

GRAEME COLLEGE



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Graeme College's Vision Statement

"To strive for excellence by developing all to their full potential."

NEWSLETTER – Friday 28 July 2017

"Of all the things you wear, your expression is the most important."

Welcome back to the Graeme College family, and to what is going to be another energizing term at Graeme! We look forward to sharing all those wonderful achievements and moments of satisfied learning the boys will experience in the weeks ahead. Well done to all the boys who represented various provincial teams at various national tournaments. We are so proud of the number of boys at Graeme that have attained provincial colours!

Term three has its own disciplinary challenges that come with the changing of seasons and sports. It is important to know that boys thrive in structure - when they know the rules, it gives them the freedom to know what, where, when and how which, in turn, provides them with the tools to 'get down to business'. It also allows them to know the rules of interaction, providing them with a safe zone within which to work - where rules apply, and they apply to all.

I was interested to see that, in some countries, a day is set aside to celebrate parents' day - what a great idea! On this day parents are recognized for the important role of responsible parenting in everyday family life. Parents are the most precious gift to a child. Their love, hard work and commitment that goes into making us responsible persons cannot be repaid, but can always be cherished and treasured. I think it is an excellent occasion to get together to celebrate the role of parenting.

I have managed to source a list on the internet of inspirational, award-winning movies about the struggle and challenges of parenting:

- 1) Philomena 2013
- 2) Juno 2007
- 3) The Year My Parents Went on Vacation 2006
- 4) Evelyn 2002
- 5) I am Sam 2001
- 6) The Pursuit of Happyness 2006

To all the Graeme parents, I salute you and commend you for your sterling work.

Kevin Watson

DOGS ON THE GRAEME COLLEGE CAMPUS

Graeme College has recently acquired a number of guinea fowl chicks. They have now acclimatised to the campus and have been released from their cage. Graeme College reiterates that the campus is not a dog park and we request that the community no longer use the main campus as an exercise yard for their pets.

TERM DIARY ITEMS

Parents are reminded that the Extra-Mural programme included in the Term Diary may be updated during the term. Please check the Weekly Newsletter for any updates or corrections to this programme. Parents are also reminded that the Term Calendar is available for viewing on our website <<http://www.graemecollege.co.za/page63.html>>.

To add the Public Calendar to your own Google Calendar at home, just click on the + (subscribe) icon, at the bottom of the calendar on the webpage listed above.

STRATEGIC PLANNING INFORMATION SHARING SESSION – Tuesday 29 August

Parents are hereby notified of the Information Sharing Session which will be held 1t 17h30 in the School Hall on Tuesday 29 August. This meeting will allow feedback and discussion with regards to the Governing Body's "Five-Year Plan" for the School.

ACADEMIC

STAFF MATTERS

Ms White is currently undergoing tests and treatment at the Cancer Care Clinic in Port Elizabeth. Substitution for Ms White's classes have been arranged in the interim. Our thoughts and prayers are with Ms White and her family during this difficult time.

REPORT DISCUSSION MEETINGS

Graeme College would like to thank the parents who attended this meeting last night. We encourage all parents to be actively involved in their children's academic endeavours.

GRADE 11 LEADERSHIP CAMP

The Grade 11s are expected to attend a Leadership Camp at Assegai Trails from Friday 25 August (departing at 14h30) to Sunday 27 August (returning around lunchtime). Letters, with all relevant information, were included in the Term 2 Report envelopes. Please ensure that the payment for this camp is received timeously.

CULTURAL

HOLIDAY REPORT

Music Concert in Hamburg

The Leopard's Voice Choir and Marimba Band performed at a combined concert with the Keiskamma Music Academy in Hamburg on Sunday 25 June. The high standard of musicianship and the varied programmed were enjoyed by the local and international audience.

National Arts' Festival Opening Concert

The Senior Choir performed in a 'mini-Masicule' experience for the funders and various Government officials at the National Arts' Festival Opening Concert. Well done, particularly, to the "Diminished 7th" who were especially invited to sing at this function.

Festival Piano Workshop

The following pianists were fortunate enough to attend a workshop by concert pianist Althea Waites – Bayanda Mthetho, Kabir Sonne, Asher Pearse, Similo Tshuma and Thabo Chikiwa.

ALTERATIONS TO THE EXTRA-MURAL PROGRAMME

The following information replaces the extra-mural programme for the Choirs and Jazz, Marimba and Steel bands as listed in this term's Term Diary. If you have any queries, please contact the person in charge of the event.

Choir (Mrs Glover)

Monday	Junior	Hall	14h00 – 14h45	Tuesday	Junior	Hall	14h00 – 14h30
					Senior	Hall	14h00 – 15h00
Wednesday	Leopard's Voice	Music Centre	14h30 – 15h15	Thursday	Senior	Music Centre	14h00 – 15h00
Friday	Foundation Phase	Music Centre	12h40 – 13h10				

Jazz Band (Mr Prince)

Monday	Wind	Music Centre	14h00 – 14h45	Tuesday	Rhythm	Music Centre	14h15 – 15h00
Wednesday	All	Music Centre	13h30 – 14h30				

Marimba (Mrs Rogers)

Tuesday	Gr 4	Marimba Rm	14h00 – 14h30	Wednesday	Gr 5	Marimba Rm	14h00 – 14h30
Thursday	Gr 6	Marimba Rm	14h00 – 14h30	Friday	Gr 7	Marimba Rm	14h00 – 15h00

Steelband (Mr Appollis)

Monday	Beginners	Steelband Rm	14h00 – 15h00	Tuesday	Senior A	Steelband Rm	13h30 – 14h30
					Intermediate	Steelband Rm	14h15 – 15h00
Wednesday	Senior B	Steelband Rm	13h30 – 14h30	Thursday	Tenors	Steelband Rm	13h30 – 14h00
Friday	Senior A	Steelband Rm	14h00 – 15h00				

PIANO TUNER

Mr Adams will be in Grahamstown on Monday 31 July to tune the various Graeme College pianos. If anyone would like to contact him to tune their private pianos, please do so on 074-827 2677.

SPORT

EXTERNAL SPORTS

Holiday Report

During the recent holidays, Lloyd Vos participated in the annual G2C (Grahamstown to Sea) 57km mountain bike race. Lloyd finished fourth overall and was the first junior home. Well done, Lloyd!

Congratulations – South African Target Rifle team

Congratulations to Usman Hayat on his selection to the South African Target Rifle team! The team will be travelling to Surrey, England to participate in the 25th British Junior Invitation International from 7 to 10 August 2017.

ATHLETICS / CROSS COUNTRY EVENTS

Holiday Report

Congratulations to Tristan Banfield who set a personal best time in the 6km race at the Norm Hudlin Trials on 8 July 2017. Tristan finished third in the Boys U16 section.

Upcoming events

The following athletics and cross country events will be held during Term 3:

15 August	Senior Round-the-Mountain Relay	16 August	Junior Cross Country
22 August	Senior Round-the-Block Relay	21 August	Junior Round-the-Block Relay
12 September	Inter-House Athletics' Day	23 September	Hirsch Shield Athletics' Meeting
28 September	Quadrangular Athletics' Meeting		

SENIOR HOCKEY

Holiday Report

Congratulations to Seth Faltain, who was selected into the South African U16 High Performance Training Squad, after the Inter-Provincial Tournament. His EP team did well to get to the semi-finals, and finished third overall. What an incredible achievement, as he is the first player from Graeme College to ever achieve national recognition for hockey!

Fixtures: Friday 28 July 2017 vs Framesby High School

Good luck to the 1st and 2nd hockey teams who will be playing matches against Framesby High School.

Fixtures: Monday 31 July 2017 vs Kingswood College

<i>Time</i>	<i>Team</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Team</i>	<i>Venue</i>
15h30	2 nd XI	KC Turf	15h30	U14	RU Turf
16h30	1 st XI	KC Turf			

SENIOR RUGBY

Holiday Report

Graeme College had five 1st XV players representing the Province at the annual Craven Week in Johannesburg over the holiday period. Mhlangabazi Ntwanambi, Wonga Wakashe, Sivuyisiwe Ngqiyaza and Matthew Robertson played in the Eastern Province Country Districts team, winning two of their three matches, while Cameron Amos played in the unbeaten Eastern Province Country Districts Academy team. Congratulations to all of them on their fine achievement!

Fixtures: Saturday 29 July 2017 vs Pearson High School

<i>Time</i>	<i>Somerset</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Marais A</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Marais B</i>
08h30	GC U14A vs PHS U14A				
09h30	GC U15A vs PHS U15A	09h00	GC 4 th XV vs PHS 4 th XV	09h00	GC U16B vs PHS U16B
10h30	GC U16A vs PHS U16A	10h20	GC U14B vs PHS U14B		
11h40	GC 3 rd XV vs PHS 3 rd XV	11h20	GC U15B vs PHS U15B		
12h50	GC 2 nd XV vs PHS 2 nd XV				
14h00	GC 1 st XV vs PHS 1 st XV				

Fixtures: Wednesday 2 August 2017 vs Kingswood College

<i>Time</i>	<i>City Lords Field</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Knight Field</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Dold Field</i>
13h45	GC U16A vs KC U16A	13h30	GC U14A vs KC U14A		
14h55	GC 3 rd XV vs KC 3 rd XV	14h30	GC U15A vs KC U15A		
16h00	GC 2 nd XV vs KC 2 nd XV	15h30	GC U16B vs KC U16B	16h00	GC U14B vs KC U14B
17h15	GC 1 st XV vs KC 1 st XV				

JUNIOR RUGBY

Result: Wednesday 26 July 2017 vs Fort Beaufort Primary

GC U13A vs FBP U13A	won	28 – 17	GC U11A vs FBP U11A	won	22 – 17
GC U9A vs FBP U9A	won	33 – 21			

Fixtures: Saturday 29 July 2017 vs Herbert Hurd Primary

Time	Birkholtz Field	Time	Birkholtz Field
09h00	GC U9A vs HHP U9A	09h45	GC U11B vs HHP U11B
10h30	GC U11A vs HHP U11A	11h15	GC U13B vs HHP U13B
12h00	GC U13A vs HHP U13A		

Fixtures: Wednesday 2 August 2017 vs Kingswood College

Time	Dold A Field	Time	Dold B Field
14h15	GC U11B vs KC U11B	14h15	GC U9A vs KC U9A
15h00	GC U11A vs KC U11A	15h00	GC U12 vs KC U12

SQUASH

Holiday Report

During the recent holidays members of the Graeme College squash teams represented their Province at various Inter-Provincial tournaments. Some did extremely well, while others gained much needed experience. Graeme College is very proud of these boys. The boys played nine matches each and the results are as follows:

Stefan Botha (U19B) won all nine of his matches and won a gold medal in the U19B-section; Garwin Dampies (U16A) won two of his matches; Dale Pote (U16B) won six matches; Ethan Richardson (U14A) won seven matches; Ethan Kent (U14B) won one of his matches; Yonela Sandi (U13B) won three matches; Ethan Beyleveld (U13B) won three matches and Tyenu-Josh Cannon (U11B) won 2 of his nine matches. The U14A team (including Ethan Richardson) won a gold medal in their section. The U14B team (including Ethan Kent) were put in the A-section – they did very well to finish second overall for the B-teams.

Results: Winter League

GC3 vs LOW1 lost 3 – 15

Fixtures: Winter League

Tuesday		Thursday	
1 Aug	GC3 vs SAL	3 Aug	GC1 vs RATS / GC2 vs WYV2
8 Aug	GC3 vs RH5	10 Aug	GC1 vs PA1 / GC2 vs RHOD

EVENTS

STEAK AND RUGBY – Saturday 29 July 2017

The Old Graemian Union invites you to a Steak and Rugby Day to support the Graeme College rugby teams in their final home game of the 2017 season. Matches start at 08h30. Our 2nd XV is unbeaten and our 1st XV have a record of 10 wins, 1 draw and 4 losses. Boerewors rolls will be available for R15 from 10h00 and steak (with baby potatoes, mushroom sauce and stir-fry) will be available from 12h00 for R80. Tickets for the evening meal are available for purchase from the Reception Office and will also be sold on the day.

MATRIC FAREWELL (AND VIEWING) – Saturday 5 August

On Saturday 5 August the Matric Farewell Dance will be held in the Templeton Hall. The dance starts at 19h00 and ends at 23h30. Please be advised that vehicles must enter the property via the Grant House gate and exit via the School gate from 18h00 on Saturday evening. The hall will be open to parents and friends for viewing from 14h30 to 15h30 on Saturday afternoon. Please note that parents will not be allowed in the hall on Saturday night, but are most welcome to watch the boys from outside as they enter the school in their finery.

MUSIC CONCERT – Tuesday 8 August

The Music School is proud to invite the Grahamstown Community to a music concert featuring the varied and many solo performers who participated in the East London Eisteddfod. The Concert will start at 18h15 in the Music Centre.

NATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY LADIES' BREAKFAST (Women4Life Presentation) – Wednesday 9 August

There are still tickets available at R150 each. Please contact Minnette Gleaves (083-633 0840 / minnette@mccallum.co.za) for more information.

SPORTS' DINNER – Friday 18 August

Our elite sportsmen have been given invitations to our Annual Sports' Dinner. Kindly complete the form and return it with the payment to the Reception Office by Monday 31 July. Tickets are R100 each (includes a three-course meal). The guest speaker for the evening is Baxter Mabinya who is a proud Old Graemian.

GENERAL

SECOND-HAND CLOTHING SHOP

Donations Needed

The Graeme College Second-hand Clothing Shop is in need of the following items (in good condition and irrespective of size): blazers, rain-o-macs, tracksuit tops and bottoms, pullovers and long sleeve jerseys.

Opening Times

The Second-hand Clothing Shop is open on the following days and times (excluding Public and School Holidays):

Monday: 13h00 – 13h30 Wednesday: 13h00 – 14h00

All enquiries with regards to the Shop will be dealt with by Mrs Siebritz (046-622 7227).

Yours sincerely

**K WATSON
HEADMASTER**

GRADE 12 PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION TIMETABLE 2017

Date	Morning Exam	Afternoon Exam
Monday 28 August 2017	CAT Paper 1 - Practical (09h00 - 12h00)	
Tuesday 29 August 2017		English Paper 3 (14h00 - 16h30)
Wednesday 30 August 2017	Business Studies (09h00 - 12h00)	Afrikaans Paper 3 (14h00 - 16h30)
Thursday 31 August 2017	History Paper 1 (09h00 - 12h00)	isiXhosa Paper 3 (14h00 - 16h30)
Friday 1 September 2017	Design Paper 1 (09h00 - 12h00)	