



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 26 July 2024

“Children with nurturing father figures grow up more assertive, have better confidence and aren't as likely to battle depression.” Cathy Wilson, Teaching Boys.

Message from the Junior School HOD

Banner photo: A big thank you to everyone who came to the Legacy Derby weekend. What a weekend it was! We loved hosting everyone on our campus.

I have always enjoyed the following quote, attributed to Confucius:

“If your plan is for one year then plant rice. If your plan is for ten years then plant trees. If your plan is for one hundred years then educate children. ”

Teaching is a tough calling, as you only know you have succeeded when you meet the 40-year-old Old Graemian! All the measures that people use to judge schools such as matric results, sports results, buildings and gardens are important - but they pale into insignificance when considering the ultimate goal, which cannot really be measured in real time. The primary aim of Graeme College and schooling is to send out confident, happy and skilful young people into South Africa to make it a better place for themselves, their families and their communities.

It was therefore a great joy to meet up with young Old Graemians during our Legacy Derby Week and hear their stories to get a sense of how we are doing in achieving our ultimate goal (see the first paragraph). It was firstly wonderful just to see them and know that the Leopard still beats proudly and strongly in their hearts. Secondly it was affirming and motivating to hear and see that they are making solid progress in life, in so many different spheres of South African society. A massive thank you to our Old Graemians for initiating the Legacy Derby Week, what a life-giving event it was. We hope to see many more of our Old Boys at our Legacy Derby in 2025, which will take place during the week of the SAC fixture. You need to know how valuable and

special it is for us to have you back on campus.

Lastly, as a community, let us remind and encourage each other regarding the profoundly special calling a school like Graeme College has - that of moulding and building confident, caring, brave, wise and successful South African men.

God bless Africa
Guard her children
Guide her leaders
And give her peace
And let that peace begin with me

Mr Swift
Junior School HOD

Our number one goal was to get young old boys back to Graeme last week. The numbers of OG's that attended the activities of Friday afternoon/evening was absolutely incredible. Was so amazing to see so many faces back on campus! What a great rugby game was played with the Old Boys and Staff. Pictures below.



Academics

Grade 8 and 9 Assessment Programme Term 3

Please find a list of the standardised tests to be written this term below. These test results will comprise part of their SBA result, as will any other assignments that will be administered this term.

DATE	GRADE 8 TEST	DATE	GRADE 9 TEST
16 July 2024 (Day 7)	English Short Story Test	19 July 2024 (Day 9)	English Short Story Test
23 July 2024 (Day 2)	Afrikaans/isiXhosa Creative Writing	23 July 2024 (Day 2)	Afrikaans/isiXhosa Creative Writing
30 July 2024 (Day 7)	EMS Case Study	2 August 2024 (Day 9)	EMS Case Study
6 August 2024 (Day 2)	History Test	6 August 2024 (Day 2)	Geography Test
13 August 2024 (Day 7)	Geography Test	16 August 2024 (Day 9)	History Test
20 August 2024 (Day 2)	NS Test	20 August 2024 (Day 2)	English Literature Test
27 August 2024 (Day 7)	English Literature Test	30 August 2024 (Day 9)	NS Test
3 September 2024 (Day 2)	Afrikaans/isiXhosa Literature Test	3 September 2024 (Day 2)	Afrikaans/isiXhosa Literature Test
10 September 2024 (Day 7)	Mathematics Test	12 September 2024 (Day 9)	Mathematics Test

Focused Study Sessions Schedule for Term 3

The focussed study sessions programme kicks off again this coming week. Please see below for the times of the available sessions.

Subject	Grade	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Maths	8			2:00 - 2:45	2:00 - 2:45
	9			2:45 - 3:30	2:45 - 3:30
	10			1:30 - 2:15	1:30 - 2:15
	11	2:45 - 3:30	2:30 - 3:15		
	12	2:00 - 2:45	1:30 - 2:15		
isiXhosa	8	2:30 - 3:30		2:00 - 3:00	
	9	2:30 - 3:30		2:00 - 3:00	
	10	2:30 - 3:30		2:00 - 3:00	
	11	2:30 - 3:30		2:00 - 3:00	
	12	2:30 - 3:30		2:00 - 3:00	
Afrikaans	8		2:00 - 2:45		
	9		2:00 - 2:45		
	10		2:00 - 2:45		
	11		2:00 - 2:45		
	12		2:00 - 2:45		
Physical Science	10	2:30 - 3:15			2:00 - 2:45
	11	2:30 - 3:15			2:00 - 2:45
	12	2:00 - 3:15			1:30 - 2:45
Life Science	10		1:30 - 2:15	1:30 - 2:15	
	11		2:15 - 3:00	2:15 - 3:00	
	12		1:30 - 2:15	1:30 - 2:15	

Content to be covered in the coming week during focussed study sessions:

Subject	Grade	Week 4 (29/7)
Physical Science	10	Moles and stoichiometry
	11	Stoichiometry
	12	Electrodynamics
Life Science	10	Blood flow
	11	Excretion
	12	Revision Term 1

Gardening Club

The Gardening Club did some cleaning up of the Strelitzias at the Main Gate this week. Well done boys, a good shift! "To plant a garden is to dream of tomorrow." -Audrey Hepburn.



Let us brighten up our campus! The GC Junior Gardening Club is looking please for donations of Agapanthus & Coral Aloes - they will be planted in specific places on campus. We would appreciate if anyone has any extras and they can be placed on the grass next to the staff parking lot. Thank you!



Plant Donations

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For further info contact Mr Swift on 082 496 6193

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Staff news

Mr Nico van der Meulen, aka the 'War Horse', celebrated his birthday this week. On Monday 29 July, we will be having an assembly at 13h00 where Old Graemians and members of the community are welcome to attend, as the learners say thank you and goodbye. Mr Nico van der Meulen was schooled at Graeme College and then taught at Graeme for 37 years. He retires next week...An iconic legend of Graeme College!



Community Engagement

Term 3:
Graeme College Community Engagement
SCHOOL SHOE
DRIVE

Please consider donating your old school shoes for our next community engagement drive.

ANY SIZE



IN A GOOD
CONDITION

Please contact Ms White for further information.

Community Engagement is extremely important to us as Graemians. Our students learn the importance of caring for those around them. Here is our next community engagement project for Term 3. Please send in your second hand shoes for the attention of Ms White.

Community Engagement

The Community Outreach Portfolio boys were invited to the opening of the new science exhibition. This is another collaboration between Graeme College and the Observatory Museum.

The boys were publicly thanked for their fundraising efforts for the Museum and their help in beautifying the garden at the museum.

It was an incredible experience to hear the emotion in the voice of the Museum Curator, Dr Cili, while thanking the boys. The Museum clearly means a great deal to everyone involved.

The boys were well hosted and enjoyed viewing the new exhibition and the camera obscura. The camera obscura is one of only two in the world. Brazil has one and our very own town has a camera obscura.

We thank the Museum for hosting us and we look forward to continuing our relationship with the Museum.





MARIMBA BAND REHEARSALS

Monday: 14h00 - 14h45 Grade 6 and Grade 7 Group
Wednesday: 13h30 - 14h15 Grade 4 and Grade 5 Group

STEELBAND REHEARSALS

Monday: 14h00 - 14h30 Beginner Steelband
14h30 - 15h00 Intermediate Steelband
Tuesday: 13h30 - 14h15 Senior A Steelband
14h15 - 15h00 Senior B Steelband
Friday: 14h00 - 15h00 Senior A Steelband

CHOIR REHEARSALS

Tuesday: 13h30 - 14h15 Junior Choir
Wednesday: 13h30 - 14h30 Senior Choir
Thursday: 13h30 - 14h30 Senior Choir

Calling all budding artists from Grade 1-12! Our children's art competition is aimed at encouraging creativity from our young students, to display thought and concern for our planet's environment and the incredible wildlife that inhabits it! Join us on an Animal Kingdom adventure!

ANIMAL KINGDOM

GR 1 - 12 LEARNERS ART COMPETITION

DRAW, PAINT OR SCULPT YOUR FAVORITE ANIMAL, WHETHER IT IS A PET, WILD ANIMAL, OR AN IMAGINARY CREATURE.

ART EXHIBITION WILL RUN FROM THE 19TH - 23RD AUGUST IN THE SCHOOL HALL.

AWARDS:
AWARDS WILL BE GIVEN TO DIFFERENT AGE GROUPS. DOUBLE GOLD, GOLD, SILVER & BRONZE

IMPORTANT DETAILS:
ENTRY FORM: Fetch from Mrs Neising at the music room
ENTRY FORM DEADLINE: 29th July in the box outside the office
If you need paper you can fetch from the art room on the 26th July 2024
ARTWORK DEADLINE: 12 August, 2024
Hand in artwork to Miss Janse van Rensburg

THE GC ARTS & CULTURE EISTEDDFOD '24

THE ARTS & CULTURE DEPARTMENT IS EXCITED TO INVITE OUR LEARNERS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2024 GRAEME COLLEGE EISTEDDFOD! ENTRY FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION AT THE ART CLASS AND THE MUSIC DEPARTMENTS.

CATEGORIES INCLUDE : MUSIC, ART PREPARED SPEECH, PREPARED READING, POETRY, DANCE & DRAMA. OPEN TO GR 1-12.

Closing date for entries:	29 July
Preliminary Rounds (performing arts):	12-16 August (times tbc)
Art submission deadline:	12 August
Gala Concert:	Date tbc
Venue:	Graeme College School Hall
Eisteddfod Entry Fee:	R 5.00 per category



2024 GRAEME COLLEGE EISTEDDFOD (above)
The Arts & Culture department is excited to invite our learners to participate in the 2024 Graeme College Eisteddfod!
Entry forms are available for collection at the art class and the music department.
Please take note of the dates and information below. We look forward to seeing you there!

- Categories: Music
- Art (paper available from Ms Janse van Rensburg if required)
- Prepared Speech
- Prepared Reading Poetry
- Dance
- Drama

By entering for the Eisteddfod, boys will also be supporting their houses.

House points are awarded as follows:

- Entry per category = 20
- Blue certificate = 50
- Bronze certificate = 100
- Silver certificate = 200
- Gold certificate = 400
- Double Gold certificate = 800
- Invitation to perform/exhibit at the Gala Concert = 200

First Aid

Thank you to the First Aiders who are competent and confident in their ability to support pupils with medical conditions during our Legacy Week. It is such a vital role they play.



Grade 7s

This week the Grade 7 isiXhosa class visited The Amazwi Literature Museum with Mr Ralo and Mr Xonxa accompanying them.



Grade 7s

Boys in 7AS who excelled in work, manners and behaviour were awarded their Leopard Certificates on Thursday. From left to right: Jed van der Merwe, Leo Murray, Bongzi Toto, Elethu Sandi, Lusenathi Manzana, Lòrièn Yazbek, Sivu Manyakayaka, Revanio Williams, Tseliso Matsoso, Usi Jadi, Alan King'oo. Absent: Kenzo Prince, Lethabo Bayi. Well done boys!



Notch Kings

Notch Kings of the week - Grade 4-7 are pictured below.



Graemians of the week

Ben Fox is our sportsman of the week for his 2 goals in his hockey match last Friday, which resulted in winning the game.



The u13C/D team is our team of the week for showing continuous improvement, dedication and teamwork. They recorded a 36-5 win on Saturday!





Don't forget to enter the Belmont's Junior Championship this weekend! For more information contact Mr Sean Killian on 076 140 4204.

JUNIOR CLUB CHAMPS 2024

SUNDAY 15 SEPT 09:00



DIVISIONS & FORMAT
GIRLS & BOYS
 Grade 1 - 4 (9 holes ISP)
 Grade 5 - 7 (18 holes ISP)
 Grade 8 - 12 (Medal, 2 over par rule)


R100/ PERSON
 to enter contact the club
082 924 4797

MUST BE A MEMBER OF THE BELMONT WITH AN OFFICIAL HANDICAP

Right: An opportunity to be part of the shadow shift project, our Community Engagement students will be shadowing our local spur waiters and waitresses to serve you and offer great customer experience! This is a fundraising initiative, so we need your support- so book your seat today and make a night of it for a good cause! Come and enjoy a fun-filled evening with us on the 31 July.

SHADOW Shifts at REDWOOD SPUR

WE INVITE YOU TO SUPPORT GRAEME COLLEGE Outreach



Wed 31st July, 2024
5pm - 8pm
To book your table
Call 046 622 2629

SPUR
 Evenings with Meaning

Putting the **FUN** into fundraising

GBS Mutual Bank Mountain Drive Half Marathon 24 August 2024

Hosted by the
Rotary Club of Grahamstown Sunset and Albany Runners

Half Marathon starts at Graeme College 07h00
 10km race starts at 07h30
 4km race starts at 08h00

Also - the Dassie Dash on Friday 23 August 16h00 - a relay for teams of 4 - 2.4km x 4



Meals 024



Dash the Dassie



Graeme College

Family Fun Fair '24

4 October 2024

Our first parent meeting will be held next week Wednesday 31 July at 5 pm in the Graemian Centre. Please can all parent reps from each mentor group be there.

Please save the date for the Graeme College Family Fun Fair this year. The magic ingredient is FUN for the whole family at our annual event. It is an opportunity for families to gather to enjoy time together. Food, drinks, games and activities - an action packed afternoon and evening is on the cards this October.

Parent thank you

We say this over and over again... our parent body at Graeme College is the most amazing in the world! As part of the legacy week, our 1st XI cricket moms, worked themselves to a standstill last Friday night. Making/selling more than 500 burgers, along with the frying of chips etc. It is a hectic fundraiser, but the same parents are always seen working tirelessly behind the scenes. They are AMAZING!



Blood Drive

We had a very successful blood drive this week! Thank you to everyone who took the time to donate blood.



Queen's College vs Graeme College & Merrifield College

SATURDAY 27 July 2024:

Rugby

Team	Venue	Time	Queen's Coaches	Graeme Coaches
1 st	Rec	14h30	Clinton Löest Tyrone Rankin	Jonty van der Meulen Andrew Swift
2 nd	Rec	13h10	Conelius von Cullwitz Bernard Jjuuko	Nico van der Meulen
3 rd	Rec	11h50	Malvin Charasika	Sino Ralo
4 th	Parry West	10h00	Rose Roji	Vuyo Tshekela

Team	Venue	Time	Queen's Coaches	Graeme Coaches
16A	Rec	10h30	Siyambonga Mzileni Tyrone Rankin	Odwa Xonxa
16B	Parry East	09h00	Cameron Drake	Mfundo Manyati

Team	Venue	Time	Queen's Coaches	Graeme Coaches
U15A	Parry West	11h10	Albré Wagener Tristan Waller	Mike Pretorius
U15B	Parry East	10h10	Benjamin Siyaya	Sinovuyo Mtati
U15C	Parry East	12h10	Sinethemba Konki	Cameron Amos
U14A	Parry West	09h00	Nicholas Schenck Phawu Mantashe	Ciko Ngodwane
U14B	Parry West	12h10	JP Barnardo	Bongo Draai
U14C	Parry East	11h10	Liyabukwa Phiti	Bongo Draai

Hockey vs Merrifield

Team	Venue	Time	Queen's Coach	Merrifield Coach
16A	Astro	09h00	Atholston Tobias	Qhayiya Jack
1ST	Astro	10h00	Michael Baiden	Andrew Buckley



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RUGBY

GRAEME COLLEGE

vs HERBERT HURD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Saturday 27 July 2024

MARAIS A FIELD

MARAIS B FIELD

TIME	TEAM	TIME	TEAM
09h00	U11B	09h00	U9A
09h50	U11A		
10h40	U13B		
11h40	U15A		

Rugby

Summary of results from senior rugby against Kingswood:

1st XV lost 37-17

2nds GC lost 22-0 win

3rds GC won 24-7

U16A GC won 52-5

U15A GC won 24-7

U14A won 54-5

Scores from Marais Field:

U15B won 50-8

Junior School Rugby Results vs Kingswood:

U9A won 54-0

U13C/D vs KC U13B won 36-5

U11B/A vs KC U11A won 55-21 (pictured below). Thank you to Emile Fox for the photos.

U13B/A vs KC U13A won 51-17



Junior Hockey

Hockey results against Kingswood:

U11A lost 3-1 to KC

Pictured below are the U11B side who won 2-1. Special mention of Benjamin Fox who scored two well deserved goals, winning the game!



Senior Hockey

Hockey results against Kingswood:

U15 vs KC U14A lost 1-0

2nd lost 2-1

1st lost 5-0



Squash

As we get closer towards the end of a sports season, reflecting on the achievements of Ashton Burger gives the college a sense of pride as we celebrate with him.

Ashton represented the u14 Eastern Province Squash Team in the IPT Tournament, which was held in East London from the 15-18 of June 2024. He was ranked number 1 in the A side. Ashton played 6 games and managed to win 5 out of 6, with a high tempo and intense games. This is a remarkable achievement. The team managed to earn a well-deserved silver medal in this year's IPT Tournament.

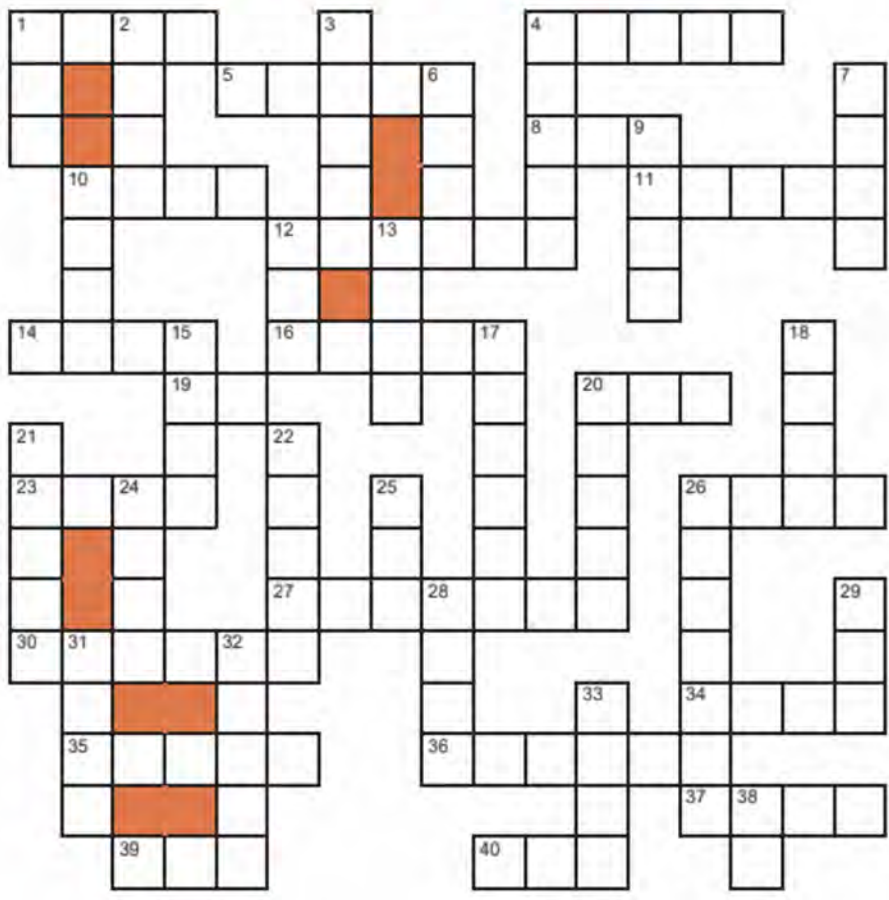
Ashton is certainly a very exciting young squash player and we look forward to watching him go from strength to strength.



Each week Ms De Jong will add a brainteaser to the newsletter, with solutions the following week. Your child is welcome to complete and send into her, or just complete at home for fun!

Antonyms

DIRECTIONS:
Find the opposite of each word and write it in the crossword grid.



Word Bank

- AFTER, AWAKE,
- BETTER, BOY, CLOSE,
- COLD, EAST, END,
- EVEN, FALSE, FAT,
- FLOAT, GENTLE,
- HAPPY, HARD,
- HUNGRY, ADD,
- IN, LAST, LAUGH,
- LEARN, LESS, LIE,
- LONG, NORTH, ON,
- OVER, PLAY, POLITE,
- PRESENT, RIGHT, RISE,
- SAME, SOUR, STAY,
- STOP, TEACHER, TIDY,
- TOP, TRUE, UGLY,
- WELL, WET, WILD,
- WIN, YOUNG

Across

- 1. Sick
- 4. Asleep
- 5. True
- 8. Bottom
- 10. Leave
- 11. Teach
- 12. Worse
- 14. More
- 16. Old
- 19. Off
- 20. Skinny
- 23. Under
- 26. Messy

Down

- 1. Lose
- 2. First
- 3. Open
- 4. Before
- 27. Absent
- 30. Full
- 34. Soft
- 35. Cry
- 36. Rude
- 37. Sink
- 39. Dry
- 40. Subtract

Across

- 6. West
- 7. Short
- 9. Work
- 10. Different
- 12. Girl
- 13. False
- 15. Sweet
- 17. Rough
- 18. Hot
- 20. Sink
- 21. South
- 22. Sad
- 24. Odd
- 25. Truth

Across

- 26. Student
- 28. Go
- 29. Begin
- 31. Beautiful
- 32. Wrong
- 33. Tame
- 38. Out



We are delighted to announce that Graeme College has purchased a full membership of the VIVE TEEN WELLNESS application, which will enable ALL our learners to have full access to the app. It is something that we have thoroughly investigated, and feel that this is a massive step in the right direction for the wellbeing of our all learners. We are excited that every learner will have safe space to learn more about mental wellness, and reach out for help if needed, in a number of ways.

VIVE TEEN WELLNESS is an Artificial Intelligence enabled digital platform and smartphone application that was built in South Africa. The first version was launched earlier in 2023, with several schools presently using the full suite of functionality. The schools and learners that have been using the platform in recent months have provided us with very valuable feedback that assisted us in planning the next phase of the roll-out.

During 2022 VIVE TEENS has been selected as a winner in the UpLink - World Economic Forum (WEF) Youth Mental Health Challenge where it has competed with over 120 other mental health companies from across the globe.

The platform is expected to launch internationally early in 2024, and as part of that process we are awarding South African schools the opportunity to gain from a locally built application and support the mental wellness of our children.

The Graeme College subscription starts from 1 September 2023, but we would like our learners to download the application in the meantime, and familiarise themselves with it by referring to the various videos and guides.

Here is a link to the video to understand what Vive is all about: <https://fb.watch/mcK3MzNNrn/>



Browse uplifting stories

Vive Teens
Your always-there
personal wellness
companion



Discover content
that is AI-curated
for you



Plaques for Indoor Sports Centre

Our commemorative plaques allow you to celebrate and appreciate the memories of your loved ones, honour someone special or distinguish your family.

Our granite plaques are enduring and timeless. They are a fitting tribute on our beautiful new Indoor Sports Centre and a valuable contribution to our school.

ADD YOUR NAME INTO THE HISTORY OF THE GRAEME COLLEGE CAMPUS FOREVER:

We are selling plaques to add to the new indoor centre... where you can add your name or family name into the history of the building. The idea is to sell 150 plaques only.

Email your request to z.wille@graemecollege.co.za - we will send you more information re payment etc.

The plaques will be R5000 each and will be 270mm x 130mm. They are Rustenburg Granite - black/grey. Lettering is 15mm in height. All funds raised will go into the extra building costs as well as equipping the facility with sports and gym equipment.

150 GRAEME COLLEGE 1873 - 2023

#GC150Plaques

Would you like to honour someone special/loved ones or your family through our commemorative plaques? Our plaques at the new Indoor Sports Centre will be the mainstay for putting the finishing touch on a beautiful and historical great buildings at our school, thereby adding your name to the history of Graeme forever. Our commemorative plaques are a dignified and formal means of honouring someone truly special/or your family.

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#GC150Plaques

Our first few plaques are up!

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Library

Library times

The library will be open at first break only, every day. If you would like your son to study in the library in the afternoons, you need to write a letter to the school to get permission. Thank you for your cooperation.

2nd Hand Clothing Shop

The Second Hand Clothing Shop is now open longer.

Time: 08:00-13:00, Monday to Friday.

Please report to Reception for enquiries or contact Jerri via e-mail (info@graemecollege.co.za).

Google Calendar

Please click on the link below to be directed to the school Google Calendar. The link helps you subscribe to the school calendar which you can add to your phone, tablet or computer. Just click on the 'plus sign' at the bottom right hand corner of the calendar.

Click here for a link: <https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0/r?cid=public.calendar@graemecollege.co.za>

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Graeme College

If you aren't on the GC Community WhatsApp group - you can join by following the QR Code below or communicate with your Class Register Teacher or Mentor Teacher.



"It is the life of the crystal, the architect of the flake, the fire of the frost, the soul of the sunbeam. This crisp winter air is full of it." - John Burroughs. Somerset Field was pictured this week with a touch of frost.

