

GRAEME COLLEGE



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Graeme College's Vision Statement

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

NEWSLETTER – Friday 11 August 2017

"To live is the rarest thing in the world. Most people just exist." ~ Oscar Wilde

Women's Day was celebrated on Wednesday 9 August. On this day every year women are recognised and appreciated for their role in political, economic and social achievements over the decades.

Women's Day reminds us to celebrate all women, and acknowledge the great things they do. Behind every teacher, president, doctor, social worker ... there is a woman who fostered and guided them to full potential.

It is important that, every day, we make a point to tell the woman close to our hearts just how wonderful and amazing she is and how much she means to us.

"There are two powers in the world; one is the sword and the other is the pen. There is a great competition and rivalry between the two. There is a third power stronger than both, that of the women." Muhammad Ali Jinnah

Kevin Watson

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 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 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 at approximately lunchtime).

CULTURAL

DEBATING FESTIVAL – Saturday 19 August

The Graeme College Debating Festival will be held on Saturday 19 August. This event is open to the public and the teams would greatly appreciate your support. The debates will be taking place in several classrooms throughout Graeme College and will start at 09h00, with the final debate starting at approximately 15h00 in the Templeton Hall.

JAZZ BAND

The Jazz Band, *Miscellaneous*, will be performing for an hour at the Fish River Sun on Sunday 13 August during lunchtime.

MUSIC CONCERT

A music concert was held at the Music Department on Tuesday 8 August. The performers were soloists who had participated in the East London Eisteddfod held last term. Well done to all musicians on their performances.

STEELBAND

The Senior Steelband participated in the Port Elizabeth Steelband Festival on Wednesday 9 August. The band shared the stage with many of the country's best school steelbands in celebrating the 20th anniversary of steelband in Port Elizabeth. This included a spectacular mass item including eight school bands and totalling one hundred players. As always, they amazed the audience with

their lively music. Many positive compliments were received regarding their behaviour and performance. Well done, and thank you, to the band members for making it a very successful and memorable event.

SPORT

CONGRATULATIONS

Secko Karate Championships

Congratulations to Brent Smith, aged 17, who has made history as the youngest winner of the Men's Open Black Belt Kata at the Secko Karate Championships held at the Fish River Sun Hotel. Well done, Brent!

Grahamstown Inter-Schools' Cross Country Trial – Wednesday 2 August

Congratulations to Tristan Banfield (U16) and CJ Porthen (U14) who participated in the Grahamstown Inter-Schools' Cross Country trials held at Rhodes University's Prospect Field. Both runners have qualified for the Grahamstown Schools' Cross Country team which will be participating in the Sarah Baartman District trials on Saturday 12 August.4

ATHLETICS / CROSS COUNTRY EVENTS

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		

JUNIOR ATHLETICS / CROSS COUNTRY

The Athletics season (including cross country and round-the-block) starts on Monday 16 August and participation from U7 to U13 is compulsory.

Dress for all Athletics and Cross Country events: 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.

Practice: Monday 14 August

Time	Age Group	Time	Age Group
14h30	U7, U8 and U9	15h00	U10 and U11
15h30	U12	16h00	U13

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

Cross Country Finals: Wednesday 16 August

Time	Age Group	Time	Age Group	Time	Age Group	Time	Age Group
14h30	U7, U8 and U9	15h00	U10 and U11	15h30	U12	16h00	U13

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

Round-the-Block Relay: Monday 21 August (Finals)

Time	Age Group	Time	Age Group	Time	Age Group
14h30	U8 and U9	15h00	U10 and U11	15h30	U12 and U13

This will be run on internal roads – Circle to Circle. There will be no teams for the U7 age groups. The teams for the U8 to U13 age groups will consist of four runners each. The teams will be based on the cross country results. All runners are to meet at the front of the school (on the lawn).

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 will be confirmed.

SENIOR ATHLETICS / CROSS COUNTRY

Eastern Province Cross Country Championships – Saturday 5 August

The E.P. Cross Country Championships was held at St Albans Prisons on Saturday 5 August. Tristan Banfield finished sixth in the U16 Boys' 6km race. Although he did not qualify for the E.P selection, he ran a personal best in muddy conditions. Well done, Tristan!

Senior Inter-House Cross Country: Thursday 17 August

The senior Inter-House Cross Country event will be held on Thursday 17 August. Please be reminded that this is **a compulsory event** for the U14 to Open age groups (Grade 8 to Grade 11, and some Grade 7s)! All athletes are to report to their house captains for roll call on Marais Field at 15h00. Learners having medical, or other legitimate, reasons for not participating **MUST** provide a doctor's note, or written letter from a parent, and will be expected to assist Mr Appollis with marshalling.

Although this is not compulsory for Grade 12 learners, it would be pleasant to have as many as possible Grade 12s participate as this event does not interfere with the September examinations.

Dress: White or GC Shorts, tackies, athletics' vest in the colour of your house (Hutton – yellow, Wiles – red, Nielson – light blue, Vernal – black) or leopard shirt. Learners will not be allowed to run in tracksuits.

SENIOR HOCKEY

Results: vs Kingswood – Monday 7 August

GC 1st XI vs Kingswood lost 0 – 3 GC 2nd XI vs Kingswood lost 2 – 10
GC U14 vs Kingswood lost 1 – 2

Fixtures: Friday 11 August vs Muir College

Good luck to the 1st XI, 2nd XI and U14 teams who will travel to Gelvandale (PE) to play their fixtures against Muir this afternoon. The U14 match starts at 13h30, the 2nd XI at 15h30 and the 1st XI at 16h30.

SENIOR RUGBY

Result: vs Port Alfred High School – Thursday 10 August

GC 4th XV vs PAHS 2nd XV won 35 – 0 GC U15A vs PAHS won 46 – 5
GC 3rd XV vs PAHS 1st XV won 14 – 8

Fixtures: Saturday 12 August vs Muir College

<i>Time</i>	<i>Ellis Field</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Maree Field</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Clement Field</i>
09h00	GC U15A vs MC U15A	09h00	GC U14A vs MC U14A		
10h00	GC U16A vs MC U16A	10h00	GC 4 th XV vs MC 4 th XV	10h00	GC U15B vs MC U15B
11h10	GC 3 rd XV vs MC 3 rd XV			11h00	GC U14B vs MC U14B
12h20	GC 2 nd XV vs MC 2 nd XV			12h00	GC U16B vs MC U16B
13h45	GC 1 st XV vs MC 1 st XV				

The buses will be leaving at 06h30 from Grant House.

JUNIOR RUGBY

Fixtures: Saturday 12 August vs Muir College

<i>Time</i>	<i>Maree Field</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Lategan Field</i>
09h00		09h00	GC U11D vs MC U11D
10h00		10h00	GC U11C vs MC U11C
11h15	GC U11A vs MC U11A	11h15	GC U13C vs MC U13C
12h00	GC U13B vs MC U13B	12h00	GC U11B vs MC U11B
12h45	GC U13A vs MC U13A		

SQUASH

Results: Winter League

GC1 vs RATS won 9 – 6 GC3 vs RH5 won 14 – 4
GC1 vs PA1 lost 7 – 9

Fixtures: Winter League

Tuesday		Thursday	
15 Aug	GC3 vs KEN3	17 Aug	GC2 vs PA2
22 Aug	GC3 vs RH4	24 Aug	GC2 vs RH3

EVENTS

A FESTIVAL OF INDIAN CUISINE & BALLROOM DANCING – Saturday 26 August

As a fundraising initiative to assist Ali-Ahmed Syed Cassim to attend the Karate World Championships in Scotland next year, the Henna House will be hosting another wonderful event at the DSG Dining Hall on Saturday 26 August. The tickets cost R220 per person and the event will start at 17h45 for 18h00. Please contact Shehnaaz (0845678606) or Zarina (0728017191) for tickets and more information.

PHOTO DAYS – Monday 21, Tuesday 22 August and Thursday 24 August

Graeme College will be taking junior photos on Monday 21 August, senior photos on Tuesday 22 August and PreSchool photos on Thursday 24 August. All group photos will be taken on these days, including class, academic, sporting and cultural groups. Juniors are reminded that the Albany & EP Representatives photo will be taken on Tuesday 22 August – please remember to bring your blazers on Tuesday.

Graeme College offers parents the opportunity for their son to have a portrait photo taken for a fee of R120. This cost covers the portrait pack (which includes one A4-size portrait and one A4 print with multiple image sizes). Brothers may also have a photo

