



# Graeme College

*To strive for excellence by developing all to their full potential*



## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER Friday 26 March 2021

Quote:

"The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members." –  
Coretta Scott King.

### Message from the Deputy Headmaster

In the last few weeks, our school community has been involved in the SGB elections which has now been completed. We received 9 nominations, which works out perfectly - as there are 9 vacancies on our SGB for parents. As a result those 9 parents are duly elected as per the Education Department guidelines. Congratulations again to: Steven Boy, Siyabonga Duba, Barend Lensley, Cameron McConnachie, Ellouise Muir, Natalie Ripley, Lunga Twaku, Etienne Walters and Kerryn Wiblin. In the few weeks leading up to the nomination process, our governors had spent a horrible number of hours at interviews, hearings and meetings. It made me think about the amount of extra time and effort our parents at Graeme put in to make this school so amazing. There are so many pressures associated with schools within South Africa, but if your community supports you like ours does, it seems to make dealing with those pressures so much easier.

We all know that our parents get involved in coaching and even preparing cricket pitches. I had a little chuckle when they even sprayed to control an ant problem during a cricket game recently. If you need anything at Graeme, within our community, it just seems to happen. From the giant projects like the power generators and their installation to the assistance from parents at fundraising events. Our parent body is always so willing to help. And I think the point of my newsletter message is to just say thank you again - because sometimes we forget to pause and be thankful for all that assistance - and maybe sometimes we just don't say 'thank you' enough.

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A great example was the massive effort behind our Grade 6 and 7 Big Walk, which was a fundraiser to improve the Junor Field facility. It was amazing to see the parents join in on the 20km hike, but also then when everybody helped afterwards and raised even more funds selling food and drinks.

You might have seen on social media that we had an issue with a cricket pitch roller and two old Graemians offered incredible assistance. Mike Webber (OG 1990) lent us a replacement roller and then proceeded to pick our roller up, and transport it to Lofty Timm (OG 1976) for repairs. There are so many companies in our town that are always donating and sponsoring materials, equipment, goods, prizes etc. I would hate to list a few of them right now, at the risk of omitting somebody. But to all those local businesses, please know that we are so appreciative of your support. Hopefully we will see many of you at the Graemian Centre this Friday evening, and let us use that as an opportunity to celebrate all that we are so proud of at Graeme. The OGU is hosting their AGM at 5pm, and the 1st XI cricket side is playing against the Stanley Cricket Club in a T20, starting at 2pm.

On any afternoon you will see parents coaching, supporting or just providing some form of encouragement in our daily events. All of these occurrences lead to a great sense of community. Everybody feels part of something special at Graeme. We all do our bit together, and the end product is pretty sensational. Of course, then there are our staff; the glue that keeps all of this together everyday. I say without any hesitation that any school within South Africa, would be envious of the staff at Graeme College. How could anybody not be massively proud to be part of this incredible school?

Mr. G van Molendorff  
Deputy 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

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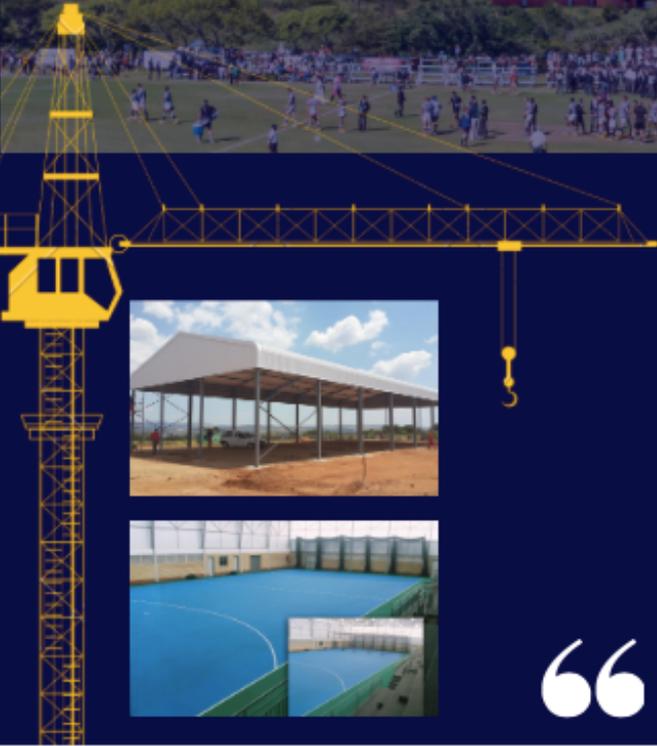
Please click on the link below to be directed to the school Google Calendar. The link helps you subscribe to the school calendar which you can add to your phone, tablet or computer. Just click on the 'plus sign' at the bottom right hand corner of the calendar.

<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.

The indoor sports facility would provide the space for world-class strength and conditioning equipment and training, indoor cricket nets and meeting/coaching rooms.

We are determined not to wait another century before producing our next international fly-half or cricket all-rounder.

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# Academics

## Peer Assistance Extra Lessons:

We would like to congratulate the leaders in the Academic Portfolio for this fantastic initiative. Boys from Grades 8 to 12 were given the opportunity to sign up for extra help from an older student. Many of the younger boys jumped at the opportunity for help from an older Graemian, all of whom have proved their academic worth. These lessons take place on a Tuesday afternoon. In addition, the portfolio committee has organised academic help for Grade 11s and 12s doing Accounting on Friday afternoons. We applaud their efforts and look forward to seeing the fruits of their labour.

# Sports

## Cricket Results

Graeme College had a good day against Muir on this cricket field this Saturday.

It's always an enjoyable fixture between the two like-minded schools. The respect between players is obvious and it is clear that the Muir coaching staff have encouraged that culture and respect between the schools.

The 1st XI match was an intense affair and the final result is very misleading. Graeme won the toss and elected to bat with a slightly wet outfield. Muir took advantage of the overcast conditions and struck heavy blows early on. Graeme were in all sorts of trouble at 12 for 3. They desperately needed a partnership between the senior players and captain Mornay Kohl (36) duly delivered with Aphiwe Mnyanda (36). They put together a crucial partnership of 70 for the 4th wicket, which seemed to get Graeme out of trouble. The introduction of Raees Baderoon (4 for 41) swung the match again though. The spinner picked up the wickets of Kohl and Mnyanda just before lunch, leaving Graeme in an awkward position yet again. Returning after lunch at 83/5, Ethan Beyleveld (49) completely changed the contrast of the match. Beyleveld took on the Muir attack with perfection. He combined brilliantly with Onosizo Ntinga (21) in a 6th wicket partnership of 54. Ntinga then combined equally well with Lagon Oersen in a 40 run partnership for the 7th wicket. That allowed Graeme to accelerate before an impending declaration. In the end, a declaration was not needed as Graeme lost wickets in the chase for runs and were bowled out for 204.

The Muir batting line up had some big names, and Graeme needed to strike early. Again, Aphiwe Mnyanda (3 for 17) delivered, striking in the first over to remove the Muir captain. Viwe Gana had been struggling for form as a leg spinner, after not having bolted for last year. He must have enjoyed watching the turn Baderoon was getting earlier in the day, and after his first over everybody knew he was going to be a handful. Gana went on to claim his best figures and first five wicket haul, claiming 5 for 22. That damage restricted Muir to 83 all out, and gave Graeme 1st XI a 121 run win. Mornay Kohl was outstanding as a young captain for Graeme.

1st XI vs Muir

Graeme 204 all out

E Beyleveld 49

A Mnyanda 36

M Kohl 36

O Ntinga 21

L Oersen 21

Muir 83 all out.

V Gana 5 for 22

A Mnyanda 3 for 17

Graeme won by 121 runs.

# Sports

2nd XI vs Muir

Graeme 188 all out

Connor Pieterse 30

Kamva Mancoko 36

Simnikiwe Bosman 28

Siya Nongubo 25

Muir 44 all out

Connor Pieterse 4/10

Nathan Gabriel 3/15

Graeme won by 144 runs

Muir U15A

Muir 86 all out

A.Jeggels 4 for 16

A. Williams 4 for 9

Graeme U15A 91-5

M.Williams 31

GC won by 5 wickets

U14A vs Muir

Match was reduced to 30 overs.

Graeme 179 for 6 in their 30 overs.

Ryan Stobbs 39

Luphelo Mdyesha 35

Muir 18 all out

Ayamila Bill 2 overs, 4 wickets, 0 runs.

Graeme won by 161



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# Sports- Cricket u14A home game pictures



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# Sports- Cricket, 2nd team home game



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Junior cricket:

Left picture: Josh Banfield and Julian Boy retired on 25 no and 26 no in the U9 A team 24 run victory against Kingwood College two weekends ago. Well done boys!

Junior Cricket vs Muir:

Graeme U13A vs Muir U13A on Junor A at 09h00

Graeme U11A vs Muir U11A in Uitenhage at 09h00

Boys to meet at 08h15

Bus will leave from Grant House at 06h15

Senior Tennis:

Monday 29 March

A group of 12 players will be travelling to Port Alfred to play against Port Alfred High School on the Port Alfred town courts starting at 14:30.

The top 10 open and top 2 u/15 players will play a match against Marlow High School at Graeme at 14:00

There will be no normal tennis for the rest of the boys.



Running Club:

This photo is a picture of time trials that happened this last week for the running club at Graeme.

# 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

Top left: picture: marimba band practice this week.

Top right picture: Grade 9s enjoying music class.

Bottom left and right picture: : Grade 10 and Grade 11 steelband rehearsals.



## 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

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# Pre-Primary

Ms Ndwayana from the Grade R class is expecting her baby and when a baby is on the way, the parents aren't the only ones that get excited. Because Graeme College staff is like a family, everyone was eager to welcome the newest member of the family. A baby shower is one of the most traditional ways in which people come together to express their joy. It's a time for everyone to share time with the expectant parent and to "shower" them with gifts, love, and good wishes before the birth. Ms. Ndwayana had a surprise party today first with the staff and then with her special Grade Rs and here are a few photos below.



# Pre-Primary

The pre-schoolers have been enjoying fun days at school this term and arguably the days they enjoy the most are Fun Fridays, which are theme days. Crazy hat day was no exception today as they loved showing off all their various hat attire! Some creative parents and children prepared wonderful crazy hats! We were surprised by the creative and beautiful hats everyone appeared in.



# Junior school



Our 'Champions' Board' is up and running in the Junior School, thanks to Mr Xonxa and his monitors. The challenge for the boys is to strive to do their very best in everything they do. This will either get them into the 'Top 10' or 'Top 5' for best effort. Well done boys and keep it up #spiritofexcellence.

## Grade 1s

The Grade 1s enjoyed Miss Hiscock reading 'Leo the Lion' to them. They learnt all about how and why helping and caring for others like Leo the lion did, is so important. They loved having a different teacher come in and read!



# Grade 4s

The Grade 4 boys learnt about living and non living things this term in Natural Science and Technology. We used clay to make one living thing and one non-living thing. The boys thoroughly enjoyed it!



This term, in art class, the Grade 4s learnt about cool and warm colours. They also learnt about mosaic art and how to create this using different shades of the same colour. They got to choose between the two to decorate their parrots using mosaic colours from cut out magazines. They had lots of fun decorating the birds, learning about colours and making parrot noises of course! Here are some examples of their stunning artwork.



# Grade 6s

We learn in school that everything is connected, from birds, insects, fish, dirt, and trees to our pets, our food, and ourselves. But to really understand how absolutely interconnected all life forms in an ecosystem are, it helps to experience those webs first-hand, inside and outside the science classroom. The Grade 6 students went on a walk around the school grounds and through exploring and hands-on activities, they learnt so much about ecosystems.



# 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](mailto: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 u12 R15 🐾 Dogs R10

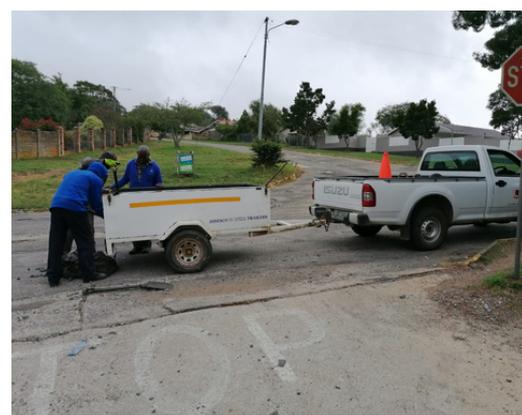
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## Pothole fixing

The recent rainfall has worsened road conditions which are consistently growing worse in Grahamstown. The rainwater gradually washes away the sand and gravel used to fix blemishes in the roads, while runoff seeps deeper into small cracks causing dangerous erosion. Ongoing damage to roads is a massive problem in Grahamstown, which is why Graeme College decided to also help with the roads surrounding our school. Here are a few photos of that process.



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## School events

Please do join us tonight for the most delicious burgers! or order a takeaway to support our school.

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:  
g.vanmolendorff@graemecollege.co.za

## A special thank you

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# The Karri App

You would have received a notification regarding the use of the Karri payment app. There are some new parents to Graeme College, so let us explain what it is briefly.

We are trying to slowly move away from learners carrying cash to school for a number of reasons. Obviously it is safer, but even just for accounting purposes - we prefer to use the app. The app itself is backed by Nedbank and you can find more information at:

<https://www.karripay.com/za/>

The app is free and the school has supported using it in many capacities like tours, fundraisers, events etc.

The school's database is linked to the Karri system - hence the notification that you received.

We have not had many events over the last 12 months obviously - so we thought we would send out this reminder of how the app works. This Friday we are hosting a Burger Night as a fundraiser for the 1st XI cricket team, and burgers can be purchased using the app. Of course, you can pay with cash or via card at the Graemeian Centre as well. Take away burgers will be available from 17h00 onwards this Friday. There is also a T20 cricket match against the Stanley CC starting at 14h00. The OGU has their AGM at 5pm. Please pop in and support the event, or just maybe order take-away supper for your family.

THANK YOU for your support. If you need any help accessing the app - please don not hesitate to contact the school.



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