



## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 26 January 2024

**“Within the corridors of knowledge, let the echoes of curiosity, the rhythm of collaboration, and the melody of diligence compose the symphony of our academic culture, guiding us towards the harmonious pursuit of wisdom and excellence.” - Unknown**

### Message from the Headmaster

It was pleasing to see a strong parent turnout at the various grade meetings. These meetings provided an opportunity for parents to connect with teachers and gain a comprehensive understanding of the academic year for different grades and phases. One dominant theme that caught my attention was the instilling of an academic culture at Graeme College.

Instilling an academic culture at Graeme College involves an intentional effort from boys, teachers, and parents in a lifelong academic journey that begins with fostering a love for learning.

Teachers must provide mentorship, and instil a sense of pride in academic accomplishments. Parents must actively support their children's education by having a conducive study environment at home. Boys must set and strive for high academic standards.

Through this collaborative approach where the values of education become a shared responsibility, Graeme College can develop an academic culture that inspires academic excellence and a passion for knowledge (learning) among its learners.

Christopher Reeve once stated, "Once you choose hope, anything's possible." This leads us to a fundamental question: Are we prepared to pave the way? Recognising that fostering a positive academic attitude aligned with academic achievement is a multi-layered process. I firmly believe that we can make this a reality through sustained commitment from all our stakeholders.

Let's ignite and nurture a positive and hopeful vision of education by leveraging our talents and the opportunities available to us. Best wishes to everyone for the new year ahead.

Kevin Watson

Please see below the new focussed study session timetable:

Subject	Grade	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
<b>Maths</b>	8			2:00 - 2:45	2:00 - 2:45
	9			2:45 - 3:30	2:45 - 3:30
	10			1:30 - 2:15	1:30 - 2:15
	11	2:45 - 3:30	2:30 - 3:15		
	12	2:00 - 2:45	1:30 - 2:15		
<b>isiXhosa</b>	8	2:30 - 3:30		2:00 - 3:00	
	9	2:30 - 3:30		2:00 - 3:00	
	10	2:30 - 3:30		2:00 - 3:00	
	11	2:30 - 3:30		2:00 - 3:00	
	12	2:30 - 3:30		2:00 - 3:00	
<b>Afrikaans</b>	8		2:00 - 2:45		
	9		2:00 - 2:45		
	10		2:00 - 2:45		
	11		2:00 - 2:45		
	12		2:00 - 2:45		
<b>Physical Science</b>	10	2:30 - 3:15		2:00 - 2:45	
	11	2:30 - 3:15		2:00 - 2:45	
	12	2:00 - 3:15		1:30 - 2:45	
<b>Life Science</b>	10		1:30 - 2:30	1:30 - 2:30	
	11		1:30 - 2:30	1:30 - 2:30	
	12		1:30 - 2:30	1:30 - 2:30	



# Academic

**Parent/ Teacher Grade Meetings:** The Term 1 2024 grade meetings have been going very well. The last one will be on Tuesday 30 January for the Grade 12s.

## Staff thank you

**Message from Child Welfare SA Grahamstown:** “Thank you to Graeme College for lending us your helpful staff and bakkie to help with a large donation we were given. Everything was taken up to our pre-school, Nompumelelo Pre-School in Joza. Thank you for your kind help and support”.



## Junior School

**Proud Notch Kings of the week.**







**Daniel Hanlon is our sportsman of the week. Daniel scored 43 vs Woodridge and 36 vs Muir College. Well done Daniel.**



**Kunga Magopeni is our Graemian of the Week. Courage the Leopard is very relieved as he had a long, lonely holiday in Mr Swift's office with just the other leopards to talk to. Plus he got tired of the suckers and sweets in Mr Swift's office and is looking forward to Kunga feeding him good quality steak during the week. Kunga is a new monitor in Grade 7 and has started like a house on fire, displaying all the characteristics one would hope to see in a leader - proactive, taking responsibility, self-disciplined and consistent. Well done Kunga, we are proud of you - keep it up!**



**GRAEME COLLEGE**

PRESENTS OUR  
1ST XI HOCKEY  
FUNDRAISER

# THE MAKHANDA NITE RACE

**WEDNESDAY 6 MARCH 2024**

SOMERSET FIELD, GRAEME COLLEGE

**SPONSORED BY MAKANA BRICK**

**TICKETS: R20**

**SCHOLARS**

**R30 ADULTS**

**DRINKS | DELICIOUS FOOD | PRIZES**

**REGISTRATION STARTS 16:30**

**RACE BEGINS AT 17:30**

**RACE LENGTH: 8KM**

**FOOD & DRINKS AVAILABLE POST RACE**



In March each year, between 450 and 500 local residents take to the streets of Makhanda (Grahamstown) for the Makana Brick 8km Nite Race for serious runners, casual joggers and walkers. It is annual event NOT to be missed.

## GC JUNIOR CAMP-OUT

START 3PM ON FRIDAY, FINISH 10 AM ON SATURDAY ON

JUNIOR FIELD. GRADE 00-GRADE 7

COST R80 PP. INCLUDES BOERIE ROLL, HOT CHOC OR COFFEE

**FRIDAY 1 MARCH 2024**

RSVP & BOOK A SPOT - MR BODENSTEIN ON 079 656 6683

Our Junior school camp date has been announced! This is a wonderful experience for our boys and the special dad/uncle/grandad/mentor in their life.



# Grant House

**Fun and fast paced- the Grant House boys had an internal touch rugby tournament on their closed weekend. It was filled with lots of gees! Touch is such an exciting version of the game and it promotes the fundamental skills of running, passing, catching, evasion and support play. Such fun was had.**





### MARIMBA BAND REHEARSALS

Monday: 14h00 - 14h45 Grade 6 and Grade 7 Group

Wednesday: 13h30 - 14h15 Grade 4 and Grade 5 Group

### STEELBAND REHEARSALS

Monday: 14h00 - 14h30 Beginner Steelband

14h30 - 15h00 Intermediate Steelband

Tuesday: 13h30 - 14h15 Senior A Steelband

14h15 - 15h00 Senior B Steelband

Friday: 14h00 - 15h00 Senior A Steelband

## Old Graemian News

Congratulations to Old Graemian, Jon Jon Smuts. A great start to his new SA20 team. Pictured below: Our current Graeme boys supporting him! (and captured on TV too!)





# Tennis

## Senior Tennis

### Settlers' Cup Result

GC vs UHS, GC won 8-4

GC vs KC, GC won 8-4

GC vs SAC, GC lost 10-2

### Fixtures for the week: Knowling Shield

Monday 29 Jan vs SAC

Friday, 02 Feb vs KC

Well done to the u/15 A's. They won 28-25 (in games) vs KC.





# Cricket

## Vs Muir College

The first Saturday fixture of the year was against Muir College. The first 1st XI won the toss and elected to bat on what we knew was going to be a challenging first hour of the innings, however the talented young opener, Enrique Strydom, again showed his potential with a hard fought 37 which helped develop a good opening stand with Athandile Feni. The two shared a good opening partnership of 64 runs after 11 overs. Sadly, that was followed by a top and middle order collapse, as a result of some poor shot selection. Jordan Damonds helped to post a respectable 1st innings score of 140.

What followed was an exceptional bowling performance by the pace attack led by Ethan Bokbaard who picked up 3 wicket for 5 runs in his first 6 overs. Captain, Murray Tyson took 2 wickets in his 2 overs and Andrew Muir claimed 2 wickets for 10 runs in 4 overs. Muir College struggled to build any partnerships and were bowled out for 37 runs, still 104 runs behind Graeme's first innings total.

Graeme seeking for an outright victory enforced a 2nd innings follow on with 32 overs left in the day. It resulted in an exciting game and gained valuable experience for the young Graeme side. The 1st XI managed to claim the five 2nd innings wickets, of which the last wicket fell in the last over of the day! In form Ashton Williams took 3 of the last 5 wickets. Muir ended on 60/5.

Graeme College 1st XI won by an innings and 43 runs.

## GC 2s vs Muir 2s

GC 297/7 42 overs

Olo Jaca 58

Ryan Stobbs 51

Ayola Mali 44

Muir 31 all out 17 overs

Erin Nelson 4/2 (5 overs)

Lisekho Zinyane 2/10 (5 overs)

Aya Bill 3/5 (4 overs)

GC won by 266 runs

## GC U15A vs Muir U15A

Muir 39 all out

Okuhle Tuswa 3-2

Malakiwe Nikelo 2-8

Selunathi George 2-8

GC 225- 4 (dec)

Zuko Pontshi 65

Keagan Jatiem 59

Kits MCconnachie 41

Sibabalwe Deliwe 26

Muir 2nd innings 42-5

Sibabalwe Deliwe 3 - 1

GC u15A won by an innings and 141 runs.





**GC U14 Vs Muir U14**  
**GC 165/10**  
**James 67 Muir 76/10**  
**Caleb Jattiem 7 overs 5/2**  
**Ashton Burger 5 overs 13/2**  
**GC won by 90**  
**Graeme won by 3 wickets.**

**Graeme College u13a vs Woodridge u13a**  
**Woodridge 109-3 in 30 overs**  
**Graeme 110-7**  
**Daniel Hanlon 43**  
**Graeme won by 3 wickets.**

**Graeme College u13a vs Muir u13a**  
**Muir 98-5 in 20 overs**  
**Bukho Hoboshe 3-4**  
**Graeme 99-1**  
**Daniel Hanlon 36 not out**  
**Bukho Hoboshe 36 not out**  
**Graeme won by 9 wickets**

**Graeme College u13a vs Westering u13a**  
**Graeme 105-5 in 20 overs**  
**Bukho Hoboshe 37**  
**Jordan du Plessis 29 not out**  
**Westering 106-2**  
**Graeme lost by 8 wickets**

**GC u11A vs Muir u11A**  
**Graeme 98 all out**  
**Daniel Coetsee 39**  
**Muir 99/ 3**  
**Daniel Coetsee 2/19**  
**Josh Potts 1/11**  
**Graeme lost by 7 wickets**





# Summer Fun Run

Our summer fun run was such a success last night. We thank everyone for their participation and support. Winner details to follow in next week's newsletter.





## Our 150 book

**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**

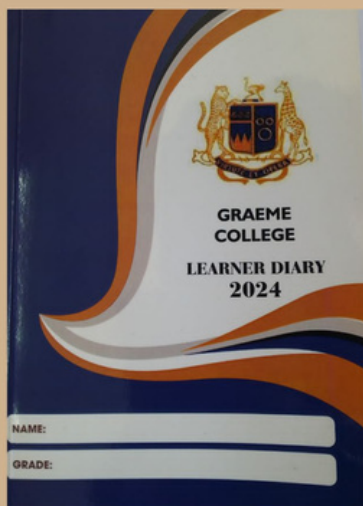


## Miscellaneous



- Learner diaries available for 2024
- R45 each
- Available from Lady Busi
- A great way to keep organised and up to date in the new year.

**2024 DIARY**



**Our 2024 diaries are now available to purchase for Grade 4-7s specifically, however it is useful for all grades. They are R45 each and available from reception. The purpose of a school diary is to document your tasks and events so that they can be remembered. It is an excellent way to record homework and your son can easily access it and take a look at your reminders whenever necessary.**

## School term calendar

**Please take note of our term diary which has a comprehensive calendar of events and what is happening for the term ahead.**

**Link: <https://www.graemecollege.co.za/media/1521/gc-term-1-diary-2024.pdf>**

**The calendar is also available on our school website.**



# 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/>

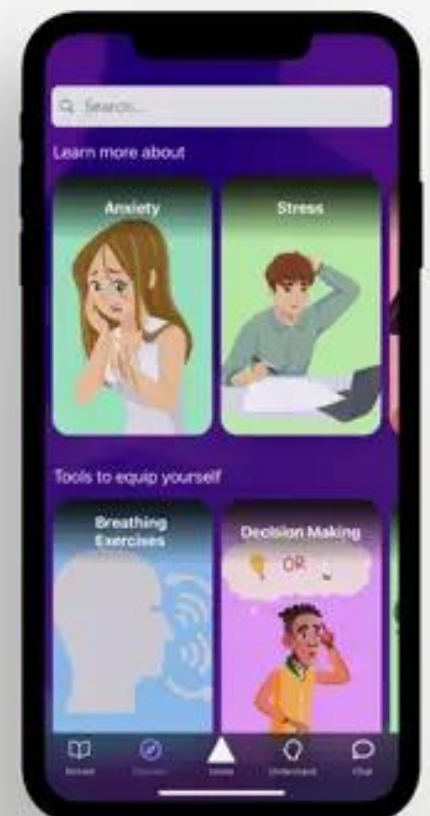


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**Discover content  
that is AI-curated  
for you**





# 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.

Email your request to [z.wille@graemecollege.co.za](mailto: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.

 **#GC150Plaques** 

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.



 **#GC150Plaques** 

Our first few plaques are up!





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# Out of Gift Ideas?

We have the perfect one!



**GRAEME COLLEGE**  
AN ILLUSTRATED HISTORY THROUGH 15 DECADES  
Peter Breetzke & Ernie van Hille

## GRAEME COLLEGE

AN ILLUSTRATED HISTORY THROUGH 15 DECADES

"Recorded between these pages are pockets of information that unite Graemians both past and present" – Kevin Watson (Principal)

R320

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*"So then, let us now remember the journey which has brought us to the present day, let us celebrate the successes of those who have gone before us, and let us look forward with confident expectation to future successes in the years to come"*

Peter Breetzke



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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>

## Stay connected

Do you follow Graeme College on the following platforms?

Instagram:

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@graemeboys

Awsum App

<https://www.awsum.co.za/download-the-awsum-app-for-schools>

Facebook:

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.

