of public holidays	Actual no. of school days
(25) 27 January-31 March	10	46 (48)	1	45 (47)
13 April – 25 June	11	54	2+1	51
13 July – 23 September	11	53	1	52
05 October – 08 (10) December	10	47 (49)	0	47 (49)
Total	42	200 (204)	4+1	195 (199)