



Graeme College

To strive for excellence by developing all to their full potential



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER Friday 1 October 2021

"A peacock has too little in its head, too much in its tail."
- Swedish proverb.

Message from the Deputy Headmaster

Maybe a light hearted blurb to end the term, is the way to go. We often have a gorgeous peacock prancing up and down the campus, especially around the pre-primary classes. Their beauty isn't lost on anybody, but I thought it would be a good opportunity to mention what we strive for at Graeme College. I have tried to remind myself of the fables which end in good moral lessons for our learners. Google reminded me about the 'boasting peacock', which looked down at the other birds because his own feathers were so much prettier than the others; but at the end of the story, the peacock was ashamed, because he couldn't sing like a cuckoo bird and couldn't fly like a crane. In that very abbreviated version, we are reminded that it doesn't matter what we look like, but rather what we do with the talents that are given to us. Many of our learners start life with a disadvantage re affluence - but quickly overcome these challenges and then overtake their competition.

At the end of a long term, I can think of countless examples where Graemians have shown their true spirit. We are never boastful, and our core values guide us to help others as a priority. Those same values provide the rudder as we navigate leadership and make decisions that affect others. Through courage and toil, we celebrate the talents on display at our incredible school every day, across the whole campus. We never take those talents for granted, and we celebrate the success of others ahead of our own success. The manner in which we participate at Graeme College, talks so much to our

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'process'. That is far more important than any outcome or result. I use the following short piece of writing often, when discussing who we are at Graeme:

"If a boy can make a victim of another who proves to be an introvert and less confident than he is, then he knows nothing of the spirit of Graeme College.

If a boy can partake in or even look upon bullying without regret and counter action, then he knows nothing of the spirit of Graeme College.

If a boy can look down on another less physical than himself, then he knows nothing of the spirit of Graeme College.

If a boy walks so tall that he cannot stoop to help those that have fallen, then he knows nothing of the spirit of Graeme College."

The Swedish proverb in the quote above, made me chuckle. With an important exam term coming up, our learners need to also remember to stay focussed on what is important at school. I trust everybody will enjoy this short break with their families, and recharge batteries ahead of the new term. Stay safe.

Gregg van Molendorff
Deputy Headmaster

Governing Body Meeting



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GRAEME COLLEGE

NOTICE OF GOVERNING BODY 2022 BUDGET MEETING

Dear Parents

You are cordially invited to attend the above meeting on **Tuesday 09 November 2021**.

Agenda

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| 1. Welcome | - Mr K Watson |
| 2. Apologies | |
| 3. Headmaster's report | - Mr K Watson |
| 4. Annual Report | - Mrs N. Ripley |
| 5. Presentation of 2022 Budget & Resolutions | - Mrs N. Ripley |
| 6. General | |

The following details will be communicated to parents within 14 school days to the budget meeting.

1. Format and Time of Budget Meeting; - in line with Covid-19 Disaster Management Act Regulations.
2. Minutes of the 2021 budget meeting;
3. Schedule of current and proposed school fees for 2022;
4. Notification that the budget will be available for inspection;
5. An explanation that a resolution will be proposed at the meeting, to be approved by the majority of the parents *present and voting*, to approve the budget and proposed school fees and that this decision will be binding on *all* parents;
6. Draft Budget available for inspection.

Your support of the school is valued and has a direct impact on your son's approach to his schooling.

Art

“Every child is an artist. The problem is how to remain an artist once we grow up” – Pablo Picasso.

The Johan Carinus Art Centre has announced the Visual Art and Design winners who have won awards and our boys have done so well! The competition was intense as many students from various Grahamstown schools participated. Students submitted their fine art, paintings, design and sculpture pieces to be displayed at the art exhibition held over the week of 22-30 September. The submissions were all incredible and we are so proud of the boys’ creativity. Below are pictures of the art work of the Grade 10-12 learners who won awards.

AWARD WINNERS 2021

	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
VISUAL ARTS: PAINTING			
GR.11		2 nd Jayden Burger (GC)	
GR.12		3 rd Ceejay Porthen (GC)	

	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
VISUAL ARTS: PRINTMAKING			
GR.10	John Hanton (GC)		Mustaqeem Al-Quadri (GC)

	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
VISUAL ARTS: SCULPTURE			
GR.11		Mihali Xalabile (GC)	
GR. 12	Lelami Ngoqo (GC)		

Best Sculpture Awards:

GR.11: Mihali Xalabile (GC)

	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
DESIGN: TEXTILES			
GR.10	2 nd Liviwe Sandi (GC)		
		Lelthu Kopo (GC)	
		Kwando Siquede (GC)	
GR.12			Lubabalo Mkhathali (GC)

Best Textile Design Awards:

GR.10: Liviwe Sandi (GC)



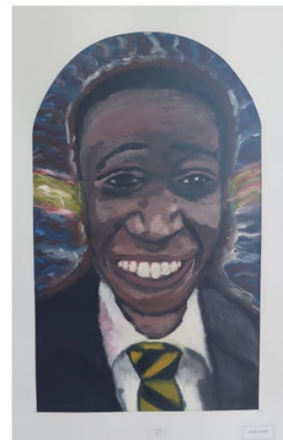
Lubabalo Mkhathali (GC12)
Bronze Award Textile Design



Liviwe Sandi (GC10)
2nd place Gold Award Textile Design and
Best Textile Design in Grade



Ceejay Porthen (GC12)
3rd place Silver Award Painting



Lwazi Maki (GC11)
Bronze Award Painting



Mustaqeem Al-Quadri (GC10)
Bronze



Jayden Burger (GC11)
2nd place Silver Award Painting



John Hanton (GC10)
Silver Award



Lelami Ngoqo (GC12)
Gold Award Sculpture



Mihali Xalabile (GC 11)
Silver Award Sculpture and
Best Sculpture in Grade.

Art

Below are our Junior school winners:

GOLD

SILVER

BRONZE

- GR.4
- GR.5
- GR.6
- GR.7
- GR.8
- GR.9

- Matthew Lamont
- Conner Holder
- Kits Mc Connachie
- Rikus Pieterse
- Olothando Gxekwa
- Yonwaba Tambo

- Zimfefe Pokile
- Likhanye Ndevu
- Conner Richardson
- Schalk Pieterse
- Oarabile Mothibe
- Byron Hunter

- Luminathi Mnconywa
- Okuhle Gongqa
- Tristan Boy
- Andrew Muir
- Lihlombe Mkaza
- Samuel Hockly



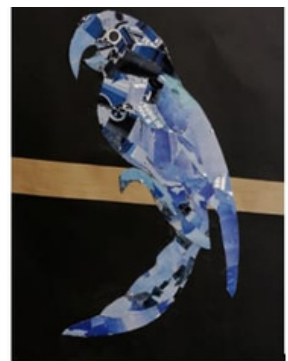
Olothando Gxekwa Grade 8
Gold Award



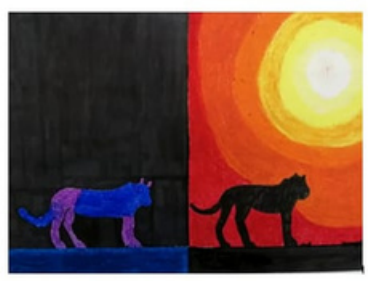
Zimfefe Pokile Grade 4
Silver Award



Okuhle Gongqa Grade 5
Bronze Award



Luminathi Mnconywa Grade 4



Conner Holder Grade 5
Gold Award



Matthew Lamont Grade 4



Rikus Pieterse Grade 7
Gold Award



Kits Mc Connachie Grade 6
Gold Award



Likhanye Ndevu Grade 5
Silver Award



Conner Haakonsen Grade 6
Silver Award



Lihlombe Mkaza Grade 8
Bronze Award



Andrew Muir Grade 7
Bronze Award



Schalk Pieterse Grade 7
Silver Award



Tristan Boy Grade 6
Bronze Award



Oarabile Mothibe Grade 8
Silver Award



Byron Hunter Grade 9
Silver Award



Samuel Hockly Grade 9
Bronze Award



Yonwaba Tambo Grade 9

Art

The Art boys with their certificates.

Gold medal winners: Conner Holder, Kits Mcconnachie, Rikus Pieterse, Matthew Lamont.



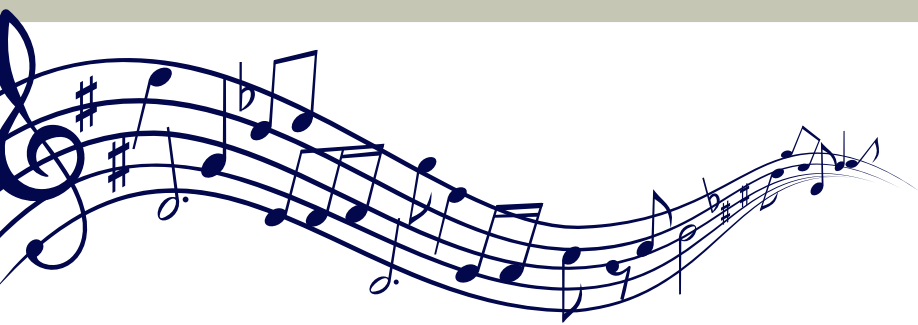
Silver medal winners: Likhanye Ndevu, Connor Haakonsen, Schalk Pieterse, Zimfefe Pokile.



Bronze medal winners: Nathan Gongqa, Andrew Muir, Tristan Boy, Luminathi Mnconywa.



Music



Personalities of the week:

This week Lervano Gill and Sizo Klaas won the music personalities of the week. A rap battle took place in music this week against Ms Coetzer and the grade 6s were allowed to write a diss track back. Lervano and Sizo decided instead to write a rap describing how much they liked Ms Coetzer and music class in general. Even when they were allowed to be negative they chose to be positive! Thank you gentlemen!

New practice points earned this week:

Junaid Douglas 3
Yolani Jimmy 1
Yandisa Sitsila 2
Likuhle Bashe 1
Morgan Prevec 2

Graeme College Eisteddfod 2021:

Thank you to everyone who registered for our first virtual Eisteddfod! We are so excited to receive your submissions!

The deadline for submissions is 20 October.

All submissions must be in photo (for art) or video format. Cellphone videos and photos are fine. Please email all submissions to Mrs Niesing at l.niesing@graemecollege.co.za.

If video files are too large to send per email, they can be compressed via the link below. This link is affiliated with a free compressing app too. The app allows the compressed video to be saved on your device, which makes it easy to share via email.

<https://www.freeconvert.com/video-compressor>



Music is the literature of
the heart; it commences
where speech ends

Alphonse de Lamartine
PICTUREQUOTES.COM

Quote of the week

Chosen by Ms Coetzer

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Music

Likuhle and Yandisa (both in Grade 6) came back to school for their piano lessons - despite it being their first holiday afternoon!

Their parents were invited into the classroom to listen to them play their favourite pieces. Likuhle's piece is called "Let's play ball", and Yandisa's piece is called "Rodeo".

They also played a duet with Mrs Niesing for their mothers. Well done boys. Your first impromptu concert was great!



Coin- It Challenge

The coin-it challenge came to an end and what a success it was! We raised over R8000. Well done to every class and teacher for promoting this.

- 1st - 5JB (Beach outing)
- 2nd - 6AR (Ice cream)
- 3rd - 5LM (Civvies)

Sports

- Senior Tennis

School Championship Results

Semi-final Open: David Tyson beat Steven du Preez and Murray Tyson beat Christiano Jasson.

u/15 Results: Cameron Doyle beat Ryan Stobbs and Jesse McConnachie beat Larson McKaiser.



Sports

- Squash

The past weekend (24 - 26 September) SA Squash had their Inter Provincial School Squash Tournament in Gqeberha. Graeme College had nine players representing their respective EP age groups. The players were Jethro Visagie (U14A), Alden Walters (U14A), Juan van der Merwe (U13A), Enrique Strydom (U13A), Umar Hayat (U13B), Olo Jaca (U13B), Logan Strauss (U13B), Connor Holder (U11A) and Ashton Burger (U11A).

The following results were excellent for EP:

-EP U11As - 1st (Connor Holder and Ashton Burger were part of this team - both boys played very well and had crucial wins for their team)

-EP U14As - 1st (Jethro Visagie was part of this team - he played very well and won more than 50% of his matches)

-EP U13As - close 2nd

Well done to all the players, you all made our school very proud! A special mention must be made to Juan van der Merwe, who won all his matches; which is an outstanding achievement. Most of the other players won more than 50% of their games, which is also a very good achievement. A bright future awaits Graeme College squash; which is very exciting!



Sports

- Cricket

Our young 1st XI started their pre-season preparation with the Pearson High Festival this past weekend.

The team showed superb progress. Their skill and potential is obvious to see, and it was even more pleasing to see so many different cricketers make significant contributions throughout the 5 matches.

Day 1 saw a T20 win against Despatch and a loss against Daniel Pienaar.

Day 2 was an emphatic performance against Westering. Graeme scored 209 and then bowled Westering out twice, to gain an outright win.

GC 1st innings 208 all out.

West 1st innings 50 all out.

GC 2nd innings 42/2 decl.

West 2nd innings 46/ 5

Graeme won by 162 runs.

Day 3 was a superb performance by the Graeme side against Nico Malan.

After losing the toss, Graeme bowled Nico Malan out for 65, and then chased down the target, to win by 9 wickets.

Day 4 promised to be a tough fixture against Potch Gimnasium. Graeme batted really well to end on 180/9. Graeme had a period of flat cricket which came back to haunt them later. Potch eventually passed the target, winning by 2 wickets.



Sports

- Cricket

On Tuesday this week the 1st XI team played a friendly match with Michaelhouse at St Andrew's. Unfortunately the boys lost the match but it was a great chance to practice for their upcoming tour. Performance on the field is directly related to training and practice and this was a great game to watch the boys hone some skills.



- Cricket

The u13A cricket side left yesterday (Thursday) for their fun filled festival in Knysna. We wish them luck on their trip. The trip is always one of the massive highlights of the year!



Sports

- Cricket

Our young U13 A cricket team have been practicing very hard throughout this week at Somerset nets, for their highly anticipated tour. Here are a few pictures of them practicing.



Sports

- 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
s.kilian@graemecollege.co.za

- Cricket

PLEASE SHARE AND SUPPORT OUR LATEST CRICKET FUNDRAISING PROJECT.

This is a link to Jumpstarter - where we have created a page to raise funds through donations.

<https://bit.ly/GC-Cricket>

JOKER POKER IS BACK!

1st XI Cricket Fundraiser - THE COVID (REMOTELY ORGANISED) VERSION...

All funds received go towards the 1st XI cricket tour costs in 2021.

To summarise, 52 playing cards plus a joker are shuffled and pinned face down on a board. Each week or fortnight, a raffle is held where supporters pay for the opportunity to possibly be the lucky winner who selects a single card from the board. The objective is to select the joker from the playing cards that are pinned faced down, and thereby win the grand prize. Part of the excitement and fun of Joker Poker is that after each unsuccessful card selection the prize jackpots and technically the odds improve with each draw as well. The prize will be carried over to the next draw if the Joker is not turned. Tickets are R10 per draw entry and you are allowed as many entries as you like in each draw. Your ticket will get you into the draws which will be organised by the parent group. The prize is a percentage of all ticket sales and a 5000 litre Eco water tank donated by Eco Tanks and Bucu, which is valued at R7000. That is an incredible prize which will generate a lot of interest in Grahamstown.

Tickets can be bought at the Graemian Centre, School Reception and via the Karri App. Draws for the Joker will be made on the following dates:

- Fri 15 October (16h30)
- Fri 29 October (16h30)

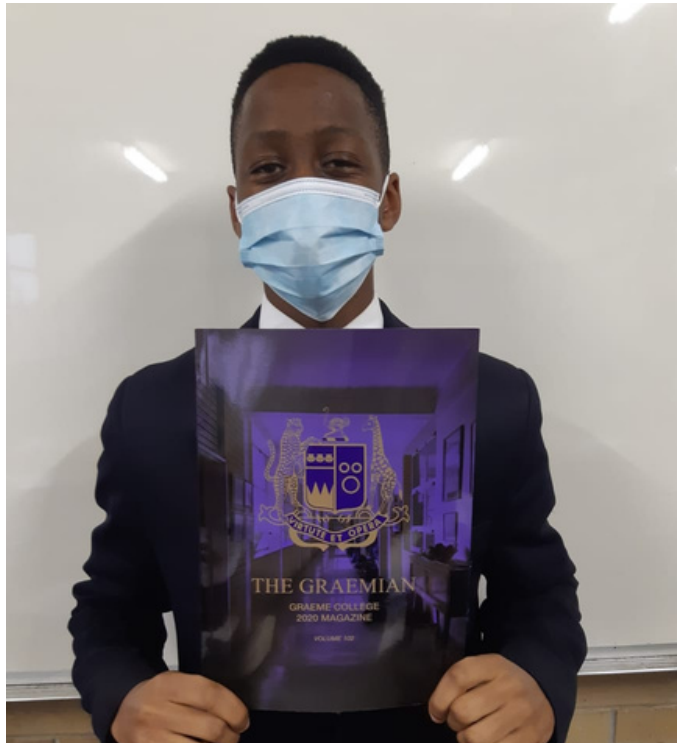
*All draws will be held at the Graemian Centre. This gives you several opportunities to win the grand prize. Social Media videos of draws will be held - you dont need to be present; you will be contacted telephonically.



Grade 00

The Grade 00 class have a "class pet" named Herman the Hippo. Each Friday, Herman gets to go home with someone in the class to spend the weekend with them. The boys are encouraged to take photos with him, read his favourite book and fill in his journal with tales of their time together. On Monday morning, the boys are encouraged to stand in front of the class and tell of their adventures with Herman. This is such a highlight for all the boys in the class and a weekend they all wait for in anticipation.





The 2020 Graeme College School magazine is still 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.

Campus news

A further speed bump will be built on the road linking the school to Grant House Hostel. Parents are reminded to use the Selborne and swimming pool gates to drop off their sons. Foundation phase and Pre-school parents to please use the hostel gates.

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. 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.