



Graeme College

To strive for excellence by developing all to their full potential



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER Friday 19 March 2021

Quote:

"You have to be in tune with the clay and react to what state it's in to work with it" - John Sheppard

Message from the Headmaster

(Above drone aerial picture credit: Admix Entertainment Photography)

There's something extraordinary and mesmerising about watching a lump of clay being turned on a potter's wheel, being pushed, lifted, pinched and moulded into something beautiful and useful.

In his headmaster's blog, Mr Clague from Bromsgrove school in the United Kingdom uses the analogy that compares parenting to pottery.

Parenting could be seen as 'pottery with people'. Everyone else in the world is making their own kids, so one decides to 'have a go'. Getting started is fairly easy. Your children are born, perfect raw material and you begin to mould them. It all starts off fairly smoothly – they're just little lumps rolling around on the carpet - but the task gets trickier as they rise up. They grow and grow and soon you're working flat out to keep up with them. Then they start to lurch out of control at times and little eccentricities begin to appear.

Increasingly, you'd like a break, a chance to catch your breath and reflect, but the wheel is relentless and never stops

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turning. Rough edges form and, each time you smooth out one lump, another appears. Points of instability develop, or patches where they are too strong. You want to stop and smooth each one out, but life doesn't slow down long enough and your child's personality continues to form beneath your hands.

Here's what you learn about pottery and parenting:

- both are messy, awkward, and can leave you with mud on your face;
- they're unrelenting and totally absorbing;
- it's impossible to make identical pieces;
- success always lies in time spent forming a solid base;
- strength or fragility are simply matters of perspective;
- if you mess it up, you can't really give the end result away to the relatives as a Christmas present!

If we want to mold our children to be genuinely nice people, we need to inculcate their habits and behaviors to promote positive character traits like kindness, generosity, and empathy for those who are less advantaged.

Finally, as long as your child takes pride amongst all your treasures, you're on the right track.

See link for reference: <https://www.bromsgrove-school.co.uk/blogitem/481>

Mr. K. Watson
Headmaster

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.

Google Calendar

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>



2023

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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Academics

English Olympiad 2021

On Tuesday 16 March, twelve Graemians sat for the English Olympiad examination. This marked the end of what has been a splendid term reading the anthology “This is my story”, and discussing the concept of self, point of view and voice. The boys engaged themselves in thought-provoking dialogue and immersed themselves in the challenge of doing something new and difficult. Whilst we await the results of this Olympiad with interest, one cannot underestimate the value of any educational exercise that takes one out of oneself and makes one explore the value of the people around us. We applaud the efforts of these young men and know that they have grown hugely from the experience.

Sports

Well done to all the boys who participated in the EP squash trials on Sunday 14 March. We will know soon who made it through to the 2nd round.

EP Squash – 1st trials results:

U11:

Morne Bodenstein- won 2 lost 2

Ashton Burger – won 4 lost 1

U13:

Olo Jaca- won 4 lost 1

Devon Marechal- won 3 lost 2

Juan van der Merve – won 3 lost 1

Chris Zimmerman- won 3 lost 1

Umar Hayat- won 1 lost 3

Enrique Strydom- won 1 lost 4

Tristan Boy- won 3 lost 3

Eli Wood- won 3 lost 1

Logan Stauss- won 2 lost 2

Kutenda Chinomona – won 2 lost 2



Sports

Senior Athletics

Some of our elite athletes continue to participate in a series of athletics meetings organized by Eastern Province Athletics (EPA) in Gqeberha. Last weekend they battled it out in blazing hot weather conditions at the Westbourne Oval on Friday and Gelvandale Stadium on Saturday. Some of the results from these meetings are as follows:

Mihlali Xalabile continued his impressive performance in both of his events i.e triple and long jump. He placed 1st in the triple jump with a distance of 12.68 meters, and 3rd in the long jump with a distance of 5.47 meters. By his standards and his own admission, these were not his best performances and he is determined to train hard and improve on both events, with a particular focus on his triple jump.

Likhona Mhono was also thrilled with his performances in both the U18 100m and 200m. He ran a time of 11.89 in the 100m and placed 1st in his heat in the 200m. This is an excellent achievement as the 200 m is his preferred event. Likhona will also be competing in the next series of these meetings this weekend, on Saturday 20 March at the Westbourne Oval. We wish him all the best with his sprints.



Cricket Results from last weekend:

Even though the belated season has just started, our cricketers are showing some incredible talent and determination already. This weekend saw another great derby weekend where our junior school had a clean sweep over Kingswood. The u9s won by 24 runs, u11B won by 6 wickets, u11A won by 5 wickets, u13B won by 10 wickets and the u13A side won by 166 runs.

One of the highlights of the day was a century by Rhys Wiblin (121) for the u13A team. His teammate Chris Zimmerman ended agonizingly close on 99 not out. The u13A side ended on 292/ 2 after their allotted 40 overs. Enzo Klass took 5 for 29 for the u11A while Luke Doyle (4 for 3 for u13A) and Lervano Gill (4 for 15 for u13B) picked up four wickets each. Their results are simply incredible.

The juniors within the Senior School were just as emphatic with their performances. Kingswood u14A were 38 all out and Graeme passed the score winning by 7 wickets. Lophelo Mdyesha was outstanding, taking 4 for 6. In the u15A match Kingswood were restricted to 123 all out with AJ Jeggels taking 5 for 19. Graeme seemed in a rush chasing down the score to win by 9 wickets in the 14th over. Murray Tyson scored 47 not out and Marcus Williams scored 57 not out. Kingswood won the 3rd XI match by 83 runs after Graeme was bowled out for 54. The 2nd XI had a humdinger of a match in a low scoring encounter. Graeme scored 89 all out and then had Kingswood in all sorts of trouble. With ten runs to go, Graeme thought they had won the match with a tight run-out appeal, but Kingswood held their nerve to win the tense match by 2 wickets. Christiano Jasson was the best bowler taking 4 for 18.

The 1st XI started their two-innings match in the field after Kingswood won the toss and chose to bat on a slightly soft pitch. They struggled at the start of the innings despite the Graeme bowlers not ever finding any rhythm and consistency. Kingswood managed to get to a respectable score of 147 all out. Graeme started well but their inexperience meant that they never managed to ever get away from the Kingswood bowlers. A flurry of wickets left Graeme reeling because they hadn't managed to keep the scoreboard ticking. Graeme did manage to build some small partnerships and occupy the crease. Even though they struggled to score, the batsmen managed to occupy the crease for long periods which meant they managed to stay in the game. This allowed the Graeme side to declare at 96/8 with exactly 20 overs left in the day. That left Kingswood 53 runs ahead and all sorts of decisions to make. The second innings is only 5 wickets in this format, and Graeme were excited to try chase any target Kingswood set. Kingswood opted for the safer route and scored slowly in the remainder of the overs rather than taking any unnecessary risks. The format helped Graeme to get back into the fixture after neither team managed to dominate with the bat during the day. With Kingswood effectively 75 ahead with 7 overs left in the day and three wickets remaining, the match was called off. The Graeme 1st XI were thrilled with their fight during the day and always seemed to bounce back every time they found themselves in trouble. The end result was a drawn match.

Cricket Results vs Kingswood

Graeme 1st XI vs Kingswood (2 innings match)

Kingswood First innings - 148 all out.

Aphiwe Mnyande 3 for 10 in 11 overs

Lagon Oersen 2 for 29

Viwe Gana 2 for 36

Graeme First Innings - 96 for 8 declared.

Kingswood Second Innings - 22 for 2

Aphiwe Mnyande 2 for 3
Match Drawn

Graeme 2nd 89 all out
Siya Nongubo 29*
KC 2nd 89/9
Chrstiano Jasson 4 for 18
Mihlali Kobese 3 for 19
Graeme lost by 1 wickets

Kingswood u15A 123 all out
AJ.Jeggels 5 for 19
Gc 124-1
Marcus Williams 57*
Murray.Tyson 47*
Graeme won by 9 wickets

Kingswood u14A 38 all out
Luphelo Mdyesha 4 for 6
Graeme 37/3
Graeme won by 7 wickets

Junior Cricket vs Results Kingswood
Graeme u13A vs Kingswood u13A (40 overs)
Graeme 292/2
Rhys Wiblin 121
Chris Zimmerman 99 not out
Kingswood 126 all out
Rhys Wiblin 2/31
Luke Doyle 4/3
Graeme won by 166 runs

Graeme u13B vs Kingswood u13B
Kingswood 58 all out
Lervano Gill 4/15
Umar Hayat 3/10
Graeme 58/0
Elgenio 30 not out
Graeme won by 10 wickets

Graeme u11A vs Kingswood u11A
Kingswood 116 all out
Enzo Klaas 5/29
Daniel Hanlon 2/13
Graeme 120/5

Connor Holder 36 not out

James Muir 34

Graeme won by 5 wickets

Graeme u11B vs Kingswood u11B

Kingswood 47 all out

Avu Mnandi 3/7

Graeme 48/4

Graeme won by 6 wickets

Graeme u9A vs Kingswood u9A

Graeme 107/6

Julian Boy 26 not out

Josh Banfield 25 not out

Kingswood 83/8

Julian Boy 3/7

Lunje Manyati 2/14

Graeme won by 24 runs

Senior School Fixtures

Saturday 20 March 2021 vs Muir

1st & u15A - away (09h30 start)

2nd & u14A - home (09h30 start)

Below: U11A Cricket - Graeme College and Kingswood Captains and Vice Captains pictured below.



Some pictures of the Senior school cricket matches from last weekend. We are so proud of the boys!



Sports

Some pictures of the U11 cricket players in action, on and off the field, from this last weekend.
Pictures by Ellouise Muir.



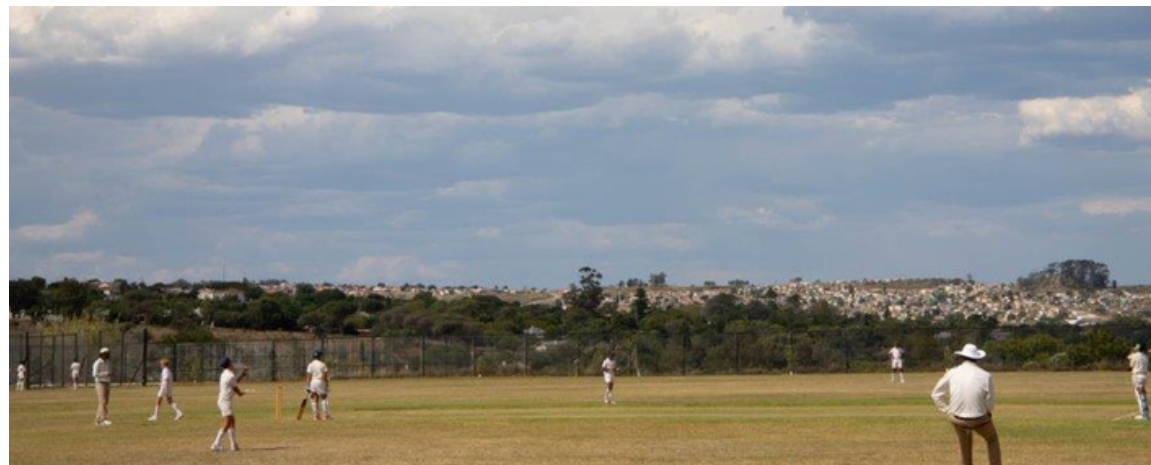
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Sports

Some pictures of the U13 cricket players in action from last weekend.

Pictures by Ellouise Muir.



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Sports

The U11 tennis team against Kingswood College last weekend. Graeme College won almost all of their single and doubles matches. Here are a few photos:



MTB Club ride #3. Membership has doubled to 4.



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Music

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

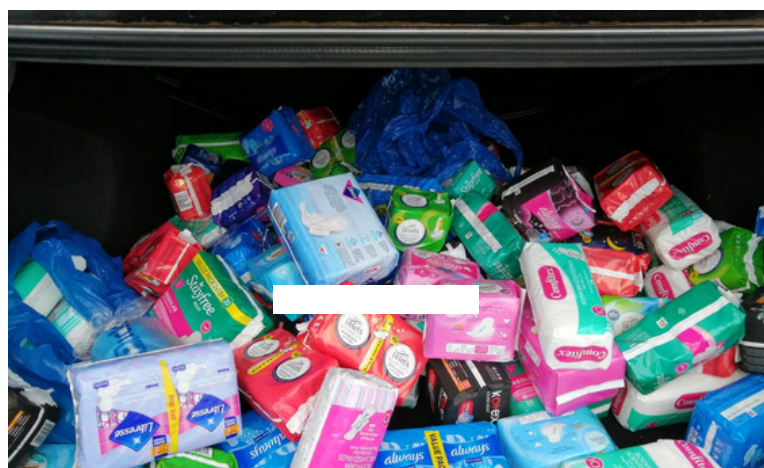
Tuesdays: Grade 6 - 13h30-14h30

Wednesday Grade 7 - 13h30-14h30

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 private and are to be paid for. The lessons will be taken by our full time staff members as well as outside music specialists.

Cultural news

The Graeme college outreach team participated in a drive to gather sanitary products on the 15th of March. We would like to extend a thank you to members of the public, the Graeme family and Pick n Pay for the generous contributions made towards this project.



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.

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Pre-Primary

Every week the Grade 00 and Grade R class have “Baker’s Day” where one child gets the chance to role-play as the Star Baker and bring treats to ‘sell’ to the other children.

Roleplaying and pretending is beneficial because:

- It provides opportunities for children to identify with the adult world.
- Develop social skills: practising negotiation skills, turn taking and sharing. Provides opportunities for working out problems and experimenting with solutions.
- Encourages imagination: Children can be anyone and do anything in the pretend world.
- Develop language skills: practising listening, looking and talking. Being spoken to and talking with other people, also developing an understanding of what is being communicated through body language such as smiles and nodding.

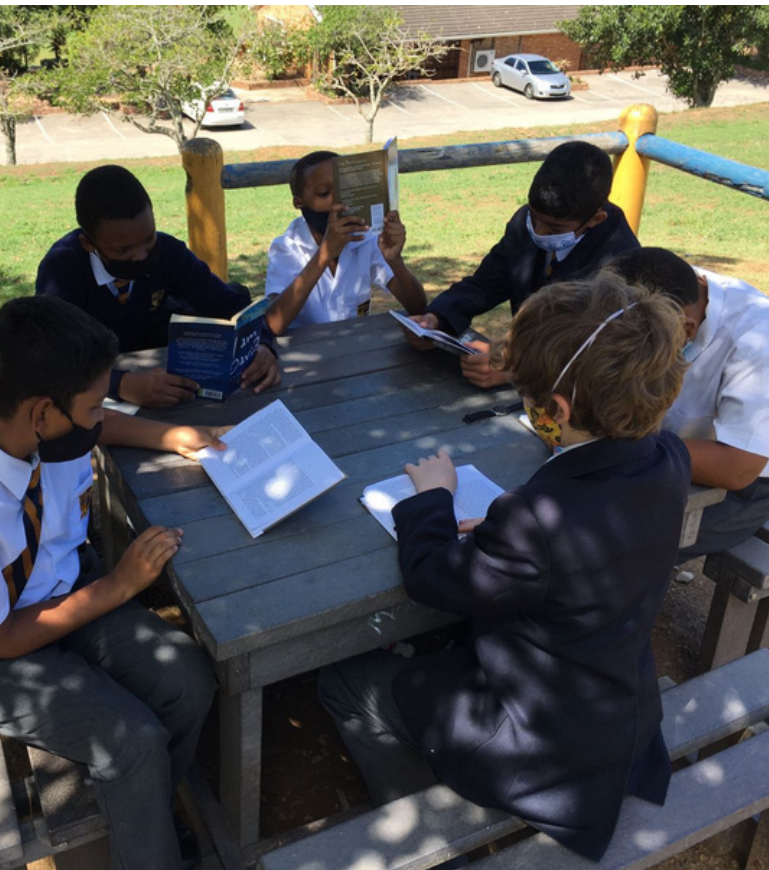
There is so much learning and development happening too, especially when they have helped to prepare and bake the treats at home with their parents too.



Grade 6s

The warmer summer weather beckons us all to appreciate the sensory world of nature. With this in mind, The Grade 6 boys decided to move their reading time outdoors, in order to incorporate the sights and sounds of the outside world into their reading encounters.

Reading is a multi-sensory experience filled with opportunities to use sight, sound, and touch too. The boys loved celebrating the weather and practicing their reading out of the classroom!



Grade 6 & 7 'Big Walk' - Thank you

The Grade 7 class of 2021 would like to thank the following sponsors of "The Big Walk" on Friday 12 March 2021:

Mr Jon Campbell, Pick n Pay Grahamstown.
Mr Mark Pote, Kekkel and Kraai Grahamstown
Mr and Mrs Crous, Sweet and Salty Grahamstown
Oak Cottage SPAR Grahamstown
REFRESH South Africa
Mr Morne van Wyk, private donation



The Grade 7s and 6s undertook a very successful and enjoyable 'Big Walk'. They were following in the footsteps of previous generations of Graemians (see below photos). The boys managed to raise over R30 000. Wow! Well done boys, you are absolute stars. As a result of their efforts, work will begin at the Junor precinct early next week. Watch this space...



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Grade 6 & 7 'Big Walk' - Photos

Below are some more scenes and photos of the Big Walk captured by Ellouise Muir.



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:

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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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THE 1ST XI CRICKET TEAM
PRESENTS

BURGER NIGHT

Friday 26 March 2021

T20 Cricket versus Stanley CC at 14:00

OGU AGM at 17:00

Followed by burgers at the Graemian Centre

Joker Poker Draw at 21:00

Beef and chicken burgers with chips (mushroom sauce optional)-
R70

Take-aways available from 17:00

For orders contact G.van Molendorff on 074 6011 640 or email:
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Staff news



Congratulations to Mr Tshekela who passed his Post Grade Diploma in Educational Leadership and Management “Cum Laude”.