

# GRAEME COLLEGE



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## *Graeme College's Vision Statement*

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

## **NEWSLETTER – Friday 15 September 2017**

*"The way we talk to our children becomes their inner voice." ~ Peggy O'Mara*

Graeme College has been in full support of the Sunflower Fund, culminating in our *Walk for Awareness* this morning. Amazingly, we had aimed to sell 200 topes, but challenged our learners to sell 250. Mr Mackenzie then volunteered to shave his hair in support of the campaign if the boys reached their target. Quite amazingly, yesterday afternoon we sold our 640th tope with the support of our learners and community, which means we have raised R16 000 for the Sunflower Fund through Round Table. The idea has been driven by Mr Brooks, a member of Round Table, and Ms Kenyon has made more than 600 sunflowers which we are going to peg on to the Graeme College Junor Field fence, in support of the Awareness campaign. Mr Mackenzie completed his end of the bargain, and faced the hair clippers on Wednesday morning.

Today, Mr Mackenzie will also address the school in an attempt to further improve the awareness of our learners. It has been a fantastic project with massive importance for our learners and community. THANK YOU for your support! I know the boys will have learnt a great deal, and also learnt about the importance of supporting a worthy cause. It is a wonderful project to be part of, and such an important social awareness concept. We are delighted that they have managed to raise the funds, but also delighted that we have been able to educate our youth about aspects that are sometimes far more important than anything they could learn in a textbook.

Graeme College is, possibly, not situated in the most affluent community in South Africa, but today, the Round Table confirmed that we have sold 240 topes more than any school in our area. We are just proud to support the project with the other schools, but also proud that our school and community has taken on the project with such vigour. Obviously it hits home for many of our learners; particularly when our own staff members, families and community members are fighting against this genetic disease every day. Today, and every day, Graeme College stands proud in support! #ProudlyGraemian

*Gregg van Molendorff*

## **ACADEMIC**

### **GRADE 12 TRIAL EXAM TIMETABLE**

The Grade 12s have one week of their Trial Examinations left. 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 11 September**

At the Senior School's Prefect Induction Assembly which took place on Monday 11 September, the final list of the 2018 School Leadership team was announced. Congratulations to Bavuyise Manyakanyaka and Tashin Patrick who were selected as the 2018 Head and Deputy Head Prefect respectively. We wish the new team well.

### **ENGLISH OLYMPIAD 2018**

Learners currently in Grades 9 – 11 are encouraged to enter for next year's English Olympiad. This competition is aimed at exposing high school learners to literature and genres of literature outside of the scope of high school. It is a most worthwhile opportunity, as it exposes students to a wide array of skills and tries to engender a love of literature. Entry fees are R125 per child, which must be paid to Ms Stamper by Thursday 28 September 2017. Thereafter the entry fee becomes R140. This cost includes a copy of the anthology titled "*We will remember them*". Next year's theme is "*War and Peace*". Further queries can be directed to Miss Kenyon.

## **CULTURAL**

### **ACOUSTIC CAFÉ PERFORMANCES**

The Junior Music Concert scheduled for Wednesday 20 September has been cancelled. However, the Jazz band and the Diminished 7<sup>th</sup> a capella group will be performing at the local music club, Acoustic Café, on Thursday 21 September. This concert starts at 18h30 for 19h00 and entry is R20. Supper is available from the restaurant. All are welcome.



