

GRAEME COLLEGE



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Graeme College's Vision Statement

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

NEWSLETTER – Friday 25 August 2017

"Knowing what must be done does away with fear." ~ Rosa Parks

You would have seen in our calendar, that there is an Information-Sharing Evening scheduled for Tuesday. Our staff have compiled a five-year plan, which has already been presented to the School Governing Body. A number of Strategic Imperatives have been highlighted in response to the question we posed: *"What type of school do we want to be?"*. These fall under the categories of Academic, Arts, Sport, Grounds & Buildings, Marketing & OGU, Human Resources and Pastoral. We have developed a great strategy, which runs from 2018 to 2023, and coincides with the school turning 150 years old at the end of the five years. Part of this process has been to identify where the school is now, and where it is going. We have identified a number of changes that need to occur, but also a number of traditional strengths that developed a foundation that we can build from. We would love to share this with the parent body and also have your input in the process.

Of course, once the strategy has been finalised, we then need to look at ways of implementing this plan and create measurables along the way, so that we can see what we have managed to achieve by 2023. It is an exciting time for Graeme College, and the school is in a very good place right now. We know we can't rest on our laurels, so we are determined to keep improving every year.

With all that said, we would like you to join us on Tuesday evening, see what our five-year strategy plan entails, and obviously, get our parent body on board as a key component of our development process. The meeting will start at 17h30 in the Templeton Hall on Tuesday 29 August 2017.

Gregg van Molendorff

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, 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 reminded of the Information Sharing Session which will be held at 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

GRADE 12 TRIAL EXAM TIMETABLE

The Grade 12s start writing their Trial Examinations on Monday 28 August. We wish them well during this stressful time. Learners are to arrive at their venues thirty minutes prior to the commencement of the exam. Normal school rules apply regarding dress, shaving, etc.

PREFECTS' INDUCTION ASSEMBLY – Monday 4 September

The Senior School's Prefect Induction Assembly will take place at 12h30 in the Templeton Hall on Monday 4 September. The newly-elected Prefect Body will take over from the present representatives at that time.

CULTURAL

SANBS BLOOD DRIVE – Wednesday 30 August

The SANBS will host their termly blood drive in the School Library on Wednesday 30 August. We urge the Graemian Community to assist in this life-saving endeavour.

SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL

The annual Shakespeare Festival commences tonight at the Rhodes University Theatre, with some talented Graeme College thespians presenting their version of "As You Like It". Tickets are R30 (while scholars in uniform may attend free of charge) and can be purchased at the door. Please be seated by 18h00. The show ought to be done by 19h30.

MUSIC CONCERT – Wednesday 6 September

The Music Department invites the Graemian Community to a Junior Music Concert in the Music Centre's auditorium at 18h15 on Wednesday 6 September.

SPORT

ATHLETICS / CROSS COUNTRY EVENTS

Upcoming events

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

12 September	Inter-House Athletics' Day	23 September	Hirsch Shield Athletics' Meeting
28 September	Quadrangular Athletics' Meeting		

JUNIOR CROSS COUNTRY

Results: Monday 21 August – Cross Country Finals

Over two hundred athletes competed in the above event. Congratulations to the following winners:

U7	Connor Holder (Hutton)	U8	Keathan Edwards (Vernal) NEW RECORD: 4,00
U9	Eli Wood (Wiles)	U10	Esinako Jadi (Vernal)
U11	Damon Sias (Hutton)	U12	Siphosethu Mancam (Neilson)
U13	Thabo Chikiwa (Hutton)		

Congratulations to Hutton House for winning this Inter-House event, followed by Wiles, Vernal and Neilson.

Keathan Edwards deserves a special mention as he now holds both the U7 and U8 Cross Country records.

JUNIOR ATHLETICS

Practice: Wednesdays & Mondays (from 23 August to 6 September)

There will be athletics practices every Monday and Wednesday from 23 August to 6 September. Times are as follows:

<i>Time</i>	<i>Age Groups</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Age Groups</i>
14h15 – 14h30	U7, U8 and U9	14h45 – 15h30	U10 and U11
15h30 – 16h15	U12	16h15 – 17h00	U13

All learners are to meet on the Somerset Field pavilion **fifteen minutes before** your allocated time.

Dress: White or GC Shorts, tackies, athletics' vest or plain t-shirt in the colour of your house (Hutton – yellow, Neilson – light blue (not turquoise), Vernal – black, Wiles – red). T-shirts MAY NOT have any writing or pictures on them.

SENIOR ATHLETICS / CROSS COUNTRY

Results: Tuesday 22 August – Senior Inter-House Cross Country

On Tuesday 22 August, the annual senior Inter-House Cross Country event was held in very cold and rainy conditions. The first athlete to complete the roughly 6km course was Tristan Banfield (U16) from Neilson in a time of 25,22, followed by Daniel-Keagan Hockley (Vernal) in 26,09. The results for the event are as follows:

Open: Daniel-Keagan Hockley (Neilson) – 26,09 U16: Tristan Banfield (Neilson) – 25,22

U14: Nathan Walton (Wiles) – 32,09

Congratulations to Neilson House who won the event with 108 points, followed by Vernal (70), Hutton (69) and Wiles (56).

Well done to everyone who participated and thank you to all the staff, marshals and time-keepers for their assistance. We also thank the members of the Makana Traffic Department and the 6SAI Battalion for their assistance in making the event safe for all the athletes.

Practice: Tuesday 5 September

There will be a **compulsory** athletics' practice on Tuesday 5 September. All pupils must report to their house masters at 15h00. Heats for the 100m, 200m and 400m will be run on Somerset Field. Thereafter pupils will practice the other field events until 17h00.

Pre-Events for Athletics' Day – Thursday 7 September

The heats for the U14, U15, U16 & Open Hurdles; U16 & Open Triple Jump and the U13, U14, U15, U16 & Open 3000m events will take place on Somerset Field from 15h00.

ATHLETICS' DAY – Tuesday 12 September

The Inter-House Athletics' Day will take place on Somerset Field on **Tuesday 12 September**.

This is a **COMPULSORY** event for all learners and will take place during the normal school day.

Dress for this event is: a plain house vest, white or GC shorts and running shoes. **T-shirts with logos, or turned inside out, ARE NOT ALLOWED.** Graeme College tracksuits may be worn between races, as well as for the prize giving.

PLEASE REMEMBER SUNSCREEN FOR THE BOYS!

SENIOR INTER-HOUSE SOCCER – 29 & 31 August

The senior Inter-House Soccer tournament started on Thursday 24 August. Two matches were played which resulted in two high-scoring fixtures and a total of seventeen goals being scored.

Results

Vernal vs Hutton won 6 – 4 Wiles vs Neilson won 4 – 3

Fixtures

Tuesday 29 August 15h00 Wiles vs Vernal Marais A 15h00 Hutton vs Neilson Marais B
Thursday 31 August 15h00 Vernal vs Neilson Marais A 15h00 Hutton vs Wiles Marais B

SQUASH

Results: Winter League

GC3 vs RH4 won 13 – 5

Fixtures: Winter League

Tuesday		Thursday	
29 Aug	GC3 vs PA3		
5 Sept	GC3 vs PAH1	7 Sept	GC1 vs HIGH1 / GC2 vs KC2
12 Sept	GC3 vs WYV3	14 Sept	GC1 vs KC1 / GC2 vs WILL
19 Sept	GC3 vs FB1	21 Sept	GC1 vs RH Staff
26 Sept	GC1 vs SAC1	28 Sept	GC1 vs WYV1 / GC2 vs SAC2

EVENTS

GRADE 6 & 7 SOCIAL – Friday 25 August

Graeme College will be hosting this term's Grade 6 & 7 Social with Victoria Primary School on Friday 25 August in the Templeton Hall. The Social will start at 18h00 and end at 21h00. Entry is R10 per learner and there will be refreshments for sale. Parents are requested to enter via the Main gate and exit via the Grant House gate to avoid congestion.

SECOND-HAND CLOTHING SHOP

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	Date	Morning Exam	Afternoon Exam
Monday 28 August	CAT P1 (<i>Prac</i>) (09h00 - 12h00)		Monday 4 September	Accounting (09h00 - 12h00)	
Tuesday 29 August		English P3 (14h00 - 16h30)	Tuesday 5 September	History P2 (09h00 - 12h00)	
Wednesday 30 August	Business Studies (09h00 - 12h00)	Afrikaans P3 (14h00 - 16h30)	Wednesday 6 September	CAT P2 (<i>Theory</i>) (09h00 - 12h00)	English P1 (14h00 - 16h00)
Thursday 31 August	History P1 (09h00 - 12h00)	isiXhosa P3 (14h00 - 16h30)	Thursday 7 September	Physical Sciences P1 (09h00 - 12h00)	isiXhosa P1 (14h00 - 16h00)
Friday 1 September	Design P1 (09h00 - 12h00)		Friday 8 September	Life Orientation (<i>DBE</i>) (09h00 - 11h00)	Afrikaans P1 (14h00 - 16h00)
Monday 11 September	Phys. Sciences P2 (09h00 - 12h00)	Music P1 (<i>Theory</i>) (14h00 - 17h00)	Monday 18 September	Maths/MathsLit P2 (09h00 - 12h00)	
Tuesday 12 September	Visual Art P1 (09h00 - 12h00)		Tuesday 19 September	Afrikaans P2 (09h00 - 11h00)	Life Sciences P1 (14h00 - 16h30)
Wednesday 13 September	Geo. P1 (<i>Theory</i>) (09h00 - 12h00)	Geo. P2 (<i>Mapwork</i>) (14h00 - 15h30)	Wednesday 20 September	isiXhosa P2 (09h00 - 11h00)	
Thursday 14 September			Thursday 21 September		
Friday 15 September	Maths/MathsLit P1 (09h00 - 12h00)	Music P2 (<i>Comp.</i>) (14h00 - 15h30)	Friday 22 September	English P2 (09h00 - 11h30)	Life Sciences P2 (14h00 - 16h30)