



Graeme College

To strive for excellence by developing all to their full potential



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER Friday 5 March 2021

Quote:

“Everyone should carefully observe which way his heart draws him, and then choose that way with all his strength” -
Traditional Proverb

Message from the Headmaster

School Governing Body Elections 2021

They say that with disruption comes change, and possibly, in many cases that change is for the good. A great example of this is the need to relook at our process for election of School Governing Body members.

We have received the official departmental guide relating to elections of school governing bodies of public schools for 2021 (Published 2014, Amended November 2020), which has given us direction on how to select governing body members under Covid directions and protocols. With that in mind, we would like to outline and inform the parent body of the way forward and make sure every parent is fully aware of the process.

As per the guide, we will be asking for nominations before the meeting and will hold an all-day election on Wednesday 24 March 2021, from 09h00 to 17h00 in the Graemian Centre. This letter serves notice of that election, which we are required to do at least fourteen days before the election day. Parents can come in at any stage (within the times indicated) on 24 March, and submit their vote in the ballot box. All parents of current learners at Graeme College may submit a vote. A parent means the biological or adoptive parent or legal guardian of a learner; or the person legally

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entitled to custody of a learner; or the person who undertakes to fulfil the obligations of a biological or adoptive parent or legal guardian regarding the learner's education at school. Both the proposer and seconder must be parents/guardians of a current learner at the school. It is the responsibility of parents/guardians to ensure that their names are on the school's register, which can be viewed at the school. Only parents whose names are on the school's register/voter's roll will be entitled to participate in the school's governing body election.

As per the guide, nominations for the SGB will be accepted between 08h00 on 15 March and 17h00 on 18 March 2021. These nominations can be sent electronically to the deputy headmaster (g.vanmolendorff@graemecollege.co.za) or submitted to the school reception - please make sure you obtain a notice of receipt.

Kevin Watson
Headmaster



Our Graeme College 2023 "Dream Project"

As Graeme College approaches its 150th birthday in 2023 we look to the past and celebrate numerous milestones of significant success and achievement. However as we look to the future we are determined to continue to inspire our boys toward future greatness. We do not want our boys to rest and rely on past glory, we want them to take a hold of their destinies and become the future leaders and champions we know they can be.

In order to do this we want to offer our boys the best possible facilities to assist them to achieve their dreams. We could think of no better way to do this than to open a multi-purpose indoor sports facility as Graeme College turns 150 in 2023. What better way to celebrate an incredible milestone of an incredible school? And what better way to open the way for another 150 years of growth, achievement and success?

Sport is an unbelievable banner of unity and togetherness at Graeme College. It has enormous power for good, both for the individual and the community. It has the ability to change the way Graeme boys think about themselves and the world that they live in. It can challenge their assumptions about their own ability, about what it means to work hard and the sacrifice required to achieve a standard of excellence.

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2023

Bank: Standard Bank
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Account number: 081996551
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Academics

Extra Science lessons with Ms Shaw

These will be happening on Monday and Friday afternoons from 1:30-2:15. For learners wanting to attend, they need to bring along questions or contact that they are struggling with and these will be addressed together.

Sports



- Senior Athletics

Some of our athletes travelled to Gqeberha last Saturday to participate in the Eastern Province Athletics League 1 held at the Westbourne Oval Athletics Complex. The noteworthy results are as follows:

Mihlali Xalabile finished in 1st place in the U20 Triple Jump as well 2nd place in the Long Jump.

Loyiso Nyoka finished in 3rd place in the U20 800m finals.

Ndima Shoba finished in 4th place in the U20 200m finals.

We congratulate Mihlali Xalabile for being awarded Half Colours for Athletics.

- Cricket Results - Graeme Premier League

Senior Log:

Giants 9 points

Royals 6 points

Warriors 3 points

Spartans 0 points

- Junior School Cricket

Junior GPL League

Tuskers vs Knight Riders

Tuskers 129/5

Rhys Wiblin 58 not out

Knight Riders 130/5

Enrique Strydom 50 not out

Emihle Sukula 45 not out

Knight Riders won by 5 wickets

- Saturday 27 February:

U11A vs U13B

U11A 151/9 in 40 overs

Daniel Hanlon 32 not out

Connor Holder 31

U13B 152/8

Elgenio Oerson 41 not out

Daniel Hanlon 2-29

Graeme U13B won by 2 wickets

U13A vs U14A

Graeme U14A 195 all out

Ithani Shoba 78

Erin Stevens 7-39

Graeme U13A 199/7

Andrew Muir 92

Mikhulu Hoboshe 2-30

Ryan Stobbs 2-46

Graeme U13A won by 3 wickets

- Saturday 6 March 2021

Internal Fixtures

Graeme u9A vs u11B on Junor C

Graeme u11A vs u13B on Junor B

Graeme u13A on Junor A

All Matches start at 09h00

Boys to be at the field by 08h15

Below: Back to cricket with friendly games against St Andrew's this weekend.



Music

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Steelband Rehearsal Times

Mondays: Grade 8 - 13h30-14h30

Tuesdays: Grade 9NH - 13h30-14h00

Grade 9SA - 14h00-14h30

Wednesdays: Grade 11 and 10 - 13h30-14h30

Fridays: Grade 12 - 13h30-14h30

Marimba Band Rehearsal Times

Due to clashes with sport the grade 7 and 6 groups have swapped. Please see the new times below:

Mondays: Grade 4 - 13h30-14h00

Grade 5 - 14h00-14h30

Tuesdays: Grade 6 - 13h30-14h30

Wednesday Grade 7 - 13h30-14h30

Due to a staff development meeting next week the grade 6 marimba band will be cancelled.

The music centre has also started offering private individual and group lessons. These take place after school. If you would like your child to participate in these lessons please collect a form at the music centre. These lessons are paid for. The lessons will be taken by our full time staff members as well as outside music specialists.

Below: The Grade 9 Music classes playing guitar.



Music

Below: The grade 8 class music playing on djembes and home made drums.



Below: The grade 00s enjoying a music class.



Below: Some of our subject music practical classes



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.

Traffic control

For easy movement of traffic, please adhere to the following:

- 1) Only Foundation Phase boys (Grade 1, 2 & 3) may be dropped or collected from the front of the school. This must take place at the "circle" and not in front of the main entrance to the school building.
- 2) Between the times of 07h15 and 07h45, please use the main school gate as an entry ONLY and please exit the campus via the Grant House (boarding establishment) gate i.e. one way.
- 3) Boys in Grades 4 to 12 must be dropped off and collected at the Graemian Centre car park or at the Selborne or swimming pool gates i.e. at the back of the school.

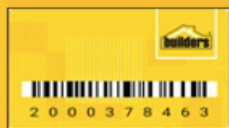
Please adhere to a speed limit of 20km/hour on the school roads and be a responsible road user.

MySchool Card

Link your MySchool MyVillage MyPlanet and Builders cards!



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Register & create a Builders profile or sign in to your existing Builders account

On your profile, select MY BUILDERS CARD on the drop down menu

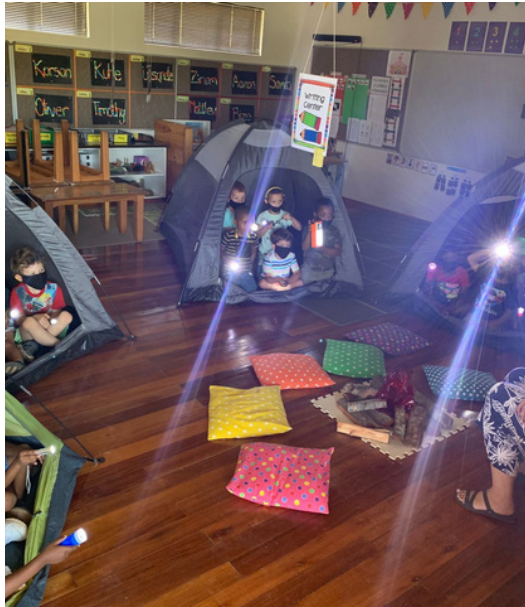
Click: Additional cards & add your MYSCHOOL MYVILLAGE MYPLANET card number

Once your MySchool card reflects, your chosen Beneficiaries will benefit

SWIPE either linked card in store or online.

Pre-Primary

This last Tuesday the Grade 00 class spent the day camping. Activities included roasting marshmallows, fishing, making binoculars, a nature walk and reading by torchlight. A fun filled day with many happy campers!



Pre-Primary

The Leopard Cubs embarked on a 2,7km walk around the school campus this morning. Boys are encouraged to obtain sponsorships for this event as one of the main Pre-primary fundraisers of the year. They brought in an astounding R14500 which will be used to purchase some new bikes and outside equipment. Prizes for the top three boys who brought in the most money were awarded as follows: 1st Prize:

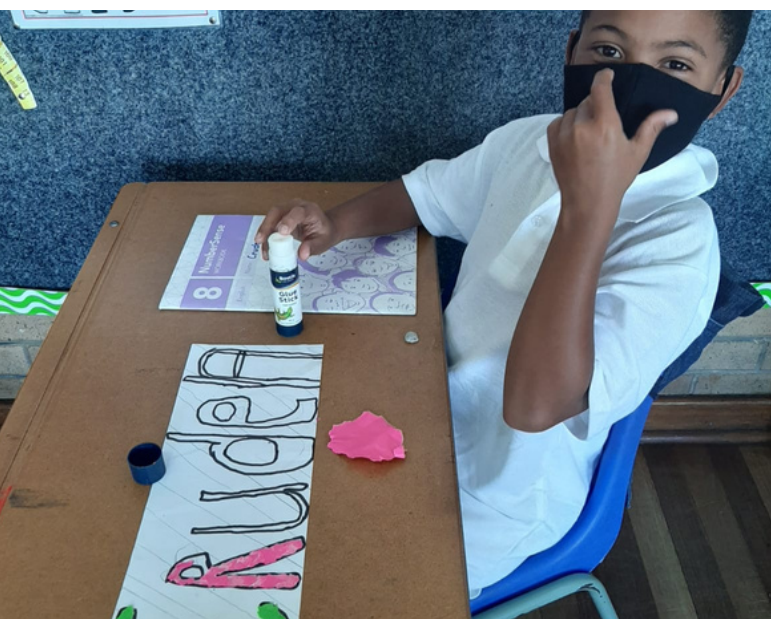
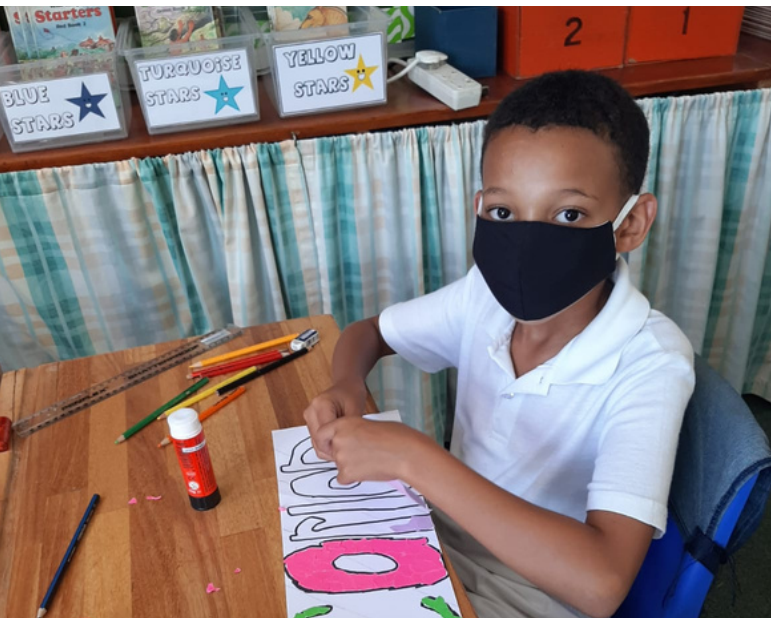
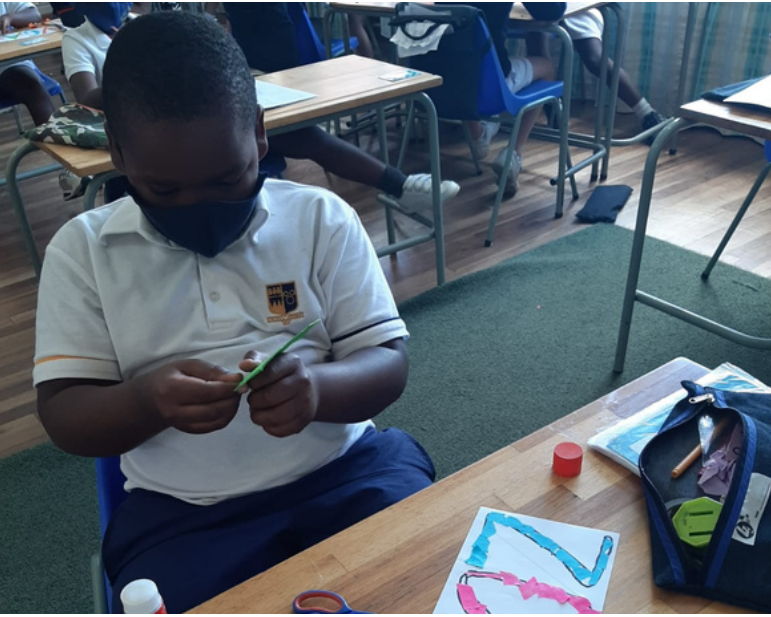
- Joshua Smith (Gift voucher for an express photo shoot from Love Lee Photography valued at R800)
- 2nd Prize: Timothy Shaw (R200 Gift Voucher from Bargain Books)
- 3rd Prize: Angus Jones (R100 gift voucher from Suzi-Q)

Well done to all the boys and thank you to all the parents who supported this event.



Grade 3s

The Grade 3 boys getting creative with their names in art today. The boys had so much fun and enjoyed expressing themselves through their arty designs.



Graeme College cares

Please help Graeme College to support our local community with the following drives/events.

DONATION DRIVE

GRAEME COLLEGE NEEDS YOUR HELP!

We need your help to keep our sisters at school everyday of the month.

We are looking for you to donate female sanitary products such as:

- + Pads
- + Tampons
- + feminine sanitary products.

Your donations will be highly appreciated.
For more information contact:

d.pearson@graemecollege.co.za

All donations (At Graeme & Pick n Pay) will be collected on the 15th of March.



GLOW IN THE DARK Virtual FUN RUN/WALK 2 AND 5KM ROUTES



In aid of
The Grahamstown SPCA

Virtual event dates: 13 - 27 March 2021

Participation fees:

Adults R25 🐾 Children ul2 R15 🐾 Dogs R10 🐾

Email glowingmay@gmail.com Whatsapp: 076 878 0137

COMPETITION FOR

Most glowing Families, individuals and pets

The brighter the better!

Enter via contact details above



Visit SPCA Grahamstown's Facebook page for more info!

Eco-Brick Project



2021 - the year to look after our environment

2020 was a challenging year to say the least, but the Grant House boys managed to make 160 eco-bricks. Well done gentlemen! The project is headed up by Ms Liz Manning from Grant House and Asive Mpaku, the portfolio head of Environmental Management and Campus.

This year the hostel boys are challenging day boys to also make eco-bricks.

What you will need to make an eco brick:

- 1. 2 liter plastic cooldrink bottle with a lid
- 2. A stick or dowel rod at least 45 cm long to press the plastic into the bottle
- 3. Any plastic bags, cling wrap, chip packets, cling wrap, foil cereal packets (eg Future life packets)

Your eco-brick must be packed tightly, the firmer the better. It must weigh at least 500g.

Lets see what you can do in 2021, Leopards and Leopard Cubs - the challenge is on!

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Grade 7 'Big Walk' - Friday 12 March

The Grade 7s of 2021 will be reigniting a Graeme College tradition of the 1970s when they take to Mountain Drive on the 12th of March. Back in the days when Graemians were made of sterner stuff, the boys had to walk from the school to Port Alfred to raise funds to buy busses for the school. Mr Riddin has vivid memories of undertaking the 60km epic as a 13 year old, while Mr van der Meulen snr remembers the pie and milk the boys would get at Halfway House.

The Grade 7s will be embarking on their 'Big Walk' fundraiser on Friday 12 March, with possibly a wiser distance of 20km being their challenge. The boys are being sponsored per kilometre walked. They will be taking on the scenic route from Graeme College, through town, up and along Mountain Drive, back past the SPCA, through town and back to the school. The funds that they raise will be going towards upgrading the Junor Fields complex. Parents and guardians have been invited to join the boys for what should be a fantastic day out. All Covid protocols will be observed during the course of the day, including social distancing and sanitising of hands at water tables (every 4 - 5km). The Grade 7s have also invited Grade 6 boys to join them for the day, in return for a contribution to their fundraising efforts. The walk will begin at 8am and boys should start getting back to school around midday. There will be boerewors rolls and cooldrinks for sale on Somerset Field - come down and welcome the boys arriving back at school. Parents that would like to get involved on the day managing a water table or the braai at the finishing area can contact Ms Lois Marechal. Parents that would like to assist and walk with the boys can get hold of Mr Swift at the school.

Library

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.

The 2nd hand clothing shop

The Graeme College second-hand clothing shop will be open between 13h00 and 14h00 every Monday, Wednesday and Friday (excluding public holidays and school holidays). Please contact Mrs Mary Siebritz should you have any queries.

Grade 8s

The Grade 8s have endured their orientation into high school this week. They took it all very well and had a few laughs along the way.



Grant House Hostel

Last Sunday morning the Grant House boys made a tail-wagging difference to the dogs at our local SPCA, while they wait for their forever homes. The boys walked the dogs, played with the cats and socialised with the puppies. Our boys love supporting local causes and volunteering their time to help.



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Graeme College Golf Day

More photos to follow next week but here are a few photos from the Golf Day held today in support of our school. A very big thank you to all the sponsors who have helped with contributions of auction prizes and prizes.



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thanks the following sponsors:

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| Pick 'n Pay | Anthony Shaw |
| Mr Ernie van Hille | Makana Brick |
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Graeme College Mountain Biking Club

Founder members of the GC MTB Club, Damien Swart and Chris McLean. Inaugural ride up Mountain Drive today.



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