



## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 16 August 2024

**‘Perfection is not attainable, but if we chase perfection we can catch excellence’ - Vince Lombardi**

### Message from the Junior School HOD

#### The Joys of the Teaching Profession

**On Saturday my wife and I attended a concert hosted by the Rhodes University Chamber Choir. What a beautiful evening it was and you missed out if you weren't there. There was a strong Old Graemian contingent in the Rhodes Choir which gave me a lot of joy - they brought the place to life! The Victoria Primary Chamber Choir was brilliant. There is nothing better for a teacher than to see young people operating with genuine confidence and at a world-class level. You just get a sense that you are seeing successes waiting to happen, when their adult selves come to fruition.**

**On Wednesday the Junior School boys were hosted by Victoria Primary for the annual Best Speakers and General Knowledge Competition. Again, the boys and girls were operating at a level where you thought - “Yes man, that’s fantastic!”. When you watch young people succeeding - and succeeding at a world-class level - you are reminded of why you became a teacher, and it brings one great joy.**

**Richie McCaw (properly successful, at a world-class level) had this to say:**

**“It’s probably a bit of a weird thing to think about at 12 or 13, but I had this idea that I wanted to make the most of absolutely every opportunity that came along. To not have any regrets. I remember thinking that you don’t want to be an old person saying ‘What if?’ or ‘If only?’. You get into habits of working hard. You get into habits of setting your sights pretty high. Cause that’s what I’ve done for so long.”**

**We would love Mr McCaw's words to take root in the hearts of every Graemian. Our Vision Statement says:**

**“To strive for excellence by developing all to their full potential”**

**Well done to all those Graemians who do so many things that bring teachers joy, in whatever field you are operating in. Your seeking excellence as you express your potential gives us energy and joy - and we all need that in life.**

**Virtute et Opera**

**Mr Swift  
Junior School HOD**

## **SGB By Elections 2024**

**Dear Parents**

**Thank you so much to the parents who made themselves available for positions on the school governing body. And thank you for the various parents who assisted with nominations during that process. We have received three nominations, and sadly due to the sad news we received recently, we actually required three new members on the SGB. Therefore, we don't need the election process next week, due to the fact that Graeme College needs to have nine parent members on the SGB.**

**As per the Gazette, and Schools Act of 1984:**

**12.4**

**a) If the total number of valid nominations is equal to the required number of parent members after the elapse of the nomination time, those nominated are declared to be duly elected...**

**Mr Wepener (Electoral Officer) has confirmed the due process has been followed with nominations closing at 15h00 on Wednesday 14 August 2024, and therefore the nominees were declared elected. The parent representatives on the SGB are as follows:**

- Ms Anita Bosch**
- Mr Sibusiso Mkhize**
- Mr Siyabonga Duba (V Chairperson)**
- Ms Ellouise Muir**
- Mr Steven Boy**
- Mr Wayne Weber**
- Mr Etienne Walters**
- Mr Cameron McConnachie (Chairperson)**
- Mr Barend Lensley**

**We are delighted that Mr McConachie was elected as Chairperson of the SGB and Mr Duba was elected as Vice-Chairperson.**

# 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)	NSTest	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	
	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 7 (19/8)
Physical Science	10	Motion in 1D
	11	Energy
	12	Exam revision
Life Science	10	Biosphere
	11	Population Ecology
	12	Revision

## Grade 12 Preliminary Examinations

The Grade 12s will commence their Preliminary/Trial Examinations on Monday 19 August. They need to arrive at school timeously in order that they might be seated in the venue a minimum of half an hour before the commencement of the examination. No pencil cases/bags/boxes may be brought into the venue. All stationary must be kept in a clear plastic sleeve. We wish these Grade 12s well as they take this very important step in completing their school year.

### GRADE 12 PRELIMINARY TIMETABLE 2024

THERE WILL BE NORMAL SCHOOL UNTIL FRIDAY 16 AUGUST. DURING THAT TIME THERE IS ORAL MODERATION, DEPARTMENTAL TASKS AND TESTS AND OTHER THINGS DUE FOR MARKS.

DATE	09H00	14H00
Monday 19 August	CAT Paper 1 Practical 3 hours	
Tuesday 20 August	Business Studies Paper 1 2 hours	
Wednesday 21 August	IsiXhosa FAL Paper 3 2 ½ hours	
Thursday 22 August	Life Sciences Paper 1 2 ½ hours	Afrikaans FAL Paper 3 2 ½ hours
Friday 23 August	Geography Paper 1 (Climate, weather, Geomorphology, Mapwork) 3 hours	
Monday 26 August	Music Paper 1 3 hours (Theory)	Music Paper 2 1 ½ hours (Comprehension)
Tuesday 27 August	English Home Language Paper 2 2 ½ hours	
Wednesday 28 August	Life Sciences Paper 2 2 ½ hours	IsiXhosa FAL Paper 2 2 ½ hours
Thursday 29 August	Geography Paper 2 (Rural and Urban Settlement, Economic Geography of SA, Mapwork) 3 hours	
Friday 30 August	Accounting Paper 1 2 hours	English Home Language Paper 3 3 hours
Monday 2 September	<u>Final</u> Life Orientation Exam 2 ½ hours	
Tuesday 3 September	History Paper 1 3 hours	Afrikaans FAL Paper 1 2 hours
Wednesday 4 September	Accounting Paper 2 2 hours	IsiXhosa FAL Paper 1 2 ½ hours
Thursday 5 September	Visual Art/Design Paper 1 3 hours	Afrikaans FAL Paper 2 2 ½ hours
Friday 6 September	Mathematics Paper 1/Maths Lit Paper 1 3 hours	
Monday 9 September	Mathematics Paper 2/Maths Lit Paper 2 3 hours	CAT Paper 2 Theory 3 hours



Tuesday 10 September	History Paper 2 3 hours	
Wednesday 11 September		
Thursday 12 September	English Home Language Paper 1 2 hours	Business Studies Paper 2 2 hours
Friday 13 September	Physical Sciences Paper 1 3 hours (Physics)	
Monday 16 September	Physical Sciences Paper 2 3 hours (Chemistry) Art Practical** (08h00 – 16h00) (Nicholas to please join at 12h30, after Physical Sciences)	
Tuesday 17 September	Art Practical** (08h00 – 16h00)	
Wednesday 18 September	Art Practical** (08h00 – 16h00)	
Thursday 19 September	Art Practical** (08h00 – 16h00)	
Saturday 5 October	Art Practical** (08h00 – 16h00)	
Monday 7 October	Art exhibition set up (14h00- 17h00)	

\*\* These days are compulsory for all Visual Art and Design Students. Please make sure that you take a packed lunch with you for those days. In addition, you need to arrange two additional mornings with your practical teacher on a day where you have no exam scheduled.

**MATHS TRIANGULAR COMPETITION**

**Date: Wednesday 21 August 2024**  
**Time: 17h00-19h00**  
**Venue: GC Templeton Hall**  
**Entrance: free**

**Participating schools: GC, VGHS, PJ Olivier**  
**Teams consists of 3 learners per team,**  
**organised in Grades 8-11**  
**PRIZES AVAILABLE!**  
**Tuckshop will be open.**





## Plant Donations

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!

📞 For further info contact Mr Swift on 082 496 6193

**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!**

**A big thank you to Leo du Preez from Grade 1 who is very excited about our gardening day coming up in September. He organised for his uncle, Bresby du Preez (OG '88), who works at Buco, to donate some lovely gardening equipment for the day. Thank you Buco and Bresby and Leo!**





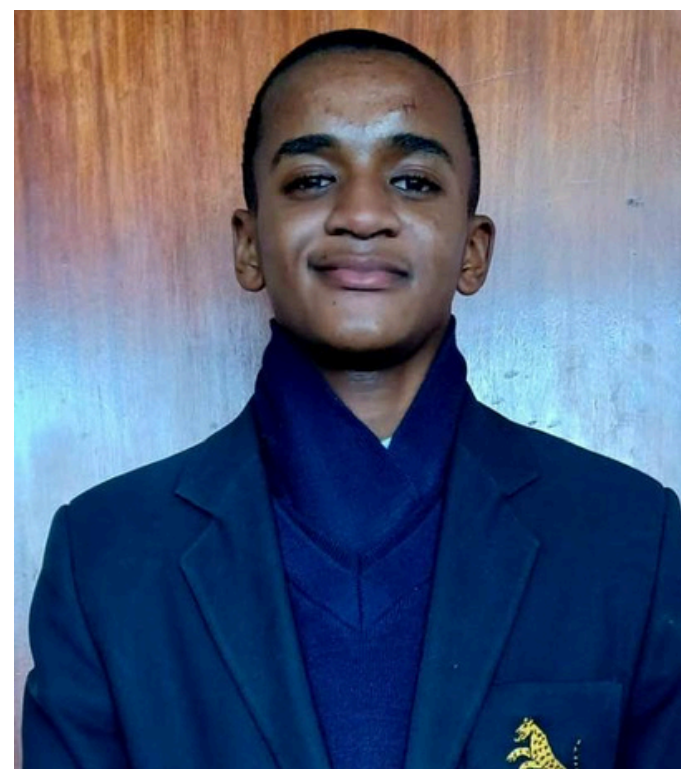
**Below left: Noah Tabensky of 11PDL was inducted into the 100 Club for his 100% obtained in the Trigonometry test!**

**Below right: Ruben Bodenstein of 9SA was inducted into the 100 Club for achieving 100% for his test on Straight Line Functions.**



**Below left: Luphawulwethu Madolo was inducted into the 100 Club for achieving 100% for his test on Straight Line Functions.**

**Below right: Lutwe Kobese of 11JG was inducted into the 100 Club for his 100% achieved for the Trigonometry test last week.**





**Below left: Olothando Gxekwa of 11JG was inducted into the 100 club for achieving 100% for his Trigonometry test last week.**



**Congratulations to Sizoo Klaas and Ruben Bodenstein on achieving 100% for their Accounting tests. You gents can be very proud!**







Three of our Grade 9 learners took part in a district EMS quiz this week. The quiz was challenging but these young gentlemen did so well, taking 1st place. Well done to Kits McConnell, Sizo Klaas and Joshua Danilatos...you have made Graeme proud!

## Academic Enrichment Guest Speaker

On Tuesday afternoon, the boys attended a talk by one of our own parents, Gcobisa Qukubana. Ms Qukubana works at the South African Reserve Bank as a Cyber Security Specialist. Currently she is also a PhD candidate in Cyber Security. She spoke about the many important functions of the Reserve Bank but focussed mainly on cyber security. Gold bullion, exchange rates, fake money, money laundering, destroying of currency, hacking, etc. were discussed. The boys were amazed and enthralled at what she had to say and asked insightful questions thereafter. We thank Ms Qukubana for giving up her time to address the boys on her area of expertise.





# Grade Rs

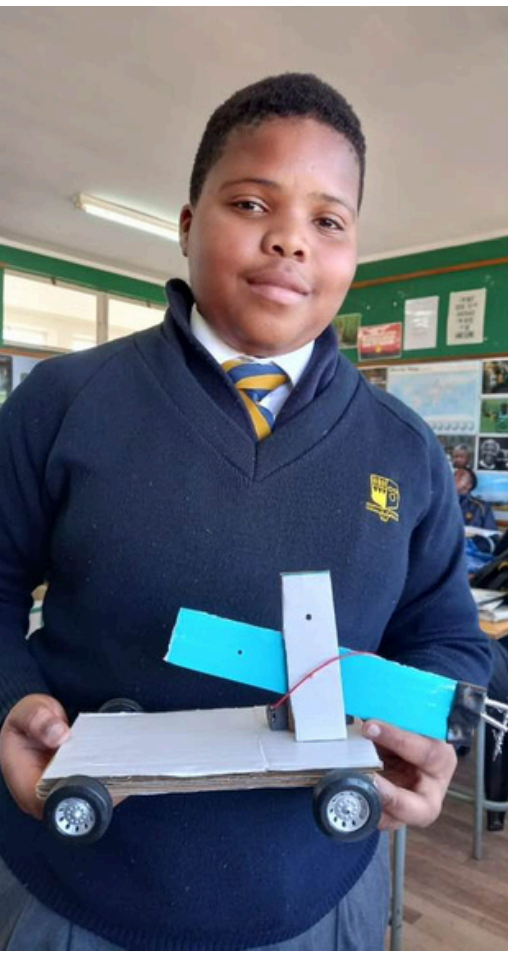
The grade Rs have been very busy learning all about fruit and vegetables. Different activities were done for these two themes. The boys used their fine motor skills to cut, stick, paint and paper tear to make the crafts that were related to the themes. Maths was then also incorporated into the fruit theme. The boys did a practical data handling activity where we took a count of who has which fruit in their lunch box and put that data into a graph. Well done boys!





# Grade 7s

The first round of Grade 7 electromagnet projects were assessed this week. There was some great work done. Well done boys!





# Grade 5s

The Grade 5 boys have been enjoying their Mathematical lessons outside in the sun.

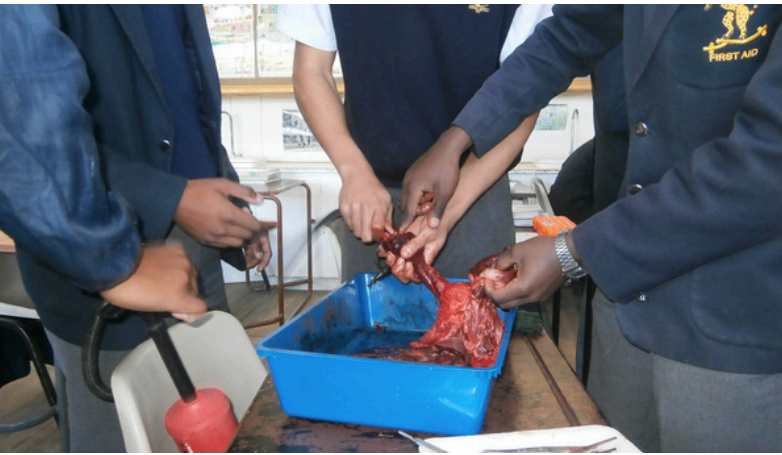




# Grade 11s

## Grade 11 Life Science

This term has seen the Grade 11s looking into how the lungs operate and exploring how the kidneys function. This has included the opportunity of seeing how these organs are structured in some warthog specimens.





# Matric Dance

## Graeme College Matric Farewell Dance 2024

On Friday 9 August the Grade 12s celebrated their Matric Farewell Dance in the Templeton Hall. The hall did not know itself, as it had been specially draped for the occasion. The theme was “Monet’s Garden”, and the tables were festooned with waterlilies as depicted in the famous paintings by the artist. With accent colours of green, cerise and gold the hall looked absolutely splendid. The Matrics and their partners also looked splendid and entered into the spirit of the occasion. They enjoyed a three-course meal that included fillet steak and a decadent chocolate brownie, before taking to the dance floor to show that there is lots to celebrate. They are to be congratulated on their sense of style and the way they enjoyed themselves. Tribute must also be made to the parents who made the occasion possible for their sons. The Grade 11s who helped with the dance need to be thanked. As always, the staff who attend the dance need to be thanked, as without their presence the dance would not be able to take place.





# Community Engagement



## Community Outreach Portfolio Raffle winner

Mr Andile Maziko won the raffle that the Community Outreach Portfolio boys ran to raise funds for their Build a Braai project for Ikhaya Losizo Foster Cluster Home.

Mr Maziko won R500 worth of dry wors! A perfect treat for this past long weekend.

The dry wors was delivered to Fort Beaufort on Thursday. Mr Maziko is a Graeme College parent. His son, Dinge Lento of 10LN, sold him the winning ticket.

The next phase of the project is already underway. Measurements and plans have been sent on to the builder!

We thank the many learners, families, and community for supporting our raffle.

## How to support 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.

We here at Graeme are so proud of our recent work to help our community and we'd like to thank you for being a part of our projects we undertake.

However, our mission for community engagement is a 24/7 undertaking! We need your help to continue our work. Past campaigns have enabled us to really be impactful to those who need. If you have anything to donate, from household goods to clothing, please consider sending it to school for Ms White's attention- she will know the correct people to give everything to. Any, and all support, is greatly appreciated. We're excited to get to work! Thank you for being a part of our community and our story.



# Community Engagement

Well done to Ms White who has been officially inducted into Rotary as a Rotarian! Ms White is Head of our Community Engagement and we all know just how incredible she is at her role! Raj Ramchunder, District Governor D9370 - 2024-25 visited the Rotary Club last week. At the Club's weekly lunch meeting the DG inducted their newest member, Morgan White. A truly remarkable moment to be inducted by the DG. Congratulations Morgan. Pictured below: DG Raj, Morgan White and Club President; Serelda. (Picture credit: Rotary Club- top right and left)







**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

**2024 GRAEME COLLEGE EISTEDDFOD (above)**

Our Gala Eisteddfod date is in the diary. We welcome learners and parents to come watch! Results are currently being collated and the participants for the finale gala concert will be notified by Monday latest.

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

Below: Three beginner snare drummers in action after their first lesson. After spending the lesson on some rudiments on the snare drum, these boys were given the opportunity to be creative and have some fun. We still have much to learn with regard to technique, but the enthusiasm is wonderful. Watch this space as Graeme College's new instrumental music program develops! Watch the video on our Facebook page.



# THE GC ARTS & CULTURE EISTEDDFOD '24

THE ARTS & CULTURE DEPARTMENT IS EXCITED TO INVITE OUR LEARNERS AND PARENTS TO THE 2024 GRAEME COLLEGE EISTEDDFOD GALA PERFORMANCE!

GALA CONCERT  
21 AUGUST 2024  
17H30-18H30  
THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT







GC Eisteddfod 2024 - the adjudication round occurred this week and if this is anything to go by we are in for such a treat at the final Gala Performance!







For their practical mark this term, the Grade 6 classes learnt about the musical elements and had to make their own songs to show how those elements work together to produce music. They had to have a name for their group and present their composition to their classes. Some cool group names came up, like "The Majors", "The Future Kings", "The Musical Leopards", "Dreaming Muses", "The Beat Makers" and "The Brilliant Boys". We saw some very creative pieces and the boys really enjoyed the whole experience. In one of the classes, a challenge was suggested that the best of the groups should perform during break on Friday. The onlookers cheered enthusiastically and supported the Grade 6s in true Graemian spirit.





# Best Speakers

On the 14 August 2024 Victoria Primary (VP) hosted the annual inter-schools Best Speakers and General Knowledge quiz between Graeme Junior and VP. In the past years Graeme have found it tough against the girls in the best speakers competition, this year was no different. The Graeme boys lost the battle in the Grade 4 and 5 categories but managed to pull a win in the grade 6 category, Well done to Joel Chitsike. The grade 7 category was fiercely contested and the adjudicators found it difficult to pick a winner and awarded a draw, Well done to Jed van der Merwe.

The General Knowledge quiz was also another tough affair considering that the Graeme boys have struggled against the girls. This year the boys brought some heat and challenged the girls right up until the last round. At the end of the quiz the Graeme boys were victorious by 53-42. Well done to the General Knowledge team. Thank you to Victoria Primary for hosting the event this year.





## SCHOOL BACKPACKS

Easy to clean  
Waterproof material

Nametags:  
R30 for two

Small GC yellow trimming school bag with embroidery - R385

Large GC school bag with embroidery - R420

Delivery before school starts Jan'25

Easy to carry and stylish with our school logo

Order & payments by the 15 November '24



Please send cash in a sealed envelope for Ms Pretorius' attention (grade 00 teacher) clearly stating your child's name, surname and grade. The name you provide will be the name used on the name tags.

## Events

**COME WATCH!**



**SAT 24 AUGUST**  
**@LILYFONTEIN SCHOOL**  
U15 & U17  
RUGBY TEAMS

GRAEME COLLEGE  HUDSON PARK  PORT REX

LILYFONTEIN  QUEENS COLLEGE  CAMBRIDGE

BEACONHURST  OOSKUS GIMNASIUM

HANGKLIP  MDT HURRICANS  STUTTERHEIM



[www.lilyfontein.co.za](http://www.lilyfontein.co.za)

Lilyfontein will be hosting the Toyota SuperSport High School Sevens Series on Saturday, 24 August and Graeme is involved! **COME WATCH** an exciting line up on U15 and U17 teams battling it out for the series WIN! Sevens is played over 14 minutes and relies on speed and performing intricate skills under high pressure and mind-bending fatigue. It is the ultimate test of individual skills and fitness.



# WATCH IT ON THE BIG SCREEN

SOUTH AFRICA

VS

AUSTRALIA



**Come and join us for the 2nd game  
live @ the Leopards Den  
Graeme college 17th August  
GAME STARTS 11:45**

**Right: Steak & Cake Evening After the Dassie Dash!**  
Join us on August 23rd for a fantastic evening following the Dassie Dash!

The Graeme College first-team cricket will be cooking and selling delicious steak rolls to raise funds for the Cape Schools Cricket Festival. There will also be 100 boerewors rolls available too!

Plus, the Rotary Club of Grahamstown Sunset is celebrating its 25th anniversary and everyone gets a slice of cake! Don't miss out on the fun as we gear up for the marathon. See you there!



## STEAK AND CAKE EVENING

Graeme College 1st XI Fundraiser  
for the Cape Schools Cricket Festival

**Friday 23 August 2024  
from 5.30pm onwards  
Graemian Centre**

Bring along the family and enjoy  
**steak rolls and a piece of cake**  
to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the  
Rotary Club of Grahamstown Sunset

Set up night for the  
GBS Mountain Drive Half Marathon

### 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



Meal's  
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Left: 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**

**Cake sales coming up: bring your cash and your sweet tooth!**

Join us for  
**The Grade 3 Bake Sale**

Cakes      Cookies  
Lamingtons      Brownies  
Cupcakes      Popcorn  
and so much more!

4 September 2024  
The Quad  
10:10-10:40

See you there!

# The u11A&B hockey fundraiser

# CAKE SALE

Thursday 22 August

The cake sale will take place in first break 10:10-10:40. Please send money to school with your son for a special treat.





Graeme College

# 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.

The preschool and the Grade 1 class have already presented their stalls- we are definitely in for a treat with all the activities and food!

Grade 1s present

## FUN FAIR GAME STATION

Classic carnival-type games!

**R5** for 3 tries per game

Tennis balls & fins | Balloons & darts | Corn in the hole

\*Delicious corndogs for sale, R10 each



## THE PRESCHOOL TRAIN STATION

AT THE FAMILY FUN FAIR

4 October  
2024

12-6pm

TRAIN RIDES - R15

GAMES (HULA HOOP, PIN THE TAIL, FRISBEE TOSS, HOOK A DUCK) - R5

TATTOO BOOTH - R5

BOEREWORS ROLLS - R20

HAMBURGERS - R30

SURPRISE SWEET PACKETS - R5-R10





# Soccer

## Interhouse Football Results

### WILES ARE CHAMPIONS!

The tightly contested interhouse soccer competition has come to an end with Wiles being crowned champions for the 2024 edition. This is after a fierce battle for the top spot between Wiles and Vernal who were tied in all aspects going into the last match in which the victors of the tournament were decided. Wiles asserted their authority early on in the match and scored three goals in the first half, pushing Vernal into a tight corner. However, Vernal fought back in the second half and were rewarded with a consolation goal. The match ended with a score line of 3 – 1 in favour of Wiles.

In the other match, Hutton and Neilson were fighting tooth and nail to register their first win of the season. Hutton managed to conjure up a convincing 4 – 1 win over Neilson House.

House	Played	Points	Position	GF	GA	GD
Vernal	1	3	1	5	3	2
Wiles	1	3	2	5	3	2
Hutton	1	0	3	3	5	-2
Neilson	1	0	4	3	5	-2





# Athletics

## Senior Inter-House Cross Country: Thursday 22 August

The senior Inter-House Cross Country event will be held on Thursday 22 August. Please be reminded that this is a compulsory event for the U14 to Open age groups (Grade 8 to Grade 11). All athletes are to report to their house captains for roll call on Marais Field at 14h30. Learners having medical, or other legitimate reasons for not participating **MUST** provide a doctor's note, or written letter from a parent, and will be expected to assist Mr Appollis with marshalling at the event.

**Dress:** White or GC Shorts, running shoes, 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.

**Athletics season has arrived! The Grade 2s enjoyed their first practice this week.**







Parent (Boyd) of former educator (Kyle Fichardt), had a welcome guest in the cockpit on the way to the Sharks match in Bloem this weekend

Campus news

The Campus and Environment Portfolio have continued to work on their garden by the pool this term. Looking great!





**Tyrone Rankin matriculated at Graeme College in 2011.**

**He spent his entire schooling at Graeme College from Grade 1 to Grade 12.**

**While at school, Tyrone was fully involved in the activities offered.**

**Tyrone was Head Monitor in his Grade 7 year and captained both the u/13A cricket and rugby sides that year. In his matric year, Tyrone was Head Boy of the school and captained the 1st Cricket team. Tyrone captained the 1st Cricket side in his Grade 11 year already. Such was the belief in his abilities as captain. Tyrone was also Deputy Head of Grant House in his matric year.**

**Tyrone participated in a wide range of activities throughout school. These included:**

**Chess, swimming, rugby, cricket, tennis, chess, and foundation phase choir, to name a few!**

**After school, Tyrone enrolled at NMU for BAdmin degree majoring in Business Management and Public Administration. Thereafter, he completed his PGCE at NMU majoring in Business Studies and History.**

**While at NMU, he played for the u/21rugby and young guns sides. In 2014 and 2015, he played for the EP u/21 side in the Varsity Cup. He moved on to play club rugby for the police side after that.**

**Whilst studying at NMU, Tyrone coached rugby at Grey High School in 2013. He stayed on to coach rugby and eventually did his teaching internship at Grey High School.**

**After qualifying, as a high school teacher, Tyrone moved on to work in Komani at Queens College.**

**Tyrone has really flourished in his time at Queens College.**

**Tyrone performed the following roles: Hostel Master, Assistant Coach for the 1st Rugby team, Head of Grade 8, Director of Rugby, Head of Student Leadership, u/16A coach, Head of Business Studies, Head of Grade 11, to name a few.**

**Tyrone has also moved up the ranks of school leadership. He has been appointed onto the School Management Team and School Based Support Team.**

**Tyrone has continued to coach rugby at high levels. He was appointed as the Border u/18 Assistant Coach for Craven Week and has held this position since 2022.**

**In 2022, Tyrone married Suzette. They have a beautiful baby girl named Nina Skye and two dogs, Toby and Nala.**

**Tyrone has continued to follow the happenings at Graeme College with keen interest. He has stated that the work the staff are putting in on all fronts of the school is wonderful to see. He remains grateful to Graeme College and the staff for moulding him into the man he is today. He knows the current generation of Graemians appreciate it, too.**

**We look forward to watching your career unfold and are so impressed with you, Tyrone. We are proud of this Son of the Leopard.**







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!



## A Sports Logic Puzzle

Four children are great friends. Use the clues below to find out which sport each child plays.

	Basketball	Baseball	Volleyball	Soccer
Brad				
Jenny				
Frank				
Susan				

1. Brad plays a sport that begins with the same letter as his name.
2. Jenny has to kick the ball in the sport she plays.
3. Frank hit two home-runs this season.

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Last week's solution:

## SOLUTION

7	5	4	2	3	1	9	6	8
9	8	6	7	4	5	2	1	3
3	2	1	9	6	8	4	5	7
4	3	5	1	7	2	8	9	6
6	1	9	8	5	4	7	3	2
2	7	8	3	9	6	1	4	5
5	4	7	6	2	9	3	8	1
8	9	2	5	1	3	6	7	4
1	6	3	4	8	7	5	2	9



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 [marketing@graemecollege.co.za](mailto:marketing@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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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: PLEASE NOTE DAYS HAVE CHANGED.

Time: Mondays and Wednesdays, between 13h00 and 14h00.

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.



Right: We are incredibly excited to be hosting our Annual Sports Dinner tonight, in celebration of merit and achievement. Isn't the hall looking stunning? More details to follow in the in the next newsletter!

