

GRAEME COLLEGE



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Graeme College's Vision Statement

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

NEWSLETTER – Friday 18 August 2017

"When the whole world is silent, even one voice becomes powerful." ~ Malala Yousafzai

Much has been said about the success of our winter sports' season in the press and social media recently. In particular, the success of our 2nd XV rugby side that ended the year unbeaten, has been focused on recently. We have had much to celebrate this week, starting with academic awards and, in particular, Julian Gardner (re-award), Tashin Patrick and Asher Pearse who were awarded Academic Honours. Obviously this is the College's highest award, and, with that, comes great pride and recognition.

There will also be a number of sports' awards made in the coming weeks and, tonight, we celebrate the season at the annual Sports' Dinner. I have no doubt that one of those highlights mentioned will, again, be the success of the 2nd XV rugby side. It would be remiss of us not to mention them in this newsletter as well. Not many teams go unbeaten through a season and, although the results aren't always the most important factor, it is still something we need to acknowledge and celebrate. They overcame massive hurdles along the way, beating Queen's College, Grey High School, St Andrew's College and Kingswood College. Coach Louis Wolmarans, said: "It was a great honour and privilege for me to be associated with the second XV rugby team of 2017." Wolmarans, who is a past parent of Graeme College and a proud Graeme supporter, has coached at the school for more than twenty years. Congratulations indeed, to Mr Wolmarans, and the 2nd XV side.

We now switch our focus to inter-house soccer, athletics' season and then on to the rest of the summer sports' codes. I know the matrices are focussed on the upcoming trial exams as well. Graemians are always busy, and that is one of the biggest strengths of the College.

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, 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).

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

Parents are reminded that the Junior Photo Day will take place on Monday 21 August, the Senior Photo Day on Tuesday 22 August and the PreSchool's Photo Day on Thursday 24 August. Please ensure that the learners are correctly dressed (including hairstyles) and bring the correct sports / cultural uniforms with them. The Albany and E.P. Representatives photo will be taken on Tuesday 22 August.

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.

SPORT

CONGRATULATIONS

Flag-bearer for the Springbok vs Argentina match – Saturday 19 August

Congratulations to Jayden Brits who won a Spur competition to be a flag-bearer at the Springbok vs Argentina match on Saturday in Port Elizabeth. This is an opportunity of a lifetime and we are very proud to have a Graemian represented on the field!

ATHLETICS / CROSS COUNTRY EVENTS

Upcoming events

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

21 August	Junior Inter-House Cross Country	22 August	Senior Inter-House Cross Country
12 September	Inter-House Athletics' Day	23 September	Hirsch Shield Athletics' Meeting
28 September	Quadrangular Athletics' Meeting		

JUNIOR CROSS COUNTRY

The Athletics season (including cross country and round-the-block) has started 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.

Event: Cross Country Finals – Monday 21 August

<i>Time</i>	<i>Age Group</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Age Group</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Age Group</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Age Group</i>
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. Learners having medical, or other legitimate, reasons for not participating MUST provide a doctor's note, or written letter from a parent, which must be given to your class teacher on Monday 21 August.

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.

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 Group</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Age Group</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Age Group</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Age Group</i>
14h15	U7, U8 and U9	14h45	U10 and U11	15h15	U12	15h45	U13

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

SENIOR ATHLETICS / CROSS COUNTRY

Sarah Baartman District Cross Country Trials

Tristan Banfield and Cee-Jay Porthen were selected to participate in the Sarah Baartman Cross Country Trials on Saturday 12 August held in Kareedouw. Tristan finished fourth in the Boys' U16 6km event. Cee-Jay participated in the Boys' U14 event, but due to health reasons, was unable to complete his race.

Results: Senior Round-the-Mountain – Tuesday 15 August

The senior Round-the-Mountain event was held on Tuesday 15 August. Congratulations to the 1st XI hockey team (Eric Barnard, Jeremy Beyleveld, David McCallum, Seth Faltain, Neill Keeton, Libolwethu Feni and Daniel-Keagan Hockly) who won this event with a time of 1:15,01. The results were as follows:

First place:	1 st XI Hockey	Second place:	U15A Rugby
Third place:	U15B Rugby	Fourth place:	U14A Rugby (A team)

Senior Inter-House Cross Country – Tuesday 22 August

Due to the much needed rain we have received over the past few days, the Senior Inter-House Cross Country event could not take place on Thursday as planned. The event has been postponed to Tuesday 22 August. This replaces the Senior Round-the-Block relay. Boys are reminded that this is a **compulsory** event and they must be present for roll-call at 15h00 on the Marais Fields. Learners having medical, or other legitimate, reasons for not participating MUST provide a doctor's note, or written letter from a

parent, which must be given to Mr Appollis by Monday 21 August. These learners must meet Mr Appollis at 14h30 on the Marais Fields to be assigned marshalling duties.

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.

Event: Senior Inter-House Soccer – 24, 29 & 31 August

The senior Inter-House Soccer tournament starts on Thursday 24 August and will finish on Thursday 31 August. The teams will play matches as follows:

Thursday 24 August	15h00	Wiles vs Neilson	Marais A	15h00	Vernal vs Hutton	Marais B
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

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 play in tracksuits.

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.

SENIOR HOCKEY

Results: vs Muir College – Friday 11 August

GC 1st XI vs Muir College	won	6 – 0	GC 2nd XI vs Muir College	won	3 – 0
GC U14 vs Muir College	lost	1 – 2			

SENIOR RUGBY

Result: vs Muir College – Saturday 12 August

GC U14A vs MC U14A	won	14 – 7	GC U14B vs MC U14B	won	29 – 5
GC U15A vs MC U15A	won	34 – 3	GC U15B vs MC U15B	won	15 – 0
GC U16A vs MC U16A	lost	17 – 32	GC U16B vs MC U16B	won	20 – 7
GC 4 th XV vs MC 4 th XV	lost	24 – 26	GC 3 rd XV vs MC 3 rd XV	won	32 – 26
GC 1 st XV vs MC 1 st XV	won	29 – 3	GC 2 nd XV vs MC 2 nd XV	won	34 – 0

JUNIOR RUGBY

Result: vs Muir College – Saturday 12 August

GC U11A vs MC U11A	won	32 – 12	GC U11B vs MC U11B	won	27 – 10
GC U11C vs MC U11C	won	17 – 12	GC U11D vs MC U11D	won	25 – 5
GC U13A vs MC U13A	won	34 – 12	GC U13B vs MC U13B	won	20 – 10
GC U13C vs MC U13C	drew	17 – 17			

SQUASH

Results: Winter League

GC3 vs KEN3	drew	10 – 10	GC2 vs PA2	lost	4 – 9
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Fixtures: Winter League

Tuesday		Thursday	
22 Aug	GC3 vs RH4	24 Aug	GC2 vs RH3
29 Aug	GC3 vs PA3		

EVENTS

GRADE 6 & 7 SOCIAL – Friday 25 August

Graeme College will be hosting a Grade 6 & 7 Social with Victoria Primary School on Friday 25 August at the Templeton Hall. More details will be provided in next week's Newsletter.

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

