



# Graeme College

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



## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER Friday 14 May 2021

Quote:

“A fish is the last to acknowledge the existence of water” (Togolese Proverb)

### Message from the Headmaster

As I watched the boys run out to play in last weekend's sports fixtures, I realized how lucky we are as a school and how important it is to show gratitude.

Without a doubt, the vast majority of our boys, staff, and parents have embraced the return to full-time education, as well as the continuation of extra-curricular activities.

At Graeme College we are immensely grateful for our parents' and the community's unwavering support. The disappointment of not being able to watch your son compete in our usual sports programme, as well as the disappointment of our altered routine, is palpable. However, we continue to be encouraged by the understanding and assistance we have received during this unusual period, as we endeavour to provide educational lessons and life experiences true to your expectations for your sons.

I'm grateful to the gentlemen of Graeme College who have performed admirably as we've navigated this strange time of mask-wearing, sanitizer-spraying, and temperature-taking, that has become our hygiene regime here at school.

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I am thankful to the majority of boys who, despite their frustrations with the degree of limitation, have accepted this current state and recognized that the entire world is struggling with similar circumstances.

I am thankful to a teaching and support staff who have been courageous and bold in developing an atmosphere that reflects a schooling experience as closely as possible, giving our young men the best opportunity they can hope for at this time.

I want to express my gratitude to our matrons, house masters, ground staff, and admin staff, who have worked diligently to ensure a healthy atmosphere during this pandemic.

Congratulations to our new leaders in the junior school who were inducted on Thursday. It is important for the young men that they recognise that they did not get to this position alone. Their success is the product of many people's efforts and they need to be grateful to those who love them and recognize that their support is critical to their success. A leader is nothing more than a lunatic shouting orders into the wind if he or she does not have the confidence of his or her followers.

At Graeme College, we are committed to continuing to coach, teach, and build young men of character by providing opportunities for them to develop skills. If we can accomplish this, we will be able to send into society self-assured and professional contributors.

All the best to the teams participating this weekend.

Mr K. Watson  
Headmaster

## Thank you

SANBS Visit on 5 May

After quite some time the blood bank visited Graeme College again. The Graemians as usual, came up trumps and a steady stream (!) were donating blood throughout the day and into the afternoon. Well done to all who were willing to overcome their fear of the needle and showed their concern for the broader community.





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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This project seeks to celebrate and affirm our past, while embracing – with great passion – our shared future.

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A big well done to Athi Matomela, Wothando Funani and Nqobile Bala! These hard-working matrics carved out enough time to enter the Department of Art and Culture's essay competition. The topic was "The year of Charlotte Maxeke during the centenary of the Bulhoek Massacre". Well done boys, we look forward to hearing about your results.

## Re-issuing of Reports:

It was decided that only the Grade 12s would be reissued with the official reports, as this was the only grade significantly affected by the changes. While there will be no official report feedback meeting based on the first term results, certain parents will be called in based on the concerns we have for some of the learners. The time and date of these meetings will be indicated on the new report in the case of the Grade 12s. For boys in Grades 8 - 11, this information will be directed to parents by the Academic Head. These letters and the new Grade 12 reports will be sent out by next Friday.

## Academic performance in Term 1:

Well done to the following Grade 7 boys. These results reflect academic work completed in Term 1, according to the Edusams database.

### Grade 7 Top 10:

1. Andrew Muir
2. Rhys Wiblin
3. Ethan Mostert
4. Heinrich Boucher
5. Rikus Pieterse
6. Cian Keulder
7. Liam Bodill
8. Jayden Brits
9. Lwakhe Nxosi
10. Lilo Boo

### Grade 7 Top 5 Best Effort:

1. Leroy Adriaan
2. Athi Manyati
3. Ahlumile Maqungu
4. Larson McKaiser
5. Iviwe Mshubeki



## CHOIR

We are so excited to announce that choir will begin this term. We would like to welcome Mr Devon Florence as our new choirmaster for the high school. Please see the choir times below:

Senior choir (grades 7-12)- Music center - Thursdays, 13h30-14h30

Junior choir (grades 4-6)- Music center - Mondays, 13h30-14h30

Please note that the Junior choir will start from next Monday (10 May). The first rehearsals will be auditions.

## 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: The marimba band playing at the Junior monitor Induction held this week.





Some more exciting news for our cricketers! Onosizo Ntinga has been invited to a national U16 TAP camp from 20 to 23 May. Aphiwe Mnyanda has been selected in the national u19 cricket squad of 20 players. The top 15 players will play against Zimbabwe later in the year.



Congratulations to two of our staff (Sean Killian and Odwa Xonxa), who have received their certification for completing the CSA Level 2 cricket coaching qualification.



U11 and U13 cricket teams  
present our fundraiser

## BURGER EVENING

**THE FOOD:**  
150g Grass Fed BEEF BURGERS  
PLUS chips and mushroom sauce for  
only R70.  
Takeaways will be available from  
17:30.

**DATE AND VENUE:**  
28 May 2021  
Graemian Centre

**TAKE-AWAY PRE-ORDERS**  
For pre-orders you can email your  
order to  
[marketing@graemecollege.co.za](mailto:marketing@graemecollege.co.za)

### Cricket Fundraiser:

Join us for our next mouthwatering burger night! Hosted at the Graemian Centre, join for a burger and a drink as the sun settles down for the evening on the 28 May. The burgers are 150g Grass Fed beef burgers with chips and mushroom sauce for R70, all in support of the U11 and U13 cricket teams.

We would love to see you there. Take-aways are also available from 17:30 pm if you wish to collect and take to enjoy at home too. For any pre-order take-aways please email: [marketing@graemecollege.co.za](mailto:marketing@graemecollege.co.za).



# Sports- Rugby

## Rugby Results

Senior Rugby Results vs Port Rex (pictured right)

1st team won 19-15

2nd team won 54-0

3rd team lost 5-14

u16A won 17-0

u16B lost 10-12

u15A won 39-0

u15B lost 10-14

u14A lost 17-21

u14B Drew 17-17



## Rugby Fixtures

Somerset Field vs Framesby

09h00 - Graeme u14A

10h00 - Graeme u15A

11h00 - Graeme u16A

12h15 - Graeme 2nds

13h30 - Graeme 1sts

Marais A

08h00 - u13C/D Internal

08h30 - u11A vs Oatlands u11A

09h15 - u13B vs Oatlands u13A

10h15 - Graeme 3rd vs Framesby

11h30 - Graeme u15B vs Framesby

Marais B

08h30 - u9A vs Graeme u11C

09h15 - Graeme u16B vs Framesby

10h15 - Graeme u14B vs Framesby

ALL COVID PROTOCOLS TO BE FOLLOWED.  
NO SPECTATORS ALLOWED AT THE FIELDS.

Also - all rugby games on Somerset Field this weekend, will be streamed via Youtube:

u14 A - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HoyRPtISij0>

u15 A - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-MGFnYQV2U>

u16 A - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qCmLVqiSW0M>

2nd XV - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YlhhQlZsAps>

1st XV - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GpXn7SOVI\\_s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GpXn7SOVI_s)



# Sports - Hockey

1st team hockey played their first match since August 2019 on Friday afternoon last week and we proudly announce they won against Port Alfred 5-0.



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# Sports - Tennis

## Senior Tennis

On Wednesday 12 May, the first team players travelled to Port Elizabeth for their annual fixture against Pearson.

The boys came up against a formidable Pearson team and unfortunately came out second best this time, losing 14-1. Well done to Lubs Tshongweni for his strong performance in his singles match.

## PNB Paribas Rising Stars Tournament

Good luck to Ethan Beyleveld, Murray Tyson, Steven du Preez and Christiano Jasson who are traveling to Port Elizabeth tomorrow to compete in the second round of this tournament.

Fixture: Monday, 17 May

Twelve Graeme boys and twelve VG girls are playing a mixed doubles match against Port Alfred High School on the Graeme and VG courts, starting at 14:30





# Pre-Primary

This Friday the Pre-Primary children had a well deserved relaxing morning after a long week of learning! The teachers put on a movie, everyone got comfy, and dug into big boxes of their favourite bag of buttery popcorn. What a treat for their Fun Fridays!



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# Grade 1s

On Friday last week the Grade 1 boys were hard at work designing a special gift for their mothers. Each little Leopard picked out some adjectives to describe their mom and needless to say their mothers were delighted by their creations for Mother's Day.





# Grade 6s

Grade 6 Top 10 for term1 2021

1. Kits McConnachie
- 2 Ruben Bodenstein
- 3.Keyaan Goliath
- 4.Jed Youthed
- 5.C-J Jeggels
6. Nicholas Cock
7. Keathen Edwards
8. Mbulelo Gama
9. Kutenda Chinomona
10. Blake De la Mare 10 Sizo Klaas

Grade 6 Top 4 Maths Marks in Assessment. (pictured below)

Nicholas Cock ,Keathen Edwards , Kits McConnachie and Sizo Klaas.



Below left: Top 10 achievers in Grade 6

Below right: Top 5 best efforts in Grade 6





# Grade 4s

Well done to the boys pictured who received a leopard certificate for good marks and good behaviour.

Front row: Usiphile Jadi, Matthew Lamont, Abakhe Luwaya, Tseliso Matsoso.

Back row. Lavuya Vayi, Sheraad Russian, Lusenathi Manzana, Kenzo Prince



## Staff news



Left: Thulisa Ndwanya gave birth to a beautiful baby girl yesterday morning at 10:45. She weighs 3,460 and her name is Azoma.



Right: Somerset field looking beautiful in the light and ready for tomorrow.

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# Junior Induction

On Thursday we had a wonderful induction ceremony for the Term 2 monitors. We were treated to superb performances from the Grade 6 Marimba Band and Alex Oosthuizen on the guitar. The boys were challenged to be proactive and dedicated regarding their leadership duties. We fully expect Graeme Junior to be a better school because of the work that they do. Good luck boys! Go for it!





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# Junor Field Ceremony

On Friday the Grade 6s and 7s marked the opening of the facility upgrades at the Junor precinct. We were joined by our wonderful parents who assisted us on the day. We were also able to thank staff, such as Mr Berriman, who have contributed to making the entrance and stairs so stunning. A big 'well done' to our Grade 7s of 2021 who have left such a wonderful legacy for the Junior School - we expect them to continue to raise the bar for the remainder of the year. Virtute et Opera!







**Win a share of R200 000 in CASH**

Simply swipe your MySchool MyVillage MyPlanet or linked Woolies card at any partner store and stand a chance to win your share of R200 000\* cash for you and Graeme College!

Every swipe is an entry! Competition closes 24 June. \*TC's apply.

Enter here: <https://www.myschool.co.za/heres-to-the-people-swipe-to-win/>

## Stay Connected

Do you follow Graeme College on the following platforms?

- Instagram:

@graemecollege

@graemeboys

- Facebook:

Graeme College

- Link to online Covid Questionnaire - must be completed by all visitors and sports teams visiting Graeme College. It must be completed on the day that you visit: <http://bit.ly/GCccovidQ>

## 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.

## 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.



# Community & Fundraising



## Term 2 SPCA Drive

Please bring dog and cat food



Any old blankets toys beds and some dog and cat jerseys as well



Closing date: 18 June Friday

Prize: Lindt Chocolate cupcakes for the class that donates the most



The Community Outreach Portfolio has chosen the SPCA as their organization to contribute towards for term 2.

Each class from Grade 00 to Grade 12 is encouraged to participate!

The class that donates the most towards the drive will win Lindt Chocolate cupcakes from EC Fresh.

All donations must be made for the attention of Ms Morgan White.

# Grant House



## Grant House

Exclusive boarding facility to Graeme College (est 1873).  
Apply now to avoid disappointment.



Grant House hostel (est 1975) prides itself on providing a safe and nurturing environment that caters for boys from Grade 4-12. With access to all that Graeme College has to offer, as well as having its own facilities, Grant House enables young men to make the most of their future.

Enquiries: [m.pretorius@graemecollege.co.za](mailto:m.pretorius@graemecollege.co.za)



# 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:

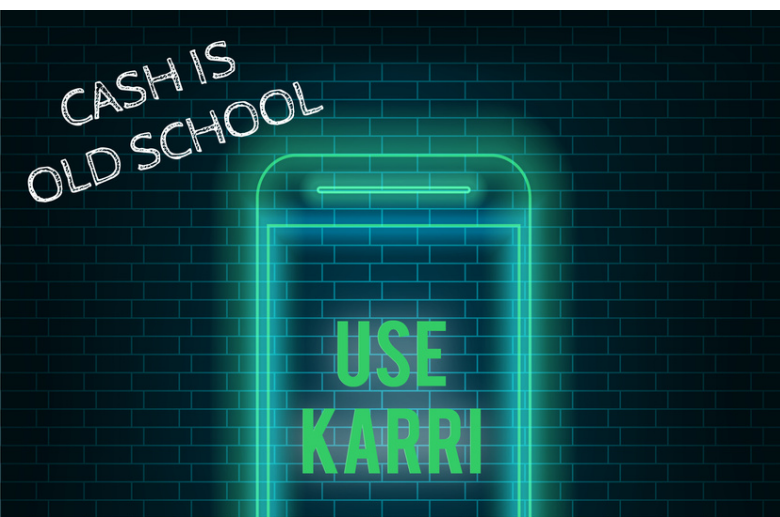
<https://www.karripay.com/za/>

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

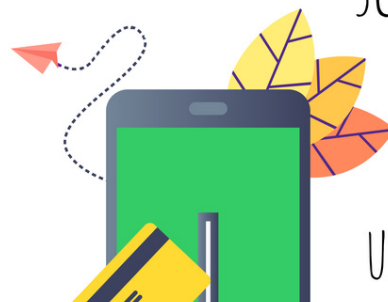
The school's database is linked to the Karri system - hence the notification that you received.

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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SCHOOL GROUNDS



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