



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 13 October 2023

“What you are lies with you. If you are lazy, and accept your lot, you may live in it. If you are willing to work, you can write your name anywhere you choose, among the only ones who live beyond the grave in this world, the people who write books that help, make exquisite music, carve statues, paint pictures, and work for others.” - A Girl of the Limberlost by Gene Stratton-Porter

Message from the Deputy Headmaster

On Friday, we hosted our Arts & Service Dinner which is one of the highlights of the year on our calendar. It was our biggest one yet, with learners from the Steel Band, Choir, Marimba Band, Blood Drive peer promoters group, Librarian group, Debating Club, Drama Club, SCA and the Community Outreach Portfolio all attending. Any visitor to Graeme College will easily be able to identify the key elements of our organisational culture. They will quickly notice how important these areas are within our daily routine and how important they are at the College. They are what drives our decision making on a daily basis and are important cogs of our value and norm structure at Graeme. It was amazing to get all these learners in a room with their parents, and celebrate all that is good and positive at our amazing school.

Mr Appollis started the evening with a summary of some of these activities that took place during the year, none more important or more profound than the school production of Grease. We were so fortunate to have Mr Peter Calyton and Ms Louisa Clayton join us for the evening, who have such close links to the school. Both of their sons attended Graeme College and Mr Clayton was actually the Chairman of the SGB, who also had matriculated at Graeme in 1975. Ms Clayton was the guest speaker for the event and used the term ‘familiar’ in her opening comments, speaking to the origin of the word, with regards to being part of the Graeme College family.

Ms Kenyon introduced Ms Clayton on the evening, and so correctly stated that there was no person more suited than Ms Clayton to address us at an event of this importance, with regards to the celebration of our Arts and Service as the core focus. Her list of achievements and roles within our society seem endless, and has been such a prominent figure and role model. In 1996 she took up a managerial role in Arts Education at the Grahamstown Foundation. The Grahamstown Foundation manages many projects, including the National Arts Festival, Sci-Fest and the annual English Olympiad.

Mrs Clayton held several positions at the Grahamstown Foundation until 2017 where she ultimately served as its Executive Director for nine years. During her tenure at the 1820 Settler's Monument Mrs Clayton organised and oversaw arts, science and literary education programmes for youth participants. All told the audiences totalled well over half a million learners and educators from across South Africa. Under her leadership as Director of Arts education and as CEO, the Grahamstown Foundation was awarded an Arts & Culture Trust Award, the Business Arts South Africa Chairman's Premier Award, the Molteno Gold Medal, an Impumelelo Social Innovation Platinum Award, and an East Coast Radio Award. It was incredible to have somebody of her experience and talent address our community about the importance of the arts, and the role of Graeme College within our community. Her message was that of a journey of self discovery with regards to developing your talents and skills, and becoming a positive influence on others. The learner's responded so brilliantly to her words, and without hesitation all stood and applauded in recognition of her words and message to them.

It was such a stunning evening; congratulations and thank you to all involved.

Mr van Molendorff

Academics

English Olympiad 2024: Call for Entries

The English Olympiad will be written on Tuesday, 5 March 2024. Entries for this Olympiad are now open. Boys (currently in Grades 8 to 11) who are interested need to pay Ms Stamper R115 by Thursday 28 September 2023. The cost includes the anthology which is to be studied. The theme for next year is "Resilience" and the anthology will feature prose excerpts from various memoirs. More details are available to interested boys from Miss Kenyon.



Right: Ms White recently celebrated the launch of her new Grade 10 Mathematics Exam Practice Guide.

Pictured here is Dr Shaw celebrating with Ms White.

Arts & Service Dinner

Photos of the Arts and Service Dinner taken by Bernard Frost.



Academics

The Graemians in the High School achieved some fantastic results last term. We celebrate our top achievers, as well as those boys that have been noticed by staff as making a commendable effort last term. May all our young men be even more competitive as we head to final examination term.



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HIGH SCHOOL TOP ACHIEVERS

TERM 3 2023		
GRADE 12 TOP TEN	GRADE 11 TOP TEN	GRADE 10 TOP TEN
1. Masixole Simandolo 2. Yolani Jimmy 3. Omila Keta 4. Ambesa Cagwe 5. Sithuthuzele Madondile 6. Siphso Mgidlana 7. Junaid Douglas 8. Braam du Toit and Zita Ngoqo 9. Steven du Preez	1. Chulumanco Mashiqana 2. Samuel Hockly 3. Joshua Scheepers 4. Sideeq Flannegan 5. Makabongwe Mancam 6. Sinalo Mjuza 7. Cameron Doyle 8. Indiphile Pona 9. Anga Maci 10. Sikelela Mazitshana	1. Noah Tabensky 2. Cullen Goliath 3. Leon Mwepu 4. Nicholas McKeown 5. Jesse McConnachie 6. Lutwesiwe Kobese 7. Likhona Bill 8. Jaycie Pieterse 9. Ajay Jeggels 10. Herman de Bruin
GRADE 12 TOP EFFORT	GRADE 11 TOP EFFORT	GRADE 10 TOP EFFORT
1. Mu-eed Fritz 2. Kevin Geldinhuys 3. Likhona Mhono 4. Vincent Swanepoel 5. Buhle Vanda	1. Tayniam Francis 2. Curn Jonas 3. Sinamva Makumsha 4. Anezisa Mofu 5. Hlomla Ntumbini	1. Benediction Msindo 2. Joy Mukenge 3. Qiqa Nongauza 4. Roman Prevec 5. Ali Rizvi
GRADE 9 TOP TEN	GRADE 8 TOP TEN	
1. Leroy Adriaan 2. Rikus Pieterse 3. Andrew Muir 4. Jayden Brits 5. Rhys Wiblin 6. Liyema Merile 7. Likhona Cataka 8. Heindrich Boucher and Larson McKaiser 9. Giano Fourie	1. Kits McConnachie 2. Laphawulwethu Madolo 3. Joshua Danilatos 4. Sizo Klaas 5. Edwin Geldenhuys 6. Jedd Youthed 7. Ruben Bodenstein 8. Nicholas Cock 9. Michael Pretorius 10. Ibenathi Kondile	
GRADE 9 TOP EFFORT	GRADE 8 TOP EFFORT	
1. Lilo Booi 2. Qhawe Mbelani 3. Iviwe Mshubeki 4. Zimiyoli Ndyolashe 5. Mhlahi Ngqinzi	1. Tristan Boy 2. Ethan de Wet 3. Mbulelo Gama 4. Xabiso Gedze 5. Connor Richardson	

Old Graemians



A massive thank you to Richard Morris (OG'82) from Starke Ayres Garden Centre in Cape Town. Richard generously donated more than 100 packets of seeds for the school. Our Grade R class project for the 150 year, was to collect 150 packets of seeds and donate them to various community gardens in Makhanda.



Danny Czeredrecki-Schmidt attended the Eskom Expo for Young Scientists in Johannesburg during the holidays. He received a Highly Commended Award for his project. Well done Danny and keep up the good work!

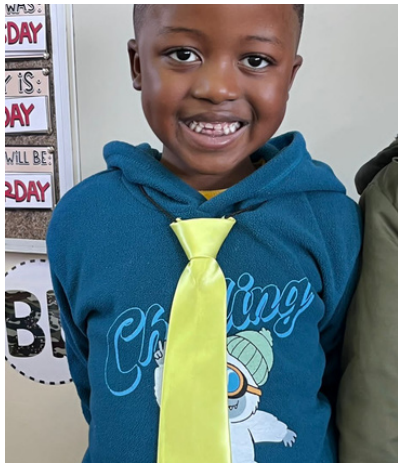
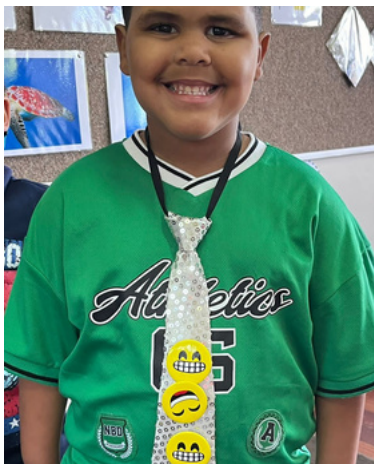
Grade 5

Grade 5 Leopard Certificates - well done boys!



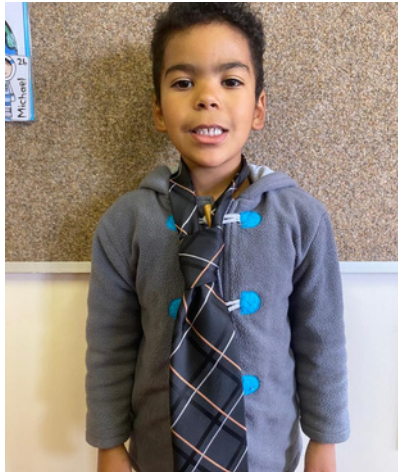
Grade 00

Soon these Leopard Cubs will have to wear formal school ties, but for now wearing a tie is just about dressing up and having some fun for our Grade 00 boys! Look how sweet they look!



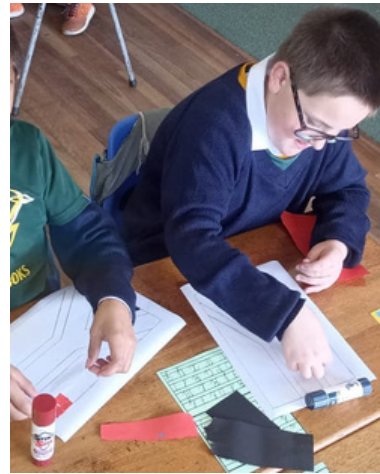
Grade R

Our Grade R class looking so smart in their ties! Fun Fridays are the best!



Grade 2

The Grade 2 boys enjoyed making South African flags on Bok Friday to support our Springboks this weekend.





- **STEELBAND REHEARSAL TIMES**

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

14h30 - 15h00 Intermediate Steelband (Grade 9)

Tuesday: 13h30 - 14h15 Senior A Steelband (Grade 12 and 11)

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

Friday: 14h00 - 15h00 Senior A Steelband (Grade 12 and 11)

- **CHOIR REHEARSAL TIMES**

Junior Choir: Tuesdays 13:30-14:30

Wednesday: 13h30 - 14h30 Leopard's Voice

Thursday: 13h30 - 14h30 Senior Choir

- **Marimba Groups: *New Times***

Mondays 14:00-14:30

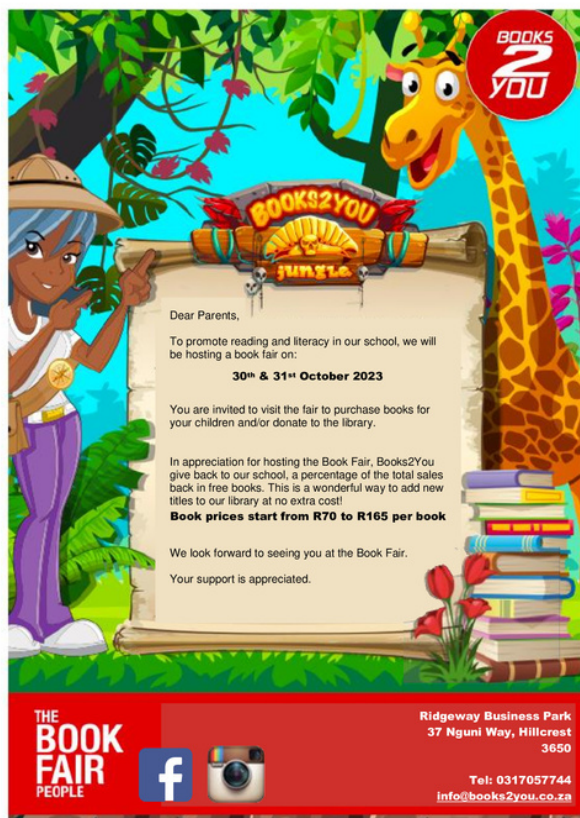
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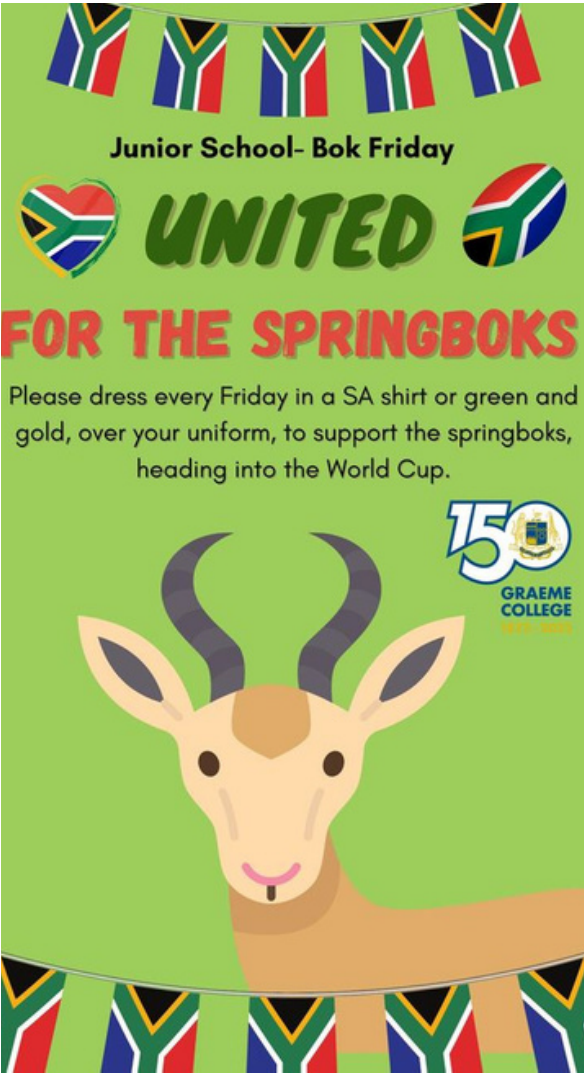
Book Fair

Don't forget about the Book Fair at Graeme College in October- an amazing opportunity to buy some wonderful books.

Books2You's Jungle themed Book Fair offers children, teachers and parents alike, a MEMORABLE book experience. One where reading is encouraged and books are celebrated.

There are hundreds of EXCITING titles to choose from, catering for each individual's interests and age groups. We'd love to welcome you into our magical world of books. A world where you can escape, lose yourself and be inspired.





Above right: As it's our 150th birthday we want to give back! We want to collect 150 seeds to help in providing an important resource for families and communities who are in need of seeds for their community gardens. Help us by donating a packet to school today!

Left: Every Friday for our junior school is Bok Day. We encourage wearing the Springbok colours, green and gold, every Friday as a visible sign of solidarity and to foster a sense of unity and optimism. We hope to help harness the power of sport, to uplift spirits and create a wave of positive energy across campus to show our support. Just wear it!

Senior Cricket

The 1st XI were delighted to travel to Paul Roos over the holiday, to participate in the Cape Schools Cricket Festival. It is arguably the toughest festival in the country and sets the benchmark for the team to strive towards. Our 1st XI have been outstanding this year, but found the going very tough. Day 1 against Paul Roos was rained out, and then were outgunned but SACS on Day 2. Unfortunately, a slightly more clinical performance could have seen a win against Rondebosch on Day 3, but we missed the opportunity. Day 4 was more of a disappointment as the team lost to Somerset College. The team will have gained valuable experience and hopefully be able to use the lessons learned to improve individual performances, going forwards.



Junior Tennis

Congratulations to Julian Boy and Bukho Hoboshe for winning the u11 doubles championship for 2023. Runners up for 2023 are Morne Bodenstein and Josh Potts.



Congratulations to Julian Boy for winning the u11 singles championship for 2023. Runner up for 2023 is Bukho Hoboshe.



U13 Tennis Championships: Runners-up: Gino O'Brien and Joshwin Burger (pictured below left). U13 Tennis Doubles Championship: Winners: James Muir and Connor Holder (pictured below right).



Junior Tennis

U13 Tennis singles championships: Runner-up: James Muir (pictured left below).

U13 Tennis singles championships: Winner: Connor Holder (pictured right below),



Senior Tennis

Senior Tennis:

School Championships Doubles results

Winners: Ethan Beyleveld & Murray Tyson (3rd year in a row)

Runners-up: Ryan Stobbs & Kits McConnachie

Fixtures for next week:

Monday 16/10 - GC 1 vs Marlow (h)

Wednesday 18/10 - GC top 16 vs Pearson (a)



Junior Cricket

Results from the u13 Cape Schools' Cricket Festival held in Queenstown over the holidays.

Day 1

Graeme vs Alice hub

Graeme batted first and made 306 for 9

Connor Holder 106 not out

Ashton Burger 57

Alice 63 all out

Caleb Jattiem 3 for 8

Iyazi Zwedala 3 for 4

Graeme won by 242 runs

Day 2

Graeme vs Paarl Boys

Graeme batted first and made 95 all out

Caleb Jattiem 21

Paarl 96 for 1

Graeme lost by 9 wickets.

Photos below are from day two versus Paarl.



Right: Our winning U13 cricket team against Selborne at the T20 Pink Day at the U13 Cape schools Cricket Festival in Queenstown.

Day 3

Graeme vs Wynberg(T20)

Graeme batted first and made 111 for 4 in their 20 overs.

Connor Holder 44 not out

James Muir 34 not out

Wynberg 112-4 in 19.5 overs

Graeme lost by 6 wickets

Graeme vs Selborne (T20)

Graeme batted first and made 120 for 4

Connor Holder 56 not out

Caleb Jattiem 24

Selborne 55 all out

Iyazi Zwedala 3-8

James Muir 2-5

Graeme won by 65 runs.

Right: Connor Holder (u13) was the player of the match vs Alice Hub. Scoring 106 runs not out- well done Connor!



Saturday 21 October : Matches vs Selborne

U9A , U11A and U13A on Junor and U11B and U13B at Selborne

***General Notice - Junor Cricket Fields: When entering Junor gate please stay on the right side of Junor A .**

Please do not turn left after the paved area as we are trying to protect our fields ! Please do not drive towards the nets or changing room facility. Thank you for understanding*

Junior Cricket

Some visuals of the U13A cricket team playing in the Cape Schools' Cricket festival against Selborne. Thank you to Miké Holder for the photos.





1ST XI CRICKET FIXTURES 2023

6 Sep	Rhodes IPL T20
7 Sep	vs Potchefstroom Gym T20 (Pear Fest) - NMU B
7 Sep	vs Parel Vallei T20 (Pear Fest) - NMU A
8 Sep	vs Westering (Pear Fest) - West
9 Sep	vs Boland Landbou (Pear Fest) - NMU A
10 Sep	vs Rondebosch (Pear Fest) - NMU A
13 Sep	Rhodes IPL T20
15 Sep	Rhodes IPL T20
16 Sep	vs Daniel Pienaar (home)
20 Sep	Rhodes IPL T20
22 Sep	Rhodes IPL T20
23 Sep	vs Woodridge (away)
30 Sep	vs Paul Roos (Cape Schools)
1 Oct	vs SACS (Cape Schools)
2 Oct	vs Rondebosch (Cape Schools)
3 Oct	vs Somerset College (Cape Schools)
14 Oct	vs Dale (away)
20 Oct	vs Pearson T20 (away)
21 Oct	vs Grey (away)
28 Oct	vs Queens (home)
4 Nov	vs St Andrew's (home)
11 Nov	vs Kingswood (away)
18 Nov	vs St Andrews T20 (Shaw/ Brown)
19 Nov	vs Kingswood T20 (Shaw/ Brown)

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Waterpolo

The scores from our waterpolo tour during the holiday only reflect one half of the story for the Graeme U15 Water Polo team. The other half of the story is written with determination, courage and enjoyment! The boys tried their utmost best, although they came up second best in all their games, they took away plenty of positives and are keen on making progress to enhance their skills.

We would also like to thank Mr and Mrs van Zyl who provided the team with accomodation at the East London Convention Centre. We thank them for their amazing hospitality over the two days.

We would also like to thank all the parents of the boys who traveled to support and those who could not, but nonetheless sent kind wishes.

Vs Hudson 12 - 2 loss

Vs Grey 14 - 1 loss

Vs Grey college 7 - 4 loss

Vs Selborne primary 13 - 0 loss

Vs Hudson primary 7 - 4 loss

Vs Alexander Road 2 - 1 loss



2023
29 - 30 Sept
Selborne College, East London



Graeme College u15A



Ballroom Dancing

Ballroom dancers Grading

On Saturday 16 September, our ballroom dancers took part in our annual International Social Ballroom and Latin-American dance grading day, held at Kingswood College, Grahamstown. The grading was arranged by dance instructor, Francois van Eck. Students were examined by Peter Mann, from the South African Dance Teachers Association (SADTA).

Jeandré van Niekerk danced eight dances for his level two grading and was awarded honours for all eight dances. Congratulations Jeandré, your hard work and dedication has paid off.

Beginner dancers, Kaden van der Merwe and Adrian Schenk danced four dances at a beginner level, also receiving top marks- well done and keep dancing.

Dancers learn Ballroom dances such as the Slow Waltz, Slow Rhythm Foxtrot and the Tango; Rhythm dances such as the Boogie and the East Coast Swing and lastly, Latin dances such as the Cha Cha, Mambo, Rumba and Samba. The Ballroom Society meets once a week and newcomers are always welcome. If your son is interested in joining the Ballroom Society, please contact Francois van Eck, his email address is dancewith86@gmail.com or whatsapp 083 663 3070.

Ms Louise van Eck

Ballroom Dancing Assistant



Teen App

We are delighted to announce that Graeme College has purchased a full membership of the VIVE TEEN WELLNESS application, which will enable ALL our learners to have full access to the app. It is something that we have thoroughly investigated, and feel that this is a massive step in the right direction for the wellbeing of our all learners. We are excited that every learner will have safe space to learn more about mental wellness, and reach out for help if needed, in a number of ways.

VIVE TEEN WELLNESS is an Artificial Intelligence enabled digital platform and smartphone application that was built in South Africa. The first version was launched earlier in 2023, with several schools presently using the full suite of functionality. The schools and learners that have been using the platform in recent months have provided us with very valuable feedback that assisted us in planning the next phase of the roll-out.

During 2022 VIVE TEENS has been selected as a winner in the UpLink - World Economic Forum (WEF) Youth Mental Health Challenge where it has competed with over 120 other mental health companies from across the globe.

The platform is expected to launch internationally early in 2024, and as part of that process we are awarding South African schools the opportunity to gain from a locally built application and support the mental wellness of our children.

The Graeme College subscription starts from 1 September 2023, but we would like our learners to download the application in the meantime, and familiarize themselves with it by referring to the various videos and guides.

Here is a link to the video to understand what Vive is all about: <https://fb.watch/mcK3MzNNrn/>

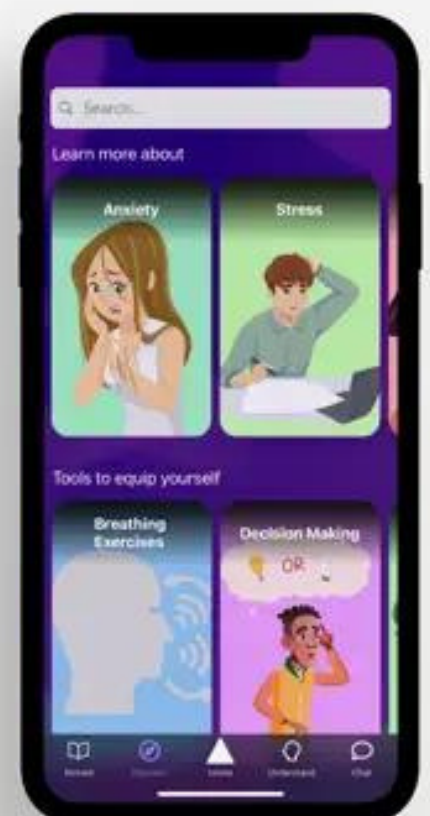


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Plaques for Indoor Sports Centre

Our commemorative plaques allow you to celebrate and appreciate the memories of your loved ones, honour someone special or distinguish your family.

Our granite plaques are enduring and timeless. They are a fitting tribute on our beautiful new Indoor Sports Centre and a valuable contribution to our school.

ADD YOUR NAME INTO THE HISTORY OF THE GRAEME COLLEGE CAMPUS FOREVER:

We are selling plaques to add to the new indoor centre... where you can add your name or family name into the history of the building. The idea is to sell 150 plaques only; with regards to our 2023 celebrations.

Email your request to z.wille@graemecollege.co.za - we will send you more information re payment etc.

The plaques will be R5000 each and will be 270mm x 130mm. They are Rustenburg Granite - black/grey.

Lettering is 15mm in height. All funds raised will go into the extra building costs as well as equipping the facility with sports and gym equipment.

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Would you like to honour someone special/loved ones or your family through our commemorative plaques? Our plaques at the new Indoor Sports Centre will be the mainstay for putting the finishing touch on a beautiful and historical great buildings at our school, thereby adding your name to the history of Graeme forever. Our commemorative plaques are a dignified and formal means of honouring someone truly special/or your family.

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Our first few plaques are up!



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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 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 the school should you have any queries.

Google Calendar

Please click on the link below to be directed to the school Google Calendar. The link helps you subscribe to the school calendar which you can add to your phone, tablet or computer. Just click on the ‘plus sign’ at the bottom right hand corner of the calendar.

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

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Graeme College

If you aren't on the GC Community WhatsApp group - you can join by following the QR Code below or communicate with your Class Register Teacher or Mentor Teacher.

Thank you.



Right: Journey through more than 150 years in our Graeme College history. Our book is still available to buy and will be treasured by everyone who buys it- we promise!

This book is a culmination of years of work by Peter Breetzke & Ernie van Hille.

Order Information: Contact Zoe Wille: z.wille@graemecollege.co.za

