

Graeme College

To strive for excellence by developing all to their full potential



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER Friday 4 March 2022

"When the power of love overcomes the love of power the world will know peace." -Jimi Hendrix

Message from the Headmaster

This week Graeme College celebrated its 149th birthday. What I find remarkable is that this small school has maintained its ethos and has, despite numerous challenges, upgraded its standards. The school remains close to the hearts of all the boys who study here and all the staff who teach here. Our duty is to remain steadfast and to ensure that this excellence is maintained, nurtured and grown. As a school, we endeavour to continue in this vein so that our young men, too, will one day be proud Old Graemians. I seldom meet an Old Graemian who is not incredibly proud of, and thankful to, his old school. Many old boys have, over recent years, contributed in different forms to their alma mater – contributions for which we are eternally grateful.

Founders' Weekend also signals the end of the summer sporting season. I would, firstly, like to thank the auxiliary staff for improving and maintaining our facilities and, secondly, I would like to thank all our summer coaches, masters, parents and teachers for their expertise and passion for their respective sports. Thank you, also, to the parents, for your loyal support throughout the summer. Our sport is enriched through your commitment and dedication.

With the passion and excitement the winter sport codes generate, it's important to remind everyone to control their emotions, let the referee/umpire make the calls and allow our boys to enjoy themselves.

Good luck to each and every one of our boys – let's do ourselves proud this winter sports' season! Mr K. Watson





Academics

Rhodes University Presentation

On Wednesday 2 March, the Grade 10 - 12 boys were privileged to be able to attend the first of a two part lecture series presented by Dr Boudina McConnachie, an ethnomusicologist, on copyright. The lecture went down very well and the boys thoroughly enjoyed the presentation. The questions asked at the end were insightful and showed that we possibly have some budding artists in our midst. We look forward to the next lecture which will look at copyright for Africa more specifically and the implications of this for the disenfranchised. The newsletter will have the details of the next lecture as well as the other presentations later in the year. This is so exciting and we would like to thank all the parents who have volunteered of their time to expose our young men to some of the possibilities available to them. Pictured below is Dr McConnachie with the group who attended her lecture.





• Steelband rehearsal times:

Monday: 14h00 - 14h30 Beginner Steelband (Grade 8)

14h30 - 15h00 Intermediate Steelband (Grade 9)

Tuesday: 13h30 - 14h15 Senior A Steelband

14h15 - 15h00 Senior B Steelband (Grade 10)

Friday: 14h00 - 15h00

• Junior Choir:

Junior Choir: Mondays 14:00-14:45

* Please note that if your son does sport on a Monday before 3pm, he has standing permission to join his sport practise after choir practice has ended.

Senior Choir: Thursdays 13:00-14:30

• New marimba times:

Marimba A:

Mondays at 14h00-15h00

Marimba B:

Tuesdays at 13h30-14h15

Marimba C:

at 13h30 - 14h15

Celebrity Music Birthdays



MARCH

Antonio Vivaldi (1678) Miriam Makeba (1932)

Anton Goosen (1946) Eddy Grant (1948)

Andy Gibb (1958)

Bobby van Jaarsveld (1987)

Maurice Ravel (1875)

Carl Phillip Emanuel Bach (1714)

Samuel Barber (1910) Ornette Coleman (1930) Chingy (1979)

Bow Wow (1987)

Timbaland (1972) Robin Thicke (1977)

Carrie Underwood (1983)

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Bobby McFerrin (1950) Black Coffee (1976)



Below: The Grade 9 music classes have been learning to play the guitar during the past term.







Personality of the week:

Our spotlight this week is on Junaid Douglas and Yolani Jimmy. Junaid and Yolani are Gr 11 Music subject pupils who take piano as their instrument. Despite the demands of a very busy week, they made exceptional progress in the practical component of their music studies. With dedication, diligence and discipline they each progressed in bounds and leaps in the span of one week. Not only did they reach the goal for Term 1 this week, they surpassed it significantly. In fact, they are now well on the way to being able to perform two thirds of the year's required musical pieces. Well done on maintaining a commendable work ethic - you make us proud!



Junior School- Graemians of the week



Junior School - Graemian of the Week: Elgenio Oersen.

INTEGRITY

Caleb Jattiem and Connor Richardson. We salute these fine Graemians for their superb conduct. Both boys picked up large sums of money at the inter-house gala. They could have quite easily spent the money at the tuck shop. No-one would have ever known. Integrity is what you do when nobody is watching. We celebrate the tremendous integrity and honesty of these two leopards. Well done boys!

Junior School



The Notch Kings of the week are pictured above. The Notch system is a reward system that awards learners "notches" when something good has been done or achieved.

Extra Activities





Grade 1

The Grade 1s have been enjoying their PT lessons. They are learning many ball skills from running forwards and backwards, kicking and throwing and catching a ball in a circle.











The boys are enjoying computers. Most of them can now log in on the computers without being assisted.

Grade 6

The Grade 6s submitted their NS/Tech projects this week. They had to make a healthy breakfast snack bar - including the recipe, packaging and nutritional information. The bars ranged from incredible to very interesting (in diplomatic terms). Thanks to Ms White, Ms Hiscock, Mr Pennie, Mr Fischer and Mr Xonxa for assisting with the assessment.





















Grade 7

Some of our Grade 7 Monitors were invited to attend the VP Leadership Group induction assembly on Monday. It was lovely for the boys to share the occasion with their counterparts and to hear some valuable insights into leadership from Mrs Rafferty. We wish the girls every success as the lead their peers and school. Virtute et Opera.











T20 cricket has had its fair share of nail-biting and tense finishes, the kind of games where teams are so closely matched and the result is so incredibly close.

They are matches that live long in the memory, with those who watched, remembering valiant efforts with the bat or ball from individuals who stepped up when needed most.

This game was held yesterday at Graeme and was day 4 of the U15 Independent School's Cricket Festival.

GC u15/14A comb vs St.Albans u15 A St. Albans made 126 - 9 in their 20 overs. Rhys Wiblin 4-21 in 4 Luphelo Mdyesha 3-15 in 4 GC 121-5 in 20 overs Chistopher Zimmerman 40 Ithani Shoba 25 not out Rhys Wiblin 21 GC lost by 5 runs.

GC u15/14A comb vs St. Johns u15A St. Johns made 245-3 in 50 overs GC made 100 all out in 34 overs. Enrique Strydom 29 (batted for 32 overs) GC lost by 145 runs.















Our cricketers were magnificent overall this past weekend. The juniors had 5 wins over Westering and the Senior School teams won all of their games against Marlow and Union. The u15A side is playing in the independent schools cricket festival hosted in Makhanda. They have found the going a bit tough with losses to Helpmekaar, St Benedicts and St Johns. We will publish those details once the festival is completed.

The 1st XI batted really well against Union High with Mihlali Kobese (62) and Aphiwe Mnyanda (61) capitalizing after a good innings by Onosizo Ntinga (39).

The Graeme bowling attack was a bit much to deal with, especially with Aphiwe Mnyanda steaming in. He picked up 3 wickets for 1 run before colliding with a fielder and needing to head to the doctor for 4 stitches. Murray Tyson also picked up 3 wickets for 1 run as Union were bowled out for 67, Graeme winning by 168 runs.

The 2nds played against the Marlow 1st XI and had a comfortable 8 wicket win midweek. The u14A side played the Marlow u15A team and won by 110 runs after Chris Zimmerman (54) and Rhys Wiblin (51 not out) had batted well.

The highlight of the weekend was undoubtedly the u14A performance against the Union u15A team. Graeme were superb, and the individual performances were outstanding. It started with an opening partnership of 262 runs between Enrique Strydom and Rhys Wiblin. Both batsmen went on to score centuries with Strydom ending on 115 and Wiblin on 140. In reply Union were 117 all out with Enrique Strydom finishing an unbelievable day with bowling figures of 6 for 23. Wiblin didn't have the worst day either picking up 4 wickets as well!

In the Junior school Iminathi Mali took a hat-trick and ended with figures of 4 for 4, as the u11A team bounced back with a convincing win. All the Junior school sides were outstanding on the day.

Congrats to all the players involved in the day.

Summary of scores:

1st XI vs Union High

Graeme 235/7 declared.

Mihlali Kobese 62

Aphiwe Mnyanda 61

Onosizo Ntinga 39

Union 67 all out.

Aphiwe Mnyanda 3 for 1

Murray Tyson 3 for 1

Christiano Jasson 2 for 19

Lagon Oerson 2 for 20

Graeme win by 168 runs.

GC 2nd team vs Marlow 1sts

Marlow 82 - 7 in 20 overs

Marcus Williams 2-24 in (4overs)

Ethan Beylerveld 2-21 (4 overs)

GC 83 -2

Achumile Mnandi 52*

Siya Nongubo 18*

GC 2nds won by 8 wickets

Graeme u14A vs Union u15A

Graeme u14A 330/3

Rhys Wiblin 140

Enrique Strydom 115

Union u15A 117 all out

Enrique Strydom 6/23

Rhys Wiblin 4/21

Graeme won by 213 runs

Graeme u14A 178/3 after 20 overs

Chris Zimmerman 54

Rhys Wiblin 51 not out

Marlow U15A 68 all out

Rhys Wiblin 4/10

Enrique Strydom 3/10

Graeme won by 110 runs

U13A vs Westering u13A

Westering 65 all out

Kits McConnachie 3/12

Keagan Jattiem 4/7

Graeme 68/0

Keagan Jattiem 29 not out

Elgenio Oerson 21 not out

Graeme won by 10 wickets

U13B vs Westering

Westering 72 all out

Iyazi Zwedala 3/7

Miyolo Qabaka 2/6

Graeme 73/4

Maddox fry 19

Bukho Munyadzwe 18

GC winning by 6 wickets

u11A vs Westering u11A

Westering 52 all out

Iminathi Mali 4/4 including a Hat-trick

Graeme 53/4

Daniel Hanlon 16 not out

Graeme won by 6 wickets

u11B vs Westering

Graeme 144-5 Sivu Manyakayaka 52 not out Slater Hart 31 not out Westering 111-9 Cruden Miles 3-8 Morne Bodenstein 3-14

Graeme won by 33 runs.

Graeme U9A vs Westering U11C

Westering 56 All Out Josh Potts 5/9 Daniel Coetsee 3/9 Graeme 57/2 Daniel Coetsee 14 not out Graeme won by 8 wickets













Below are some action photos of the U11A side against Westering. Pictured below left (first picture) is Iminathi Mali who bowled 4/4 including a hat-trick!















Rugby

Gum Guards for Junior Rugby players:

Gum guards will be encouraged in the Junior school this year. Rugby season will start after the last cricket match which is played on the 2nd of March.

Please purchase a gum guard at your earliest convenience! This will help with safety and concussions. More info to follow.

Sports-Golf

School Golf Plan 2022

The Belmont Golf Club School plan is available for boys at Graeme College that are interested in becoming scholar members. Boys are able to pay a once off fee for 2022 which will allow them to play as much golf as they like at no extra cost. Boys must have their own golf clubs to play golf at The Belmont.

This plan Is open to all Graemians from Grade 4 to Grade 12.

Please contact Mr Kilian if you would like further information, please email:

s.kilian@graemecollege.co.za

Thank you

Parent volunteers offer a huge resource and support base for the school community. We are very thankful for parents who want to be involved and who give up their time to help our school. It is invaluable to us and it is appreciated. Thank you to Richard Muir this week for helping to prepare the fields for Rugby Day.









Tennis

The Graeme College tennis boys played a fixture against Stirling Primary School on Friday 25 February in East London. They found the playing conditions quite tough, but it is a good learning experience for them. Some impressive tennis was played by both schools. Our boys definitely learnt a lot from this experience.

Results as follows:

GC U11A lost to Stirling 10 to 70 games GC U13A lost to Stirling 21 to 72 games







Tennis

On Wednesday a combination of U14/15 and Open boys played against Herzlia. The boys faced some challenges but won 6-4 in matches.



Open boys played against Marlow in hot, tough conditions. The boys lost 4-1 in the singles matches, but drew 5-5 in the doubles matches.



Sports - Mountain Biking



Our boys are still enjoying their weekend rides and this is a ride they did over the weekend with Mr Swift. There are amazing places to ride in our local area, making it a perfect sport for anyone who loves the outdoors.

Sports - Swimming

The Prize giving for the interhouse swimming will be on Monday, 7 March at 13.30. Parents of prize winners are invited to attend. If your son is a prize winner he will need to be seated at the front of the hall at 13.25.

The following are prize winners.

-U8 Thomas Mann

-U9 Javden Smith

- U10 Leo Malamis

Marc Ridden

-U11 Jed VD Merwe

-U12 James Muir

Daniel Barnard

Ashton Burger

Connor Holder

- U14 Kits McConnachie

Rikus Pieterse

Hein Myburgh

Nicholas Cock

-U16 Christopher McLean

-Open:

Braam Du Toit

Stephen Pittaway

Bernard Frost

Liam Koopman

Leopard's Trek

The Initiative:

Andrew Brouckaert, along with five other Old Graemians plan to cycle from Cape Town to Makhanda; a distance of over 1000km in 9 days in an attempt to raise funds. They will arrive at Graeme College on Founder's Day.

The Reason:

To help raise funds for learners who dont have sufficient medical insruance. This was highlighted by a horrible incident during the previous rugby season.

The plan is to provide financial and emotional support for young Graemians.

The Objective:

All funds raised will go towards a Trust Fund aimed at supporting learners in need.

The Old Boys who are riding the Leopard's Trek from Cape Town to Makhanda/Grahamstown, are doing incredibly well so far. Thank you to all who have contributed to this worthy cause, whether it be time, product, kit, equipment, hard earned cash or even arranging a meal along the way. Thank you, it all goes a long way to making the challenge worthwhile. To date they are sitting at 83% of the target.

You can follow the Leopard's Trek on https://www.facebook.com/Leopards-Trek-113017991305980

To donate to the Leopard's Trek:

Standard Bank - Graeme College

Acc: 081 996 551 Branch: 051001 Ref: LT+Name









Sports - Waterpolo



Left: On Wednesday 2nd March the Junior water polo team played against Herzlia, a school from Cape Town, at St Andrews College. The boys started the game conceding a few goals but got better as the game went on. Graeme lost heavily but the boys really enjoyed the last game of the water polo season. Thank you to everyone who has made the water polo season an absolute success! See you in the pool in Term 4!

Right: In the final game of the term, the 1st team went down 6 - 3 in an exciting game with Herzlia from Cape Town.



On 19th February the Junior water polo team competed in the u15 Rob Charlton Shield tournament held at Kingswood College. The boys played against SAC, Woodridge, Selborne, Grey and Alexander Road. The boys played extremely well in very hot conditions, getting better and better each game they played, ending with a win over Alexander Road 4-1. Well done to the junior water polo boys for another excellent tournament.











Sports - Athletics

Congratulations to four athletes who are currently participating in the Eastern Cape Athletics Championships in their Sarah Baartman Athletics gear. Names: L to R: Ayamila Bill, Likhona Mhono, Esinako Jadi and Mihlali Xalabile.



Rugby Day Advertising & Sponsorship 2022

Contact Debbie Labuschagne via marketing@graemecollege.co.za if you would like to advertise/ sponsor at Rugby Day. Graeme College Rugby Day is a massive event on the South African rugby calendar and will be going ahead this year on 19 March 2022. We have more than ten thousand people passing through our gates during the day and this year it is going to be streamed live on SuperSport. It is thereby the perfect opportunity for advertising your business and we invite individuals/businesses to partner with us.

- ☐ An advert in our DIGITAL Rugby programme
- free for anyone who sponsors a team
- R400 for half page
- R200 for a quarter page
- R600 for full page
- ☐ Donations of items for players
- ☐ Coach goodie bags (40) items to put into.
- ☐ Player T shirts each team can be sponsored individually (19 teams in total consisting of 23 players)
- R2500 (full sponsorship) (TBC)
- ☐ Advertising around the field on the day
- gazebo (R2000 for manned gazebo for pamphlets etc.)
- banner R500
- feather advertising up to 3 feather flags (R500)
- gazebo that the teams sit under (R1000)

Community Engagement

We are on a roll with our community projects this week! We LOVE being able to provide from the Graeme Family to local projects that are doing such great work in our community. On Monday morning we handed over R4000 of cat food from the Community Outreach Portfolio to Mrs Rochelle Fourie from the Grahamstown Feral Cat Project. Our boys patiently appealed outside Pick n Pay on the weekend - taking their time for such a great cause. We are so proud of them for being such brilliant ambassadors for Graeme. Thank you to everyone who contributed and who was involved. We loved this specific comment on our Facebook page: "I love the fact that there's always a small group of pupils who are always willing and ready to roll up their sleeves and help the community. Mother Teresa once said 'not all of us can do great things but we can do small things with great love'. Well done Mrs White and the boys."





















Grant House

Over the weekend the Grant House boys enjoyed a visit to the SPCA. The entire dog kennels were walked and the cats were given lots of cuddles. The boys received amazing compliments from Dr Amy and the SPCA management team!





















Pre-School- Grade 00

The boys were in their element today as they celebrated the school's birthday with doughnuts! Surely that is what birthdays are all about?















The annual Graeme Rugby Day will once again live up to its expectations, with a lot of excitement, plenty of entertainment and some passionate rugby. We are excited to host and welcome rugby enthusiasts who come to support the boys. A programme of riveting matches are planned for 19 March.

The fixtures:

Somerset Field: 8am: Pearson v Mary Waters; 9.10am: Hudson Park v Nico Malan; 10.20am: Cambridge v Muir; 11.30am: Dale v Marlow Agricultural; 12.40pm: Grey High v Brandwag; 1.50pm: St Andrew's v Framesby; 3pm: Kingswood v Queen's; 4.10pm: Graeme v Selborne

PROGRAMME Saturday 19 March 2022

Somerset Field

08h00	Pearson High School	vs	Mary Waters High School
09h10	Hudson Park High School	vs	Hoërskool Nico Malan
10h20	Cambridge High School	vs	Muir College
11h30	Dale College	vs	Marlow Agricultural School
12h40	Grey High School	vs	Die Brandwag Hoërskool
13h50	St Andrew's College	vs	Hoërskool Framesby
15h00	Kingswood College	vs	Queen's College
16h10	Graeme College	vs	Selborne College

Marais A Field

08h30	Graeme College U16	vs	Selborne College U16
09h30	Hoërskool PJ Olivier 1st	vs	Graeme College 2 nd /3 rd
10h30	Port Alfred High School 1st	vs	Albany Development 1st
11h30	Muir College U16	vs	Pearson High School U16
12h30	Cambridge High School U16	vs	Albany Development U16
13h30	Hudson Park High School U16	vs	Hoërskool Nico Malan U16
14h30	Dale College U16	vs	Marlow Agricultural School U16

Marais B Field

08h30	Graeme College U14	vs	Selborne College U14
09h30	Graeme College U15	vs	Selborne College U15
10h30	Hudson Park U14	vs	Hoërskool Nico Malan U14
11h30	Muir College U14	vs	Pearson High School U14
12h30	Cambridge High School U14	vs	Mary Waters U14
13h30	Dale College U14	vs	Marlow Agricultural School U14



Boys don't become healthy, resilient, responsible men all by themselves. Boys need a good role model in their lives that will support them and hold them to account as they grow to become the best version of themselves.

Our Father & Son Camp is a rare opportunity to strengthen your relationship with your son and spend some time together. This annual event will take place this year on the 25 March 2022. The camp is open to all Grade 00-Grade 7 boys and they can be accompanied by their father, granddad or uncle (a family member).

This camp is a chance for your son to relax, enjoy a boerewors roll together and hot chocolate/coffee around a fire and connect with you, his primary male role model. It is also to socialise with other dads and sons, in a safe and fun environment on our school field. The camp is a very special occasion – a lot of fun, some beautiful moments together - An absolute win-win for the father and son relationship. Here is the link to the form to fill in: https://www.graemecollege.co.za/media/1440/father-andsons-camp-letter-2022.pdf



MAKANA BRICK NITE RACE - 2022

This 8-kilometre NITE RACE takes place on WEDNESDAY 9 MARCH.

START TIME: 5.30pm

REGISTRATION: From 4.30pm

START/FINISH VENUE: Somerset field, Graeme College ENTRANCE FEE: R10 for scholars and R20 for adults GIVEAWAYS: Pineapples for all finishers, medals for first 500 finishers and plenty of spot prizes!

PROCEEDS: The proceeds from this annual event will go to Grahamstown Hospice

BOERIE ROLLS & PANCAKES WILL BE ON SALE (Graeme

College fundraiser) CASH BAR AVAILABLE

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Community Outreach



COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROJECT TERM 1:

We are collecting second hand, good quality, clothing and shoes for the less fortunate- clothing articles from babies to adults. There is a prize for the class that donates the most items of clothing and shoes. Please help us to help the less fortunate with the added bonus of a spring clean at home.

All items must be made for the attention of Ms White.

Calendar

Link to Graeme College Google Calendar:

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

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Graeme College

- 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.