



Graeme College

To strive for excellence by developing all to their full potential



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“Mental health is not a very easy thing to talk about in sports. It’s not perceived as very masculine. We’re so trained to be “mentally tough,” in sports. To show weakness, we’re told, in so many words, is to deserve shame. But I am here to show weakness. And I am not ashamed.” — Mardy Fish.

Message from the Deputy Headmaster

I first used this newsletter message in 2018, and felt like posting it again, after a conversation this morning. So please excuse the repetition, if it does seem a little familiar. I do think that the message is very important though - and I hope it can mean something significant to those who need to read it this week.

A number of years ago I came across an autobiography by Marcus Trescothick (former English Test cricketer), which interested me for a number of reasons. I had read, and heard, a number of tabloid stories regarding his exit from the test cricket arena and never really knew what had happened. I first came across the name in 1994/1995, when Trescothick captained the England U19 side against a very strong South African Schools' team. This piece of writing might not be an upbeat one, but the message behind it is significant. At the end of his career, Trescothick had scored nearly 6 000 test runs in his 76 matches for England and 4 000 runs in 123 ODI's. His autobiography won the William Hill Sports' Book of the Year in 2008. It tackled the incredible fight he had against depression and anxiety. It was frightening to see into the mind of somebody struggling with an illness such as depression and anxiety. It also puts into perspective how we deal with teammates, people we coach and, of course, people we teach every day, or even the people we work with or are just friendly with. It is important to point out that, once Trescothick looked back, he realized that the signs started as separation anxiety as a young schoolboy. His career reached a premature end when he found himself unable to board a flight for a tour abroad. His teammates found him sobbing, hunched over at the airport.

I urge everybody to find a copy and read the book in an attempt to understand the fight that even elite sportsmen struggle with. Trescothick refers to the 'black wings' of his demon haunting him: "The beast that lived inside him". He talks about facing the anxiety of the beast stirring within him, inducing the "shiver" that grips him just before he confronts the threat of breaking down. The message is a heavy one, which makes you wince at times. It is something we need to remember when dealing with human beings. We don't always know the stress that people are under, and what inner demons they hide from the public eye - or even, just what those triggers are. As I copy some text from his book, I get chills thinking about what the people around us might be dealing with every day.

"...I couldn't distinguish between what was real and what I imagined to be real. When I had a terrible thought about what might have happened back home, to Hayley or Ellie, it would take me ages to force myself to realise it hadn't happened. And then another thought would come, and as hard as I tried to push it out of my mind, it would take over. The thoughts were no longer inanimate. They were things, beings, beasts, bastards, and now they attacked in waves, one after another, each worse than the one before. 'Oh God. Please, make it stop. Oh God, please make it stop.' Sometimes, in bed with the covers pulled tightly over my head, I would try to hide from the thoughts. Then, sometimes out of bed, almost blind with fear, I tried to run from them. Sometimes, I would stand stock still and imagine I could fight the fear with my bare hands. Nothing worked. I felt myself fighting for breath and for a single moment's peace. God. Make it stop. Please...."

Nobody who reads Trescothick's extraordinarily affecting story could possibly take issue with his decision to retire from international cricket. Where he had feared stigma and shame, Trescothick received nothing but support and understanding. He explained that he felt lucky that he made the decision to speak out about "the beast" before it was too late. We can all take heart from Marcus Trescothick's story – the account of an exceptional cricketer, and ordinary human being. As he so clearly shows us, the benefits of securing help – of being listened to and being understood – are potentially life-changing. He returned to first-class cricket sometime later, and has been massively successful. He still works closely with the England squads and the ECB.

For the rest of us - we just need to be more aware and empathetic of what it must feel like to face that beast every day. We are so quick to judge without really understanding.

Gregg van Molendorff

Academics

2022 English Olympiad

On Tuesday 8 March, 9 Graemians sat the English Olympiad. These boys represented different grades and wrote this grueling test. Having read the anthology titled "A Brave New World" which looked at our world after the COVID-19 pandemic, these young men then had to analyse the themes of utopia and dystopia. Their creativity was tested too and we eagerly await the release of their results later this year.

- 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

Steelband:

The Graeme College Steelband performed at the 1st Anniversary of VOX Fibre, at the Monument on Saturday 5 March. This was the band's first public performance since October 2019.

Celebrity Music Birthdays



MARCH

11	Bobby McFerrin (1950)	Black Coffee (1976)	15	John Knox Bokwe (1855)	William (1975)	Young Buck (1981)					
12	Al Jarreau (1940)	Liza Minnelli (1946)	Arno Carstens (1972)	JR (1987)	16	Flavor Flav (1959)	Blu Cantrell (1976)				
14	Georg Philip Telemann (1681)	Quincy Jones (1933)	Lira (1979)	17	Nat King Cole (1919)	18	Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov (1844)	Vanessa Williams (1963)	Yvonne Chaka Chaka (1965)	Queen Latifah (1970)	Adam Levine (1979)





Spotlight of the week:

This week, the Music Department's spotlight is shining on the entire 4MG class. Not only did they work together magnificently as a class during all our activities this past week, they received the best overall result for the Grade 4 practical class test! Well done 4MG!

The Grade 4s have been learning about the elements or "building blocks" of music. They learnt that things like melody and harmony, texture and rhythm, beat and tempo, as well as pitch and dynamics are building blocks for all music. From lullabies and nursery songs, to the greatest symphony favourites like Beethoven's 5th Symphony: they all have the same elements.

Their test was a "listen, identify and explain" kind of test: by listening to specific sections of famous musical works that we've been listening to and discussing throughout the term, they had to (i) identify the name of the work and its composer, (ii) identify three musical elements they hear, and (iii) be able to explain the meaning of each element.

Diligent Practise Points:

Over the past two weeks, these boys have been earning Practise Points through consistent diligence in practising their instruments. Well done, guys! Consistency of effort is a powerful habit to have - it is sure to bring success.

Yolani Jimmy 6
Junaid Douglas 4
Ben Shaw 3
Morgan Prevec 3
Ezinhle Ngubane 3
Bongji Toto 2
Uthmaan Motara 2
Bilal Motara 2
Yandisa Sitsila 2
Likhle Bashe 2
Zukhanyo Sopotela 1
Gustav Jordaan 1
Gabriel Corrêa 1



Junior School- Graemians of the week



Graemian of the Week - Nathen Gongqa. Out of sight (so he thought), with nobody asking him to, Nathen went on his own litter drive after rugby practice on the Marais Fields. For cleaning up our campus and keeping it beautiful, Nathen gets our thanks, respect and the weekly award. Well done Nathen, you legend!

Chess

Well done to the chess boys who won against Kingswood today. Graeme won 2 games and drew 1 out of 4.



Chess

Well done to Lelami Ndumndum from Grade 8 who entered the Buffalo City Chess trials this week and made 3rd place, in the U16 A section.

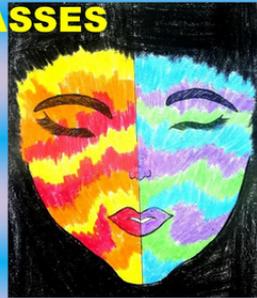


Extra Activities

CARINUS ART CENTRE

CHILDREN'S ART CLASSES

AGE 9-13



DURATION: 8 WEEKS (Excluding 30 March)

TIME: 15h30- 16h30

WHEN: EVERY WEDNESDAY

STARTING: 02 March 2022

COST: R800.00 (Materials included)

WHATS ON OFFER

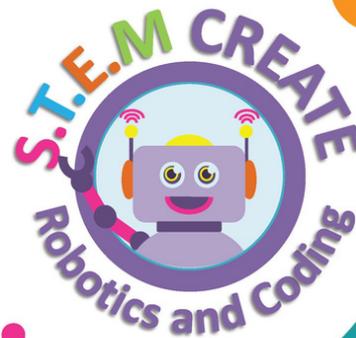
- Develop drawing, painting, clay, and mixed media artmaking skills in a fun-and-easy-to-understand way.

Instructor: Jeanine Kruger

For more information contact:

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Email: carinus@lantic.net



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or
stemcreatesa@gmail.com



22' Activities

Introduction to coding

Robot design and building

Introduction to 3D printing

SA First Lego League Challenge

Kido-Bots involves coding; hands-on robotics design and building and 3D printing skills for high school learners.

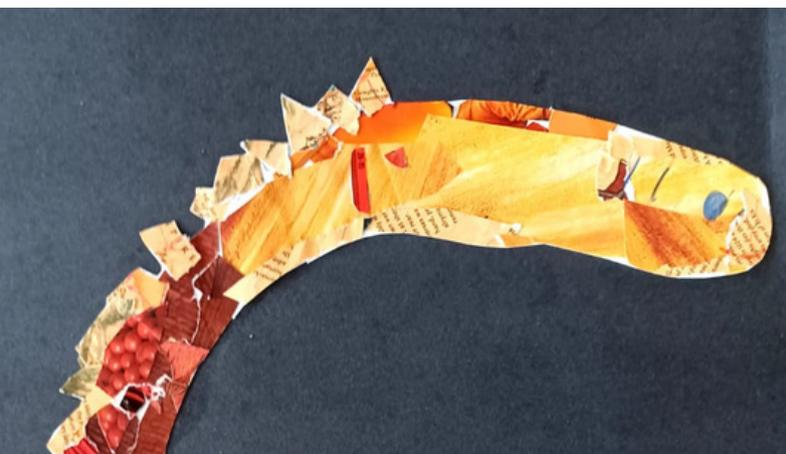
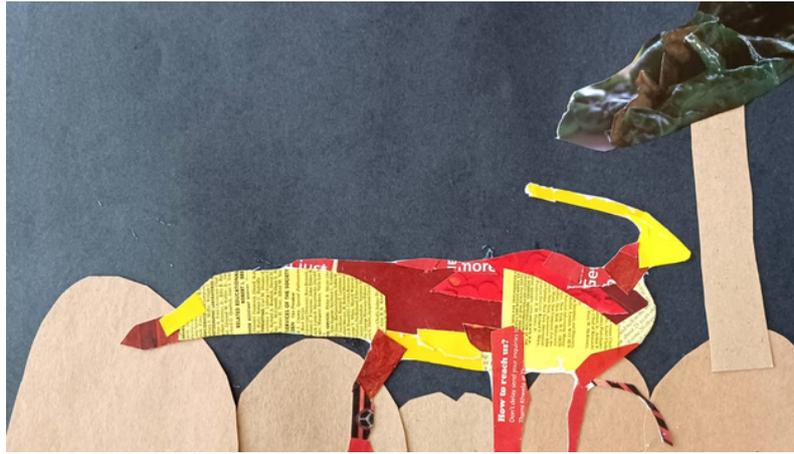
The sessions will run at the school, 1 hour per week, for a fee of R200 per month.

Learners proceed to participate in the First Lego League Challenge to represent their school.

Grade 4

Graeme College's very own Jurassic Park was created this week in art!

The Grade 4s drew dinosaurs this term and had to colour their dinosaurs using either warm or cool colours. Some stunning creations and results, as pictured below.



Grade 4

The Albany Museum

The Grade 4 learners experienced an exciting day at the Albany Museum. Rhodes University students showed the boys some unique science experiments with different types of gases that we have in our atmosphere. The boys loved every minute especially watching the balloon that was filled with hydrogen blow up with a flame.



Grade 6

After a long term the 6ds Afrikaans class has finally finished handing in all their assessments. To celebrate they had a popcorn and movie day this week with Ms Coetzer.



Grade 9

9KyF are the winners of the Clothing Drive for the Community Outreach Portfolio Term 1 Project. They collected an amazing 1417 points! Thank you to the entire Graeme College family for continuing to support our Community Outreach initiatives.



Grade 5

The grade 5 learners were the real "Myth Busters" this week as they went to a science exploding myths exhibition at the Albany Museum. They thoroughly enjoyed it.





Senior Athletics

Big congratulations to Esinako Jadi for qualifying for South African Schools Athletics Championships to be held in Gauteng Province from the 15th to the 18th of March 2022.

He will be competing in the U15 3000m.

This is a great milestone for him personally as well as Graeme College. Our Head of Sports, Mr Nico van der Meulen, says he has no recollection of a Graemian who has made SA Schools in the last half century.

We wish Esinako the very best of luck as he jets off to Gauteng on Sunday with the Eastern Cape Athletics delegation.

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.
- 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)

Grade 7

Well done to the 70X boys for winning the KFC Bucket challenge! We had the most participants for Makana Brick night race.



The grade 7 history classes with Mr Swift and Mr Xonxa visited the Albany museum for a lecture about the 200 years of Makhanda.



Sports- Cricket

Graeme College ended their term of cricket with 3 out of 3 wins against Hudson Park on Saturday.

Graeme College started their Founder's Day celebrations with a school assembly on Friday morning. Aphiwe Mnyanda was awarded Honours after his incredible achievements. He was also awarded the Sean Wiblin Trophy for the Player's Player of the Season. Viwe Gana was awarded the Trevor Cowie Bat award after his superb season for the 1st XI. Mhlahli Kobese was awarded the Smuts Family Bat for being the most improved cricketer. He used that bat with great success on Saturday!

The u15A match was called off due to a wet pitch. The 1st XI looked weary at the end of a long season. Hudson Park won the toss, with a slightly wet outfield being the biggest factor. After a late start, the format was changed to a 50 over game. Hudson got off to a very steady start with Graeme not making much impact early on. Slowly but surely, Graeme clawed their way back into the game, but weren't at their best. The bowlers all chipped in and managed to restrict Hudson, before Aphiwe Mnyanda helped knock over the tail. Hudson were 155 all out, but Graeme felt that they could have been chasing a much smaller target.

In reply Graeme for off the the perfect start. Mhlahli Kobese clearly enjoyed his new bat, thanks to the Smuts family. He scored a superb 65, combining well with Onosizo Ntinga for a opening partnership of 63. It went a little pear shaped after that, as the Hudson spinners pegged Graeme back. They picked up 7 wickets together, as Graeme struggled to create partnerships. It was eventually a 8th wicket partnership between Ethan Beyleveld (26 not out) and Kevin Geldenhuys of 30 runs which took Graeme close to victory. Graeme did get over the line, winning by 2 wickets in the end.

The Graeme 2nd had an interesting dilemma. Hudson Park arrived with 10 players, and Graeme managed to find Cameron Doyle (from the 3rds) to make up the numbers. He went on to top score with 41 not out, as Graeme bowled out Hudson for 87.

Graeme eased past the target, one wicket down, with Kevin Bodie scoring 48 not out. That ended a superb term of cricket for the 2nd XI as well.

The u14A side also ended their term with a dominant performance against Hudson Park. Hudson were 41 all out, with Enrique Strydom taking 4 for 10.

In reply, Graeme went past the score and declared on 176 for 1. The partnership between Enrique Strydom (72 not out) and Rhys Wiblin (71) continued to impress. Hudson were all out for 16 in their second innings, giving the Graeme team a win by

an innings and 109 runs.

Summary of scores:

1st XI vs Hudson Park

Hudson 155 all out

Aphiwe Mnyanda 3 for 34

Lagon Oerson 2 for 17

Kevin Geldenhuys 2 for 18

Christiano Jasson 2 for 27

Graeme 159 for 8

Mhlahli Kobese 65

Ethan Beyleveld 26 not out

Graeme won by 2 wickets

Sports- Cricket

2nd XI vs Hudson Park

Hudson Park

87 All out

Cameron Doyle 41* (Batting for HP)

Somi Gasman 2/18

Marcus Williams 2/16

Graeme College 2nd XI

90/1

Kevin Bodie 48*

Athandile Feni 25

Graeme won by 9 wickets.

u14A vs Hudson Park

Hudson 41 all out

Enrique Strydom 4/10

Zukho Phontshi 3/2

Graeme 176/1 dec

Enrique Strydom 72 not out

Rhys Wiblin 71

Hudson u14A 16/5

Leroy Adriaan 2/2

Graeme won by an inning and 109 runs



Rugby

Junior Rugby Practices

U11 B , C and D at 14h30 on a Monday and Wednesday

U11A at 15h30 on a Monday and Wednesday

U13A and B at 15h30 on a Monday and Wednesday

U13C and D at 14h30 on a Monday Wednesday

U9A on Somerset field with Mr Fischer

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 News

Last Friday night Graeme College hosted a fundraiser towards the Simnikiwe Bosman Trust as well as for the learners at Graeme needing medical insurance.

It was an incredible night, with incredible Alan Weyer doing his thing as the Master of Ceremonies. A live video feed with Ron Rutland was entertaining, as he continues the next cycle trip to the upcoming RWC events. Chris Kingsley (OG 2000) joined forces with us from Sport for Lives and we have started something incredibly special. He combined with Keegan Daniel and Cedric Mkhize in an incredible evening, which simply blew us away. The generosity of our community was just unbelievable. The auction went far better than we could have hoped for, and the community just seemed to love sharing the evening with us.

We are forever grateful to the neighbouring schools, businesses and families for supporting us like they have. It will be hard to ever forget the emotions attached to the inner workings of this event.

We also received our first big pledge toward our new Sport for Lives campaign.

- that being R500 per try scored by the 1st XV this year (up to 100 tries).

Follow the link for more info:

<https://sportforlives.org/campaigns/tries-for-lives-graeme-college-backs-simnikiwe/>



Sports-Rugby

Simnikiwe Bosman dropped in on the 1st XV practice this afternoon to personally hand over the Sport for Lives/Tries for Lives bracelets to his team-mates. The bracelets are there to remind the boys and coaches that they are playing for a higher purpose this year. Every try scored will generate funds for the Simnikiwe Bosman Trust! Go for it you Graemians, get out there and score some tries!



The 1st XV received their jerseys for the season this evening. Congrats men, and good luck for the season ahead.



Sports-Rugby

In a capping ceremony on Thursday, the 1st team rugby squad for 2022 received their prized jerseys. Congratulations to the boys and we are all fully behind you as you embark on the adventure of a lifetime - representing your school at the highest level. Virtute et Opera.



Sports-Rugby



Sports - Rugby

Rugby season has officially kicked off! Today the u13A boys played Dr Viljoen at the Frans Erasmus rugby festival held at PJ Olivier and they won 25-0!



Tennis

Senior Tennis

Results: 1st Team, Friday 4 March vs Old Boys

The GC 1st team lost 1-4

Well done to Ethan Beyleveld and Murray Tyson for winning their match against their dads.

Results: 2nd Team, Monday 7 March vs KC

In a close match against KC 2nds, the Graeme boys were unlucky to lose the match 5-7



Swimming

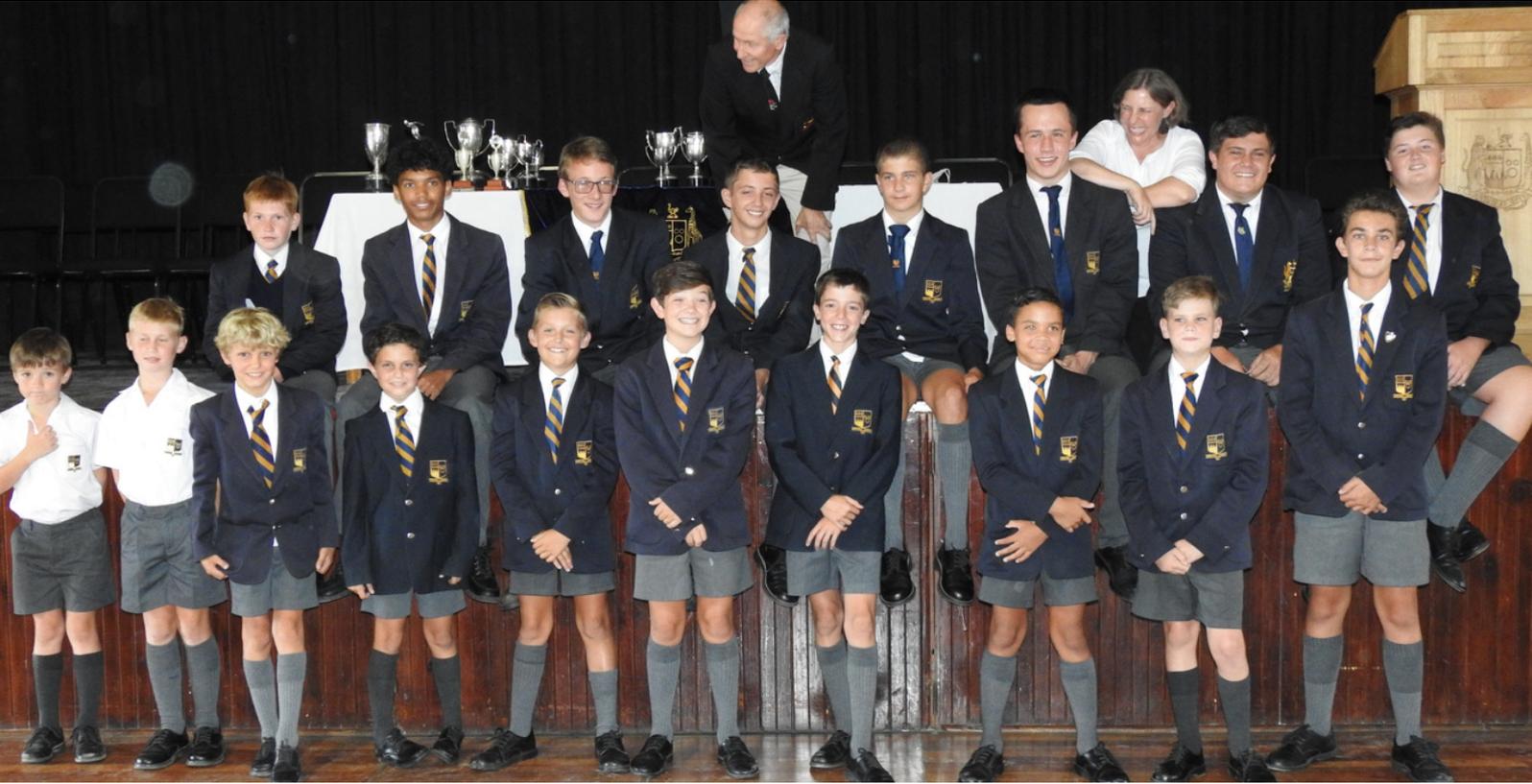
Interhouse Swimming trophies were awarded to the following swimmers at assembly on Monday:

U8 50m Freestyle: Thomas Mann
U9 50m Freestyle: Jayden Smith
U9 50m Backstroke: Jayden Smith
U9 50m Breaststroke: Jayden Smith
U9 Best All Rounder: Jayden Smith
U10 50m Freestyle: Leo Malamis
U10 50m Breaststroke: Leo Malamis
U10 50m Backstroke: Marc Riddin
U10 Best All Rounder: Leo Malamis
U11 50m Freestyle: Jed VD Merwe
U11 50m Breaststroke: Jed VD Merwe
U11 50m Backstroke: Jed VD Merwe
U11 Best All Rounder: Jed VD Merwe
U12 50m Freestyle: James Muir
U12 50m Breaststroke: Connor Holder
U12 50m Backstroke: Ashton Burger
U12 50m Butterfly: Daniel Barnard
U12 Best All Rounder: Daniel Barnard
U14 50m Freestyle: Kits McConnachie
U14 50m Breaststroke: Rikus Pieterse
U14 50m Backstroke: Rikus Pieterse
U14 50m Butterfly: Rikus Pieterse
U14 100m Backstroke: Hein Myburgh
U14 100m Breaststroke: Rikus Pieterse
U14 100m Freestyle: Rikus Pieterse
U14 200m Individual Medley: Rikus Pieterse
U16 50m Freestyle: Christopher McLean
U16 50m Backstroke: Christopher McLean
U16 50m Breaststroke: Christopher McLean
U16 50m Butterfly: Christopher McLean
U16 100m Backstroke: Christopher McLean
U16 100m Freestyle: Christopher McLean
U16 100m Breaststroke: Christopher McLean
U16 200m Individual Medley: Christopher McLean
Open 50m Butterfly: Braam du Toit
Open 50m Backstroke: Stephen Pittaway
Open 50m Breaststroke: Liam Koopman
Open 50m Freestyle: Liam Koopman
Open 100m Freestyle: Stephen Pittaway
Open 100m Backstroke: Stephen Pittaway
Open 100m Butterfly: Christopher McLean
Open 100m Breaststroke: Bernard Frost
Open 200m Breaststroke: Christopher McLean
Open 200m Freestyle: Christopher McLean

Swimming

Open 200m Individual Medley: Stephen Pittaway
Most Improved Junior Swimmer: Nicholas Cock
Most Advanced Senior Swimmer: Christopher McLean
House Trophy: Hutton

Congratulations to all of the swimmers. Special thank you to Mr Clint Berriman for ensuring that the pool was in good shape for the gala.



Makana Brick Nite Race

Some stunning visuals are in from the the highly-popular Makana Brick 8km Nite Race that started at Graeme College's Somerset field on Wednesday evening and then meandered through the streets of Grahamstown. It ended at Somerset field again with entrants receiving a pineapple for their efforts! The event is always such a highlight in the diary and the proceeds go to our local Hospice. Thank you again to the Graeme College family for supporting this wonderful and worthy event.



Pre-School's Big Walk

The Pre-Primary boys took part in our annual little “big” walk this morning. The boys embarked on a 2,5km walk around the Graeme College school campus as part of our pre-primary fundraiser. We would like to thank all the boys and their parents for their participation in our walk this morning and it was fantastic to see so many parents getting involved. We managed to raise in excess of R14 000 which will be used to enhance the pre-primary playground.



Community Engagement

Thank you to the entire Graeme College family for continuing to support our Community Outreach initiatives, and most especially with the recent clothes drive. Look below at all the clothes we collected. Phalo Nxosi of the Community Outreach Portfolio helping to hand out clothing and shoes to the soup kitchen run by Graeme parent, Mrs Di Oosthuizen. She happily accepted the items from us and said that she so appreciates the work that Graeme College does in the community. A number of charities will be getting the clothing in the coming week.



Founders Celebrations

Founders' Day is a time when Graeme College pauses to celebrate its rich past and its promising future. Last Friday we celebrated our 149th Founder's Day. Founder's Day allows us to highlight the values that sustain our school, the people who have shaped it, and its enduring mission of providing a comprehensive, quality education for each student.





GRAEME COLLEGE 2022

RUGBY DAY

SATURDAY MARCH 19
08:00AM START
LIVE MATCHES

SOMERSET FIELD

ADULTS/KIDS WITH NO UNIFORM - R50
SCHOOL UNIFORM - FREE ENTRANCE.
CAR - R200

GRAEME COLLEGE

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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 1 st	vs	Graeme College 2 nd /3 rd
10h30	Port Alfred High School 1 st	vs	Albany Development 1 st
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



**GRAEME COLLEGE
FATHER & SON CAMP!**

FRIDAY 25 MARCH

OPEN TO ALL GR 00 - GR7 BOYS, THEIR FATHERS, UNCLES, GRANDDADS

R75 PP

TO BE PAID BY 21ST OF MARCH

Includes Boerie Roll & Coffee/Hot Chocolate

25 MARCH 4PM - 26 MARCH 10AM

VENUE | GRAEME COLLEGE JUNIOR FIELDS

Contact Mr Tjokkie Bodenstein on 079 656 6683

PAYMENTS TO BE MADE VIA
OFFICE, EFT OR KARRI APP

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-and-sons-camp-letter-2022.pdf>

Staff news

Our favorite maths teacher, Ms White, was surprised by a small baby shower this week hosted by the staff. Ms White will hopefully be receiving her first baby girl next week Monday. We all wish her well in this new chapter!



A special Founder's moment



If you can't come to Founders... Founders will come to you. On Friday morning one legend of Graeme College, Alwyn Riddin, accompanied Kuhle Mlengana, Rhys Wiblin and Enrique Strydom to visit another legend of the school - the oldest Graemian - Clyde Wallace.

Mr Wallace (99 this year) was unable to attend, but we couldn't surely miss the opportunity to share it with him. Ernie Rothman did manage to attend the service, representing the class of 1952...

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/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.