



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 23 August 2024

"The arts are not just a nice-to-have; they are a must-have. They give students a creative outlet, foster innovation, and promote understanding across cultures, enabling them to express themselves and think critically." - Michelle Obama

Message from the Deputy Headmaster

Above: Plenty of support for the Pre School athletics this morning.

On Wednesday evening, we were so privileged to enjoy the performance of our internal eisteddfod at the music centre. Sometimes it's hard to accurately explain the 'feel good' sensation after these types of events. I liken it to taking a landscape photo of stunning scenery. The photo is often great, but it never quite shows the magnitude of standing in front of that view accurately enough - you lack depth, colour and sensation. Likewise, I think you have to be sitting in the auditorium, to fully appreciate the incredible talent, comradery and sense of occasion during events like the eisteddfod.

We had performances from Grade 3 to Grade 12, covering a variety of arts. Prepared speeches, readings as well as a wide range of musical items. When a Grade 4 stands up and delivers a brilliant vocal rendition of 'When I was your man' (Bruno Mars), you are just blown away. Never mind the wonderful talent - the sheer courage of doing that, in front of a big audience, is something that leaves you in awe. Some Grade 12s took a small break from their exam preparation and displayed their talents as well. The parents, learners and staff were treated to some absolutely stunning performances. I loved watching the thrill on their faces, as they completed their performances, but also the admiration and respect from their peers in recognition of their talent was also profound. To watch and listen to our youngest learners play incredibly complicated piano solos and duets, is so very impressive.

Right at the end of the evening, Ms Niesing introduced Iviwe Mshubeki (Grade 10) who had entered the eisteddfod and was performing a piano solo. He walked up towards the piano, with the physique of a strapping rugby forward, with blazer buttons under pressure with regards to his strong, burly physique. To then sit down and perform a piano performance of that calibre with such grace, was again, just sensational. Iviwe is well known for his sporting achievements on the cricket and rugby fields, but also has a love for music. Although not a music student at Graeme, he spends a lot of time in the music department to hone his talents. It's just a reminder of how special our school is, but also just exciting to see our learners following their passions.

The music room was packed as everybody enjoyed the evening, and I know there are plans (dreams) about a new arts venue... Watch this space.

At a similar time, one-hundred metres away, the Maths department hosted the inaugural Mathematics Triangular between Graeme, VG and PJ. That is also a stunning initiative, which was amazing to see come together. The learners loved the challenge and the experience. That was a few hours after the entire Senior School wrote a Maths Olympiad in the last lesson.

This week has also seen the 'Round the Mountain race, Inter-house Cross-Country, as well as the Athletics Pre Events. It's been an incredibly busy week ending with a cricket fundraiser at the GBS/ Rotary Half Marathon this weekend. Maybe just a normal week at Graeme? Please remember the pre events conclude on Monday next week, followed by Sports Day on Tuesday. The programme is attached in the newsletter.

G 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.

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

Focussed 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 8 (26/8)
Physical Science	10	Graphs of motion
	11	Acids and bases
	12	Exam revision
Life Science	10	Abiotic & Biotic Factors
	11	Population Ecology
	12	Revision

Academics

Grade 12 Preliminary Examinations

The Grade 12s have started their Preliminary/Trial Examinations. 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.

Sports Dinner

At the Sports Dinner last Friday night we celebrated Mr Nico van der Meulen. A canvas print was given to him, in gratitude of a life-time spent teaching Graemians, with the following special words in latin:

Virtute et opera. Vita fortitudinis, operis, amoris et curae. Passione agitatus.

Translated it means :

Courage and Toil.

A life of courage, work, love and care. Driven by passion.

How apt!



Academics

Mathematics 100 Club Induction

Below: left: Heinrich Bouwer of 10GD was inducted into the 100 Club for achieving 100% for his test on Statistics and Trigonometry.

Below right: Andrew Muir was also inducted into the 100 Club for achieving 100% for his Statistics and Trigonometry test. Andrew has been working towards the 100 Club for well over a year. Goal achieved!



Gardening Club

JUNIOR SCHOOL GARDENING DAY!

FROM GRADE 00-GRADE 7, EACH CLASS WILL CHOOSE A PART OF THE SCHOOL TO MAKE BEAUTIFUL! WE WOULD LOVE OUR PARENTS TO COME PLANT WITH US AND TO DONATE INDIGENOUS PLANTS AND SEEDS. LET'S GET OUTDOORS THIS SPRING AND ENJOY SOME GARDENING WITH YOUR SON AT OUR COLLEGE!

DATE: THURSDAY 19 SEPTEMBER
TIME: 11:30-14:00



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!

Inaugural Maths Triangular

Wednesday evening's Maths Triangular was a resounding success. The idea behind it is for similar schools to interact and participate together. And to make maths a team participation event.

Victoria Girls' High, PJ Olivier, and Graeme College entered teams of 3 learners to write a maths olympiad. The competition was fierce! Graeme College entered 20 teams. 60 learners of all types of mathematical ability entered to write. This is very encouraging to see.

Overall, 100 learners participated in the first ever Maths Triangular.

The results were as follows:

Grade 8

1st: VG

2nd: GC

3rd: GC

Grade 9

1st: GC

2nd: GC

3rd: GC

Grade 10

1st: PJ Olivier

2nd: GC

3rd: GC

Grade 11

1st: GC

2nd: VG

3rd: GC



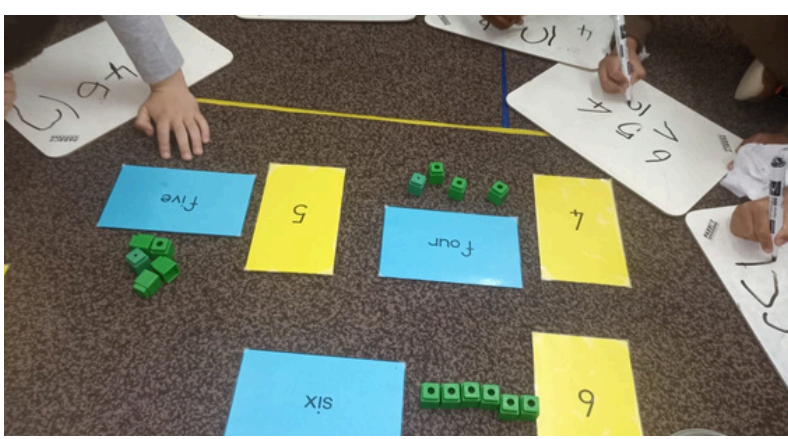
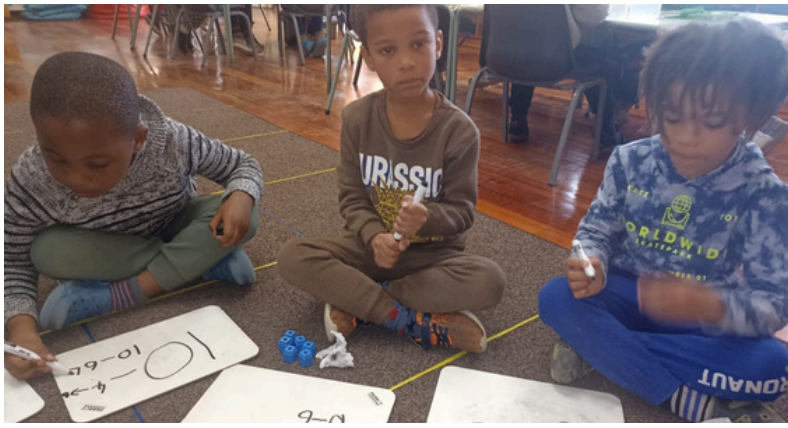
We look forward to many years of maths triangular competitions!

Next, the maths teachers from the three schools will discuss how to improve the event and what format future competitions should take.



Grade Rs

It's been very busy in the Grade R class over the past few weeks. They have been learning about water as well as jobs and professions. For the theme "water" the boys all made their own water cycles. This task involved using skills like cutting, pasting, paper tearing and sticking. For the theme "Jobs people do" the boys had to be artistic and paint a picture of what job they would love to do when they are grown up. So much stunning creativity! The boys also learnt all about numbers in different ways for their mathematics. They have been counting, taking away, adding on, adding more etc. Well done boys on all your hard work in term 3 so far.



Grade 3s

Some of the junior school boys have been LOVING the new space space created for them in the Foundation Phase library. The boys choose to spend their break times and even after school in the library. Kulungile and Evan, from Grade 3 have even decided to do some story writing and have been creating of their own books; obviously they have been inspired! We cannot wait to read their stories!



Grade 7 camp

The annual Grade 7 camp started this week at the Steve Biko Centre eQonce. Here the boys were given a fascinating presentation and watched an excellent documentary on the life of this stalwart of the anti-apartheid struggle. They then walked to the Biko family home which is now a national monument. They then drove to the friendly and efficient Yellowsands Campsite outside East London. The boys pitched their tents, participated in a variety of group activities and tucked into a tasty braai before settling in for the night. The challenge was ensuring that tents remained upright in the strong wind. The boys also participated in a sandcastle-building competition on the beach at the Kwelera Beach. The theme was 'The Olympic Games'. Then the boys did a beach hike to Glengariff. The boys did a study of the ecology of rock pools, including sightings of an octopus and starfish. They also saw the endangered African Oystercatcher. Further down the beach they came across the (very smelly) carcass of a Southern-Right Whale which was very interesting, before heading home for lunch.



Grade 9s

Grade 9 Forces Practical

The Grade 9s have been discovering the effects of forces this term. We do not see these forces but we do see their effects. We can see the effect of pushing and pulling forces -which result in objects moving. We also see the effects of field/non-contact forces. Magnets can be used to separate iron filings from sand, a magnet can be used to create a compass with a sewing needle and a cork. By rubbing a balloon on our jersey we can create an electrostatic force which then causes our hair to be attracted to the balloon.



Grade 10s

The grade 10 life science classes were invited and warmly welcomed to the Albany museum this week to learn more about the history of life on Earth. South Africa, and the Eastern Cape in particular, boasts a rich and important fossil record which the boys discovered under the guidance of Dr Prevec at the museum and Mr Nel at the Devonian Centre. We were so lucky to be able to hear these experts describe and explain their areas of speciality and to be able to see (and even handle!) some of these precious fossils. A huge thanks to both for sharing their time, wisdom and enthusiasm with us!



Grade 12s

The Grade 12s were treated to an afternoon workshop with Dr Rose Prevec (from the Albany Museum) on the topic of Human Evolution. The general understanding of Human Evolution is largely based on the fossil record. It was fascinating for us all to examine several exact replicas of the original fossilised skulls which have been used to unpack the complex development of modern humans. These replicas included the famous Mrs Ples, who is much smaller than we expected and in fact, might be Mr Ples. A big thank you to Dr Prevec for spending the afternoon with us and making this complex topic much easier to understand.



Junior School

Notch Kings for the week.



Junior School

A big thank you to Mr Mali, one of our groundstaff, who is always there to help. He is always around to help fix something and this week it was the swings in the playground. He is a legend at Graeme!



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.

Below: this week we managed to hand over some of the school shoes to Child Welfare SA Grahamstown. Their social workers requested certain sizes for their clients in need and we were so happy to be able to hand these over!





MARIMBA BAND REHEARSALS

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

STEELBAND REHEARSALS

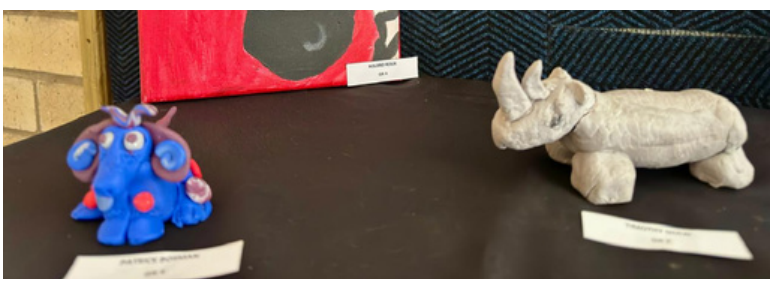
Monday: 14h00 - 14h30 Beginner Steelband
14h30 - 15h00 Intermediate Steelband
Tuesday: 13h30 - 14h15 Senior A Steelband
14h15 - 15h00 Senior B Steelband
Friday: 14h00 - 15h00 Senior A Steelband

CHOIR REHEARSALS

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



Above right: The Gr4-5 (Beginner) Marimba group with their teacher, Mrs Margie Rogers.
Below: Look at these! Beautiful and creative work done by our boys in different mediums for the Art Competition.





GC Eisteddfod 2024 - Our Gala Concert did not disappoint on Wednesday night and we are so proud of all the boys who did so incredibly well. It was impressive to say the least!

Here is a list of performances we had:

- Graeme College Beginner Marimbas**
- Uthmaan Motara- Prepared speech**
- Benjamin Shaw- Piano**
- Patrick Bosman-Wisch- Poem**
- Leo Labuschagne- paino duet**
- Maphelo Matyholweni- piano**
- Michael Bosch - Voice**
- Liam Viedge- piano**
- Joel Chitsike- prepared speech**
- Uthmaan Motara- piano**
- Siphelele Dimba - voice**
- Jethro Visagie- paino**
- Caleb Jattiem & Jayden Kohl- steel pan**
- Liam Viedge & Benjamin Shaw- paino duet**
- Taynium Francis-Bass guitar**
- Joel Chitsike-piano**
- Iviwe Mshubeki- piano**





The Grade 1s came for class music this week, but they haven't seen the Eisteddfod's art exhibition yet! So, of course we first had an art appreciation tour before we got down to music business. A few of the boys were thrilled to recognise their own art pieces on display! Here are they next to their art contributions.





The junior school Eisteddfod candidates who received Bronze and Silver certificates for their entries. Well done boys!

Graeme College Instrumental Music Program Project:

Our instrumental music teachers from the Rhodes Department of Music and Musicology are on a well-deserved break this week. However, the show must go on. Our young instrumentalists are keeping up with their practice routine during break time and during our new, innovative and exciting Extramural and Cultural (EC) program. Peer teaching has also started as shown in the picture, where Jonathan Pretorius gives Ben Shaw his first cello lesson. Watch this space as the Graeme College instrumental music program develops. Information on our instrumental teachers and photographs to follow soon.

“Music has positive effects on academic achievement”

“Music helps children develop better human connections and social skills in our wonderful, rich and diverse community” Go GC!

Samanga Bulana – Clarinet

Ben Shaw – Cello

Michael Pretorius – Saxophone





Want a feel good, inspirational story for the day? Read on...!

Iviwe Mshubeki in Gr 10 became a regular in the music practice rooms this year. He felt a drive to play piano and started to learn pieces he liked from Youtube. We heard him practise and try out songs and offered to give him guidance on appropriate technique and other aspects of musicianship. Every time he has made good progress after practising, he'd pop in at the teaching rooms for advice and a little bit of coaching - and then he heads back to practise with excitement.

His consistent and dedicated approach led to him having a good repertoire, which he decided to enter for our Eisteddfod. He played Lovely (Billie Eilish), Interstellar (Hanz Zimmer) and Solas (Jamie Duffy), receiving a Gold grading for his rendition of Solas and Silver gradings for Lovely and Interstellar. This is outstanding for someone who only started to play piano this year. We believe that this sets a wonderful example to the other music pupils about success in music study:

- (1) take ownership of your pieces by practising and internalising them so that contact time with teachers are optimised for those more sophisticated aspects related to a well-rounded result (lessons aren't for practising with a teacher),
- (2) be consistent, and
- (3) enjoy the process of crafting beautiful music.

Two grade 4 piano pupils are a concrete example of how Iviwe's dedication has inspired others. Zukhanyo and Bilaal (also pianists and regulars in the practice rooms) saw Iviwe practise Interstellar and they instantly became fans. They asked Iviwe about the piece and he offered to teach them the theme of Interstellar - which they can now play! At the time they did not know Iviwe's name, so he became known amongst them as 'Piano Friend'. How special it is to witness the kindness, camaraderie and shared joy of our pupils.



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

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.

Graeme are the defending champions in the u15 section.



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



R100/ PERSON

to enter contact the club
082 924 4797

DIVISIONS & FORMAT

GIRLS & BOYS

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

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!



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. Next meeting : Family Fun Fair Meeting (Graemian Centre) on Wed Aug 28, 2024 5pm - 5:45pm

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



Pre-Primary Athletics Day

The sun was shining brightly on Friday morning as our preschoolers had an amazing and fun-filled Sports Day, with happy and excited little athletes, cheering parents, and a lively atmosphere, it was a truly special event that showed off the wonderful spirit of our young learners.

Each class came onto the field, wearing their team colours. It was a sight to see these proud and determined young champions, setting the mood for an exciting day ahead.

The sports day had many different activities to help the children improve their coordination and motor skills. Every event gave our preschoolers a chance to show off their budding athletic abilities and good sportsmanship.

The air was filled with laughter as the children took part in their activities. One of the most exciting parts of the day was the sprint races. The children ran as fast as their little legs could carry them, determined to reach the finish line. Their parents cheered them on, showing their support. The feeling of friendship and encouragement was heartwarming. The Sports Day also brought parents together for the parents races. There was laughter and friendly competition as moms, dads, and even grandparents joined their little ones. This showed the importance of family support and being active together. Our Graeme Preschool Sports Day was not only an exciting event, but it also showed how our school values the overall development of our learners. It emphasised the importance of physical well-being, teamwork, and not giving up. It was clear that the day made a lasting impact on the children and their families, helping them love sports and understand the importance of being active. As the day came to an end, the sports field was filled with happy faces, tired but proud children, and parents capturing memories with their cameras. Thank you to all the parents who came to support.



Athletics

The 'Round the Mountain Relay took place this week. We had 25 teams taking part, which is a new record! The athletics team were the victors for the second year in a row, narrowly missing out on a record time. They were followed by the 1st hockey and U16A rugby teams, respectively. Well done to all who took part. It was a day enjoyed by the boys and staff alike.



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

On Thursday 22 August, the annual senior Inter-House Cross Country event was held. The first overall athlete to complete the roughly 6km course was C-Jay Jeggels (Under 15) of Hutton in a time of 24m 50s, followed by Valentin Fezer (Open) of Wiles in 25m 07s. In third was Damian Swart (Open) of Hutton in 25m 19s. The results for the event are as follows:

Open: Valentin (Wiles) – 25m 07s

U16: Cairis Appollis (Hutton) – 26m 50s

U15: C-Jay Jeggels (Hutton) – 24m 50s

U14: James Muir (Hutton) – 30m 35s

Congratulations to Hutton House who won the event with 137 points, followed by Wiles (88), Neilson (81) and Vernal (74). Just over 150 athletes completed the course, with fourteen running under 30 minutes. Well done to everyone who participated and big thank you to all the staff, marshals and time-keepers for their assistance.



Tennis

Well done to Benjamin Fox who came 3rd in the Wilson tennis tournament (u12 green ball contest).



SENIOR TENNIS

School Championships results:

After two thrilling semifinal matches, both of which were decided in the 3rd set, the McConnachie brothers have emerged as the top contenders. Both Jesse & Kits displayed remarkable determination and skill in their respective matches.

We are looking forward to watching the two boys 'fighting it out' for the trophy. Whether it's younger brother Kits or older brother Jesse, the tennis trophy is guaranteed to be won by a McConnachie.





Graeme College Shines at Grey High School's 7s Tournament!

Graeme College's U15 and U17 rugby teams showcased their talent and determination at the Grey High School's 7s tournament, which featured top rugby schools from across the Eastern Cape. Both teams played some attractive and exciting rugby, impressing spectators and opponents alike with their skilful play and strong teamwork.

In the pool stages, both the U15 and U17 teams remained unbeaten, a testament to their quality players and cohesive style of play. Their success continued into the knockout stages, where they displayed resilience and tactical brilliance to advance to the finals.

Although both teams fell just short in their respective finals, their performances were commendable. The U15 team secured 2nd place out of 12 teams, while the U17 team also finished 2nd out of 16 teams, making Graeme College proud with their runner-up positions.

Despite not clinching the ultimate victory, Graeme College's U15 and U17 rugby teams have much to be proud of, having proven themselves to be among the top rugby squads in the region. Their journey at the Grey High School's 7s tournament highlights their potential and promises an exciting future for Graeme College rugby.

U17 7s Results

Final v Grey L 33 - 5

Semi v Nico Malan W 24 - 12

Pool Results

v Marlow W 24 - 7

v Westering W 34 - 7

v Ooskus Gim W 41 - 0

u15 7s Result

Final v Grey L 17 - 0

Semi v Brandwag W 20 - 21

Quarter v Nico Malan W 17 - 12

Pool Results

v Syaphamaka All Stars W 66 - 0

v Brandwag W 7 - 5

Thank you

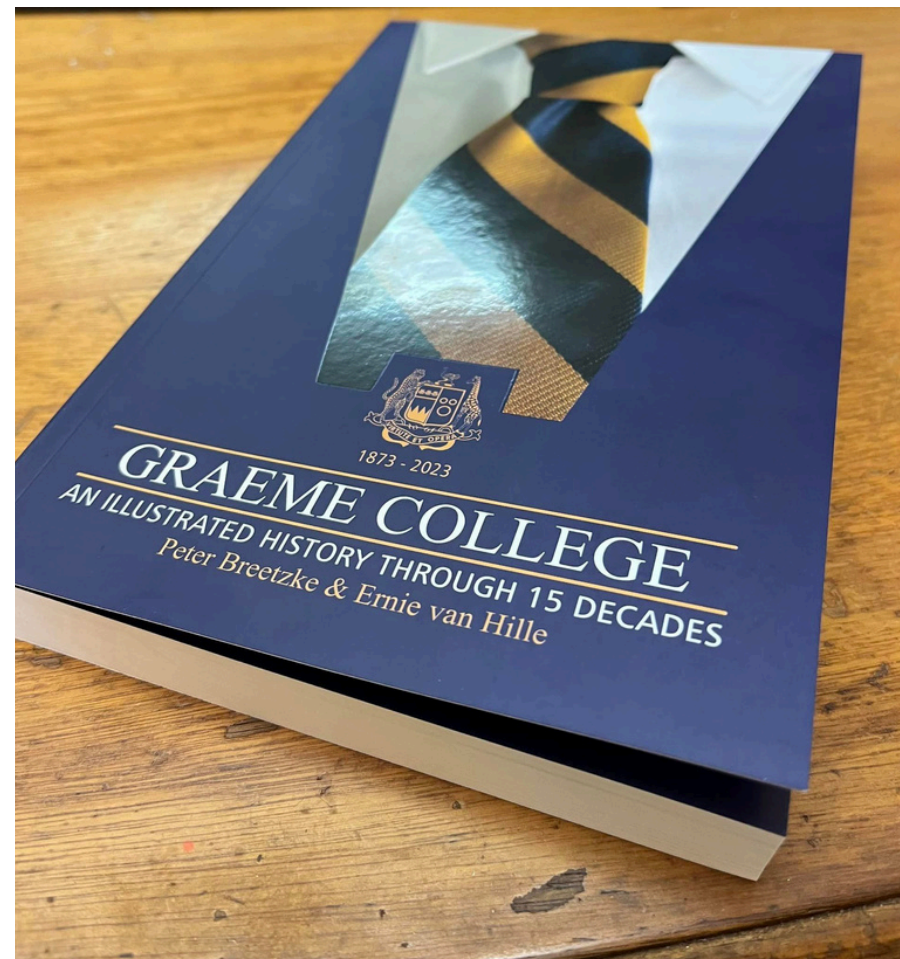
Thank you to everyone involved in the the Cricket Fundraiser at the GBS/Rotary Half Marathon sign up last night. Good luck to all the runners today!



150 year book

Journey through more than 150 years in our Graeme College history. Our book is still available to buy and will be treasured by everyone who buys it- we promise!

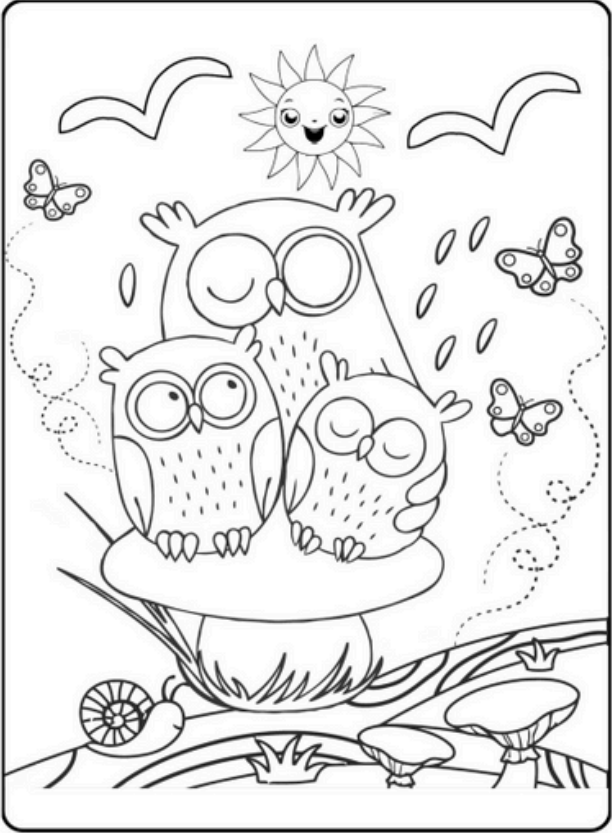
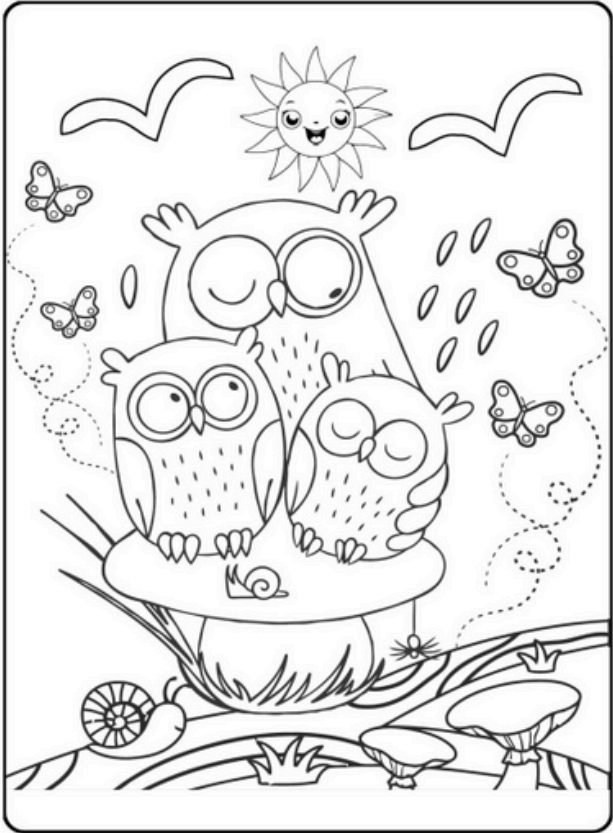
The book is available to all alumni or anyone interested in the history of our special school. This book is a culmination of years of work by Peter Breetzke & Ernie van Hille. Order Information: Contact Ms Busi Stamper: b.stamper@graemecollege.co.za



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!

SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

Can you spot the 10 differences between these two pictures?





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Last week's solution:



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	○	X	X	X
Jenny	X	X	X	○
Frank	X	○	X	X
Susan	X	X	○	X

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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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 - 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.

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#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).

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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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: Mr Wille found an intact snake skin in a tree in his garden. It turned out to have been shed by a boomslang. The shape of the scales is used to identify which species it belongs to. Some of the Natural Science and Life Science classes have enjoyed looking at this interesting specimen.

