

GRAEME COLLEGE



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Graeme College's Vision Statement

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

NEWSLETTER – Friday 22 September 2017

"You can't give up! If you give up, you're like everybody else." ~ Chris Evert

Spring has come as a welcome relief after the rigours of winter and the focus of school shifts to summer activities and academic assessments. Our busy winter programme has seen a number of highlights and these are reflected on many fronts and forms of media. I, once again, commend those boys who made full use of the many and varied opportunities that Graeme College offers.

It hardly seems possible that we only have two more months of school left to the end of the academic year. Much of this time will be taken up with promotion examinations, particularly in the senior grades. The focus falls, once again, on the boys' achievements. As parents, it is necessary to remember, when scrutinising your sons' marks, that their achievements are a culmination of a whole range of factors. Try not to judge harshly when the result does not live up to your expectation. Know that there is always an opportunity for growth and keep in mind that greatness can come from humble beginnings. In the same breath, celebrate your son's achievements, however big or small, be it in sport, delivering an excellent speech or just participating in a group activity – it all adds up to building your son's confidence to achieve greatness.

For our Grade 12s: *"Desire is the starting point of all achievement, not a hope, not a wish, but a keen pulsating desire which transcends everything."* – Napoleon Hill. Hopefully the Matrics will use the short break for revision and to prepare for those all-important exams. It is certainly not the time for socialising and frivolity. This is now the final opportunity, for those who experienced problems in the trial examinations, to address such problems and hopefully improve on their weak areas.

Best of luck to the cricketers and athletes that are competing this weekend.

Kevin Watson

ACADEMIC

GRADE 12 TRIAL EXAM TIMETABLE

The Grade 12s are on their last week of their Trial Examinations. 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.

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.

AMESA MATHS OLYMPIAD

Congratulations to Noah Tabensky who was the only Graemian to receive Silver in the final round of the AMESA Maths Olympiad. The full report will be included in the Quarterly Newsletter.

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE COMPETITION

Well done to the Graeme College Junior General Knowledge team who competed against Victoria Primary. The team consisted of Jack Botha, Bulumko Sukwana, Similo Tshuma and Tyriqwe Massey. They put up a good fight, but narrowly lost in the final round.

BEST SPEAKERS' COMPETITION

This annual competition between Graeme College and Victoria Primary was, once again, hotly contested and led to a tie, which the Graemians managed to win 3 – 1. Well done to Jesse Mc Connachie (Gr 4), Ali-Ahmed Syed Cassim (Gr 5), Ross Bovey (Gr 6) and Bowan Basson (Gr 7).

ADDO OUTREACH PROGRAMME – Monday 26 September

Mrs Pearson will be taking a number of grade 9 learners to attend an outreach programme at the National Addo Elephant Park. All learners listed below must be at Grant House by 07h30 as the bus will be leaving promptly at 07h45. The bus is expected to return by 17:00.

The following boys will be participating in this programme:

Gr9MBR: Lufezo Bodla, Sokhana Maqoko, Somila Ntsunguzi, Nicane September, Hlomla Marener, Liyema Tonjeni

Gr9LP: Emitzio Agnew, Aswyn Classen, Seth Barends, Onesimo Mabala, Johan Swart, Leo February

SPORT

TRIANGULAR ATHLETICS' MEETING – Tuesday 19 September

Congratulations to the Graeme College junior athletes who put in a sound performance to win this event with 118 points. Kingswood Junior placed second, followed closely by St Andrew's Prep. Thank you to all the staff and learners who assisted to ensure the smooth running of the event. A more detailed report will follow in the Quarterly Newsletter.

HIRSCH SHIELD ATHLETICS' MEETING – Saturday 23 September

The Hirsch Shield event turns 100 years old this year! This centenary celebration will be hosted at Grey High School, Port Elizabeth on Saturday 23 September 2017. Good luck to the twenty-two senior athletes competing in this event. The bus will leave from Grant House at 06h30 and should return between 19h00 and 19h30. All athletes must travel in GC tracksuit pants, white GC golf shirt, blazer and dark coloured takkies. Athletes must run in GC athletics vest, GC shorts or any black athletics tri-shorts.

UPCOMING ATHLETICS' EVENTS

28 September Quadrangular Athletics' Meeting

SENIOR CRICKET

Pearson Festival Results: vs Somerset College (2 innings match)

SC 1st XI [1st innings] 271/5 declared (M Amm 2/48)

GC 1st XI [1st innings] 98/6 declared

SC 1st XI [2nd innings] 6/5 (S Madlongolwana 3/1, S Mginywa 2/5)

Match drawn

Pearson Festival Results: vs Framesby HS (2 innings match)

GC 1st XI [1st innings] 178/7 declared (C Gleaves 35, M Amm 34)

FHS 1st XI [1st innings] 260/6 declared (L Agnew 4/52)

GC 1st XI [2nd innings] 100/3 at close of play (B Manyakanyaka 39)

Match drawn

Pearson Festival Results: vs Potchefstroom Gymnasium (50-over match)

PG 1st XI 259 all out (S Madlongolwana 3/43, I Mancoko 2/44, L Agnew 2/42)

GC 1st XI 136 all out

Graeme lost by 123 runs.

Results: vs Manley Flats Invitation XI (50-over match)

GC 1st XI 259/5 (R Fritz 117 retired, M Amm 42, B Manyakanyaka 37)

MFI XI 101 all out (S Madlongolwana 5/12, M Amm 2/16)

Graeme won by 158 runs.

JUNIOR CRICKET

Fixtures: Saturday 23 September vs Summerwood Primary

The U11A and U13A cricket teams will play Summerwood Primary on Junor Fields from 09h00 on Saturday 23 September. The matches will be 40-overs per innings and lunch will be taken after the first innings. Players are requested to wear their blazers and must be at Junor Field by 08h30.

Eastern Province Trials – Tuesday 26 September

Due to the rain on Saturday, the cricket trials have been postponed to Tuesday 26 September. Cricketers travelling with Mr Kilian will leave Grant House at 06h30. Good luck!

U13A Cricket tour to Knysna

The bus leaves for Knysna on Thursday 28 September. Three matches will be played during this tour. Good luck to the team!

SQUASH

Results: Winter League

GC2 vs WILL won 12 – 2 GC3 vs FB1 lost 1 – 15 GC2 vs KC2 KC forfeited match

Fixtures: Winter League

Tuesday		Thursday	
26 Sept	GC1 vs SAC1	28 Sept	GC1 vs WYV1 / GC2 vs SAC2

SENIOR TENNIS

Congratulations to the following tennis players who emerged victorious in the School Championships:

Open Singles' Winner: Mark Amm
Runner-up: Christopher Gleaves
Open Doubles' Winner: Mark Amm & Christopher Gleaves
Runners-up: Jeremy Beyleveld & Jonathan Maasdorp
U14/U15 Singles' Winner: Garwin Dampies
Runner-up: Ethan Richardson
U14/U15 Doubles' Winner: Garwin Dampies & Ethan Richardson
Runners-up: Tinashe Gomo & Johan Swart

WATER POLO

U15 Sterrenberg Tournament

Good luck to the U15 water polo team which will leave to participate in the U15 Sterrenberg Water Polo Tournament at Selborne College next Thursday and will return on Sunday 1 October. The team has been placed in the Milton Gates Plate section of the tournament. All matches (excluding play offs) are on Friday 29 September at the Hudson Park pool as follows:

07h40 vs Selborne U15C 10h20 vs Pearson U14A
11h40 vs Merrifield U15A 13h00 vs Selborne U15B
15h40 vs Woodridge U15A

The play-offs will take place on Saturday 30 September.

GENERAL

INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS

A reminder that we still have a few remaining individual / sibling portrait photos waiting for collection from the Reception Office.

GROUP PHOTOS

The group photos are available for viewing on the Junior and Senior noticeboards respectively. Order forms were given to all the learners during the course of this week. Please ensure that the order forms and payment are handed in to the Reception Office by Thursday 12 October.

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**