



## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 23 February 2024

**“It was a time of real and substantial growth as a boy yet also a dynamic and formative time when many of the key lessons in life are learnt and absorbed.”**

**Deon Kopke (Class of 1976)**

### Message from the Headmaster

Sadly, in recent weeks members of the Graeme College family have been rocked by the untimely passing of the following Old Graemians and/or Graeme College parents : Monwabisi Mdyesha (Matric 1999) [father of Xolisa in Grade 11], Xolisa Ntusi (Matric 1995) and Ayanda Kota [father of Sibalwethu in Grade 11]. Our thoughts and prayers are bestowed upon each of these families who are all experiencing a time of significant loss and mourning. We particularly stand with Xolisa and Sibalwethu, who have lost a pillar of strength in their lives at a young age. It reminds us that many of our boys carry trauma as part of their daily lives - and some of that trauma can be severe. How do we, as a community and family, assist boys who are dealing with trauma?

Firstly, we need to be present during times of difficulty. Making ourselves available - as staff, parents and boys - to Graemians who are struggling with trauma can have a significant impact. Let us give of our time to listen, comfort and stand beside these boys to provide the necessary support to them. Secondly, we need to be aware of others. Let us take time to hear the stories of boys who are part of our circle of influence - as staff, parents and boys - at Graeme College. There might be a particular boy that you see on a regular basis. Find time to hear (and listen to) the issues that trouble him the most and which might be holding him back in life. To this end, the high school has introduced the mentor system in the last couple of years. When a boy starts Grade 8, he is assigned a mentor teacher that will walk with him during his 5 years at the College. He will meet with his mentor teacher for 30 minutes every week, every single Monday as he journeys from Grade 8 to Grade 12. Graemians will hopefully develop a strong bond with their mentor teachers, during their 5 years at the College, that will help them navigate the turbulence and stresses of their adolescent years.

Let us stand strong together as a community as we face both the difficulties and joys that life brings us.

For this week, let us be conscious and caring towards those who might need us right now - and let us cherish life, which can be taken away so unexpectedly.

Nilale ngenxeba.

Mr Kevin Watson

## Academic

### Grade 8 and 9 Test Programme Term 1

Please note that other tests and assignments will be allocated by subject teachers during the term. This list merely gives an opportunity for standardised tests to be written. Grade 8s and 9s will write scheduled tests as indicated below. These test results will comprise part of their SBA result.

DATE	GRADE 8 TEST	DATE	GRADE 9 TEST
7 February 2024 (Day 8)	Afrikaans/isiXhosa	8 February 2024 (Day 9)	Afrikaans/isiXhosa
14 February 2024 (Day 3)	NS	15 February 2024 (Day 4)	SS: History
21 February 2024 (Day 8)	EMS	22 February 2024 (Day 9)	EMS
28 February 2024 (Day 3)	SS: History	29 February 2024 (Day 4)	NS
6 March 2024 (Day 8)	SS: Geography	7 March 2024 (Day 9)	SS: Geography
13 March 2024 (Day 3)	Mathematics Test	14 March 2024 (Day 4)	Mathematics Test

Below: some of the planned content to be covered in some of the subjects.

Subject	Week 7 (26/2)
Physical Science 10	Electrostatics
11	Newton's laws
12	Momentum
Life Science 10	Organelles
11	Plant/Animal body plans
12	Reprod. Strategies

## Focussed Study Sessions

Please see the schedule for the focussed study sessions below, however, there is a Department of Education meeting for high school staff planned for Tuesday 13 February, which may affect the Tuesday sessions this week.

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		2:00 - 2:45	1:30 - 2:15	
	11		2:00 - 2:45	1:30 - 2:15	
	12		2:00 - 2:45	1:30 - 2:15	

### Assessment Schedule for Term 1

The revised assessment schedule for Term 1 will be sent with this week's newsletter as an attachment to the email. As subject advisors for the different subjects contact teachers, it is necessary to make changes so that our learners are not disadvantaged. These changes will be communicated to your sons.



## ACADEMIC DINNER 2024

On Thursday, 22 February 2024, the annual Academic Dinner was held in the Graemian Centre. This dinner celebrates the top four in each grade based on the previous year's results. It has to be the highlight of the school's calendar. It is heartwarming to see our top achievers with their parents and guardians celebrating the core business of what any school does.

After enjoying a particularly delicious meal, the guest speaker, Dr Ashley Westaway was introduced. Dr Westaway is the manager at GADRA Education and has been there since 2011. Through innovation he has put himself on the map educationally and he was the perfect person to inspire our young academics. He spoke about playing rugby against Graeme College in 1985 when he was at Grey High School. They were anticipating an easy victory and lost. That was Dr Westaway's first experience of Graeme College. He went on to explain that Graeme is in a niche position in Makhanda and it has to be seen as a school of choice. He encouraged the boys to keep learning hard as every bit of learning made the next bit of learning easier. He tapped into the theme of the evening which is that: "Education is the key to lock the golden door of freedom" (George Washington Carver). Keys open doors. They can symbolise the access to finding your dreams and succeeding in life.

After gathering the keys that had been spread across the tables to mark the magic of the opportunities that education can provide, and taking some special photos, the academic dinner was over for the year.

The following people need to be thanked for making the evening so successful: Mr and Mrs Watson for hosting the event; Dr Westaway for giving such inspirational advice; our top academics for working so hard; the parents and guardians for being their children's first teachers and their unconditional support system; Dr Shaw and Mr Appollis for their invaluable help in setting up; the academic portfolio committee members who set all the tables; and Capitol Caterers for the amazing meal.

Mr van Molendorff, in his welcome address, alluded to the fact that the next person to get academic honours would probably come from the group at the dinner. It would be really wonderful to see more of our young Graemians trying to be in the Top 4, so that they can attend next year's dinner. It is something to aspire to.







Daniel Coetsee is our Sportsman of the Week and will be hosting Dapper the Leopard at home. Daniel scored 86 not out to help his team to an excellent win during last week's cricket fixtures. Keep it up Daniel!



Above: Our u11A cricket side are the Team of the Week. They will be looking after Qhawe for the week. They managed to chase down a formidable total of 162, with the loss of only 2 wickets. Well done boys!



Above: Our Junior school loved watching 'Thabo the Space Dude' performed at school this week.





Tavonga Madimu in Grade 3 is our Graemian of the Week and is very excited to be hosting Courage the Leopard at home. Tavonga is nominated for epitomising what it is to be a true Graemian - for always working to his full potential in class, exhibiting excellent behaviour and manners and for always showing kindness to others. A true example to his peers! Well done Tavonga, keep it up, we are very proud of you!

Mrs Pretorius met with Ms Tori Stowe to handover the seeds that Graeme collected for community gardens. A message from Ms Stowe:

“To our generous Graeme Family  
A heartfelt thank you for extremely generous donation of vegetable seeds. Nolukhanyo Grow supports over 80 home food gardens and 8 large community gardens, most of which are situated in creches. March, after the worse of summer, is the perfect time to plant for winter harvests.

We will divide the seeds into packages including a variety of vegetables, and deliver them next week.

Contributing to food security is paramount in a poverty stricken area like thus, and your donation will go a long way to feeding many families, and particularly children, this winter.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,  
Tori Stowe”





Who says you can't play with water when it's drizzling? What a fun water day at the preschool on Friday!





# Grade 2s

Fridays are always fun in Grade 2. The boys did a non-standard practical measurement activity where they had to trace their feet on grid paper and count how many blocks long their feet are. They also did some art sketching and whilst doing all these activities the boys enjoyed listening to rhymes. Grade 2 is fun!





# Chess

Graeme College chess team met with a few of the Sewelo Maths and Chess Community players and coaches this week. Three rounds were played, our guests won 22 points to 10 points. Everyone was very excited to have such a big group visiting. We look forward to our next encounter.





## 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 Makhandia (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. Our Junior school camp-out is always a highlight in the calendar. Camping is a fantastic event for dads/guardians/mentors to spend time with the boys, being outdoors with friends, away from screens and outside the schoolyard. However, more importantly, it is a great opportunity for the adults to meet and get to know each other, swap parenting stories, toast some marshmallows and spent time being present with the boys, away from the chaos of daily routines.





If you are in the know, then you know how good our steak rolls are at the Graemian Centre!  
See you there for lunch or dinner or both!



# STEAK ROLLS

@Founders

**FRIDAY 1 MARCH 2024**  
**GRAEMIAN CENTRE**

**DELICIOUS, FRESH STEAK ROLLS**  
**AVAILABLE FOR LUNCH (1-3PM)**  
**AND DINNER (5-8 PM)**

**THIS IS A FUNDRAISER FOR THE U16 RUGBY TEAM TOUR IN APRIL 2024.**

*Graeme College presents our*

**U14 RUGBY FUNDRAISER**

**SLOW ROASTED  
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**AT THE JUNIOR MINI  
RUGGA EVENING.  
RUGBY STARTS AT  
17:00, ROLLS SERVED  
FROM 17:30**

**GRAEMIAN CENTRE**

**8 MARCH 2024**



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# PINK WALK FOR CANSA

**WHEN:**..... Tuesday 19 March 2024

**TIME:**..... 5pm for 5:30pm

**WHERE:**..... Graeme College

**DISTANCE:**..... 3.7 KM

**ENTRY FEE:**..... Minimum of R20 Donation, all Proceeds to CANSA

**REGISTRATION:** At the field from 4:30pm or during the week at Pick n Pay

**COMPANY TEAMS WELCOME**



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**A cause very close to our hearts. We are very excited that the Pink Walk for Cansa will be held at Graeme. A stunning steak evening planned thereafter at the Graemian Centre.**

**If you want to skip the queue at the GC junior camp out, you can buy your breakfast ticket in advance from the front office! Tickets also available on the Saturday morning. We can't wait to go camping!**

**Coffee/Hot chocolate and a breakfast bun  
(bacon and egg) for R40.  
Valid for 2 March 2024**



PRICE : R40  
DATE: 2 MARCH 2024  
TICKET PAID



Some incredible signed sports memorabilia on the online auction! Our auction website is now live! Link: <https://bit.ly/42E9ANS>



# THE GC ON-LINE SPORTS AUCTION

To raise money for the U14 rugby tour to Parktown Boys' High School.  
Some incredible and unique items on sale!  
Link: <https://bit.ly/42E9ANS>  
For more info contact B.Lensley on 083 708 2910

## Staff news

Winners of the Pick N Pay night bowls plate at the Grahamstown Bowling Club. Our staff Sean Kilian and Keagan Fischer - assisted by Daryn du Preez (OG 2010) and photobombed by Glynis Suttie and Sheryl Luden.





## Community Engagement Term 1 Donation Drive:

Our mission statement at Graeme College this term: Bringing us closer to the society in Makhanda we want to live in. That is what we're all collectively working towards. And real change takes work, but we can't do it alone. Your donations help charities work towards creating a society that benefits everyone, leaving no one behind.

### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT TERM 1

# GRAEME COLLEGE

## *Donation drive*



### Food4Futures

Canned items to collect for Food 4 Futures: beans, veggies, fruit, spaghetti, tuna, pilchards, jam etc.

### Sunbeams Educare Centre

Sunbeams Educare Centre in Joza 5 is a brand new play school that are looking for any items (previously used or new) that their special little children can use at school:

Stationery items such as glue/crayons/colouring in pencils/Paper etc.

Any toys or educational toys

Any reading books

Any items that a play school can use!



### Child Welfare Grahamstown

We are collecting any household items for Child Welfare Grahamstown Care Box Project.

Clothing (adult and children), books, kitchen ware, toys etc.

## *Helping to make a difference locally!*

Every donation received adds up and helps charities get to work and make a positive difference. Whatever you give, charities are always grateful for any amount you can part with.



# Community Engagement

**Doing the right thing!**

**Food 4 Futures collection.**

**Community Outreach Portfolio collected funds outside Pick 'n Pay on Friday afternoon towards their Food 4 Futures drive for Term 1.**

**A successful afternoon culminated in a good shop for the organization!**

**Thank you, gentlemen. You are an absolute credit to the College.**



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## 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**

**Wonderful performance by our two steelpan players in assembly on Friday:**

**Qiqa Nongauza and Amyoli Songongo (Gr11 music students) played Flamenco by Jan Faulkner.**



**The Graeme College music block was buzzing this week. A wonderful representation of activities - the Grade 00 boys having serious musical fun, the Grade 8 class writing their music theory term test and our new vocal teacher already achieving huge success with one of our Matric boys.**





Mihlali Ngqinzi who is in Grade 10 has been practising hard on his new Euphonium. He started off on the trumpet but it was soon clear that the Euphonium has chosen him! There are so many considerations when choosing to play an instrument. The junior school boys will soon be introduced to all the instruments of the orchestra before some of them will also have the opportunity to try out the instruments. This will be the start of our Instrumental Music Program dream.



**Grade 3 Class: practising and singing their songs with much joy this week!**





**Iviwe Mshubeki in Grade 10 is living out his love of music**

**Although Iviwe does not take music as a subject, he books practise times on a daily basis during breaks or between sport practises. What a lovely example even to the subject music students. He makes time to get advice from the music teachers and managed to learn two complete pieces so far. We are delighted to see that all our students who enjoy playing music feel comfortable to grab opportunities to hone their skill and live out their love for music!**



**The Grade R class enjoyed a rhythm and movement class this week.**





# Athletics

**INCREDIBLE results! 11 medals: 4 golds, 3 silver, 4 bronze!**

**14 of our senior athletes competed at Sarah Baartman District athletics championships in Gqeberha on Wednesday, 21 February.**

**It was pleasing to witness our athletes competing against the best from the district and making their presence felt with some excellent performances.**

**Our medallists on the day were:**

**Keathan Edwards who got two bronze medals in the U15 100m and 200m finals.**

**Ahlumile Sideba got a silver for 2nd in the U15 long jump.**

**C-Jay Jeggels got a gold for 1st in the U15 400m finals.**

**Inam Masoma got a gold for 1st place in the U15 high jump.**

**Esinako Jadi got a bronze for 3rd place in the U17 1500m finals.**

**Qhawe Mbelani got a silver for 2nd place in U17 110m Hurdles finals.**

**Ayamila Bill got a gold medal for 1st place in the U17 discus and a bronze in the shot put.**

**Rueben Dollery got gold medal for 1st place in the U17 Javelin.**

**Khanya Pieters got a silver for 2nd place in the U19 400m finals.**

**We congratulate these athletes on their achievements. We are looking forward to hearing if any of them have qualified for Provincial Championships.**





# Waterpolo

**Graeme 1st team played their first match against Glenwood House in the Rob Charlton Waterpolo Tournament at Kingswood this week. Pictures below.**





# Squash

Our boys representing at the Eastern Province Squash trials.



# Debating

## DEBATING

On Saturday 17 February a mix of Junior and Senior Graeme College debaters faced Merrifield from East London. The Graeme team consisting of Ali Rizvi, Liam Bodill, Rory Robertson and Jedd Youthed managed to secure a good win early on in the year.

# Start of rugby season

## Junior Rugby

Please note that gum guards will be compulsory for all boys that play rugby .

## PLEASE NOTE :

Saturday 24 February will be the last cricket matches for the juniors for term 1.  
The u9A , u11A and u13A rugby squads will practice on Monday (coaches to sort out).  
All juniors playing rugby will start officially on Wednesday 28 February.

# Cricket

**EP RURAL CROWNED  
CSA RURAL COASTAL  
CHAMPIONS 2024**  
It is great to have TWO  
1st XI captains from  
Graeme in this team.  
Congrats to Mornay  
Kohl (OG and 1st XI  
capt 2022) and  
Lakhanya Sam (OG and  
1st XI capt 2019) in the  
winning team.





# Cricket

**1st XI T20 vs Union in Graaff Reinet.**

**Graeme 1st XI vs Union T20**

**Union 69/9 after 20 overs**

**Andrew Muir 4 for 10**

**Graeme 70/3**

**Ryan Stobbs 29 not out**

**Graeme won by 7 wickets**



**Cricket results:**

**Graeme College u13a vs Alice RPC u13a (T20)**

**Graeme 102-8**

**Jordan du Plessis 39**

**Alice 90 all out**

**Daniel Hanlon 4/7**

**Ethan Crous 3/9**

**Josh Banfield 2/17**

**Graeme won by 12 runs.**

**Graeme College u11A vs Alice RPC (T20)**

**Graeme 77/8**

**Christian Titus 32**

**Alice 78/7**

**Josh Potts 3/4**

**Daniel Coetsee 2/8**

**Graeme lost by 3 wickets.**

## Founders Cricket

**Old Graemian cricket... 1 March 2024 over Founders weekend.**

**T20 - first XI on Somerset Field. 2nd XI on Marais Field. 2pm start.**

**Contact Odwa Xonxa or Dylan Schneigansz to add you name to the list.**



## **Incredible cricket results!**

### **King Construction, Civils & Lawn**

It was a great day for Graeme College cricket against our neighbours, Kingswood, on Saturday last week. The 1st XI ended with a hard fought win, after dominating the morning session. Kingswood scrambled well and recovered to a challenging total. Some clinical batting saw them home despite Kingswood always being in the chase. It was a good all round team effort on the day, securing the win.

The 2nds unfortunately lost by 66 runs and will be disappointed with their performance on the day. Kingswood posted an imposing 198 which was more than enough to win the game.

### **Graeme College 1st XI vs Kingswood**

#### **Kingswood 1st XI**

**171 all out**

**Marcus Williams 2/32**

**Ajay Jeggels 2/38**

#### **Graeme College 1st XI**

**172/8**

**Luphelo Mdyesha 46**

**Andrew Muir 25**

**Ashton Williams 21\***

**Graeme College 1st XI won by 2 wickets**

#### **KC 2s 198 all out**

**Jordan Damon 4/14**

**GC 132 all out**

**Kevin Bodie 47 not out**

**GC lost by 66 runs.**





# Cricket- results

**GC win u9A match.**

**Graeme U9A vs Kingswood U9A**

**Kingswood 120/7**

**Luna Manyati 2/18**

**Blaine Horne 1/13**

**Cody Basson 1/15**

**Graeme 121/2**

**Juandre Knoetze 26 retired out**

**Lunabile Manyati 19 not out**

**Matthew Weber 12 not out**

**Graeme won by 8 wickets**



**GC U15A vs KC U15A**

**GC 259-7 in 50**

**Kits MCconnachie 91**

**Ibenathi Kondile 34**

**KC 79 all out in 17 overs**

**Zuko Pontshi 4-17 (4)**

**Kits MCconnachie 3-32**

**GC u15A won by 180 runs**



**Stunning day for Graeme College U14A  
vs Kingswood**

**Kingswood 64/10**

**Revanio Williams 3/3**

**Ashton Burger 20/3**

**Graeme 65/4**

**Ashton Burger 15**

**Joshwin Burger 14**

**GC won by 6 wickets**

**Match ended early so decided to play a  
2nd T20 game in the afternoon.**

**Kingswood 49/10**

**Avu Mnandi 5-12**

**Sine 4-22**

**GC 53/3**

**Caleb Jattiem 28**

**GC won by 7 wickets**





# Cricket- results

**Mixed results for u13s against Kingswood...**

**GC 13b vs KC 13b**

**KC 92 all out**

**Lunje Manyathi 3/10**

**Enzo Klaas 2/31**

**Zimfefe Pokile 1/7**

**Keanu Goliath 1/13**

**GC 93/3**

**Sivu Manyakanyaka 42 not out**

**Graeme won by 7 wickets**

**U13A went down after a challenging day.**

**u13a result vs Kingswood u13a**

**Graeme 112 all out**

**Odwa Ndlazi 30**

**Kingswood 113 for 7**

**Daniel Hanlon 4-13**

**Bukho Hoboshe 2-9**

**Graeme lost by 3 wickets**





# Cricket- results

**U11A's impressive win against Kingswood.**

**Backs against the walls, Mr. Fischer and the boys took the field and restricted KC to 161/7**

**Daniel Coetsee 21/1**

**Daniel Burger 11/1**

**Heads hanging very low after the lunch break, we took the field and stood tall against the odds!**

**Daniel Coetsee 85**

**Christian Titus 47**

**We crossed the line and won by 8 wickets.**

**Ps: look at all their support**





# Tennis



The u11 tennis team travelled to East London to play Stirling. This is a new fixture on the calendar and the boys had a wonderful time. Stirling won 59-53. We look forward to our next meeting of the schools.

Some great tennis games! The boys thoroughly enjoyed playing against Stirling. GC U13A lost to Stirling U13A 36-67 in games.



Well done to our u11 tennis players on their victory against Kingswood. The boys played in very hot conditions against a tough opposition but thoroughly enjoyed themselves, despite the heat!





# Tennis



GC U13A tennis beat KC U13A 70-18 in games.

# Campus news

**We have the most incredible parents!**  
**A massive rave to our parents for this project. This new braai place has been an asset to our Junor facility and has contributed to many hours of socialising and friendship!**





## 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.

**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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Our corporate sponsorship packages are out for our 3 day Rugby Festival this year. It is fantastic exposure for any business!!! Please do contact marketing on 071 687 4531 if your business is interested.



# GRAEME COLLEGE RUGBY FESTIVAL

March 2024

The Graeme College Rugby Day Festival has become a massive event on the South African rugby calendar. We have far more than ten thousand people passing through our gates during the day! The event is live-streamed, which has tens of thousands of spectators, and is shown repeatedly on Supersport channels. We signed the streaming rights contract with Supersport Schools in 2022, and they are obviously ecstatic with the results. We are also incredibly excited to team up with various sponsors again this year.

# GBS GRAEME COLLEGE RUGBY FESTIVAL

More info

The Graeme College Rugby Day Festival has become a massive event on the South African rugby calendar. The event has grown so big that we need corporate assistance in dealing with the logistics of hosting an event of this magnitude. We changed the format last year with regards to College's 150 celebrations and have decided to keep that format going forwards..

Our Corporate Sponsorship/ Advertising Package includes the following:

- Festival Programme Advertising
- Banner Advertising on the fields for all three days.
- Free entry/ VIP parking for all three days.
- Lunch for TWO people for all three days.
- VIP Seating for TWO people for all three days.
- Social Media Advertising (Graeme College)

The packages are being sold for R5000 each. We will put you in touch with our marketing team with regards to the programme and advertising. Thank you for your continued support. For more information and to book your package, please contact:

- Debbie Labuschagne (071 687 4531/ marketing@graemecollege.co.za)

# Fixtures

## Thursday 14 March 2024

Time	Somerset Field	Marais A Field
09h00	U14A Graeme College vs Selborne College	-
10h00	U15A Mary Waters vs Port Alfred	U14A Brandwag vs Cambridge HS
11h00	U15A Graeme College vs Selborne College	U14A Stirling HS vs Muir College
12h00	U16A Pearson HS vs Port Rex	U15A Stirling HS vs Muir College
13h00	U16A Brandwag vs Cambridge HS	U14A Pearson HS vs Port Rex
14h00	U16A Stirling HS vs Muir College	U15A Brandwag vs Cambridge HS
15h00	U16A Graeme College vs Selborne College	U15A Pearson vs Port Rex

## Friday 15 March 2024

Time	Marais A Field	Marais B Field
09h00	U14A Nico Malan HS vs Dale College	U14A Union HS vs Daniel Pienaar
10h00	U15A Kingswood College vs Marlow	U15A Nico Malan HS vs Dale College
11h00	U16A Nico Malan HS vs Dale College	U14A Kingswood College vs Marlow
12h00	U16A Union HS vs Daniel Pienaar	U15A Union HS vs Daniel Pienaar
13h00	U14A Queens College vs Framesby HS	U15A Queens College vs Framesby HS
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## Friday 15 March 2024

Time	Somerset Field	Saturday 16 March 2024
09h15	Graeme 2 <sup>nd</sup> vs PAHS 1 <sup>st</sup>	09h15 Somerset Field
10h30	Port Rex vs Mary Waters	10h30 Cambridge High School vs Muir College
11h45	Union High School vs Daniel Pienaar	11h45 Stirling High School vs Hoërskool Framesby
13h00	Kingswood College vs Marlow	13h00 Queens College vs Pearson High School
14h15	Dale college vs Nico Malan HS	14h15 St Andrew's College vs Brandwag
15h30	Grey High School vs Hudson Park HS	15h30 Graeme College vs Selborne College



# 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.

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**#GC150Plaques**

**150**  
GRAEME COLLEGE  
1873 - 2023

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>

## Stay connected

Do you follow Graeme College on the following platforms?

Instagram:

@graemecollege  
@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.



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