



Graeme College

To strive for excellence by developing all to their full potential



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER Friday 5 November 2021

“Yesterday I was clever, so I wanted to change the world. Today I am wise, so I am changing myself.” - Rumi.

Message from the Headmaster

I would like to share a very summarised version of Robin Sharma's declaration which he shares in his book, 'The Everyday Hero Manifesto'. Robin believes that this statement will assist in “accessing your brightest fire and most astonishing talents”. He goes on to say that this everyday statement will help you start the day on a positive note and keep you making a difference, not only to yourself but to the people you come into contact with.

“This day is a blessing a blessing that I will honour, savour and make fullest use of. Tomorrow is an idea. Today is what's real. And so I choose to live it elegantly, patiently and immaculately.

Today, I choose to be extraordinary rather than average. And brave, instead of giving away my potent powers by blame, complaint and excuse.

In the hours ahead, I will be supremely disciplined and incredibly focused, never confusing being busy with getting major feats done.

I am more of a doer than a talker, more of a deliverer than a dabbler, more of a pro than an amateur.

I know that monuments are made one stone at a time. And so I start. And stay concentrated, grounded and centered. For many hours at a time, without being distracted by nuisances.

And in so doing – no matter what the outcome – I've realized a central victory. Over my darker self. And the weakness that once bound me.

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And as I continue to make my small advances toward my highest ideals, my tiny triumphs introduce me to the truth and strangeness within me. And this reconnection electrifies the once-damaged relationship with my most glorious self."

Highlighting the positives about oneself on a daily basis can assist you in feeling more confident in pursuit of achieving set goals. It also helps you instil a belief that your goals and aspirations are achievable, and when challenges do arise, you find suitable solutions.

Good luck to all the sports teams competing tomorrow. Let's all compete with a positive mind-set.

Mr Kevin Watson
Headmaster

Academics

Grade 8 - 11 Examinations

On Monday 8 November the Grade 10s and 11s start examinations. The Grade 9s start on Friday 12 November and the Grade 8s on Monday 15 November. All boys need to be at school by 07h30 and may leave once they have finished their exam. Adequate preparation for these examinations remains essential. We wish these young men well as they prepare for their examinations. The timetable is attached to the newsletter email.

GOVERNING BODY A.G.M. AND SGB 2022 BUDGET MEETING

Reminder to all parents to attend the Governing Body AGM and Governing Body 2022 Budget meeting in the Templeton Hall at 17h30 on Tuesday 09 November 2021.

Music



Above left: It is not often that a music teacher gets to perform with their own child at a school function. Mr Appollis and his son, Cairis Appollis in Grade 7, performed the timeless 'Ain't no Sunshine When She's Gone' by Bill Withers. What a special moment!



Above right: Junaid Douglas and Yolani Jimmy took up Mrs Niesing's piano practise bootcamp challenge. They had to learn and perform a new piece in one week to win a chocolate. They rose to the challenge and surpassed even their own expectations!

Music



New practice points earned this week:

- Ben Shaw 4
- Junaid Douglas 2
- Yolani Jimmy 3
- Morgan Prevec 4
- Lihlomile Mdenka 2
- Yandisa Sitsa 1
- Kikuhle Bashe 1

Celebrity Music Birthdays



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| November: | 9th: |
| 5th: | Sisqo (1978) |
| Art Garfunkel (1941) | Zahara (1987) |
| Koos Kombuis (1954) | |
| Bryan Adams (1959) | 10th: |
| | Francois Couperin (1668) |
| 6th: | Eve (1978) |
| Unathi Nkayi (1978) | |
| | 12th: |
| 7th: | Alexander Borodin (1833) |
| David Guetta (1967) | Omarion (1984) |
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| 8th: | |
| Scott Joplin (1868) | |
| SZA (1990) | |



Student Spotlight of the week:

This week, our weekly student highlight goes to the entire Gr 5JB class. Over the past few weeks their energy and enthusiasm in the music class have been exceptional and inspiring. As we brushed up on assembly singing in preparation for school functions, these boys sang with all their might. The camaraderie while singing the School Song was particularly noteworthy. The first question (asked with great enthusiasm) when they entered the classroom was: "Ma'am, are we going to sing the School Song?". For them it was less about preparing for the prize-giving ceremony and more about a shared experience and love for their school. Well done, boys - keep inspiring each other to do well in everything you take on. Grade 5JB pictured above.

Music: Special Prizes:

The junior and senior prize-giving ceremonies gave our music students an opportunity to obtain recognition for their effort throughout the year and to share their love for music with the audience. Morgan Prevec, Cairis Appollis, Junaid Douglas, Sonwabiso Sizani and Yonela Sandi did us proud with their heartfelt and well-prepared performances.

The two special prizes for music were awarded to Morgan Prevec (Gr 6) and Lihlomile Mdenka (Gr10). These two students started with piano as complete beginners in term 2. With diligence and perseverance they made exceptional progress that deserves recognition.

It usually takes beginner students about three to six school terms to complete the first two practical method books. However, Morgan and Lihlomile each worked through two method books in the span of only two terms. Keep up the momentum and keep enjoying the music!

H. NORMAN SCHWARZKOPF

WHAT A TRAGEDY IT WOULD BE IF WE LIVED IN A WORLD WHERE MUSIC WAS NOT TAUGHT TO CHILDREN.

Quote of the week
Chosen by Mr Appollis

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Music



Right: This Grade R learner learned the secret early! We all need some music!

Marimba Band Rehearsal Times:

Marimbas are now done for the year, however Ms Coetzer will be holding auditions for next year. These audition times will be given in our next newsletter and announced to the boys at lines.

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.

Matric Concert:

Last Friday on the 29th October, the Matric Music concert was held in the music centre. It was a very small gathering of friends and family who came to listen to their matrics perform in uniform for the very last time.

The music matrics of 2021 have been an outstanding group. Miss Coetzer has had the following to say about them: "The matric music class of 2021 was my first ever matric class. I've had them since grade 10 and had the privilege of watching them bloom into amazing musicians. They were my favourite part of every day. Thank you matrics for all the performances, travelling, meetings and laughs and especially thank you for helping my fiance propose to me earlier this year with your surprise serenade. This is a class that will stay in my heart forever and I wish you all the best in the future and in your exams. Please come visit, the music centre's doors will always be open for you!"



Music



Grade 2s

The Grade 2 class tested their creative and problem solving skills during a revision lesson on 3D shapes.



Grant House

We are so proud of the Grant House Hostel Boys in their prize giving

Below: Avu Mnandi, Lilo Boo, Ahlumile Mqungu and Abakhe Luwaya.

Below left: Juan van der Merve receiving a certificate.

Below right: Jayce Pieterse receiving a certificate.

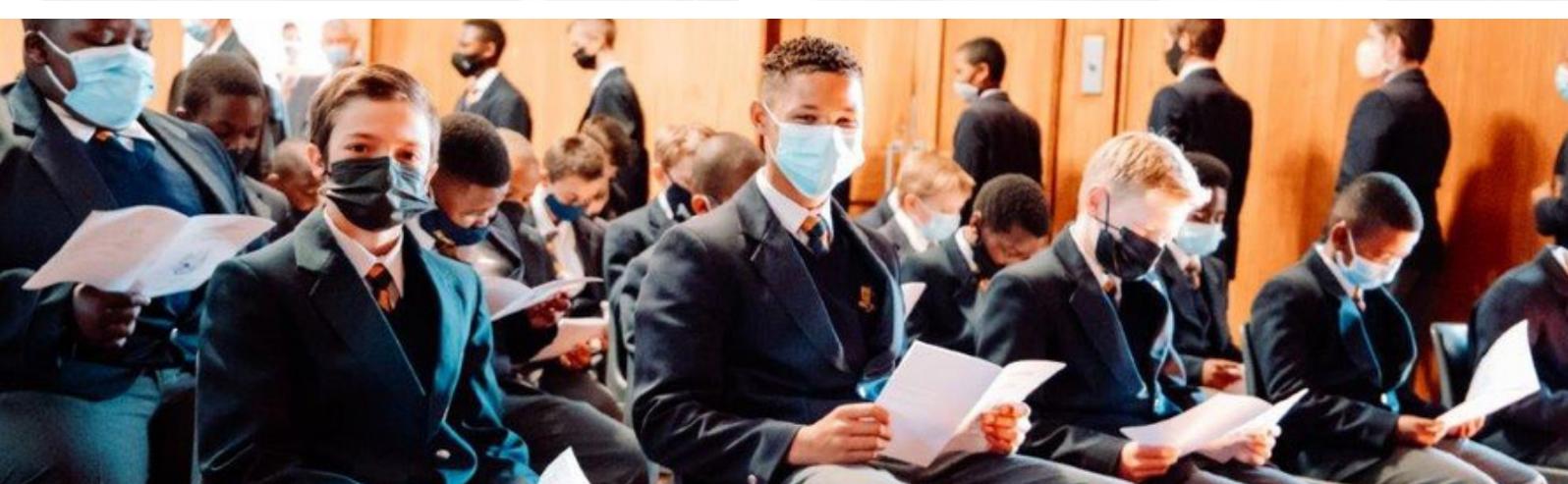


Prize Giving

With the covid restrictions, we have had to split the Prize Giving into three chapters. First was the G12 Prize Giving/Valedictory service, and then this week we celebrated the G4-7 prize winners and then the G8-11 prize winners in the third ceremony. All three were amazing events and we were thrilled to celebrate the talents of our learners with their parents.



Prize Giving



Sports

- Squash and Tennis

Well done to the tennis and squash boys who went to Grey on Friday and had great results.

Tennis:

GC U11A vs Grey U11A - GC won 55-49 in games

GC U13A vs Grey U13A - GC won 69-30 in games

Squash:

GC U11A vs Grey U11A - GC won 8 - 0 in matches

GC U13A vs Grey U13A - They drew 4 - 4 in matches



Squash league results from 2 November:

GCU13A vs GCU13B - GC U13A won 8-7

GCU13A vs GCU11A - GC U13A won 14-1

GCU13B vs GCU13C - GC U13B won 14-1

GCU13C vs DSGU15B-GC U13C won 15-0

GCU11A vs GCU11B - GC U11B won 9-6

GCU11B vs DSGU15B - GCU11B win 12-3

- Cricket:

Fixtures - Saturday 6 November 2021:

1st XI vs St Andrews (Somerset)

2nd XI vs St Andrews (Lower)

3rd XI vs St Andrews (Knowling)

Invitation XI vs St Andrews (Knowling - 5pm)

u15A vs St Andrews (Marais)

u15B vs St Andrews (St Aidans)

u14A vs St Andrews (Crawhall)

u14B vs St Andrews (Baxter)

All matches start at 09h30.

Sports

- Cricket:

Below are some scenic landscapes of the U13A match against Herbert Herd.



Sports

- Cricket:

Below are some photos of the U11A match against Kingswood College. Graeme won by 8 wickets.



Sports

- Cricket:

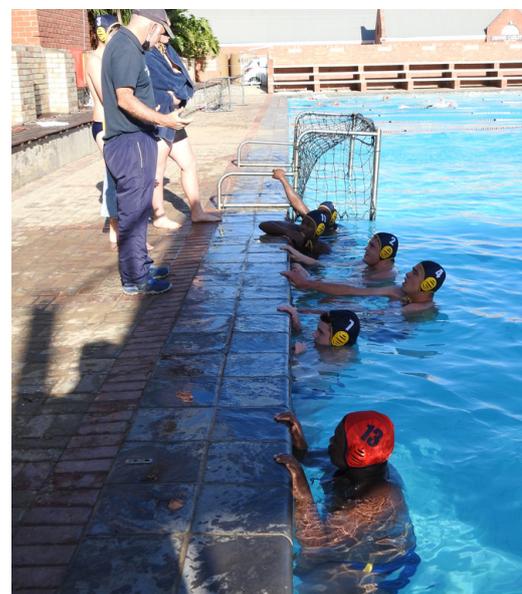
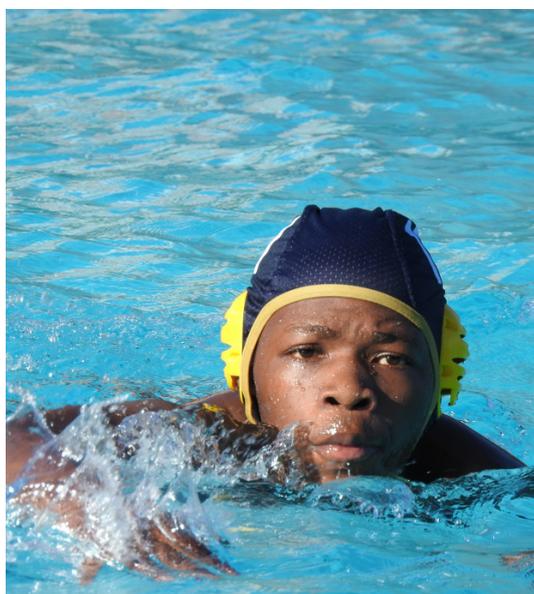
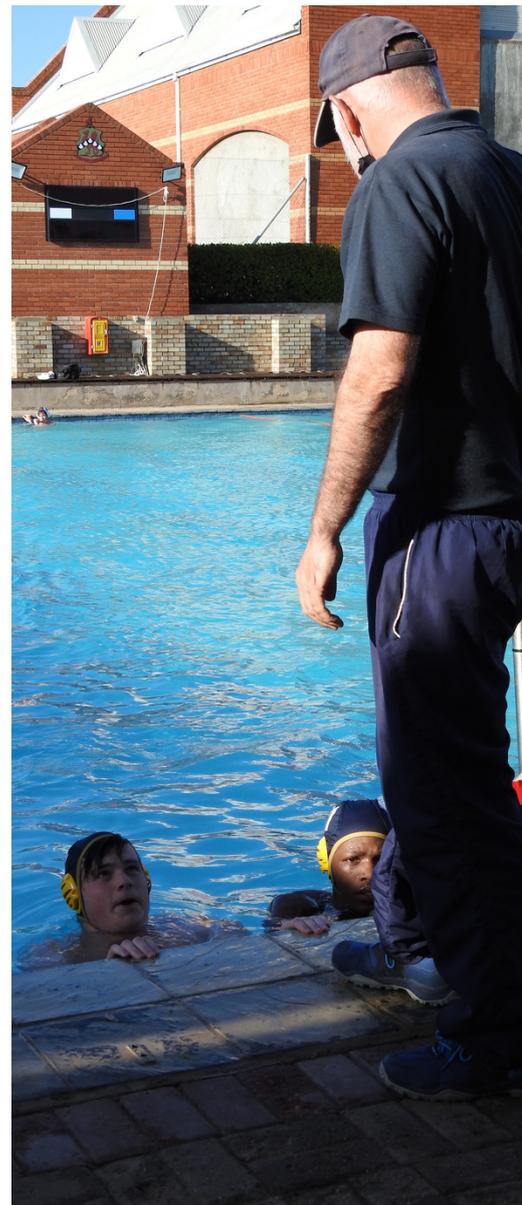
Below are some photos of the U13A match against Kingswood College.



Sports

- Waterpolo

The junior and senior water polo teams had fixtures at Kingswood on Wednesday. The 1st team lost to Kingswood u16A 6 3, while the juniors went down to the Kingswood u14A side. Well done to all the boys for excellent attendance at some pretty chilly evening practices at the SAC pool. The season ends on Saturday with a round of games at SAC.



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 on his email:
s.kilian@graemecollege.co.za

- Tennis:

Senior tennis vs KC, Wednesday 3 November:

Congratulations to the 1st team tennis who dominated against Kingswood, not losing a single set.

The U15A & B team also did exceptionally well, only losing two sets but putting in a good performance.



Elephant Cup Golf Day

The 17th edition of the Elephant Cup Invitational, held at the Belmont Golf Course, took place Friday the 5th of November 2021. There was some great golfing followed by a prize giving and auction. Graeme College is one of the beneficiaries of this golf day. The Graeme College staff also participated and had their own fourball too, who came first!



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Pre-Primary

Heroes unite! While one superhero is great, a team of superheroes is unstoppable! Today was Superhero Day at the Pre-school and an opportunity for our little Leopard Cubs to exercise their creativity and create a superhero persona for themselves. Superheros are naturally intriguing to little ones, especially to boys! From their unexplained powers, to the cars and tools they use, these larger-than-life figures serve as a positive image for children, allowing them to distinguish between good and evil, right and wrong. Every superhero needs a costume to keep his real identity secret and so the boys loved the dress up part of today, complete with masks and all. The boys also learnt that not all superhero's wear capes and there are superheroes all around us. The boys also had to tell the class who their hero is. Here are a few photos of our crime fighting, super-power heroes.



Campus news

Graeme College's campus is a relaxing one during break time, especially on a Friday with Foundation Phase Bakers day!



Stay Connected

Do you follow Graeme College on the following platforms?

- Instagram:

@graemecollege

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- Facebook:

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- 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/GCcovidQ>

- 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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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
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)

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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)