



# Graeme College

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



## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER Friday 29 April 2022

"While we try to teach our children all about life, Our children teach us what life is all about." –Angela Schwindt.

### Message from the Headmaster

The phrase "Helicopter Parent" gets thrown around a lot these days. It's used to describe parents who overprotect their children from risk or failure, whether it's physical or emotional.

In a Parenting website: Lane Kids the topic of letting-children-take-risks is discussed: <https://www.lanekids.org/risky-business-benefits>- I feel it is important to share some of the sentiments on this website with our parents.

In the current economic and socio-economic climate parents, without even realizing it, are doing more and more things for their children rather than letting them do it themselves. As a result, children are becoming too cautious and more and more children are showing various degrees of anxiety disorders. Allowing our children to take risks can be challenging for all of us. It sometimes takes a conscious choice on a parent to allow their child/children to take risks.

Each time we resist the urge to help them when they fall, they will get up on their own, brush off and run back to join the game that is life. The invisible safety net that we surround them with has to remain just that 'invisible' so as to provide them with the space required to experience difficulty and failure. The risk involved in emotional entanglement with friends, the risk of trying out new experiences, the risk of taking a leap of faith, the risk of exploring uncharted territory, all contribute to a life that is richer and fuller than one that is spent nestled in a cocoon of protection.

We are driven by an instinct to protect ourselves and our children—it's evolutionary. It's also why we are always on the lookout for potential threats: questionable looking play structures, rusty nails, busy streets etc.

This isn't to say that you should let your children roam free unsupervised. It's more about taking a step back to evaluate where you can give your child opportunities to challenge themselves. Maybe it's urging them to climb up one higher branch on a tree (or climb it at all), or allowing them to get a skateboard for their birthday (Don't forget knee/elbow pads and a helmet!). Either way, healthy, reasonable risk taking is a necessary part of a child's development both physically and emotionally, and with your guidance your child will gain confidence and master new skills!

The purpose of all natural selection is that we become more adaptive to our environment in order to survive and thrive. In modern times, this requires opportunities for risk taking at home and in school. We have to understand this need and create an environment that will satisfy the natural instinct of curiosity that we are all born with.

The future of humankind has to learn from history that starting from the first fire that was kindled to the first spaceship that landed on a distant planet, it is the risk takers who have charted the course of our development. The story of an individual is no different, our natural instinct has to be nurtured to help achieve the full potential of each individual. It is a deliberate choice that we have to make to ensure that our children experience life with its myriad of possibilities.

No one said "raising children is easy".

Enjoy the long weekend

K Watson

## Academic

### Second Rhodes University Presentation

On Wednesday 4 May 2022, Dr McConnachie will present the second of two lectures titled, "COPYRIGHT: What is it and why is it important?". Anyone from Grade 10 - 12 who is interested needs to be seated in the music school auditorium by 14h15. Find out how artists like Dr Dre have got themselves into trouble. A must attend for all music students and those interested in careers in law or sound engineering.

### Mathematics Support

Mrs 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 Senior A Steelband

- Choir

Junior choir: Tuesdays 13:30-14:30  
 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

New Practise Points:

Ben Shaw 7  
 Yolani Jimmy 5  
 Junaid Douglas 5  
 Gabriel Corrêa 3  
 Gustav Jordaan 3  
 Bongji Toto 2  
 Lihlo Mdenka 2  
 Ezinhle Ngubane 2  
 Ezlin Swartz 2  
 Lusenathi Manzana 1



## Celebrity Music Birthdays



<b>APRIL</b>	4
29	Bartolomeo Cristofori (1655)
Duke Ellington (1899)	Lance Bass (1979)
Willie Nelson (1933)	5
Master P (1967)	Andrew Tracey (1936)
30	Craig David (1981)
Lloyd Banks (1982)	Adele (1988)
Travis Scott (1991)	Chris Brown (1989)

<b>MAY</b>	
2	Alessandro Scarlatti (1660)
	Engelbert Humperdinck (1936)
3	
Bing Crosby (1903)	
James Brown (1933)	



Right: The Grade 00 class had loads of fun learning a new dance that helps them develop general whole body integration and coordination.



## East London Port Rex Lions Virtual Eisteddfod 2022

The Music Department has been hard at work preparing numerous entries for their participation in the East London Eisteddfod. This is one of the largest eisteddfods in the country, where many of the best provincial and national musicians will be participating. Each entry is required to submit a video presentation of three contrasting pieces. In the ensemble categories the Senior Steelband and the Junior Grade 7 Marimba bands have been entered.

Malihlale Jongile (Gr12) and Cairis Appollis (Gr8) have entered the solo steelpan categories for their respective age groups. Both individuals have been playing the steelpan instrument for at least five years and have made a tremendous effort in preparing their performances for this Eisteddfod. We wish all the entrants the best of luck as they await the results following the adjudication in the coming weeks.



The Grade 8 music classes are learning to play the recorder as the practical component of the syllabus. The students all participated with gusto and were quite chuffed to have learnt their first short musical piece in their very first lesson already!



Left: Three of our junior school singers had the opportunity to learn different harmonic parts and to then sing the piece in three-part harmony. We are very happy to have an old Graemian assist us with various aspects of choir management.



# Grade 1

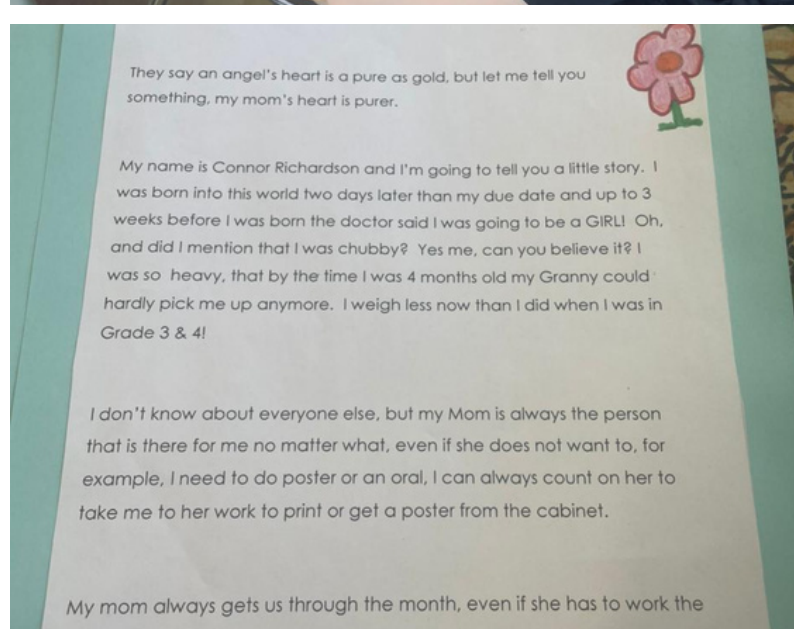
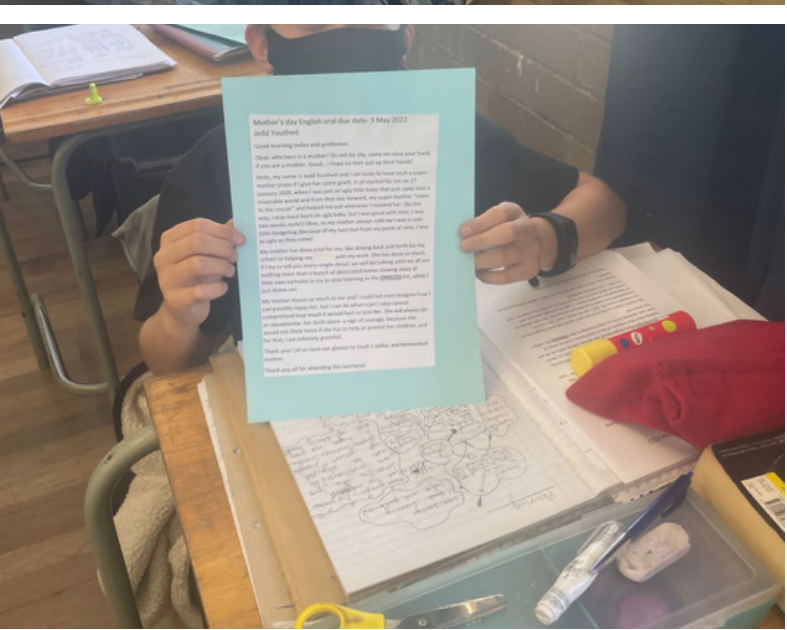
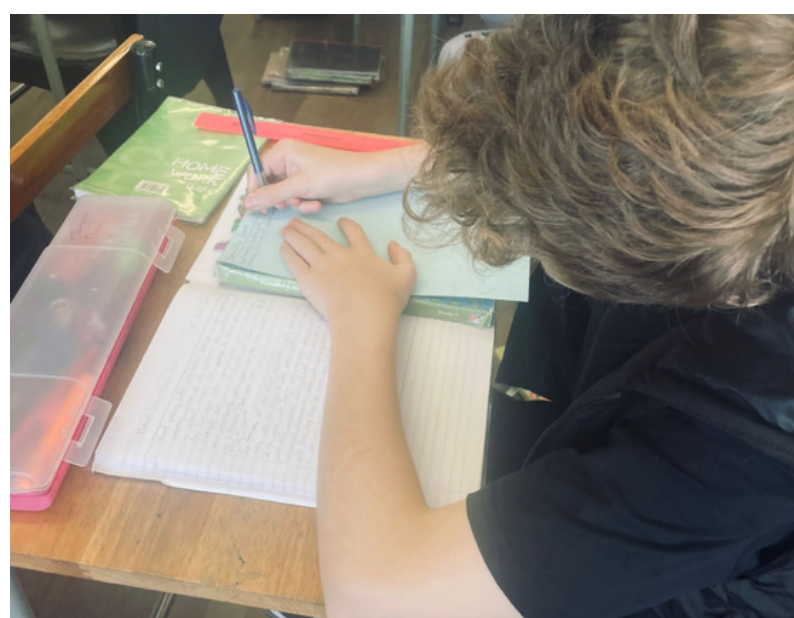
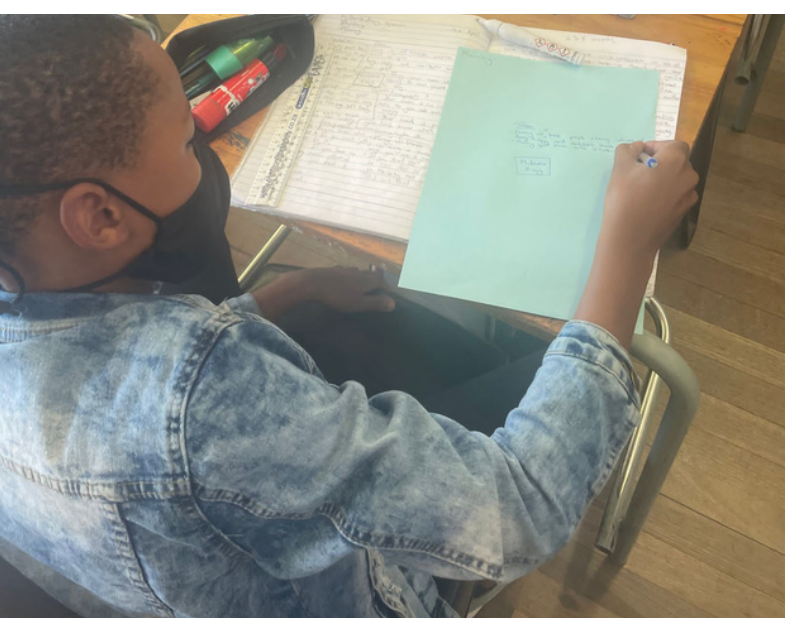
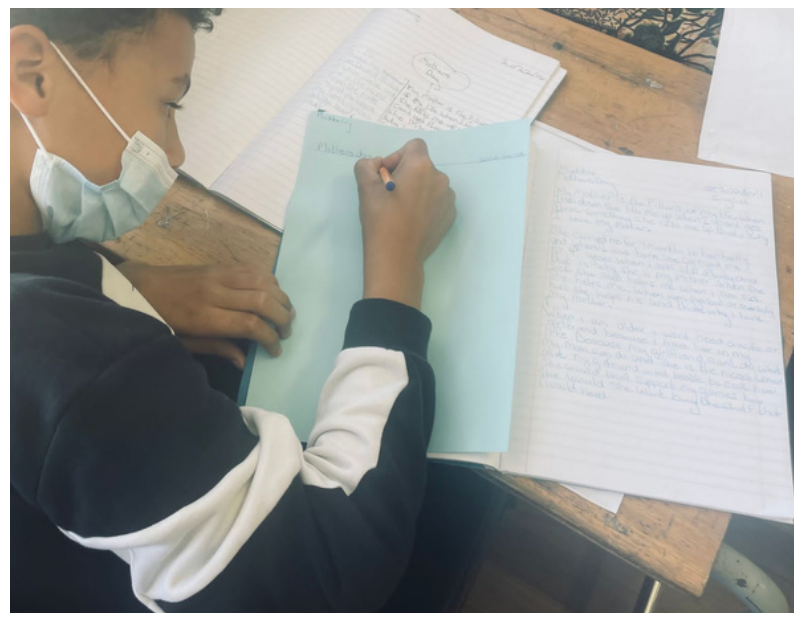
The Grade 1 boys are enjoying rugby this term. The emphasis is placed on open-play (general movement) with all players running, passing and tackling. The boys will continue to participate in rugby activities that are enjoyable and rewarding. Maximum participation and enjoyment is encouraged so that the boys have a positive and motivating experience.





# Grade 7

The ardent grade 7 boys have been hard at working during English. They are writing their Mother's Day speeches in preparation for next week. The grade 7 boys can't wait to present their speeches to Miss Hiscock and the class next week. And then for their mom on Mother's Day!





# Grade 7

Leopard Certificates are awarded in the Junior School each term for a fantastic performance regarding behaviour, academics and manners. Recipients in 7AS (from L to R) are: Connor Richardson, Ahlumile Sideba, Jedd Youthed, Sizo Klaas, Bukho Gxekwa and Keathan Edwards.



Leopard Certificates for Grade 7OX: L-R Backrow: Elgenio Oerson, Nicholas Cock, Mbulelo Gama, Ruben Bodenstein. Daine Schenk, William Van Aarde L-R Front row; Kits Mc Connachie, Kuthenda Chinomona, Blake de la Mare, Adrian Schenk, C-Jay Jeggels and Micheal Nyandoro.





# Grade 9

The grade 9s working hard in Art this week carving out their self portraits in wood. This is the third step in their printmaking task they are doing for term 2.





# Squash

Graeme College Junior boys travelled on Friday 22 April to play squash against Grey. Our boys played very well and did not give up, but the Grey boys were too strong for our boys on the day. We will be looking forward to playing them on the return fixture with our full strength teams. A special mention to Caleb Jattiem and Jed van der Merwe for winning their matches and playing excellent squash indeed.

Results as follows:

U11

Grey boys won 3 - 1 in matches

U13

Grey boys won 7 - 1 in matches

# Rugby

Rugby Results vs Cambridge High School:

U14a won 48-10

U14b won 47-7

U15a won 12-0

U15b won 20-5

U16a won 13-10

U16b won 21-0

4ths won 15-7

3rds won 44-7

2nds won 59-0

1sts won 45-10

Junior Rugby results vs Grey Junior

U9A Lost 0-20

U11C Lost 0 -20

U11B Lost 5-25

U11A Lost 5 -15

U13D Lost 5-27

U13C Lost 3-44

U13B Won 45-5

U13A Lost 10 - 29



# Hockey

Our Graeme boys are currently playing in the Kingswood College Co-Ed Hockey Festival. Here are a few visuals of their match from Thursday night including a beautiful autumnal sunset. Results: GC vs York: 1-1; Lost 5-0 to Woodridge.





# Community Outreach Project

The community outreach boys want to do a very special drive this term. To welcome their new sister (Lilly) to Graeme College they would like to do a drive to collect items for the home that Lilly came from.

Obviously with the sensitive nature of the situation we cannot actually use the name of the home where Lilly came from for confidentiality purposes. The boys would like to call this drive "Lilly's Home".

Having been in the home they require anything baby related such as clothing, wipes, bath products, washing powder and staysoft.

There will also be a raffle to win a prize of R500 worth of dry goods. Tickets will be R5.

All items must please be made for the attention of Dr Shaw.

The class that donates the most items will receive a prize.



## 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:

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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.