

2023- In celebration of 150 years of excellence



## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 2 August 2024

"Appreciation is a wonderful thing. It makes what is excellent in others belong to us as well"

### Message from the Deputy Headmaster

Our College is 151 years old... and possibly in the best place it has ever been with regards to culture, parent support and overall achievement of who we want to be as a school. A phrase we use so often is being proud of being the community school in our town. That's probably the most important aspect of who we are as a school.

This positive space that we currently find ourselves in, has been a result of the development over decades of hard work, dedication and commitment. Others have laid the foundations for where we are today. This week, we said farewell to another one of those icons, as Nico van der Meulen retired. There are a number of stalwarts that have retired in the last number of years, and this is just an appreciation message to those who spent decades building up the culture of who we are as a school today...

**Nico van der Meulen - taught at Graeme for 37 years**

**Ian Suttie - taught at Graeme for 39 years**

**Glynis Suttie - taught at Graeme 39 years**

**Sheryl Luden - taught at Graeme for 31 years**

**Sandy Hill - taught at Graeme for 37 years**

**Peter Reed - Headmaster for 23 years**

**Alwyn Riddin - taught at Graeme for 40 years**

**Elmarie Riddin - taught at Graeme for 29 years**

**Ernie van Hille - taught at Graeme for 37 years**

**Mariska Grelying (still on our staff) - teaching at Graeme for 30 years**

**Although before my time, I've also been told of the legendary long service of Mr Lane (35 years), Mr Searle (35 years) and Miss Malan (40 years). I taught briefly with Don Munday, and I know he also did 30 incredible years of service at Graeme. There are a few other teachers at Graeme currently, that are knocking on the door of the same threshold.**

**I apologise if there are slight inaccuracies, or worse, somebody is omitted from the list. I will blame Ernie van Hille, and use his age as an excuse (after teaching here for 37 years... he is STILL sitting in the office next to me; although, he is probably playing Bridge at the moment!)**

**It's not the long service that we are celebrating at all, but rather the incredible impact made over those years. That's what stands out as legendary. We ran into Sandy Hill at a coffee shop recently - and she spoke about how much she misses the school.**

**Watching the boys say their farewell to Mr van der Meulen was electric; the emotion in the room was palpable. When you see what it means on the face of a man like him, you realise just how important this place is. It's not just a school; there is something very special about the people here, and what we are building together every day. Not every day is easy, and there are so many challenges along the way. Maybe those difficulties are what makes the outcome even more rewarding. The raw emotion in Monday's assembly, was one of immense pride for everybody involved. To firstly, be part of such a special send off, but then also witnessing the respect shown for who he is as a man, as well as for what he has achieved here was powerful. Not to mention just celebrating his life long commitment to our college.**

**We are a proud, true South African school. One with no hidden agendas, a humble school with no pretences. Graeme College is a modest, down-to-earth school, focusing on providing a quality education in a developing country that desperately needs schools like ours. It is that list of names above, that has carried the legacy on their shoulders for so long. It is an honour to take up that challenge, as a new group of educators currently carry that torch temporarily. We are a proud school. Proud of what, and who, we are. The pride is a sense of self-respect and encouragement of each other. Pride in the positive inspiration shown across our campus, and a sense of pride in the community collective and identity of who we are.**

**Forgive me for using one of our social media posts to end this week's newsletter message. Ian Suttie sent me a message yesterday, with a photo of Nico van der Meulen... it simply said: "Warhorse's final practice as the sun sets on Somerset". You can't get more poetic than that... but how powerful is the sentiment that is acknowledged between the two icons of our college. Like attracts like... great respects great.**

**Thank you to the legends of Graeme College.  
Enjoy your retirement Mr van der Meulen.**

**Gregg van Molendorff**



## 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 focused 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	
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	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 5 (5/8)
Physical Science	10	Moles and stoichiometry
	11	Stoichiometry
	12	Photoelectric effect
Life Science	10	History of Life
	11	Excretion
	12	Natural Selection

# Leadership Workshop

## Grade 11 Leadership Workshop

Last week the Grade 11s spent two days exploring Leadership concepts and ideas. The boys have been exposed to Leadership Competencies by Prof. Noel Pearse from RU Business School. He introduced the concept that Leadership Competency is made up of Knowledge; Skill and Attitude. We have explored governance and ideas of Servant Leadership, Transformational Leadership and Agile Leadership with Prof. Owen Skae, also from the RU Business School. Time spent on the field with Mr N van der Muelen showed the Grade 11s some of their own skills and attitudes to working as a group and particular situations. Time management, thinking of where schooling might lead - either to university or to a practical or entrepreneurial career was also considered. Mr Kurt Solomon (Old Graemian) delighted the group with his life story. The culmination of this Workshop is understanding the Leadership Portfolio system at Graeme College. A big thanks to all the staff (Miss Kenyon, Mr Roberts and Mr Watson) and external speakers who made this workshop a success. The next step is for the Grade 11s to apply as Portfolio Headships for 2025.



# Science Expo

Congratulations to Benjamin Shaw and Daniel Czeredrecki-Schmidt who were invited to compete in the regional Makhanda Eskom Expo for Young Scientists. They both did very well and scooped up lots of prizes on the day. Ben, the youngest entrant, received a bronze award overall, a special book prize from SAIAB in his category of Animal Sciences and was awarded the Top Male Primary School project, with a generous prize donated by Redwood Spur. Danny received a silver award, a special award from WESSA for Best Junior (Grade 4-8) Environmental Project and shared the prize for Top Male Participant project, also with a chunky Spur gift voucher. A huge thanks to the organisers for a memorable day and Rhodes University for hosting the event.



# Academic Enrichment

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The high school learners were given the opportunity to listen to a lecture by Dr Cheryl Walter, Senior Lecturer in Microbiology, at the University of Hull in the United Kingdom.

What made this address so special is that Dr. Walter was one of the scientists at the forefront of Covid-19 research in the UK.

The boys were mesmerised by her lecture and asked her plenty of insightful questions.

Dr Walter is also a Rhodes University graduate!

She spoke about the advent of Covid-19 and how the world floundered in trying to get to grips with the virus.

Many new opportunities have presented themselves to Dr Walter as a result of the virus. Her expertise was called upon by the business sector, the legal sector, local newspapers, television and even the radio!

Not only is Dr. Walter an excellent scientist, but also she and a colleague developed a cheap, rapid Covid test at a fraction of the price. They proudly exported their rapid Covid test to Kenya. Their test met the crucial factors of being able to be transported without losing the effectiveness of the enzymes being used. Kenya was able to store and use these tests with limited resources for maximum impact.

The boys asked questions about other viruses too.

Dr. Walter was very impressed with the boys and their insightful questions. She even remarked that they asked better quality questions than many of her university students!

One of the things she impressed upon the boys was to take every opportunity afforded to them and to never turn work down, as one simply does not know where it might lead.

Thank you Dr Walter, for taking time out of your holiday to address the boys. We know you made a massive impact on them.





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

# Community Engagement

## Community Outreach Portfolio dog sterilization.

Last year, the Community Outreach Portfolio boys walked a half marathon in aid of Makhanda's Butterfly Effect.

The boys raised R4000 towards buying dog and cat food for each animal that was sterilized. This helped towards Makhanda's Butterfly Effect, having more money to spend on the surgeries of animals. Each animal sterilized is sent home with a bag of food to aid in their recovery.

In July, Ms White was contacted by Makhanda's Butterfly Effect to ask if they could sterilize any pets for our boys to say thank you.

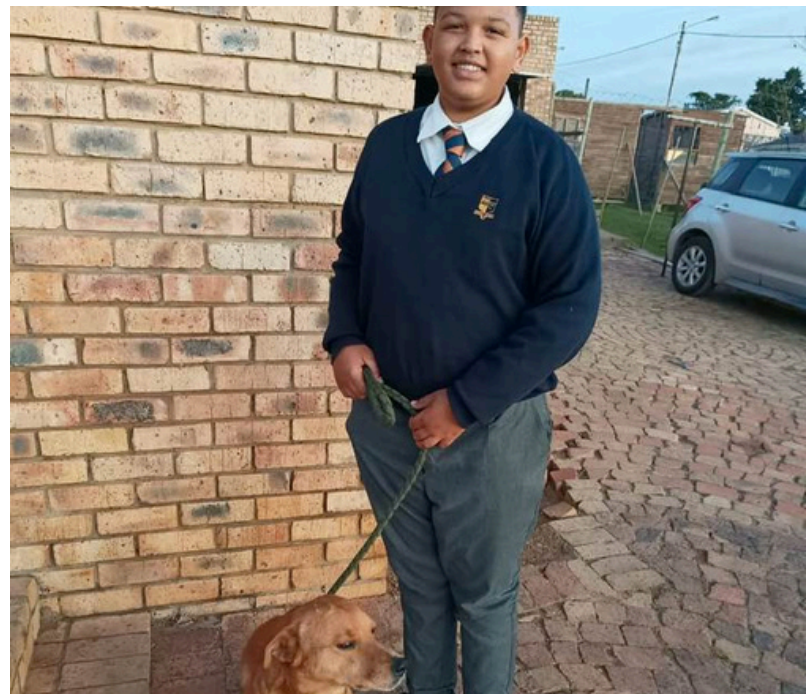
3 dogs were sterilized at no cost to their owners.

The good news story is even more special as Sam, Duane Oosthuizen's dog, had a cancerous growth removed by the vet doing the sterilization.

Makhanda's Butterfly Effect has also paid for Sam to receive chemotherapy every Thursday for five treatments!

We thank Dr. Clayton of Grahamstown Veterinary Clinic for performing the surgeries for the dogs of our boys and Makhanda's Butterfly Effect for so generously making this possible.

We are indeed grateful for such kindness and compassion shown towards our boys and their pets.



## Community Outreach Portfolio Spur shadow shift.

The Community Outreach boys were given the opportunity to shadow shift at Spur last night.

The boys helped to set tables, clean tables, fill sauce bottles, salt and pepper shakers and deal with customers.

We thank Spur for giving us the opportunity.

Our boys gained valuable experience. They worked hard and were a credit to their school.





# Community Engagement



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# Community Engagement

Community Engagement at Graeme is at the heart of our school. We take the role to help others seriously. How can you do your bit to help? Please see our projects for term 3.

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.



## Graeme Community Engagement Request



Please help us in collecting 2lt  
ice cream containers for the  
Lebone Centre.

The containers will be decorated and used as stationery containers.  
Please kindly send onto Ms White.

## Graeme College Community Engagement Request for the

# ACVV Senior Citizens

We are kindly asking our Graeme Family to help assist for the following request:

Flour  
Sugar  
Oil  
Hand soap  
Facecloths  
Shampoo  
Toothpaste

There are 25 seniors at ACVV, 8 male and 17 females.

Please send to your class teacher for Ms White's attention. Thank you!





**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!

# 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)  
Thank you for the lovely entries for our eisteddfod this year. From the looks of it, we are in for a creative treat and we simply can't wait to see what the learners are preparing. We are now collating all the entries and setting up schedules for the preliminary rounds. Please look out for details about the art submissions and individual performance times on class groups and in the next newsletter.

- 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

**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



Picture credit: Grocott's Mail. A photo of the steelband who played at the grand opening ceremony on Wednesday 24 July, at the Grahamstown Observatory Museum when they unveiled their latest exhibition, 'The Victorian Men of Science', celebrating the contributions of prominent figures like Henry Galpin and Dr William Atherstone to science.



### Junior School

The Grade 2s and 3s were treated to a play at Kingswood Junior this week. What fun!



## Junior School

Mr Momberg, a third year Rhodes student, is currently doing his teaching practice in the Grade 1 class and the boys absolutely adore him! Last week he surprised them by playing the guitar and they all sang together. They were enthralled with the entertainment.



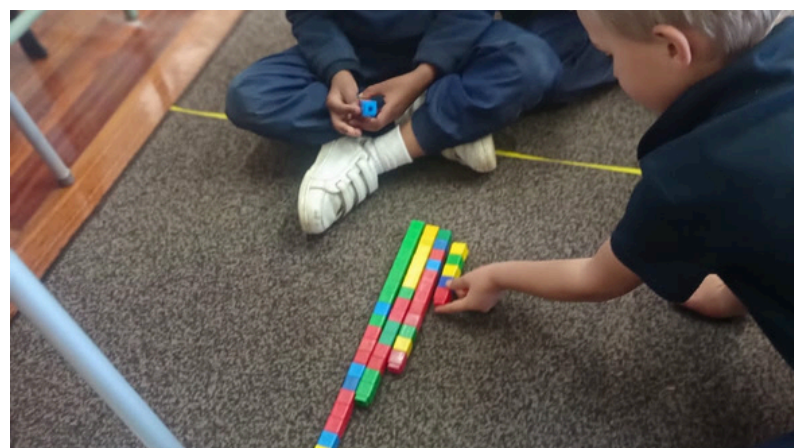
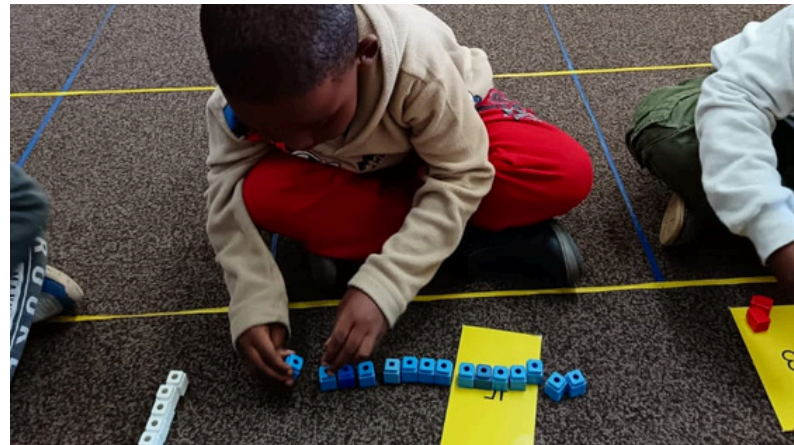
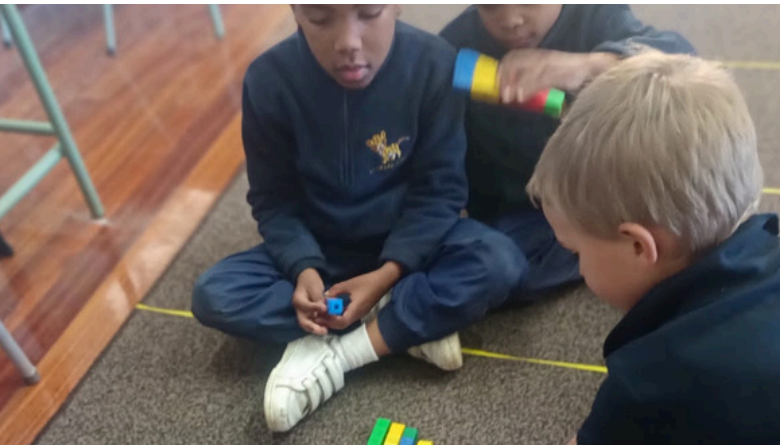
## Notch Kings

Notch Kings from last week for Foundation Phase.



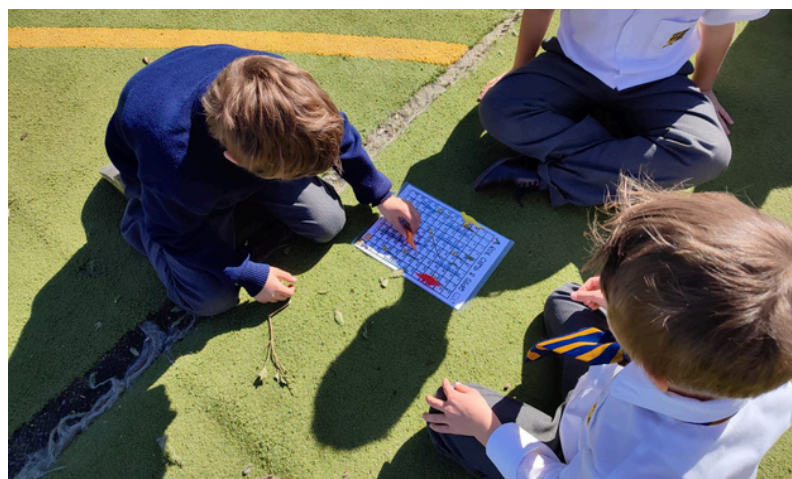
# Grade Rs

In the last few weeks the Grade R boys have learnt all about measurement, the value of money in the form of notes and how to identify numbers. They have also been doing one to one correspondence by packing out a certain number using counters. We even challenged the boys to work with some big numbers- which they got! The boys had so much fun by practically arranging themselves from tallest to shortest too!



# Grade 2s

The Grade 2s ended their week last week by playing Maths games outside in the winter sun!



The grade 7 isiXhosa class had to produce a skit/drama production in isiXhosa. They did brilliantly!



The grade 7 history classes visited the Albany Museum to learn about the colonisation of the Cape and the battle of Makhanda.





# Grade 9s

Our guest speaker, Mr. Olaf Heidtke, spoke to the grade 9s this week about some of the topics they have learnt about in history this year (WWII and the Cold War).

Mr Heidtke gave an engaging presentation, where he showed them the large coins used in Germany at the time and he also shared some very personal stories from the end of the Cold War.

The boys were captivated!





Don't forget to enter the Belmont's Junior Championship for September. 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**

## 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



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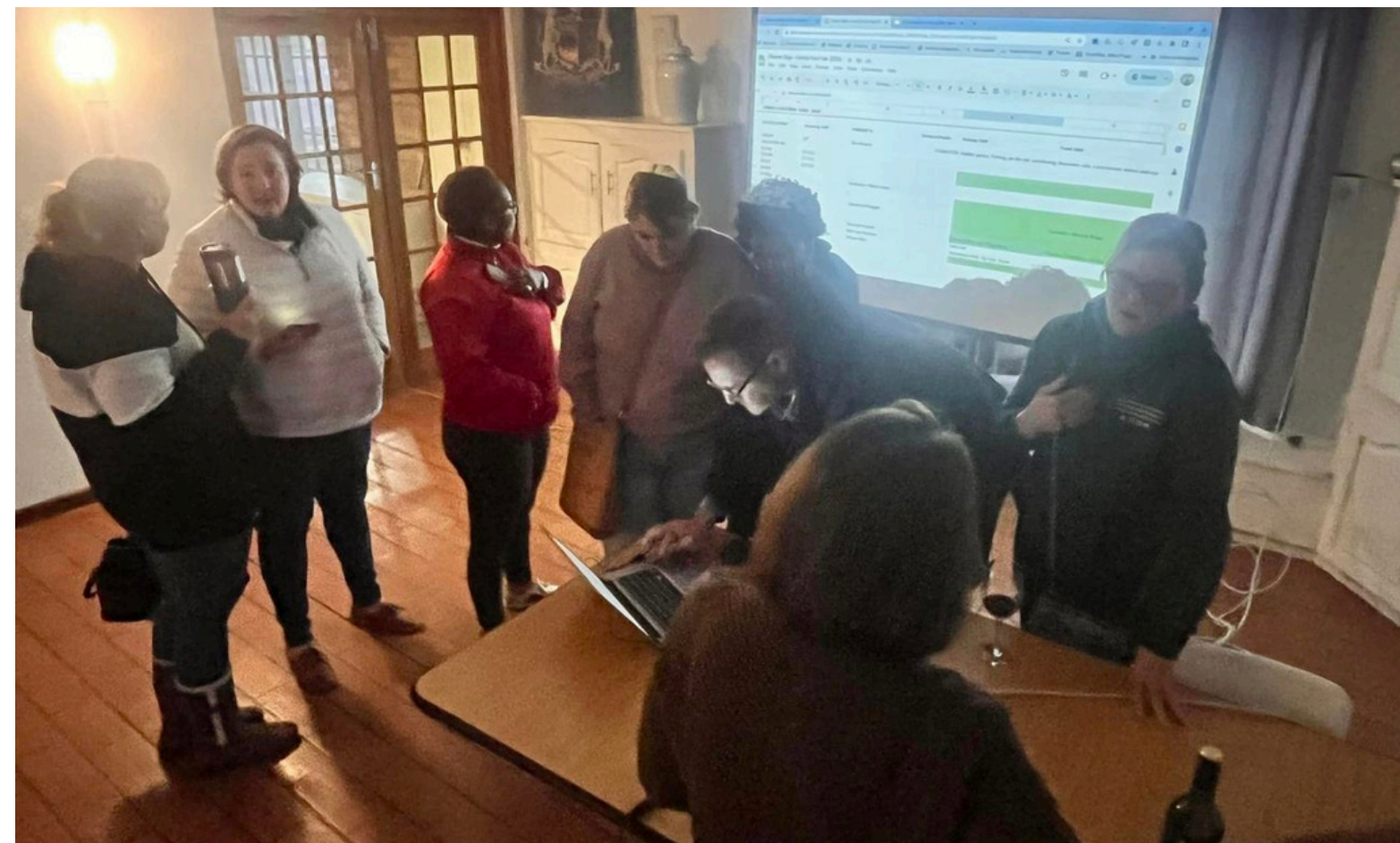
# Family Fun Fair '24

4 October 2024

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

Thank you all for coming to the Family Fun Fair meeting this week! We had a fantastic turnout of parents. Thank you to all who took up the call to help and we will be reaching out to you soon to check in on stalls etc. We are appreciative of those who are fully supporting the school initiatives! Please reach out in our Family Fun Fair Whatsapp group.



# Tennis

## Senior Tennis:

GC 2 vs PJ top tennis players

GC won 98-27 (games)



# Hockey

Senior hockey versus Muir

GC u15A vs Muir U16A won 3-0

GC 1sts vs Muir 1sts won 4-0

# Rugby

## Junior School Rugby Results vs Herbert Hurd

U9A won 21-12

U11B won 25-10

U11A won 35-6

U13A lost 31-27

U13B won 47-5

## Summary of results from senior rugby against Queen's College:

		<i>Rugby</i>					<i>Rugby</i>		
1ST XV	Queen's	40	13	Graeme	U15A	Queen's	17	17	Graeme
2ND XV	Queen's	42	14	Graeme	U15B	Queen's	17	12	Graeme
3RD XV	Queen's	29	7	Graeme	U15C	Queen's	29	7	Graeme
4TH XV	Queen's	54	0	Graeme	U14A	Queen's	22	15	Graeme
U16A	Queen's	19	25	Graeme	U14B	Queen's	34	14	Graeme
U16B	Queen's	36	7	Graeme	U14C	Queen's	54	11	Graeme



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## RUGBY

### GRAEME COLLEGE VS MUIR COLLEGE

Saturday 3 August 2024

#### Somerset Field

TIME	FIXTURE
08h30	U14A vs U14A
09h30	U15A vs U15A
10h30	U16A vs U16A
11h40	3 <sup>rd</sup> vs 3 <sup>rd</sup>
12h50	2 <sup>nd</sup> vs 2 <sup>nd</sup>
14h00	1 <sup>st</sup> vs 1 <sup>st</sup>

TIME	MARAIS A	TIME	MARAIS B
09h00	U11B	08h30	U9A vs Grahamstown Primary
09h50	U13B	09h20	U13D
10h45	U11A	10h10	U13C
11h35	U13A	11h00	U11C
12h35	U16B	11h50	U14B
-	-	12h50	U15B

Won't be able to make the rugby this weekend? Here's the links to the live streaming of the matches.

Graeme vs Muir 1st

<https://youtube.com/live/6yqE2XLrBdc?feature=share>

Graeme vs Muir 2nds

<https://youtube.com/live/fqdJ0sT2Vrg?feature=share>

Graeme vs Muir 3rds

<https://youtube.com/live/m6yNixNhnNl?feature=share>

Graeme vs Muir u16a

<https://youtube.com/live/tkrX0Ru8Zto?feature=share>

Graeme vs Muir u15a

<https://youtube.com/live/LF8AbBwfpCU?feature=share>

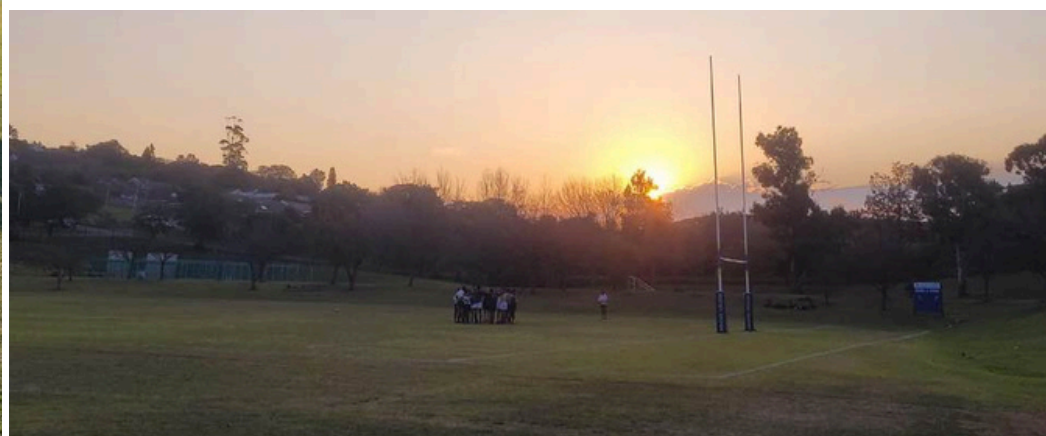
Graeme vs Muir u14a

<https://youtube.com/live/nr6KMZShMPY?feature=share>

Left: They say like attracts like... in this case it's about two colossal legends of Graeme identifying the magnitude of the impact that they have shared at Graeme College. Ian Suttie sent this message yesterday, with a photo of Nico van der Meulen... it simply said: "Warhorse's final practice as the sun sets on Somerset". You can't get more poetic than that... but how powerful is the sentiment that is acknowledged between the two icons of our college. Like attracts like... great respects great.

Below: Captured yesterday...

And just like that, the sun sets on the last day of rugby practice for this season.



# Rugby

Scenes from the U15A team in action this last weekend in Queenstown.



# Rugby

Scenes from the 1st XV team in action this last weekend in Queenstown. Thank you to the Avis family!



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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!



## Back to school word search

Grade 4 Vocabulary Worksheet

Circle the hidden words.

n	c	a	l	e	n	d	a	r	z	x	w	j	z	e	t
c	e	x	m	v	h	c	l	a	s	q	p	u	q	f	t
d	e	z	i	n	a	g	r	o	l	g	w	s	d	f	r
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v	z	p	z	o	o	c	m	u	f	p	z	n	p	q	g
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|-----------|-----------|------------|-------------|
| organized | diary     | academic   | calendar    |
| lesson    | biology   | attendance | mathematics |
| creative  | textbooks | auditorium | knowledge   |
| listening | algebra   | calculate  | effort      |

Last week's solution.

### Antonyms Crossword

SOLUTION

W	E	L	L	C	A	W	A	K	E	L	O
I	A	F	A	L	S	E	F	T	O	P	L
N	S	O	S	A	S	E	T	O	P	L	E
S	T	A	Y	B	E	T	T	E	R	A	Y
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N	O	V	E	R	A	L	I	T	O	T	I
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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/>

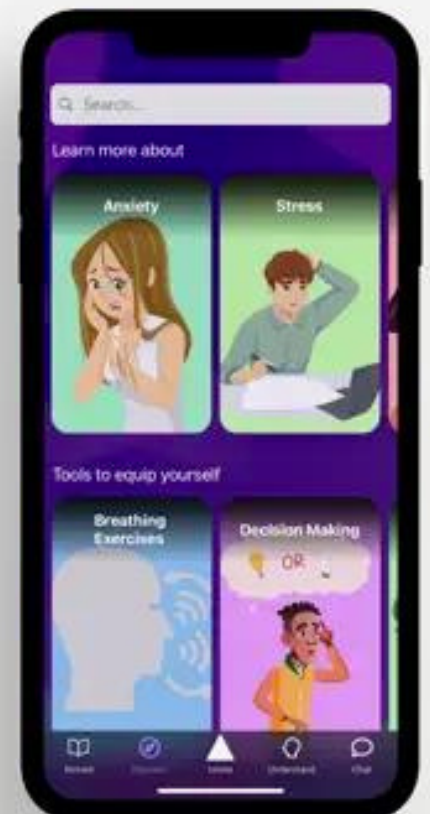


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# Plaques for Indoor Sports Centre

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](mailto: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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# 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](mailto: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>

## Stay connected

Do you follow Graeme College on the following platforms?

Instagram:

@graemecollege

@graemeboys

Awsum App

<https://www.awsum.co.za/download-the-awsum-app-for-schools>

Facebook:

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.



Well done to Mr Nico van der Meulen on his hole in one!

