



Graeme College

To strive for excellence by developing all to their full potential



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER Friday 20 August 2021

"Creativity doesn't wait for that perfect moment. It fashions its own perfect moments out of ordinary ones." -- Bruce Garrabrandt

Message from the Headmaster

The onset of the pandemic saw everyone scrambling to find alternative ways to get things done in the "new normal". Schools and businesses have had to take creative leaps to help them adjust to an entirely different world while disrupting their own thinking for more innovative gain.

Exploring creative outlooks is not a new concept. Whenever we think of creativity, the first thing that comes to mind is painting, singing, dancing, etc. However, there is a lot more to the concept than just that. Creativity is more about skill than inborn talent, and it is a skill parents can help their children develop. Creativity has become essential across every industry and sector, and our children are going to have to tap into their creative mindsets to face the challenges as well as to seize the opportunities that will arise. It is thus very important that we nurture and build on the imagination and especially the skill of creative writing and thinking in our children.

Children need constant stimulation to always create curiosity in them, and to keep them craving more information. Reading and writing are closely tied. It is important that a child finds an interest in reading and writing at a young age before they lose interest in it. Bad experiences can also have a negative effect on a child's reading which, in turn, has a detrimental effect on the child's writing and creativity.

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In addition to you reading to your children, if your child is old enough, have him read to you. Pose questions to your child about their favourite books. Why do they prefer certain novels over others? Assist children in developing their reading tastes and let them think critically about words, characters, settings, and stories.

A massive way to support a child’s development of creativity is to put some of their work on display. Children love to see their work around their home as they feel as though people are proud of what they have done and are congratulating them indirectly.

In conclusion, it is important to emphasize the process rather than the product. One way you can do this is by asking questions about the process – Did you have fun? Are you finished? What did you like about that activity?

By helping to develop the creativity in our children we are preparing them for new adventures, divergent ideas that they will have to share and thus participate in many other academic activities.

Kevin Watson
Headmaster

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Junior School Cross Country

Winners of various age groups:
U10 - Iminathi Mali
 Hutton House
 Time 9 minutes 5 seconds
 Record - 8 minutes 44 seconds

U.11 - Connor Holder
 Hutton House
 Time 8 minutes 55 seconds
 Record - 8 minutes 26 seconds

U.12 - C-J Jeggels
 Hutton House
 Time 8 minutes 1,16 seconds
 Record 8 minutes

U.13 - Cairis Appollis
 Hutton House
 Time 12 minutes 3 seconds
 Record 11 minutes 15 seconds

Well done to all the winners and all boys who participated in the Cross Country events.
 Photo: 2021 Junior X Country winners. u10 Iminathi Mali, u11 Connor Holder, u12 C-Jay Jeggels and u13 Cairis Appollis. All four athletes represented Hutton.

National English Olympiad

The National English Olympiad results are available! We are immensely proud of Woithando Funani who achieved a gold award for this examination.



SA U18 High-Performance Training Squad

A massive congratulations to Abongile Ngandi and Ltselihle Maphekhula on being selected for the SA U18 High-Performance training squad that are preparing to tour Georgia.
 We look forward to seeing these young gentlemen fly the Graeme College flag.





The AWSUM Mid-Year Achievers edition has been delivered to our school and copies of the paper are available. It features our achievers this year.

To view the edition online, please click here: https://issuu.com/tiemedia/docs/awsun_pe_ec_towns_mid-year_achievers_-_july_edit

Grade 8 and 9 Test Schedule:

Please note that other tests and assignments will be allocated by subject teachers during the term. This list merely gives an opportunity for standardised tests to be written. Grade 8s and 9s will write tests every Tuesday (Days 2 and 7). These test results will comprise part of the SBA result.

DATE	GRADE 8 TEST	GRADE 9 TEST
August 2021 (Day 7)	EMS Test	History Test
24 August 2021 (Day 2)	Geography Test	EMS Test
31 August 2021 (Day 7)	History Test	Geography Test
7 September 2021 (Day 2)	Mathematics Test	Mathematics Test
14 September 2021 (Day 7)	Natural Science Test	Natural Science Test
21 September 2021 (Day 2)	Term 4 Exam Original English Writing	Term 4 Exam Original English Writing
28 September 2021 (Day 7)	Term 4 Exam Original Afrikaans/isiXhosa Writing	Term 4 Exam Original Afrikaans/isiXhosa Writing

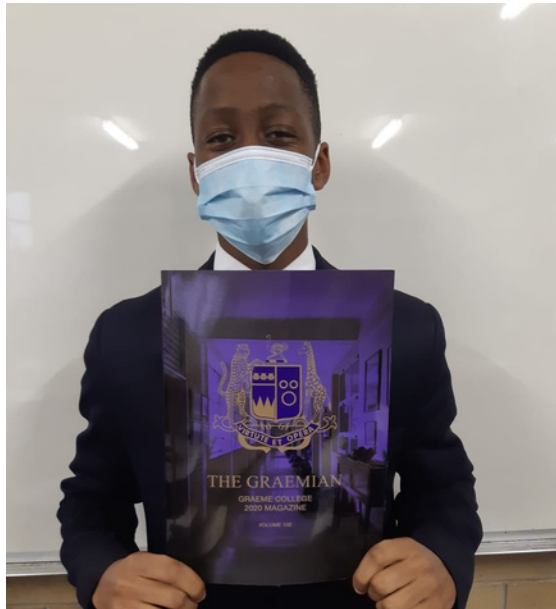
GRADE 12 PRELIMINARY EXAMINATIONS

The Grade 12s are due to start writing their preliminary examinations at the end of August. The draft timetable is as follows:

GRADE 12 PRELIMINARY TIMETABLE 2021 (Draft)

DATE	09H00	14H00
Thursday 26 August	CAT Paper 1 Practical 3 hours	
Monday 30 August	Accounting Paper 1 2 hours	
Tuesday 31 August	Geography Paper 1 3 hours (Theory)	isiXhosa FAL Paper 3 3 hours
Wednesday 1 September	History Paper 1 3 hours	English Home Language Paper 3 3 hours
Thursday 2 September	Geography Paper 2 3 hours	Afrikaans FAL Paper 3 3 hours
Friday 3 September	Life Sciences Paper 1 2 ½ hours	
Monday 6 September	<u>Final</u> Life Orientation Exam 2 hours	
Tuesday 7 September	Life Sciences Paper 2 2 ½ hours	Visual Art/Design Paper 1 3 hours (To be confirmed)
Wednesday 8 September	Afrikaans FAL Paper 2 2 hours	
Thursday 9 September	Accounting Paper 2 2 hours	isiXhosa FAL Paper 1 2 ½ hours
Friday 10 September	Mathematics Paper 1/ Maths Lit Paper 1 3 hours	English Home Language Paper 1 2 hours
Monday 13 September	Mathematics Paper 2/ Maths Lit Paper 2 3 hours	CAT Paper 2 Theory 3 hours
Tuesday 14 September	History Paper 2 3 hours	Afrikaans FAL Paper 1 2 hours
Wednesday 15 September	Business Studies Paper 1 2 hours	
Thursday 16 September	isiXhosa FAL Paper 2 2 hours	
Friday 17 September	Physical Sciences Paper 1 3 hours (Physics)	
Monday 20 September	Physical Sciences Paper 2 3 hours (Chemistry)	
Tuesday 21 September	Music Paper 1 3 hours (Theory)	Music Paper 2 1 ½ hours (Comprehension)
Wednesday 22 September	English Home Language Paper 2 2 ½ hours	
Thursday 23 September	Business Studies Paper 2 2 hours	
Friday 24 September		
Monday 27 September	Art Practical** (08h00 – 16h00)	
Tuesday 28 September	Art Practical** (08h00 – 16h00)	
Wednesday 29 September	Art Practical** (08h00 – 16h00)	
Saturday 16 October	Art Practical** (08h00 – 17h00)	

** These four days are compulsory for all Visual Art and Design Students. Please make sure that you take a packed lunch with you for those days. In addition, you need to arrange two additional mornings with your practical teacher on a day where you have no exam scheduled.



The 2020 Graeme College School magazine is now available at Reception at R150 a copy. It is the reflection of the year Covid-19 became part of the world, the GC community and your son's school life. We would like to encourage you to buy it and keep it as a reminder of quite an exceptional year.

My School Card

Did you know that your MySchool card gives you a super discount to Worksheet Cloud? Signing up to WorksheetCloud will give you instant access to hundreds of printable school worksheets, but if you're a MySchool MyVillage MyPlanet supporter, a percentage of your subscription fee will be given back to Graeme College at absolutely no cost to you. Plus you'll also receive a 50% discount on your WorksheetCloud sign up fee! Cardholders also receive a R100 discount on the WorksheetCloud subscription fee when entering your MySchool MyVillage MyPlanet card number during sign up. Head on over to WorksheetCloud and help your child with the Term 3 tests. They'll get access to thousands of study notes, practice questions and practice exams.

Click here to learn more:

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You might also find these other posts helpful: (click on the theme)

- My English / Xhosa / Zulu child is failing Afrikaans. What can I do to help?
- Introducing WorksheetCloud Study Notes
- Why is Reading Important?



Campus news

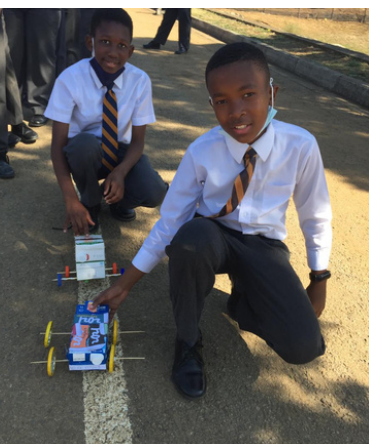
Foundation Phase Playground:

We welcomed a number of Old Graemians to campus this morning, with regards to celebrating the new entrance to the Foundation Phase playground area. This area includes a paved walkway, decorative seating around the trees and an incredible aesthetically pleasing look to the area. This was all part of bequest in honour of Albert and Ernest Whitfield (OG 1946). Mr and Mrs John Whitfield and their son represented the family, along with a number of other guests. Thanks also to Graham Hains for his role in the design and development of the project. Izak Smuts (OG 1972 and current Chairman of the OGU) and Neil Smuts (OG 1972) joined Mr Watson and Mr Riddin this morning. It is such a stunning addition to our beautiful campus, which will be enjoyed by the coming generations of young Graemians.

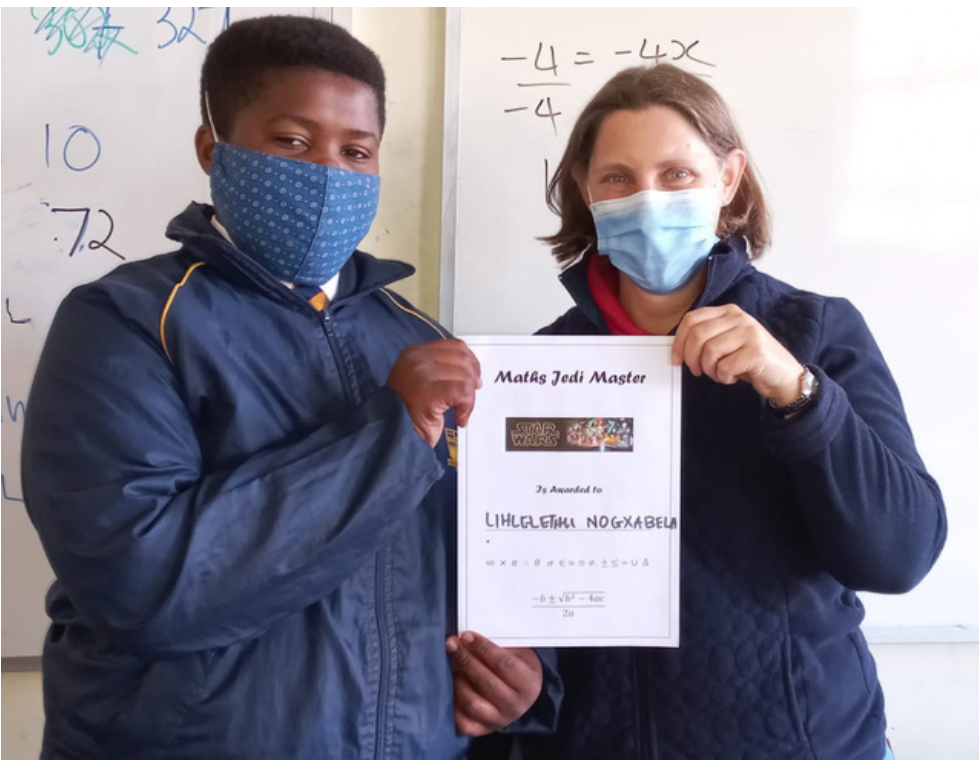


Grade 4s

A busy week in Grade 4 this week! It started off with a bang on Monday with the boys racing the cars they had made with recycled materials. The boys thoroughly enjoyed racing their cars and seeing whose car could go the furthest. The week ended off with the boys presenting plays - they loved dressing up and their acting was top class. What a wonderful week with such lovely energetic and enthusiastic boys.



Grade 9s



Lihlelethu Nogxabela of 9SA wins the Maths Jedi Master award this week for achieving full marks for drawing straight lines on the Cartesian plane in a brand new method for drawing graphs.

Grade 10s



The Grade 10 physics boys have been putting the theory that they've been learning into practice, by making up solutions with certain concentrations. Unfortunately there was no big chemistry fireworks but they enjoyed the practical aspect of the process very much!



Community Projects & Fundraising

The Community Outreach Portfolio were kindly afforded the opportunity by Pick 'n Pay to host a trolley collection point for ingredients for our soup kitchen at the beginning of August. We would like to thank the many generous customers for their kindhearted support. It was also a proud moment for the Committee to be thanked by shoppers for initiating this soup drive.

There is still time to contribute with one week to go! The soup kitchen drive will end on Friday, 27 August.

We thank the Graeme College community for their support of this project.

The committee are still in need of:

- 200gram glass coffee bottles with lids (please wash)
- Rice
- Lentils
- Split Peas
- Soup Mix
- Stock (chicken/beef/mutton)
- Cup of Soup packets of soup.

As per usual, the class that donates the most will be rewarded for their efforts and generosity!

Let's make a big effort to fill hungry tummies!



Grade 00: 166	7OX: 202
Grade R: 243	8MP: 5
Grade 1: 235	8JVM: 95
Grade 2: 199	9SA: 186
Grade 3: 188	9NH: 83
4MG: 162	10LN: 10
4VDM: 46	10VT: 327
5JB: 62	11FS: 72
5LM: 163	11PDL: 25
6AR: 80	12MW: 33
6DS: 90	12LF: 0
7AS: 80	

Thank you for the generous donations received thus far. It is very much appreciated. The Graeme boys are enjoying competing against each other for such an important cause.

Below are the soup kitchen points tally for Friday, 20 August:

- School Golf Plan

The Belmont Golf Club School plan is available for all boys at Graeme College that are interested in becoming scholar members. Please contact Mr Kilian if you would like further information on s.kilian@graemecollege.co.za.

- Squash

Well done to the Hutton boys for winning the 2021 Junior Inter-house squash. They are pictured below.



- 3000m athletics:

The u13 3000 metre event was run on Somerset Field this Wednesday. All houses competed enthusiastically in this great event. It is always fantastic to see the massive participation from our learners. CJ Jeggels won the overall event, which is an outstanding achievement considering he is still an U12 athlete. Well done boys! Pictures of the winners below:



Sports



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Pre-Primary - Grade 00 & Grade R

The pre-primary boys had a “musical Friday” this week as part of their Fun Friday program. They all made their own shakers and were lucky enough to experience all sorts of instruments being played live. Mrs Pretorius’s children and husband joined the boys to show them the cello, saxophone, guitar, trumpet and bagpipes. This was a wonderful opportunity for the boys which they will remember for a very long time.



Leadership Development

The Grade 11 boys enjoyed the second part of their two day Leadership Development programme. It was a wonderful event with Mr Watson hosting a Q & A session and Mr Van Molendorff and Mr De Lacy explaining the portfolio system of leadership and how to apply to become a portfolio head. The groups then met and reported back with practical suggestions to be considered by the portfolios in 2022. The team building session held by Mr N van der Meulen, produced many laughs amid fierce competition in the various events. Mr Fichardt and Mr Pennie also talked about how to apply for opportunities post school, other than universities, and were again inundated with very good questions. After watching two motivational speeches by Steve Jobs and Will Smith, each learner had solitary time writing a personal letter to himself. The prize for teamwork was won by 'The Scorpion' team. It was a very worthwhile exercise and the Matric class of 2022 promises to be an exciting group of young gentlemen.



School Events



GRAEME COLLEGE FUNDRAISER INITIATIVE
COIN-IT CHALLENGE

FILL THE 5L CONTAINER
IN YOUR CLASS WITH
AS MANY COINS AS
POSSIBLE.

AWESOME CLASS
PRIZES

FUNDS RAISED WILL GO TOWARDS:
FAMILY IN NEED
UPGRADING SCHOOL FACILITIES

1ST - BEACH OUTING
2ND - FRIESLAND TREAT
3RD - CIVVIES DAY

CLOSING DATE
WEDNESDAY 29 SEPT 2021



**CHARACTER
DRESS UP
DAY**
(Junior School)

PRIZES FOR BEST
DRESSED
STUDENT
&
TEACHER

MONIES RAISED
TO HELP
IMPROVE
SCHOOL
GROUNDS

R5
FOR
DRESS UP
&
CIVVIES

**THURSDAY
23 SEPTEMBER**

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- 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. Click on this link: <http://bit.ly/GCccovidQ>
- Awsum App:

<https://www.awsum.co.za/download-the-awsum-app-for-schools>

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.

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