



Graeme College

To strive for excellence by developing all to their full potential



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER Friday 15 October 2021

"Time and balance are the two most difficult things to have control over, yet they are both the things that we do control."

Catherine Pulsifer

Message from the Headmaster

I recently came across a story about personal expression and an insight into daily life on a meditation website. I thought the story would be appropriate to share at this time of year when we are all gearing up for the end-of-year activities.

"There was once a pair of acrobats. The teacher was a poor widower and the student was a young girl by the name of Meda. These acrobats performed each day on the streets in order to earn enough to eat. Their act consisted of the teacher balancing a tall bamboo pole on his head while the little girl climbed slowly to the top. Once on the top, she remained there while the teacher walked along the ground. Both performers had to maintain complete focus and balance in order to prevent any injury from occurring and to complete the performance. One day, the teacher said to the pupil: 'Listen Meda, I will watch you and you watch me, so that we can help each other maintain concentration and balance and prevent an accident. Then we'll surely earn enough to eat.'

But the little girl was wise, she answered, 'Dear master, I think it would be better for each of us to watch ourself. To look after oneself means to look after both of us. That way I am sure we will avoid any accidents and earn enough to eat.' The author explains that this story is meant to illustrate, that taking care of yourself is the most important thing you can

do is to take care of others. By learning how to nourish your mind and body you'll naturally begin to treat those around you with more compassion, love, and kindness and create a more positive impact on the world around you as a whole. There is no division, taking care of yourself (in a spiritual sense, not in a material "buy myself things" kind of sense) equals taking care of others.

Specifically, by taking care of yourself, you take care of others, by showing them compassion and loving kindness. At this time of year, especially for parents/guardians of matric learners, we tend to get more and more stressed because we have our focus on our own situations.

The above story illustrates that one can change one's energy and stress, by changing one's perspective. By shifting our day-to-day focus away from stress and, instead, directing it toward how one can help family and friends will achieve what's meaningful to them.

Mr Kevin Watson
Headmaster

Academic

Grade 12 Prize Giving and Valedictory Service:

On Wednesday 20 October the Grade 12's will be having their prize giving and valedictory service. The ceremony will start at 12H30. To allow all staff to attend the ceremony school will close at 12H00 for Grades 1-10. Tea for parents will be served from 12h00.

Blood Drive

A very successful blood drive was held on Thursday 14 October at school. A huge thank you goes out to all who supported this valuable contribution to the welfare of others, in spite of the inevitable disruption of the school day. The peer promoters did a very good job in ensuring things went smoothly. They are pictured below.



Fourth Term Calendar

October 2021

DATE	
Wed 13	Snr Photo Day Cricket - Gary Kirsten Academy Zoom session (all cricket coaches) - 16h30
Thurs 14	Blood Drive Day Rhodes University High School science quiz (from 12h00) Jnr Tennis vs Cradock (a)
Fri 15	Snr Tennis vs Cradock High (a)
Sat 16	Matric Art - Final Prac Exam Day Snr Cricket vs. Dale (1st, u15A - a; 2nd, u14A - h) Jnr Cricket vs. Alice Hub (u11A, u13A at Home)
Mon 18	Junior Photo day
Tues 19	Matric CAT Exam Practical (P1) Jnr Squash vs DSG/KC (17h00)
Wed 20	Valedictory and Prize Giving Snr Cricket vs SAC (u15B, 3rds - a; u14B - h) Jnr Cricket vs Fort Beaufort u13B (h)
Fri 22	Jnr Tennis vs Volkskool Jnr Cricket vs Selborne
Sat 23	Snr Cricket vs Grey (1st, u15A - a; 2nd, u14A - h) Jnr Cricket vs Selborne and Sunridge (H)
24-25	Provincial u16/ u19 Cricket Trials Dr Dean Allen Talk (SAC) - 18h30 "A Journey Through South African Sport"
Tues 26	Jnr Squash vs DSG/KC -17h00
Wed 27	Jnr Cricket vs Sunridge -U13A (A)
Sat 30	Snr Cricket vs Queens (1st, u15A - h; 2nd, u14A - a) Jnr Cricket vs Herbert Hurd (h)

November 2021

DATE	
Mon 1	Municipal Election Voting Day (No School)
Tues 2	Jnr Squash vs DSG/KC (17h00)
Wed 3	Matric Exam - Afrikaans FAL (P1) Jnr Cricket vs Kingswood
Thurs 4	Prize Giving: Junior School, Grades 4-7 (10h30) Prize Giving: Senior School, Grades 8-11 (12H00).
Fri 5	Matric Exam - Maths and Maths Lit - (P1)
Sat 6	Snr Cricket vs SAC (1st, u15A - h; 2nd, u14A, 3rd - a)
Mon 8	Matric Exam - Maths and Maths Lit - (P2) Start of Grade 8 -11 End of Year Exams
Tues 9	Parent Budget Meeting
Wed 10	Matric Exam - Business Studies (P1) Jnr Cricket - SAP
Thrs 11	Matric Exam - isiXhosa FAL (P1) and Geography Map Work (P1)
Fri 12	Matric Exam - Physical Science and History (P1)
Sat 13	Snr Cricket vs KC (1st, u15A, u15B - a; 2nd, u14A - h) Jnr Cricket vs KC

Fourth Term Calendar

November 2021

DATE

Mon	15	Start of Junior School end of year assessments / exams Matric Exam - Physical Science and History (P2)
Tues	16	Matric Exam - English (P2) Governing Body Meeting
Wed	17	Matric Exam - Accounting (P1) and Geography (P2)
Thurs	18	Matric Exam - Visual Art Grade 9 Subject Choice 17H30
Fri	19	Pre Primary Orientation Day (13h00) Matric Exam - Life Sciences (P1) Shaw/ Brown T20 Cricket
Sat	19-20	Shaw/ Brown T20 Cricket
Mon	22	Matric Exam - Life Sciences (P2)
Tues	23	Matric Exam - isiXhosa FAL (P2) and History (P2) Development Trust Meeting
Wed	24	Matric Exam - Accounting (P2)
Thurs	25	Matric Exam - Afrikaans FAL (P2)
Fri	26	Matric Exam - CAT (Theory) (P2) Grade R & 00 Nativity Play (17h00)
Mon	29	Matric Exam - English (P3)
Tues	30	Matric Exam - isiXhosa FAL (P3)

December 2021

DATE

Wed	1	Matric Exam - Afrikaans FAL (P3)
Thurs	2	Matric Exam - Music Theory (P1)
Fri	3	Benefit Dinner/Function
Mon	6	Matric Exam - Music Comprehension (P2)
Fri	10	Handing out of Reports (TBC)



Scifest

Two teams from Graeme College took part in the annual Scifest Rhodes University High School Quiz on Thursday afternoon. This year the quiz was virtual and teams of three competed online against schools from all around the country. With questions covering a wide variety of science topics, the boys showed great enthusiasm and a broad knowledge base, allowing them to successfully compete against some of the top schools in the country. Both teams ended up in the top 20, with Bayanda Mthetho, Loyiso Nyoka and Cee-Jay Porthen narrowly missing out on a top five spot and ending in seventh place, a fantastic achievement. Well done boys!



Music



Personality of the week:

Our personality of the week is Usi Jadi in Grade 4. Usi's enthusiasm for all things music is contagious! He participates with gusto in all activities and is always eager to learn. He portrays good leadership skills in group work and is always prepared for class. Usi particularly loves singing and can't wait for choir rehearsals to resume. He often comes to visit Mrs Niesing during break times to sing his favourite songs and to ask for tips to improve his singing. Keep it up Usi - you are setting a great example and we are proud of you.

New practice points earned this week:

Junaid Douglas 3

Likuhle Bashe 2

Yandisa Sitsila 2

Morgan Prevec 2

Graeme College Eisteddfod 2021:

The deadline for our Eisteddfod submissions is creeping closer! Please remember to submit videos and/or photos of your art by Wednesday 20 October.

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

If video files are too large to send via 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>



No matter how hard it gets, stick your chest out, keep your head up and handle it.
-Tupac

Quote of the week

Chosen by Mr Apollis

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Music



With practical exams around the corner, our subject music students are working hard to get their work performance ready. A practical music exam consists of four sections: (1) technical work, (2) two performance pieces, (3) sight-reading and (4) aural tests.

Technical work consists of scales and a 'Study' that show the student's technical agility and his ability to control expression and articulation in his performance. A 'Study' is a musical piece that mainly consists of a combination of the required technical exercises and scales.

Performance pieces take up most of the time in an exam. In fact, it is similar to playing in a concert: students had to work consistently throughout the year in order to fluently and confidently showcase all aspects of musicianship required for the interpretation of the pieces. For sight-reading, students are given a short piece of music that they have never seen before. They have two minutes to study it, after which they have to play it accurately. Aural tests require students to listen to various musical phrases and to answer questions relating to pitch, rhythm and tonality.

We wish all our subject students a productive week ahead! Remember, the more you practise, the easier (and better!) it gets! Pictured below are ours boys practicing hard this week.



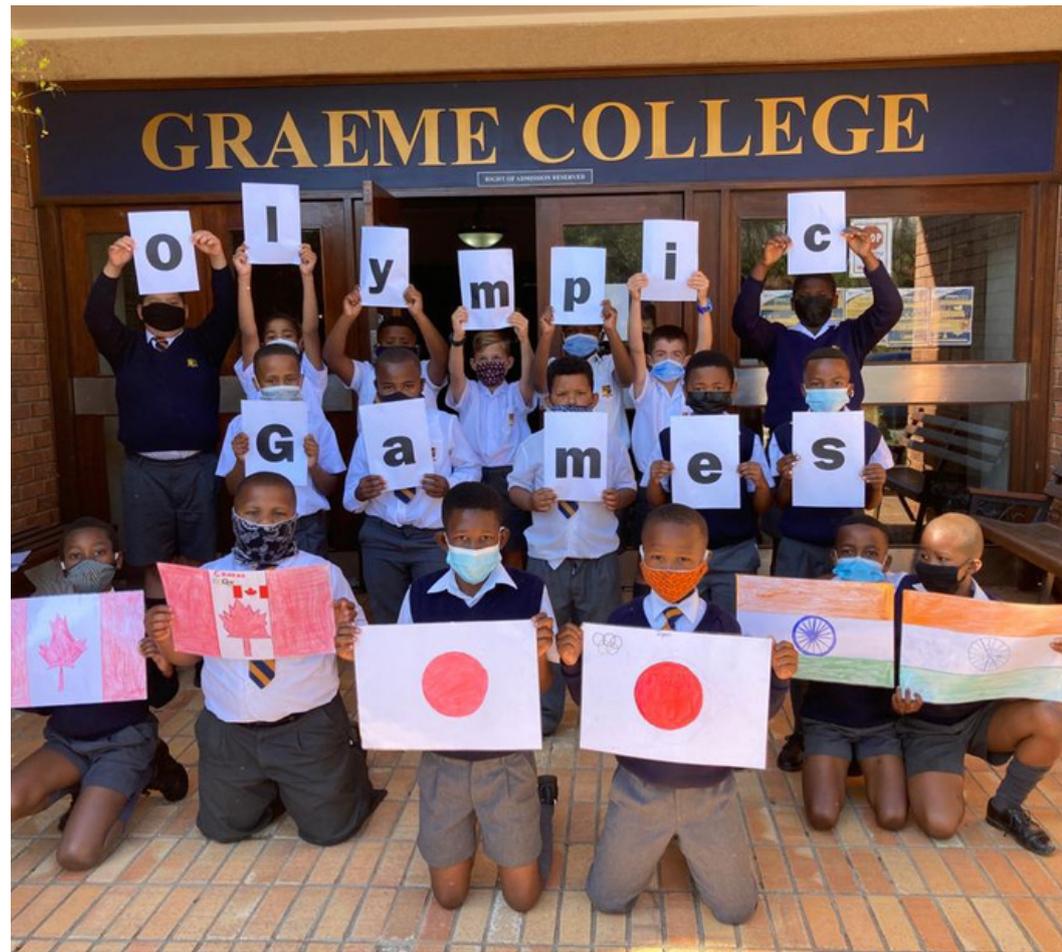
Grade 4

The Grade 4 Olympic/ Paralympic Games competition

In term 3 the boys got very excited about the Olympic/ Paralympic Games as did the teachers. Our class decided to have our own competition. The boys were placed in pairs and decided on a country together. Everyday in the last few minutes of the day we would have some sort of competition. From drawing to racing, to blind folded writing, to colouring, to maths timetables, to designing their own Olympic kit (pictures attached) - you name it - everything became a fun competition for points for their country.

The winners have been announced at lines this week. In third place for a Bronze medal was India, in second place for a Silver medal was Canada and in first place with 73 points was Japan.

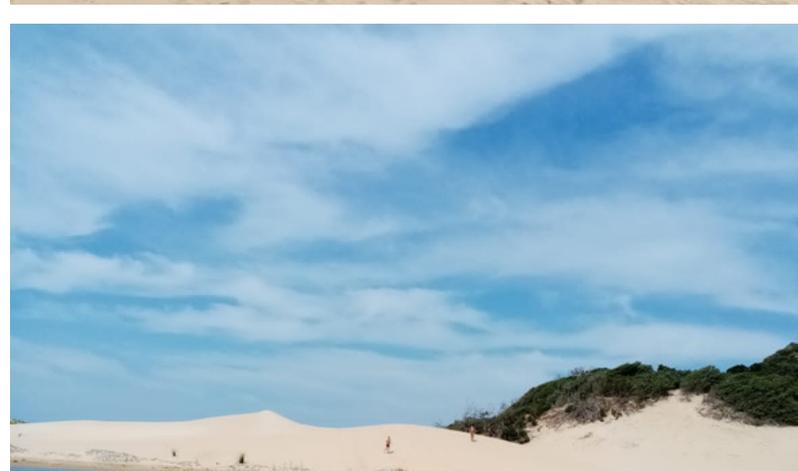
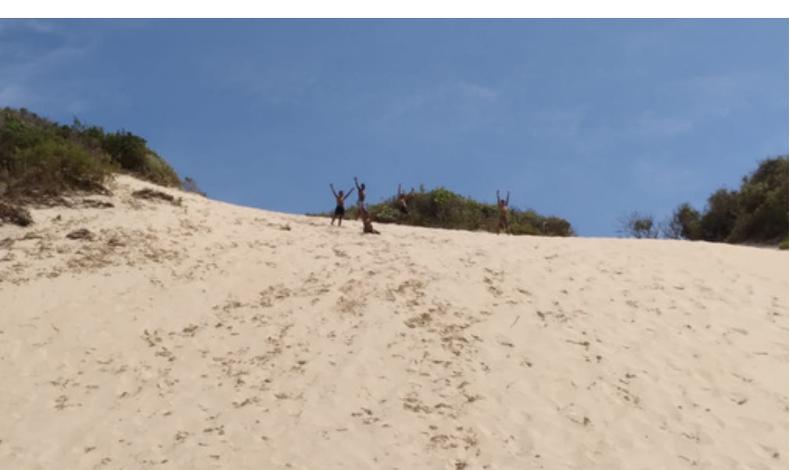
Well done to all the boys who participated for their country. It was such fun and we are very sad it has come to an end.



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Grade 5

The Grade 5JB boys won the coin-it challenge and their reward was a trip to the beach. The boys went on Wednesday and loved every minute of it!



Grade 5

Well done to the following boys in Grade 5 for their academic performance in Term 3.

Top 10

1. Blake Boswell
2. Mawande Mayalo
3. Anesipho Mraji
4. Connor Holder
5. James Muir
6. Avu Mndi
7. Gino O'Brien
8. Jayden Conroy
9. Rory Roberston
10. Tylo Bridger

Top 5 Best Effort

1. Ashton Burger
2. Caleb Jattiem
3. Arslan Hayat
4. Tyler Bouwer
5. Coenraad Pieterse



Left : Well done to the boys in 5LM for receiving Leopard certificates for Term 3.



Left : Well done to 5JB for receiving Leopard certificates for Term 3.

Grade 6

Well done to the following boys in Grade 6 for their academic performance in Term 3.

1. Ruben Bodenstein
1. Kits McConnachie
3. Keyaan Goliath
4. Kutenda Chinomona
5. Mbulelo Gama
6. Sizo Klaas
7. Jedd Youthed
8. Morgan Prevec
9. Blake de la Mare
10. Nicholas Cock

Top 5 efforts

1. Lithabo Flack
2. Donovan Pretorius
3. Conner Richardson
4. Ahlumile Sideba
5. Ibenam Butanaer

Grade 7

Well done to the following boys in Grade 7 for their academic performance in Term 3.

Top 10

1. Andrew Muir
2. Rikus Pieterse
3. Ethan Mostert
4. Heinrich Bouwer
5. Rhys Wiblin
6. Lwakhe Nxosi
7. Leroy Adriaan
8. Liam Bodill
9. Jayden Brits
10. Iviwe Mshubeki

Top 5 Best Effort

1. Giano Fourie
2. Crispin Lackay
3. Amo Phahlamohlaka
4. Mlibo Magwala
5. Hamish Haakonsen

Grade 7



Left: Grade 7AS Leopard Certificate recipients. From L to R: Athi Manyati, Ethan Mostert, Jayden Brits, Iviwe Mshubeki, Rikus Pieterse, Heinrich Bouwer. Absent: Mlibo Magwala.



Left: Grade 7 OX Leopard Certificate recipients. From L to R: Hamish Haakonsen, Lwakhe Nxosi, Andrew Muir, Leroy Adriaan, Keanu-Josh Rooi, Rhys Wiblin, Giano Fourie, Liam Bodill, Hein Myburgh, Crispin Lackay, Lilo Boo.

Right: Well done to following Grade 7 boys who have been promoted from Monitor Assistants to Monitors: from L to R, Jovan Radovic, Hein Myburgh, Cairis Appollis.



Ballroom Dancing

“Any kind of dancing is better than no dancing at all.” - Lynda Barr

On Sunday 03 October, our dancers took part in our International Ballroom and Latin-American dance grading day, held at Kingswood College, Grahamstown. The grading day was hosted by dance instructor, Francois van Eck. Students were examined by Miranda Botha, Vice-Chairperson of the South African Dance Teachers Association (SADTA).

The levels which were examined were Beginner, Level 1 and Level 2. While we are still awaiting the results, the examiner commented on the high standard of dancing. Our students can be very proud of themselves for keeping up their dancing through the challenges that life has thrown our way these past two years. Through lockdowns, quarantines, online dancing, solo practicing and very little partner dancing, our students danced through it all.

Dancers learn Ballroom dances such as the Slow Waltz, Slow Rhythm Foxtrot and the Tango; Rhythm dances such as the Boogie, Rock n Roll and Swing and lastly, Latin dances such as the Cha Cha, Mambo, Rumba and Samba.

Well done to Devon Fincham and Jeandré van Niekerk, who participated on the day. Devon danced seven dances for his Level One grading, while Jeandré danced three beginner level dances.

Picture 1 (left) - Jeandré van Niekerk dancing a Boogie

Picture 2 (right)- Devon Fincham dancing a Cha Cha

Picture 3 (bottom)- Jeandré van Niekerk (Grade 10), Louise van der Merwe (Assistant), Miranda Botha (Examiner), Francois van Eck (Dance Instructor), Devon Fincham (Grade 11).



Sports

Below: Graeme College 1st team tennis vs Cradock High this week. The Graeme boys won 17-1 matches.



Sports Awards

The School Sports Awards recognise and reward the outstanding sporting achievements of the young boys in our school. Awards for their exceptional commitment to their sporting pursuits in 2021 were recognised at a ceremony this week.

Here is a full list of award winners who received awards for the following sports:

TENNIS AWARDS

RUGBY AWARDS

Half Colours

Half Colours

Mornay Kohl
Kuhle Mhlengana
Abongile Ngandi
Liskhanya Maiyana
Warrick de Beer
Hlombe Kepe
Mihlali Kobese
Yanga Nogoya
Lagon Oerson
Yonela Sandi
Sibu Dambuza

Ethan Beyleveld
Murray Tyson
Steven du Preez
Oliver Ripley
Christiano Jasson
Dullareo Strauss – re-award
Lubablo Tshongweni – re-award

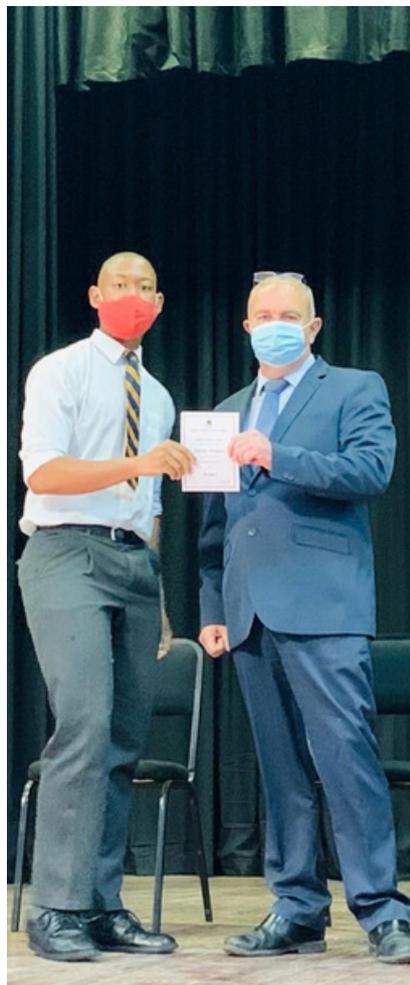
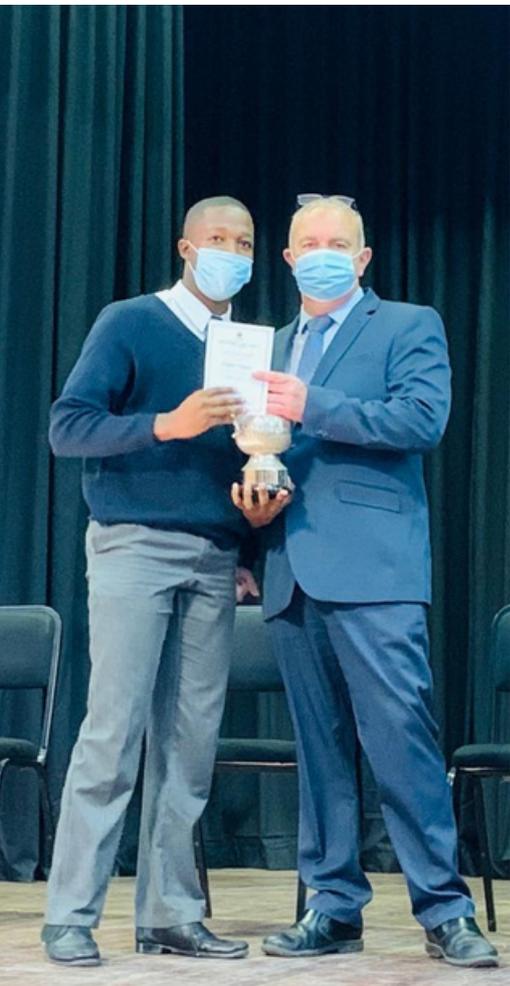
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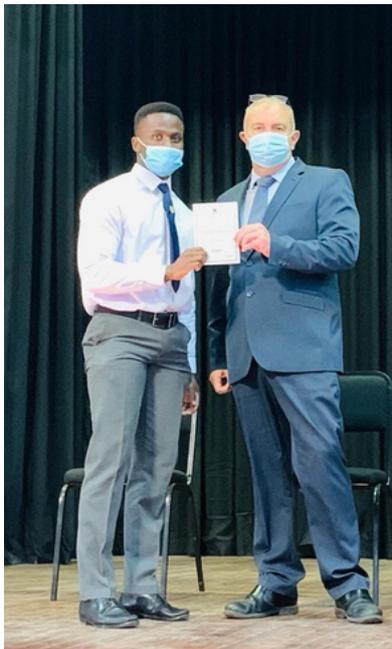
Lelona Xhaso
Simnikiwe Bosman
Liselihle Maphekula
Lulundi Nopote

David Tyson
Buhle Planga

Sports Awards



Sports Awards



Sports

- Cycling

Well done to Damien Swart, Chris McLean and Samuel Hockly - founder participants in the Leopards' Epic 3-day ride from Graeme College to the coast. Day 1 - GC to Seven Fountains via the Highlands Road (cold and wet). Day 2 - Seven Fountains to Alexandria (muddy and windy). Day 3 - Alexandria to Cannon Rocks via the Alexandria forest (sunny and lovely, thankfully). A BIG thank you to: Mario Hockly (seconding vehicle), Giles and Jenny Gush, Owen Green and Gretel Olivier (Alexandria Christian Academy) for accommodation, Dr Peter Swift for medical backup and Jenny Swift and Doug Walters for transport. We look forward to more boys joining us for the 2022 Epic!



Sports

- Running

The Albany Runners Club has been joined by a number of Graeme College runners over the last year, and it has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm for running! The Spring Challenge ran over four weeks in September and the prizes were awarded based on those 4 runs.

Congratulations to Clint Berriman for winning the most consistent male runner category.

Congratulations to Hunter van Zyl for winning the most consistent junior male runner.

Congratulations to Morne Bodenstein for winning the most improved junior male runner. He was also the quickest junior male runner over the four weeks.

Pictured below are the Graeme College running team.



- Rugby

Congratulations to Licebo Ngwentle (u16) and Lulundi Nopote (u19) who played for EP against the Griffons during the school holidays.



Sports

- Junior Tennis

The Top 8 U11 and Top 8 U13 boys played against Cradock Primary on Thursday 14 October. The boys enjoyed their outing and kept the Graemian flag flying high. The U13 boys did well and the U11 boys had a humbling experience against a strong team. The boys manners were impeccable and were praised by the opposition; especially Olo Jaca was mentioned, who showed great respect towards his opponents. Results as follows.

U11A vs U13A Cradock boys

Unfortunately the boys lost all their matches; their opponents were too strong. Connor Holder played very well and narrowly lost 5-8 to the U13A no 1. A good experience for the boys, who fought very hard and never gave up.

U13A vs U13A Cradock girls

Some great matches were played, the U13 girls were very strong, but most of our boys had the upper hand in most of the matches. The U13 boys won 9 out of the 12 matches.

Well done to all the boys who showed great sportsmanship and manners.

- Senior Tennis

School championships results:

In the "open" age group the Tyson brothers played excellent tennis individually, but David showed true character, coming back from 4-2 down in the second set to win the match in 2 sets. Congratulations to the winners:

U/14 & U/15 winner: Jesse McConnachie

Runner-up: Cameron Doyle

Open winner: David Tyson

Runner-up: Murray Tyson



Sports

- Junior Cricket

Here are the results from the U13a Knysna Tour.

U13a vs Paarl Boys

Paarl Boys 111 all out.
Andrew Muir 2/10
Erin Stevens 2/19
Enrique Strydom 2/12
Graeme 113/2
Rhys Wiblin 30
Chris Zimmerman 34
Zuko Pontshi 26 not out
Graeme Collegee won by 8 wickets

U13a vs De Hoop

De Hoop 77/8
Andrew Muir 3/13
Erin Stevens 2/7
Graeme College 51 all out
Chris Zimmerman 21
Graeme lost by 26 runs

Please take note of the junior cricket practice times below:

11c/d Cricket 14:30 - 15:30

13c/d Cricket 15:45 - 16:45



Sports

More photos below of the U13 Knysna Tour.



Sports

- Senior Cricket

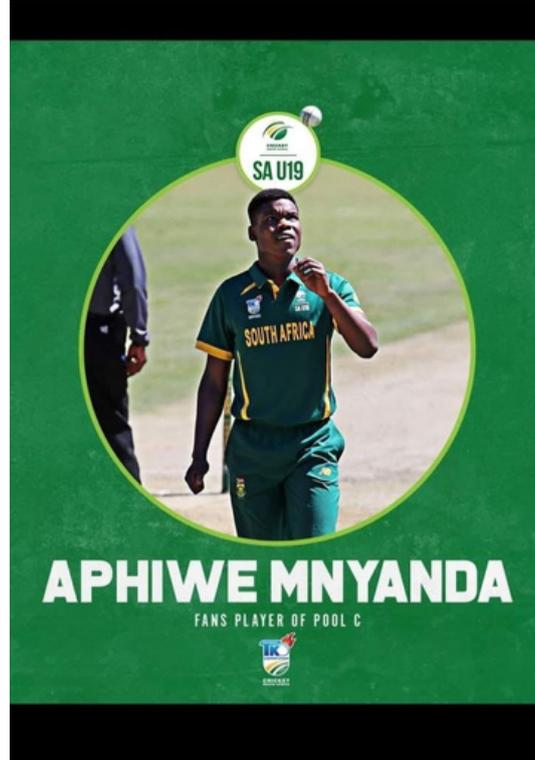
Our 1st XI had a great preseason workout, first playing in the Pearson Festival and then headed the Cape Schools Festival. There were other games played before the Cape Schools Festival, which the team managed to win comfortably. The Eastern Cape schools found the festival, however, very hard going -, with all six teams unable to register a single win against the Western Cape schools. It was an incredible learning curve for our young team, where they were faced with the highest level of cricket in South Africa. A new benchmark was created and our players managed to adjust to the level quickly. Interestingly, Adrian Ristow (OG 1991), captained the last team to attend the Cape Schools Festival, exactly 30 years ago.



Sports

- Senior Cricket

While our team was participating in both festivals, we were absolutely delighted that Aphiwe Mnyanda was away representing the SA u19 side in the CSA T20 knockout tournament. The SA u19 side did not progress from Pool C, but Aphiwe bowled superbly. So much so, that he was elected as the fans choice of all the players in Pool C. That alone is an incredible achievement, although I think Grant House were very partisan in their support of him getting a number of votes. We are holding thumbs that he has done enough to secure a place in the squad touring West Indies and then the u19 World Cup.



- Interhouse

Iviwe Mshubeki, Andrew Muir, Rhys Wiblin and Liam Bodill were involved in the 3rd term Interhouse Notch shield presentation. Hutton house were the winners.



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:

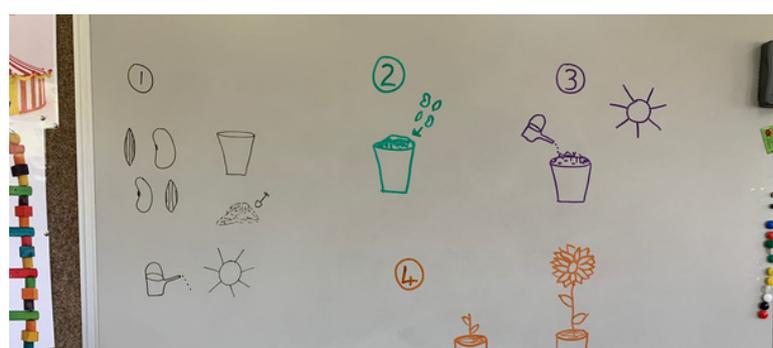
- Fri 15 October (16h30)
- Fri 29 October (16h30)

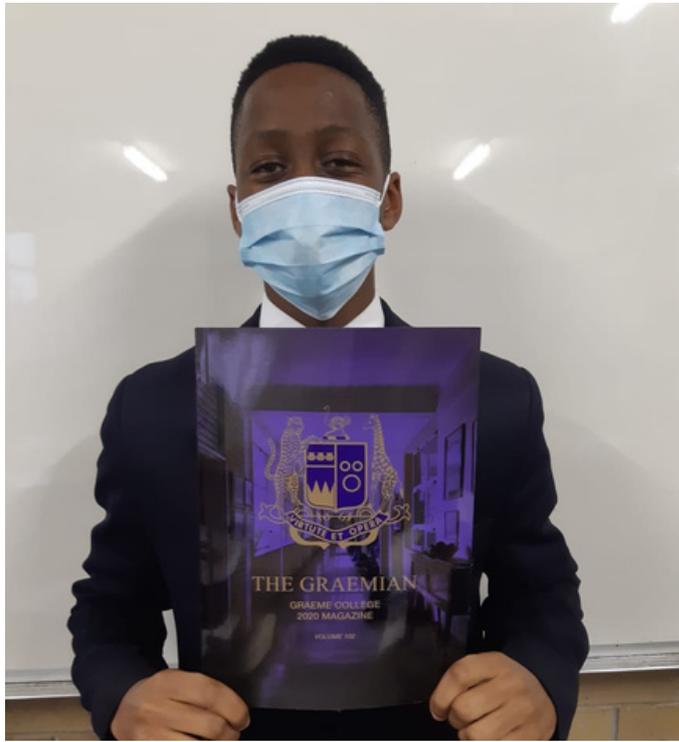
*All draws will be held at the Graemian Centre. This gives you several opportunities to win the grand prize. Social Media videos of draws will be held - you dont need to be present; you will be contacted telephonically.



Pre-Primary

The weather is warming up. It's time to plant! Children can learn new skills, have fun, play and develop self-confidence by spending time in the garden tending plants and growing their own food. Most children enjoy being outdoors and love digging in the soil, getting dirty, creating things and watching plants grow. Today our boys loved learning about how seeds grow and created their own seed gardens, which they will be watching over the next few weeks.





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.