



# Graeme College

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



## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER Friday 19 November 2021

“Becoming a teacher is a privilege. It is an opportunity to strengthen the critical thinking skills and spark curiosity in children.” Monica Burns

### Message from the Headmaster

Photo credit: SmilingSouth <https://web.facebook.com/smilingssouth>

A wonderful festive atmosphere prevailed around the many cricket fields during our derby matches against Kingswood College on Saturday. Excited, happy and committed players, coaches and parents all enjoyed a fine day. There were some fantastic performances from our Graeme College teams as well.

Watching the exciting end to the under 9 cricket match on Saturday left me feeling extremely humbled and incredibly fulfilled at the same time. Watching the boys from both schools cheering every run made and every run stopped was exhilarating. This under 9 match on Saturday was the perfect example of how sport should be played - with passion, excitement and with an incredible amount of pleasure.

Days such as Saturday are special and simply don't occur in other parts of the world. In the newsletters we have often written about how fortunate we are to have the staff we do at Graeme College. From the articulate and passionate preschool staff to the dedicated teachers who have prepared our matrics for the very important exam that they now write. Education is about people! It is a privilege to meet and work with so many fine people from our community at Graeme College.

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The newsletter gives us an opportunity to highlight the weekly activities and achievements. There has never been a shortage of material. Every day something special happens at Graeme College and it is a privilege for us to capture and share a small fraction of these moments with you.

Let us never underestimate the courage, pride and passion of the Graeme College staff who go way beyond the call of duty in fulfilling their obligations to the school. I refer specifically here to work done over weekends, evenings and in travelling the length and breadth of the province for the benefit of our children. Most teachers in our province are not prepared to subject themselves to issues such as these which fall outside our formal job descriptions! At Graeme College we see them as a vital ingredient of our school, as well as a calling, and they are performed with pride and a smile.

I don't think there are too many schools in South Africa, or the world, who can match Graeme College in terms of vibrancy and collective energy. It is great to be a part of it!

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.

### REPORT COLLECTION

Thursday 9 December 2021 (Junior School) & Friday 10 December (Senior School) (TBC)

Any queries regarding outstanding school fee accounts must be cleared with Mrs Bradfield in the Finance Office before the report collection deadline. Please also note that NO reports will be posted.

Parents and Guardians please ensure that your boys return all outstanding textbooks, library books and equipment to the relevant staff member.

### LEARNERS LEAVING GRAEME COLLEGE AT THE END OF 2021

A final reminder that, should your child be leaving our school at the end of this year, we need written notification as soon as possible, if you have not already done so, in order that the necessary Transfer Card can be timeously prepared and included with the school report. Please specify which school your child will be attending in 2022.

### FAREWELL ASSEMBLY AND EXAM ARRANGEMENTS FOR THURSDAY 25 NOVEMBER

On Thursday 25 November there is a special assembly planned for Mr Riddin. It is a way for the boys to pay tribute to a man who has taught at Graeme College for 41 years. We would like the senior boys to attend this assembly as a mark of respect for one of their teachers.

Because of this assembly, it has become necessary to alter the exam times slightly. The Grade 8s, 9s and 11s will be screened in the usual place at 09h00. They will then move to their venues. The Grade 8s and 9s will have a short study session and commence writing at 10h00. The Grade 11s will write from 09h30. The Grade 10s who are writing have two exams scheduled for the day and will report for screening at 07h30 as usual.



# Music



New practice points earned this week:

This was the last week to earn practise points. Check next week's newsletter to see who will be walking away with the prize for being a practise pro!

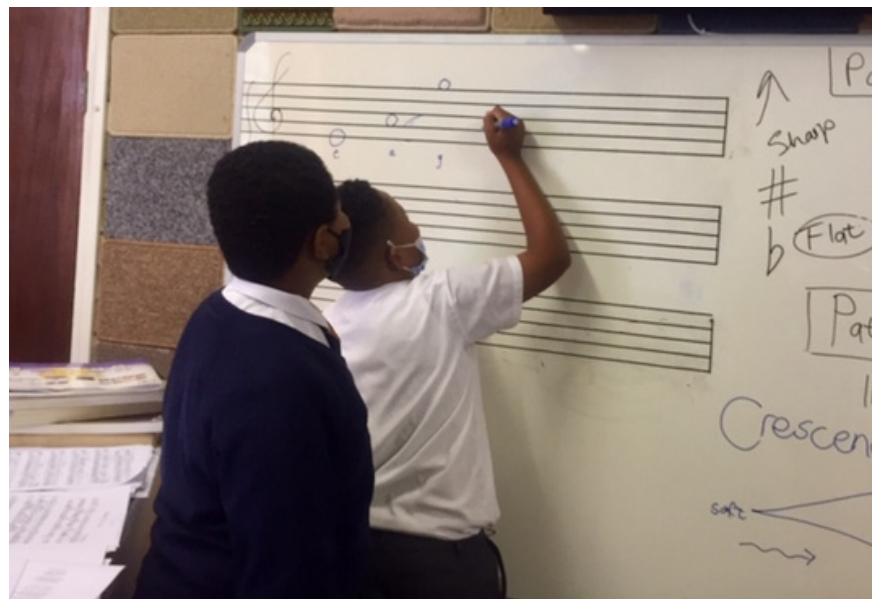
- Ben Shaw 4
- Yolani Jimmy 4
- Likuhle Bashe 2
- Morgan Prevec 3

In music class we have been doing revision of core concepts and we have been listening to music with an analytical ear. This includes listening for rhythm patterns, musical texture, themes, chorus and verse patterns as well as instrument recognition. The boys thoroughly enjoyed the revision games and sometimes surprised themselves with how many quizz challenges they managed to get correct! Below are photos of the music theory speed quizz that quickly became a favourite: 10 seconds to draw the correct notes on the bass and treble staves! The boys are pictured below.

Music in the soul can be heard by the universe.  
-Lao Tzu

Quote of the week  
Chosen by Ms Coetzer

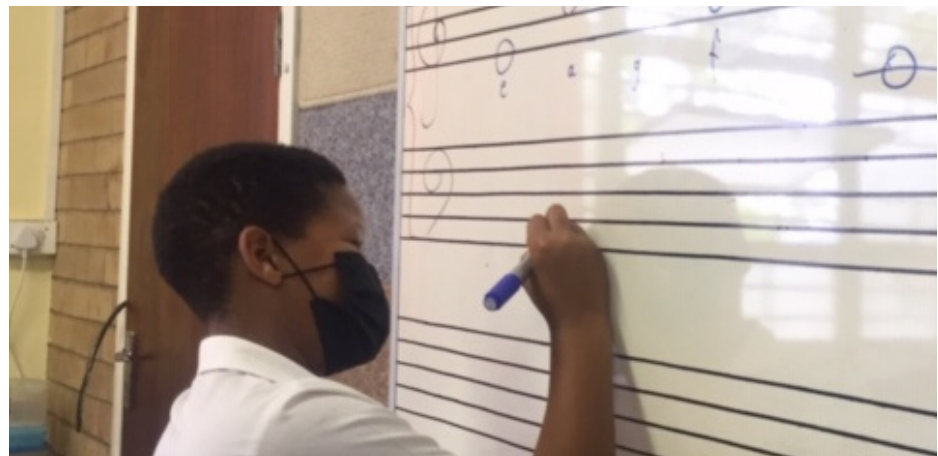
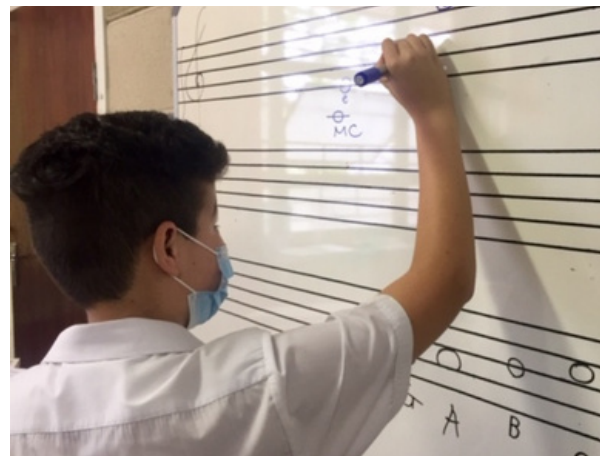
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## Celebrity Music Birthdays



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| <b>November:</b>  |  |
| 19th:<br>Tyga (1989)  | 23rd:<br>Krzystof Penderecki (1933)<br>Miley Cyrus (1992)                    |
| 20th:<br>Ilfani (1985)<br>Moonchild Senelly (1987)                          | 24th:<br>Charles Pachelbel (1690)<br>Scott Joplin (1868)<br>Pete Best (1941) |
| 21st:<br>Coleman Hawkins (1904)<br>Carly Rae Jepson (1985)<br>Davids (1992) |  |
| 22nd:<br>Benjamin Britten (1913)  |  |





# Junior School

The Junior School Monitors and Monitor Assistants were rewarded with a civvies day and treats on Monday. This was to thank them for their hard work and commitment during the year. Mr Riddin encouraged the boys to push on and have a vision through to their Grade 12 year in 2026. A big thank you to the Grade 7 moms who provided the lovely eats.





# Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day (also known as Poppy Day owing to the tradition of wearing a remembrance poppy) is a memorial day observed in Commonwealth member states since the end of the First World War, to honour armed forces members who have died in the line of duty. Following a tradition inaugurated by King George V in 1919, the day is also marked by war remembrances in many non-Commonwealth countries. In most countries, Remembrance Day is observed on 11 November to recall the end of First World War hostilities. Mr Watson and Graeme College boys, remembered these armed force members at a ceremony held at the Cathedral of St Michael and St George.



# Sports

- Cricket Fixtures for the weekend:

1st XI at Shaw/ Brown T20 Festival

Friday 19 Nov - 13h00 vs SAC

Saturday 20 Nov - 18h00 vs KC

- Cricket:

It was the Junior School who very deservedly got the highlight this past week. It has been a phenomenal week of cricket. Our midweek fixture against St Andrews Prep was followed with the derby fixture on Saturday against Kingswood. The performances and results from these fixtures were simply incredible. Of the many highlights of the day, it would be hard to top the match day farewell to Mr Alwyn Riddin. Everybody will obviously know, that Mr Riddin retires after teaching at Graeme for 41 years. And what a dramatic game to end with... a TIED u9 match.

The midweek fixture against Prep, saw the Junior School claim 5 wins out of 5, but more importantly – there were incredible performances. This carried on to the full Saturday fixture against Kingswood, where we tied the u9 fixture and won the other 4 matches convincingly. Likewise, there were superb performances by the u14A and u15A, while the 2nds and 1st XI unfortunately lost on the day.

We say an incredible week, because Graeme played 14 fixtures against our local derby schools this week; won 11, lost 2 and tied 1. That included 12 half centuries, 2 centuries and 5 five-fors... UNBELIEVABLE! Graeme College cricket is in such a positive and healthy space. Congratulations men!

A list of those incredible individual achievements this past week are:

Half centuries:

Bukho Munyadzwe 71 not out (u11B vs SAP)

Chris Zimmerman 84 not out (u13A vs SAP)

Rhys Wiblin 52 (u13A vs SAP)

James Muir 52 (u11B vs SAP)

Bukho Munyadzwe 61 (u11B vs KC)

Gino O'Brian 65 not out (u11B vs KC)

Avu Mnandi 56 not out (u11B vs KC)

Connor Holder 85 not out (u11A vs KC)

Chris Zimmerman 54 (u13A vs KC)

Enrique Strydom 52 (u13A vs KC)

Luphelo Mdyesha 71 not out (u14A vs KC)

Murray Tyson 52 (u15A vs KC)

Centuries

Rhys Wiblin 100 (u13A vs KC)

Athandile Feni 106 (u15A vs KC)

5-fors

Julian Boy 5 for 6 (u9A vs SAP)

Elgenio Oerson 5 for 8 (u13B vs KC)

M.Tyson 5 for 9 (u15A vs KC)

Viwe Gana 5 for 55 (1st XI vs KC)



# Sports

## Summary of scores on the day:

GC U9A vs SAP U9A

GC U9A 173/1

Bukho Hoboshe 31 (Retired)

Julian Boy 30 (Retired)

Joshua Banfield 30 (Retired)

SAP 94/8

Julian Boy 5/6

GC u9A won by 79 runs

GC u9A vs KC

GC 122-7

Julian Boy 30 (Retired)

Kingswood 122 all out

Julian Boy 3/24

Morné Bodenstein 2/11

Joshua Banfield 2/13

Match tied

GC U11B vs SAP

Graeme 140-3 in 20 overs.

Bukho Munyadzwe 71 not out.

St Andrew's 51 all out.

Mawande Mayalo 2 for 7

Likhuti Mtise 2 for 8

Graeme won by 89 runs.

GC U11B vs KC

Graeme 276-3

Bukho Munyadzwe 61

Gino O'Brian 65 not out

Avu Mnandi 56 not out

Kingswood 61 all out.

Likhuti Mtise 2 for 6

Avu Mnandi 2 for 5

Jed van der Merwe 2 for 4

Graeme won by 215 runs.

GC u11A vs SAP

Graeme 161/6

James Muir 52

Connor Holder 45 not out

St Andrews 77/8

Daniel Hanlon 3/20

James Muir 2/7

Iminathi Mali 2/13

Graeme won by 84 runs

GC u11A vs KC

Graeme 163 all out

Connor Holder 85 not out

Kingswood 124/9

Iminathi Mali 3/14

Connor Holder 1/13

Graeme won by 39 runs

GC U13B vs SAP

Prep 109/6

Cairis Appollis 1 for 11

Lervano Gill 1 for 13

GC 110/2

Umar Hayat 33\*

Keagan Jattiem 19

GC won by 8 wickets

GC u13B vs KC

KC all our for 55

Elgenio Oerson 5 for 8

Keagan Jattiem 4 for 12

GC 55/0

Umar Hayat 35

GC won by 10 wickets

U13A vs SAP

Graeme made 183/2 in 20 overs

Chris Zimmerman 84 not out

Rhys Wiblin 52

St Andrew's Prep 59/5 in 20 overs

Leroy Adriaan 2/8

Graeme won by 124 runs

# Sports

Summary of scores on the day:

GC U13A vs KC

Graeme 345/6

Rhys Wiblin 100

Chris Zimmerman 54

Enrique Strydom 52

Zuko Pontshi 47

Kingswood 69 all out

Erin Stevens 3/16

Andrew Muir 2/17

Rhys Wiblin 2/3

Graeme won by 276 runs

GC U14A vs KC

SAC u14A 140 (49 overs) all out

Ethan Bockbard 3/33

Ryan Stobbs 2/16

Graeme u14A 140/3 (24 overs)

Luphelo Mdyesha 71 not out

Cullen Goliath 24

Graeme won by 7 wickets

GC u15A vs KC

Graeme U15A, 390- 9 in 40 0vers

Athandile Feni 106

Murray Tyson 52

Ajay Jeggels 44

Ashton Williams 43

Cameron Doyle 33

KC U15A, 70

M.Tyson 5/9 4.2 covers

Joey Matsoso 3/17

GC u15 won by 320 runs

GC 2nd XI vs KC

KC 2nd XI

151 All out

M. Mnandi 3-17

Nathan Gabriel 3-21

GC 2nd XI

84 all out

Lost by 67 runs



Summary of scores on the day:

GC 1st XI vs KC

KC 255 all out

Viwe Gana 5 for 55

Lagon Oerson 2 for 37

GC 159 all out

Aphiwe Mnyanda 44

KC won by 96 runs.

## SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS - Cricket Announcements

This week we had so much to celebrate. Cricket South Africa announced the u19 side to participate in a tour to the West Indies as well as the u19 World Cup. We were obviously over the moon to see that Aphiwe Mnyanda was selected into those squads. We are so excited for him, but also so proud. There has never been a more deserving cricketer to receive this news. Aphiwe is incredibly hard working, but is also such a great ambassador and role model for any young cricketer. His talent is obviously sublime, and he has done superbly well for us with both bat and ball.

That has also led to the announcement of the provincial teams. Viwe Gana has been selected in to the provincial flagship u19 side, while Murray Tyson and Onosizo Ntinga was selected into the EP u16 side. Mr Xonxa was also selected as the u16 Assistant Coach.

We have a few players representing the EP u17 Rural team too. They are Mueed Fritz, Athandile Feni, Christiano Jasson and Ethan Beyleveld. Mr Draai is the coach of that team again.

We wish all these players an enjoyable experience as they head off and gain incredible experience, representing those respective teams in the holidays.

Sadly this year, there have been no Junior School provincial teams selected; but you can imagine how many players would have been selected from Graeme this year.

Some more good news this week. Siphesihle Madlongolwana (OG 2019), has been selected into the Border/ Inyathe Colts team to play EP in a 3-day match this weekend.





# Sports

Below some photos of the U11A final cricket game of the season against Kingswood.





# Sports

Below some photos of the very special send off for Mr Riddin at the U9 game. Some special scenes!





# Sports

Below some photos of the U13A final cricket team who played against Kingswood as well as the U13A captains.



Below is the photo of the cross country winners.



- 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 email: [s.kilian@graemecollege.co.za](mailto:s.kilian@graemecollege.co.za).



Below: Pictured this afternoon our GC 1st XI vs SAC at Kingswood. We wish the boys luck with their game!



## School Events

The last big school event of the year is the Farmer Brown Christmas picnic. We invite all our Graeme College family and friends (community members welcome) to come join in. There will be the pre-school nativity play, which is always so sweet, carols, Santa Claus arriving on a tractor and coffee available. Drinks will be available at the Leopard's Den at the Graemian Centre. We encourage everyone to join for an evening of fun. Tickets are available to buy from reception.

**FARMER BROWN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY**  
Graeme College  
invites families and friends  
to join for a special evening

**NATIVITY PLAY**  
Singing of carols  
**DRESSED UP CARTOON CHARACTERS**  
**BRING YOUR OWN PICNIC**  
Santa will arrive  
on a tractor  
**Date: 26 November 2021**  
**Time: 17:15 (seated by 17:00)**  
R20 children

**A GIFT**  
*Just for you*

In the Eastern Cape, Santa delivers presents by tractor! Please drop off at reception your wrapped present, with your child's name & surname clearly marked, to receive a personal gift from Santa at our Christmas Picnic.

**FARMER BROWN'S CHRISTMAS PICNIC PARTY**  
**26 NOV 2021**

Tickets available from Graeme College Reception.  
Prices: R20 per child  
(donation for children under 1 year)  
R50 for adults  
Please drop off a wrapped gift at reception for Santa to give your child.  
Join us to create special moments and happy memories!

Ticket Price: Priceless!



# Pre-School

The Pre-school managed to obtain some previously used Astro turf from a local school which has been used on a patch of the playground where the grass did not want to grow. Laying this was a huge task and involved the help of many dads and extra helpers. Thank you to all parties involved. The boys now have a special patch of ground for the all important ball games to take place during their break times.





# Term Diary

## November 2021

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

Wed	1	Matric Exam - Afrikaans FAL (P3)
Thurs	2	Matric Exam - Music Theory (P1)
Mon	6	Matric Exam - Music Comprehension (P2)
Fri	9/10	Handing out of Reports (TBC)

## Stay Connected

- Link to Graeme College Google Calendar:

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0/r?cid=public.calendar@graemecollege.co.za>

Do you follow Graeme College on the following platforms?

- Instagram:

@graemecollege

@graemeboys

- 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.