



Graeme College

To strive for excellence by developing all to their full potential



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“One man practicing sportsmanship is far better than fifty preaching it.” Knute Rockne

Message from the Headmaster

Banner photo: Our resident peacock family is growing on campus!

After attending two rugby festivals this holiday, I felt it necessary to repeat a blurb that was published in a previous newsletter. It was written by Mr Keith Richardson, a past Headmaster of Wynberg Boys' High School. I believe it is well-worth sharing every year.

School sport is not played for the benefit or the glory of the school or the egos of the coaches or the ambitions of the parents – it is played to benefit the players. Whatever the level of the schoolboy player, we want him to learn the lessons of sport, because they are lessons of life. In the end, these lessons could develop the confidence and self-esteem in a player and he will learn, as a young sportsman, that bitterness and sweetness are opposite sides of the same coin.

Some advice for parents:

- Support your son and attend the matches, no matter what side he is in;
- Always be there for him, especially in the 'down times';
- By all means set the bar for him – but always praise his achievements, especially when he has tried hard to reach this bar;

- Praise effort and commitment – much more than results;
- Never criticise the coach, as it will confuse the players. It not only divides loyalty, but offers an excuse. Don't fall for the common South African sporting curse of blaming the coach or referee;
- Never over-emphasize winning, as it will only lead to a fear of failure. One of the curses of schoolboy sport is an unbeaten season;
- Do not relive your own sporting career (or lack of it) through your son. This leads to frustration and disappointment on both sides;
- Be a true sporting spectator. Let the referee handle the game and let your son make his own mistakes. He will learn more that way.
- All parents want what is best for their sons – but then, so does every coach and every school.
- If we expect our players to behave like sportsmen on the field, then it is important for adults not to behave like children on the side-lines.

There is no doubt that sport can play a pivotal role in education and it is our job as parents and teachers to help our children cope with the pressures in today's highly competitive world.

With this in mind, for the players who are participating in sport this weekend, "The game you play this weekend will never be repeated - make the most of every minute".

Kevin Watson

Academic

Report Feedback Meetings:

There will be sessions to meet with your son's teachers about his academic progress based on last term's results. These meetings will take place in the school hall. The other details are as follows:

GRADE	DATE	TIME
8 - 9	Tuesday 12 April 2022	17h30 - 19h00
10 - 12	Wednesday 13 April 2022	17h30 - 19h00

Mathematics Support

Ms Boynton has kindly offered to give Mathematics support classes after school on Mondays to Thursdays from 13h45 - 14h45 in her classroom. Boys will be given an opportunity to do their Mathematics homework with guidance from a teacher. Any boy from Grade 9 - 12 who got less than 60% for Mathematics at the end of Term 1 is encouraged to attend these sessions.

- 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:

Special Notice:
 Junior Choir times for Term 2 has changed. Junior Choir will take place on Tuesdays 13:30-14:30.

- New marimba times:

Marimba A:
 Mondays at 14h00-15h00
 Marimba B:
 Tuesdays at 13h30-14h15
 Marimba C:
 at 13h30 - 14h15

New practise points this week:

Ben Shaw 2
 Gustav Jordaan 2
 Gabriel Corrêa 2
 Yolani Jimmy 3
 Junaid Douglas 3
 Uthmaan Motara 2
 Bilaal Motara 2

Steelband performances during the April holidays.

The steelband performed at an environmental conference hosted at AMAZWI Museum on Monday 28 March. On Saturday 2 April the band braved wet and muddy conditions as they warmed crowds at the Bathurst Show. At both events the boys received many positive comments and compliments. Well done to all the boys involved for giving up their time during the holidays and presenting professional performances. The band is currently preparing for a number of performances during the coming weeks and also completing the presentation for this year's Virtual East London Lions Eisteddfod.



Celebrity Music Birthdays



APRIL

9	Lil Nas X (1999)	13	Bud Freeman (1906)
10	Kenneth 'Babyface' Edmonds (1959)	14	Al Green (1946)
10	Kenny Lattimore (1970)	15	Lou Bega (1975)
11	Sophie Ellis-Bextor (1979)	15	Bessie Smith (1894)
11	ProVerb (1981)	15	Taliep Petersen (1950)
12	Herbie Hancock (1940)	15	Luis Fonsi (1978)
12	Zola (1974)		



“In terms of brain development, musical performance is every bit as important educationally as reading or writing.”

— Oliver Sacks

July 2009
<http://bit.ly/1AXZPoz>



The marimba A team has been accompanying the school during assembly this week and a little last term. It's always so enjoyable to have something different during school assemblies. They are preparing for the Port Rex eisteddfod and we wish them the best of luck!



Junior School



Finally, after having the last father and son camp in 2019, we were able to have another camp this year. What a success, almost 400 people camped together on the Junor field. The boys enjoyed running around, jumping on the jumping castle and dads enjoying each other's company around a campfire. Thank you to everyone who supported this fundraiser.

We would like to thank the following for their valued contributions:

Chicken Hut - Sponsored a 100 rolls for the boerewors.

Andre Crous - Sponsored almost 200 extra pieces of wors.

Werner (Shell garage bakery) - Sponsored 400 rolls for the boerewors.

Clint Bradfield (Print my photos) - Sponsored the jumping castle.

Looking forward to the 2023 edition!

Junior School

The Junior School monitors were inducted at an assembly on Thursday, 7 April 2022. They attended training on Thursday evening. We wish them strength and wisdom as they serve the school during their term of office.

From L to R: Junaid Thomas, Kits McConnachie, Donovan Pretorius, Adrian Schenk, Sizo Klaas, Yandisa Sitsila, Indiphile Ntsinde, Blake de la Mare, Mbulelo Gama, Likuhle Bashe, Elgenio Oerson, Jedd Youthed, CJ Jeggels, Hlomla Ntshakaza.



Rugby

Results from Grey Rugby Festival

Thursday 31 March:

1sts vs Rondebosch lost 8-24

u16a vs Westville lost 7-33

u15a vs Despatch won 10-7

u14a vs KES lost 19-14

Saturday 2 April:

1sts vs Despatch won 15-0

16a vs Northwood lost 6-24

15a vs Northwood lost 7-31

14a vs Northwood lost 7-33

Fixtures vs Gill College, Saturday 9 April (away)

09:00 14a (A-field)

10:00 15a (A-field)

11:00 u16a (A-field)

12:10 2nds (A-field)

13:20 1sts (A-field)

Junior Rugby vs Gill Primary in Somerset East - 9 April 2022

A Field

08:30 GC u9A

09:10 GC u11B

10:00 GC u11A

10:50 GC u13B

11:40 GC u13A

Busses will leave from Grant House at 06:00 (Boys travelling privately must be at their respective venues at least one hour before kick off)

Below: Grey Rugby Festival GC vs King Edward KES U14A



Rugby



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Our rugby boys were in full action during the holidays at the Grey High School Rugby Festival. Here are some photos of the U15A team who won their match against Despatch 10-7. An exhilarating win!



Rugby

Some stunning visuals of the GC u/14A versus Northwood game.



Pre-Primary

Today the pre-school celebrated 'Crazy Sock Day' with loony and silly socks - perfect for the colder weather today- all the little feet were kept warm! Bright and colourful socks were the order of the day.





**GRAEME COLLEGE
RUGBY DAY
2022**

*in partnership
with*

**SPORT
FOR
LIVES**

You're invited to join the Sport for Lives movement to **activate generosity** through try scoring at this year's Graeme College Rugby Day by supporting our Tries for Lives Campaign.

Try scoring is important.
Try scoring for a greater purpose is significantly important.



TRIES FOR LIVES - PLEDGE AN AMOUNT PER TRY SCORED

GRAEME COLLEGE IS PARTNERING WITH THE SIMNIKIWE BOSMAN TRUST FOR THEIR 2022 RUGBY SEASON (CLICK [HERE](#) TO READ MORE ABOUT OUR CAMPAIGN)



Established in 2017, Sport for Lives NPC facilitates the opportunity for sports teams to play for a greater purpose by raising funds for a cause. Their online crowdfunding platform is unique in that they are about relationships, a heart shift in our youth and bridging the great divide in South Africa, through the power of sport.

To start your own campaign:

1. Find an NPO in your area (perhaps one already linked to your school) and ask if you can partner with them for your rugby season.
2. Visit www.sportforlives.org, and set up your Tries for Lives campaign through the easy step by step process. The Sport for Lives team will assist you from there on.



Contact carmen@sportforlives.org for more info.

MySchool card



APRIL is here!

Can Graeme College beat last year's swipes and WIN? In this year's MySchool card challenge, our total number of swipes from April 2021, will be compared against the total number of swipes we receive in April 2022.

10 SCHOOLS with the highest percentage growth in swipes will win their share of R230 000 CASH. We would LOVE Graeme to get some of this money!

Our total swipes for April 2021 were 354, so please support us by remembering to swipe your My School card.

Each swipe is an entry.

Supporters will also be able to win their own share of R200 000 CASH.

Competition dates: 1-30 April 2022.

If you do not have a MySchool card please contact marketing@graemecollege.co.za to get a card.

Calendar

Link to Graeme College Google Calendar:

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

Stay Connected

Do you follow us on the following platforms?

- Instagram:
@graemecollege
@graemeboys

- Facebook:
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.