



# Graeme College

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



## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER Friday 23 April 2021

-Quote:

“Excellence is never an accident; it is the result of high intention, sincere effort, intelligent direction, skillful execution and the vision to see obstacles as opportunities.” - Aristotle

### Message from the Headmaster

As we reach the end of the first term I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to the administrative, support and teaching staff for all their hard work. Thank you for creating an environment that is safe and nurturing for the young men of Graeme College. It is by no means without its challenges, and often thankless, but the love and dedication that goes into every day is remarkable.

Our aim is never to not just survive, but to thrive - and it has been wonderful to see the myriad ways in which your boys have responded so positively.

With the COVID-19 pandemic, many of the departmental annual teaching plans (ATPs) were revised. These were implemented from a teaching point of view from the beginning of the year. The school has to use a departmental reporting system known as SA-SAMS to generate termly reports. While the ATPs were put in place, the SA-SAMS curriculum model was not updated to match these in time.

We have been advised to hand out reports early next term by the Department of Education. The staff, however, are

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very aware that the holiday often provides a useful platform for the discussion of marks with your sons. This is particularly true for the boarders, many of whom live far away.

Parents / guardians you will be getting a report this term, but it has been generated by the staff. This means that some of these marks are subject to change, as the weightings for different tasks have not been fixed yet. This report will, however, give our parents an idea of how your sons have fared this term.

Often the results for Term 1 are quite inflated, as the body of work is still relatively small. This means that if your son has not met the required minimum standard, it might be an early warning sign that he is struggling and may require some extra support.

The SA-SAMS reports will be generated as soon as the new curriculum patch is ready to be loaded. These reports will be made available to you early next term. **The SA-SAMS report will be the official Term 1 report.**

To all our families, whose support we rely on, and to the teenagers who fill our days with laughter, and sometimes tears, enjoy the short break and come back refreshed and ready to tackle a busy second term. I wish you all a well-deserved rest during which you all can do things that feed the soul and bring restoration to the mind and body.

Mr K.Watson  
Headmaster

## 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.

## Winter uniform

Please note: WINTER UNIFORM for next term

As from Monday 3 May 2021 all boys must wear a tie to school every day.

## Awsun App



Remember to please download the AWSUM app for our school news too.

The AWSUM 1st Quarter School Highlights edition has come out and we are featured on page 21. We will have a few free editions printed and delivered to our school. If you would like a copy, please do take one next term.

To view the edition online, here is the link:

[https://issuu.com/tiemediac/docs/pe\\_\\_\\_surrounds\\_-\\_1st\\_quarter\\_school\\_highlights\\_2021](https://issuu.com/tiemediac/docs/pe___surrounds_-_1st_quarter_school_highlights_2021)





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.

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# Music

The start of 2021 has seen the revival of sound in the Music Department. The year has started with much enthusiasm and excitement. The department has also welcomed the addition of a new staff member, Mrs. Niesing.

The academic programme has been developed to include many individual music learners, focusing on instruments that include piano, guitar, drums and marimba. The FET subject music programme consists of 25 learners from Grade 10 to Grade 12.

The steelband and marimba groups have restarted ensembles for the different age groups and grades, with careful thought placed on limitations surrounding the space in the rehearsal venues. The boys have been working hard on building repertoire and technical skills in their groups. Their participation encourages the personal development of social skills, group work and musicianship. We are also hopeful of restarting the choir programme from Term 2.

The Music Department would also like to congratulate Alexander Oosthuizen, a grade 9 learner, who recently achieved 85% for his Grade 7 Trinity Music exam on classical guitar.

“Without music, life would be a mistake” — Friedrich Nietzsche.





## 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

## Individual Private music lessons:

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.

## Below pictures:

Picture one (left) - Photo of the Grade 10 subject music pupils practicing very diligently for their piano ensemble.

Picture two (right)- Yolani Jimmy (Grade 10) made exceptional progress this term with his piano work.



## Champions Board for NS test

1. Lwakhe Nxози
2. Andrew Muir
3. Rhys Wiblin
4. Rikus Pieterse
5. Liam Bodill
6. Jayden Brits
7. Ethan Mostert
8. Jovan Radovic
9. Heinrich Bouwer
10. Ahlumile Maqungu + Giano Fourie

## Top 5 best effort:

1. Leroy Adriaan
2. Lilo Booi
3. Athi Manyati
4. Cian Keulder
5. Umar Hayat

## Grade 4 : Top 10 English

1. Tseliso Matsoso
2. Kenzo Prince
3. Matthew Lamont
4. Usiphile Jade
5. Soso Somala
6. Jeu Van Der Merwe
7. Lusanathi Manzana
8. Abakhe Luwaya
9. Thandolwethu Mtlongo
10. Musa Ngcayisa

## Grade 4: Top 5

- Imathi Mali  
Daniel Hanlon  
Avela Sam  
Kwezi Fatyi  
Jordan Du Plessis

## Top 10 - Grade 5

1. Ashton Burger
2. Coenraad Pieterse
3. Tylo Bridger
4. Etienne Stevens
5. Blake Boswell
6. Tyler Bouwer
7. Eliyandro Kivitts
8. Iyazi Zwedala
9. Danny Czeredrecki-Schmidt
10. Anesipho Mraji

## Effort

1. Okuhle Gongqa
2. James Muir
3. Jayden Conroy
4. Endinako Booi
5. Joshwin Burger



# Sports

## Hockey:

We had our first winter hockey practice for the 1st team boys last week. The boys were so eager to get practicing again and the enthusiasm levels are high! It is our mission to produce competitive, skilful and dedicated hockey players with a real passion for the game. We encourage a longevity in hockey beyond school playing and believe playing is part of an all-round education. This year our aim is to ensure that standards are always being raised and the 1st team plan to push the boundaries with innovative techniques and tactics.



## Squash:

Graeme College squash would like to thank Mr Elroy Adriaan for fixing our squash courts for a minimum cost. We do appreciate all you do for us.





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Some stunning and special photos from the 1st XV squad members receiving their jerseys from 2020 captain Andrew McCallum.



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# Sports

Well done to the U13 tennis boys who won the BNP Paribas rising stars 1st round tournament. It was tough, but we sneaked into first place. Our next round is the weekend of the 15th of May in East London. We will be waiting in anticipation to see how the boys will getting on.

Tennis: GC U13B/C vs PA U13A on Tuesday 20 April:

PA 99 - 65 GC in games

Tennis BNP rising star tournament on Saturday 17 April:

Well done to Rhys Wiblin, Kits McConnachie, Andrew Muir and Chris Zimmerman who made it through to the 2nd round of this tournament. They came first. The next round will be played on the 15th of May in East London - good luck boys.

Squash matches results vs Grey PE on Friday 16 April:

U11 (Top 4) - won 3 - 1

U13 (Top 6) - lost 2 - 4









# Sports

Graeme College u/13 & u/16 District (Sarah Baartman) Winners of the BNP PARIBAS RISING STARS National Tournament. Both teams finished first in the district and are now through to the Provincial Final in East London on 15&16 May. Well done boys some great tennis was played today and you make us extremely proud.



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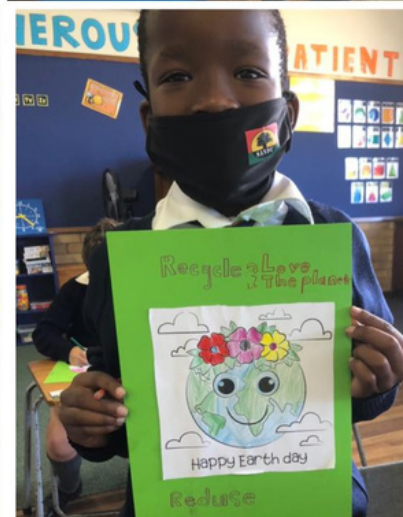
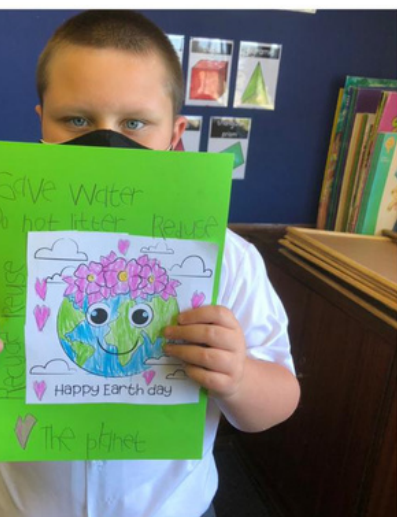


Winners of the 2021 basketball competition were Hutton House. Well done boys!



## Grade 2s

The Grade 2s celebrated Earth Day this week. They demonstrated support for the environment by making posters, picking up litter and discussing ways we can reduce, reuse and recycle.





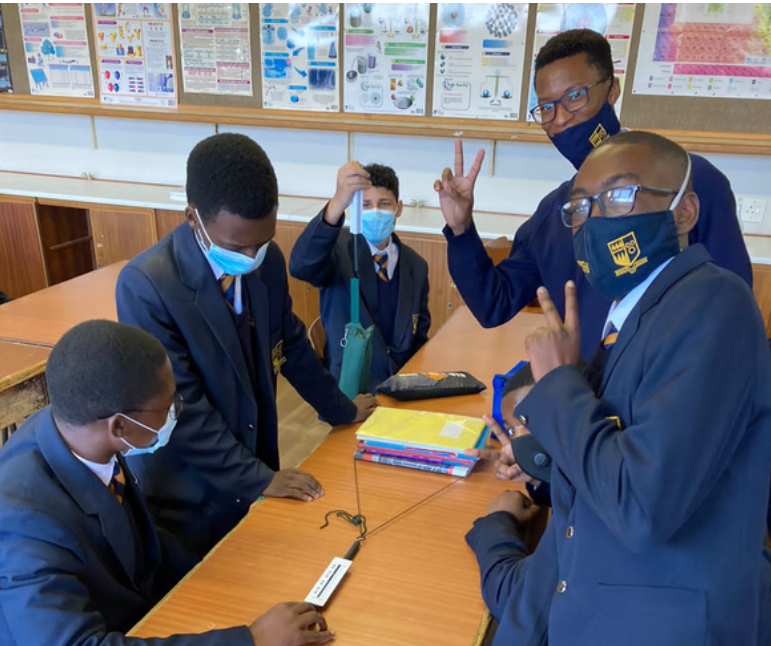
# Grade 9s

The Grade 9s wrote inspirational quotes during English with Miss Hiscock to end a productive term.



# Grade 11s

This week in Dr Lauren Shaw's Science class, the Grade 11 boys became physicists and focused on the study of matter - all of the "stuff" in the universe and how that "stuff" moves. They studied Newton's Laws of Motion, which explain force and motion, and why things move the way they do as well as the the laws that govern them. They are great concepts to explore, and much better understood and explained, by doing practical science experiments. They also experimented with the concepts of gravity and friction.





## Campus

Junor Field getting a new lease of life. This week Eric Diniso and Msimbothi Khondile were helping with the next phase. You would have seen a lot of paving happening at the entrance of Junor Field. Early next term, there is an official unveiling of some of the projects, and the improvements around the field will be highlighted a lot more in that relevant newsletter. Thank you to everybody that has contributed in some way already.



## Library

Library times

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.



One of the most rewarding donations you can make is a book or books to a library. Books have the ability to teach so much, with long lasting positive impacts and benefits for readers.

The Ripley family (Oliver Ripley, Grade 10) met the challenge and donated a whole pile of books to our school library. This is very much appreciated!

## 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.

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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:

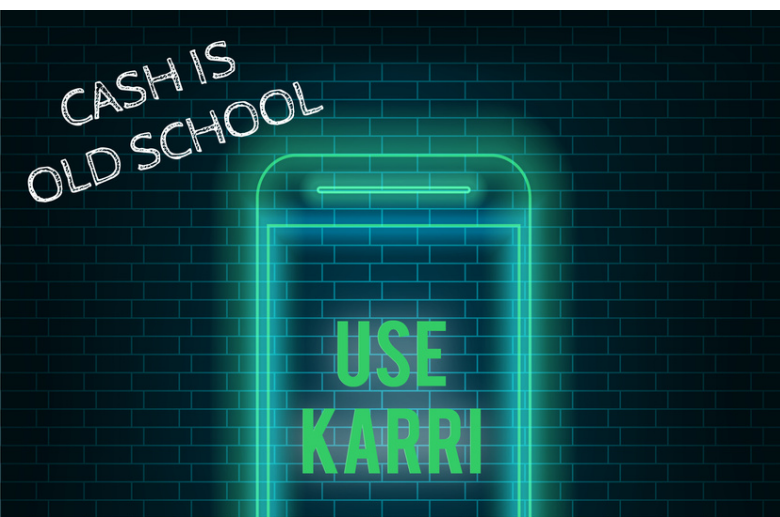
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The app is free and the school has supported using it in many capacities like tours, fundraisers, events etc.

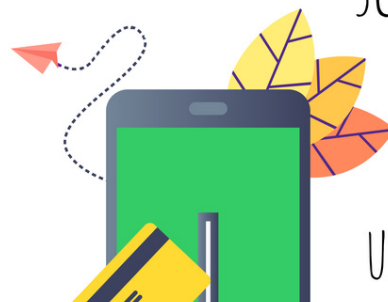
The school's database is linked to the Karri system - hence the notification that you received.

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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