



## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 6 September 2024

“ Keep your word. Honour commitments, and they will double back to honour you” - Bill Ranic.

### Message from the Headmaster

As we approach the end of the year, the school management is in the process of finalising the budget for 2025, which will determine the school fees for the upcoming academic year. This budgeting process has underscored the crucial role that the collection of school fees plays in maintaining the high standards of education and the breadth of opportunities available at Graeme College.

Firstly, I would like to extend my gratitude to the vast majority of parents and guardians who have consistently fulfilled their obligation to pay their child's school fees. Your commitment is greatly appreciated and ensures that we can continue to provide the best possible education and environment for your children. Additionally, we are thankful to those parents who have proactively reached out to our school bursar to discuss outstanding debts and have made arrangements to settle them.

#### Why Paying Your Child's School Fees is Important?

- **It is the Right Thing to Do:** Paying school fees is a fundamental responsibility that supports the education and development of your child and all learners at Graeme College.
- **School Fees are a Statutory Debt:** According to the South African Schools Act, school fees are a legal obligation, and it is required for parents to ensure that these fees are paid on time.
- **Supports Smaller Class Sizes:** The timely payment of school fees enables the school to employ additional 20 academic staff through the governing body. This, in turn, allows us to maintain smaller class sizes, ensuring personalised attention and support for each learner.
- **Provides Essential Learning Materials:** School fees help us provide necessary textbooks, learning materials, and resources that are integral to a high-quality education.
- **Offers a Wide Range of Co-Curricular Activities:** Fees also fund the variety of co-curricular activities

available at Graeme College, including sports, arts, and clubs, which are vital for the holistic development of our learners.

- **Ensures Safe and Reliable Transport:** We are able to maintain a fleet of roadworthy vehicles to transport learners safely to various outings, sports matches, and educational excursions, all thanks to the school fees.
- **Maintains School Facilities:** Regular maintenance and upgrades of our facilities are necessary to provide a conducive learning environment. Fees help cover these ongoing costs.

Without the adequate collection of school fees, we risk having to make difficult decisions that could limit our curriculum offerings, co-curricular programs, and overall educational standards. It would be a great disappointment for us to reduce the opportunities available to our learners due to financial constraints.

We appeal to all parents to continue to be vigilant in the timely payment of school fees. Your cooperation ensures that Graeme College can continue to provide the quality education that your child deserves and that we all take pride in.

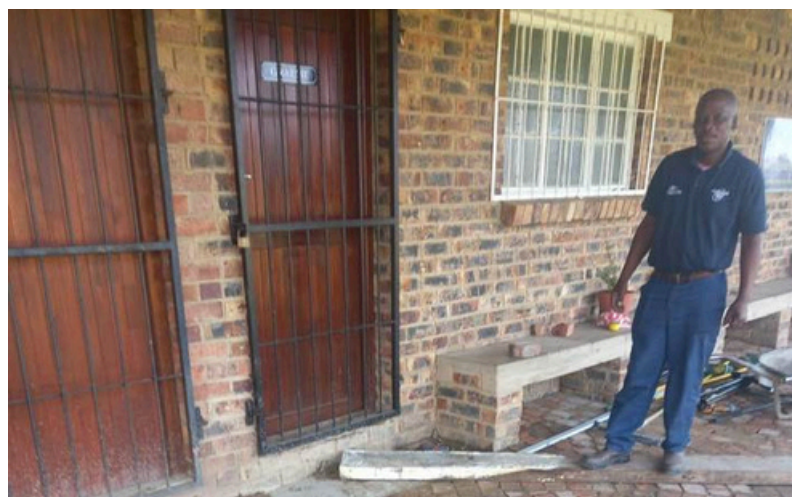
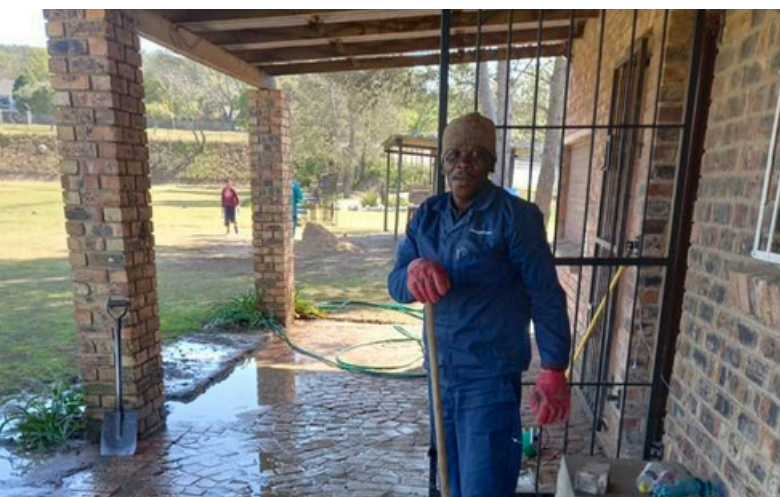
Thank you for your understanding and ongoing support. If you have any concerns regarding school fees or need to discuss payment plans, please do not hesitate to contact the school bursar.

Kevin Watson

## Campus news

**Heartfelt Gratitude: A huge and heartfelt thank you to (from left to right)**

**Mr Patrick Makina, Mr Clint Berriman, Mr Luyanda Boyi and Mr Zalisila Boyi.** They are responsible for the stunning new paving at the Junor Clubhouse. It is such an improvement compared to the previous gravel and paving blocks. Thank you men, we really appreciate your efforts.



# 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.

10 September 2024 (Day 7)	Mathematics Test	12 September 2024 (Day 9)	Mathematics Test
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## Focused Study Sessions Schedule for Term 3

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

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

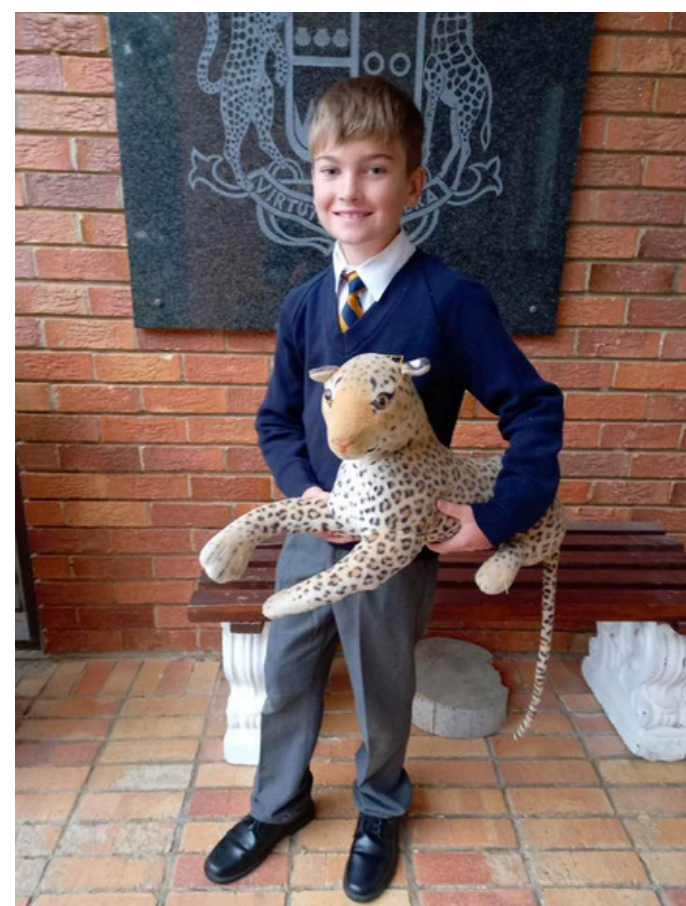
Subject	Grade	Week 9 (2/9)
Physical Science	10	Test revision
	11	Acids and bases
	12	Exam revision
Life Science	10	Energy flow & Cycles
	11	Test revision
	12	Revision

# Portfolio Heads for 2025

Congratulation to the following Portfolio Heads for 2025

**2025 GRAEME COLLEGE PORTFOLIO HEADS:**

<b>LEARNER</b>	<b>PORTFOLIO</b>
Athelihle BONGA	<b>NEILSON</b>
Ayola MALI	<b>WILES</b>
Likhona BILL	<b>VERNAL</b>
Lebohang MAHASELE	<b>HUTTON</b>
Jethro VISAGIE	<b>CULTURAL AND DIVERSITY</b>
Jaycie PIETERSE	<b>CAMPUS &amp; ENVIRONMENT</b>
Leon MWEPU	<b>COMMUNITY OUTREACH</b>
Noah TABENSKY	<b>ACADEMIC</b>
Dinilesizwe MJUKU	<b>SERVICE</b>
Lutwesiwe KOBESE	<b>MARKETING</b>
Jonathan PRETORIUS	<b>ARTS</b>
Jesse MC CONNACHIE	<b>SPIRIT AND SPORT</b>
Lunga PIKOLI	<b>EVENTS</b>
Avuyile HELESI	<b>DISCIPLINE</b>
Cullen GOLIATH	<b>RCL</b>



An insightful definition of integrity is "doing the right thing when nobody is watching". After u11 cricket practice this week, Josh Potts - of his own accord - spent time picking up litter that he found around the practice area. You might say that's a small thing, we disagree. Those small, positive choices are what creates the strong foundation for a successful adult future. Well done Josh, keep it up, we are proud of you! Make sure Courage the Leopard gets to sleep under a warm blanket while you look after him, the nights are still a bit chilly

## Junior School

A colorful poster for National Book Week and International Literacy Day. It features a yellow background with orange and red accents. At the top, it says "National Book Week 5 - 11 September 2024 &amp; International Literacy Day 8 September 2024". Below this is a large orange banner that reads "SHORT STORY WRITING COMPETITION GRADES 4 - 7". To the left, there is an illustration of a boy with curly hair sitting on the floor, writing on a large sheet of paper. The text on the poster says: "Entrants will write their short stories in the hall during school on Wednesday 11 September 2024". Below that, it says "To enter: Write your name and grade on the list outside the Foundation Phase library by Monday, 9 September 2024". At the bottom, it says "Prizes to be won". There are also some small red and orange dots scattered on the right side of the poster.

National Book Week this year is from 5 - 11 September 2024 which coincides with International Literacy Day on 8 September 2024.

National Book Week is an important initiative in encouraging the nation to value reading as a fun and pleasurable activity and to showcase how reading can easily be incorporated into one's daily lifestyle.

In commemorating these important events, we are holding a Short story writing competition for the Grade 4-7s.

# Junior school dress up day

Donning green and gold yesterday served as a symbol of support, inspiring the Springboks on their journey. It's a call to action, urging South Africans to rally together behind their national team and generate a wave of positive energy throughout the nation. Well done to the Junior School boys who 'geared up' for a display of unity and pride in support of the national team's campaign to deliver joy and hope to the country during the Rugby Championship!



# Junior school dress up day

Below left first picture: Being a Springbok requires commitment. We expect commitment from Graemians. Are we seeing the parallels, are we joining the dots! Omega Tonjeni shaved his head in dedication of Bok Day.

Below: Well done to the following boys on winning the dress up for Bok Day.

Grade 1: Grayson Loerst

Grade 2: Blaine Horne

Grade 3: Matthew Weber

Grade 4MG: Daniel Loerst

Grade 4 ND: Josh Potts

Grade 5LM: Iviwe Sitsila

Grade 5JB: Christian Kemp

Grade 6FK: Omega Tonjeni

Grade 7AS: Ethan Crous

Best dressed overall was 1. Blaine Horne, 2. Josh Potts, 3. Daniel Loerst.



# Gardening Club

The Gardening Club put in a good shift this week and planted a Coral Tree at Junor B this week. Well done boys, great job!



**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!



# 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.

# Eskom Expo for Young Scientists



Well done to Daniel Czeredrecki-Schmidt who has been chosen to compete at the Eskom Expo International Science Fair (ISF) at the Convention Centre at Emperors Palace, Kempton Park, from 23 to 27 September 2024!

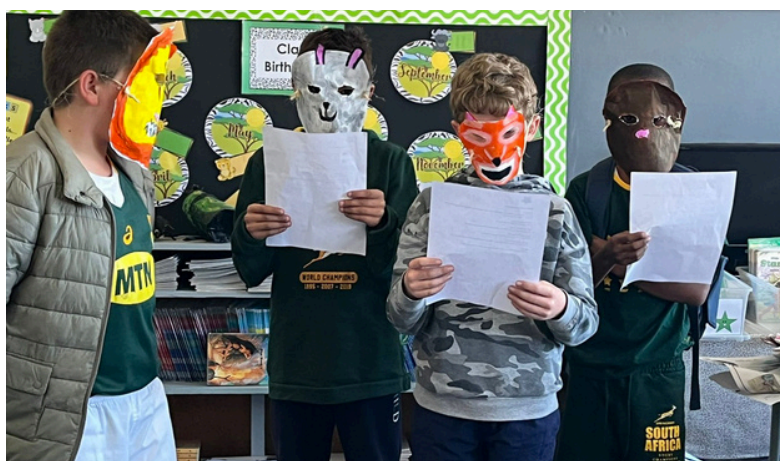
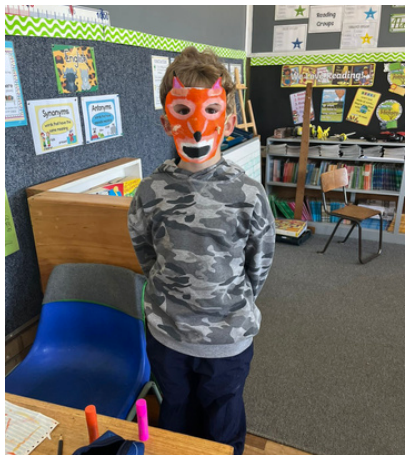
# Grade 3s

The Grade 3 parents hosted a very successful cake sale this week to raise funds for their Family Fun Fair stall. Thank you to all the parents who were involved.



# Grade 3s

The Grade 3 boys had a really fun Life Skills lesson, tying Drama, Art and the start of National Literacy Week together. They worked in groups to practice short skits, that each formed a part of an entire story. They then created masks for each of their characters in the story, after which they presented the plays to the class.



# Grade 9s

Career Day gives students an up-close look at different career paths and connects their learning to the real world. Thank you to Mr Somandi, a lecturer from the Rhodes Law Department for an insightful talk today about a law career and details about necessary education and training for career success. Meanwhile, students also get the opportunity to listen to presenters and their fellow students, ask questions, and consider what careers pique their interest.



**#springboksinspiringleopards**

Mandela famously said in 2000, at the inaugural Laureus World Sports Awards: "Sport has the power to change the world. It has the power to inspire. It has the power to unite people in a way that little else does." Look at how inspired our little leopard cubs are by the Boks!





The steelband performed at the Rhodes University Ensemble Festival last Friday afternoon. This was held at the 1820 Monument theatre and showcased the first performance of the new Grade 11 and 10 steelband group.





**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 cello section is expanding as part of our orchestral music program. Here, one of our Grade 11 cello learners is peer teaching Liam Viedge, explaining the mechanics and acoustics of the instrument to him. The interest of our boys is astonishing. Not a single practise room is empty during break or during our new cultural periods. This new program is in collaboration with the Rhodes University Department of Music and Musicology. Some members of the Makana Community Orchestra are also involved in the teaching process. Watch this space!

Events



**Elephant Cup**  
since 2005 INVITATIONAL

**THE BELMONT GOLF CLUB & RESTAURANT**

<b>DATE</b>	FRIDAY 13th SEPTEMBER 2024
<b>VENUE</b>	"THE BELMONT" Golf Club
<b>FORMAT</b>	FOUR-BALL ALLIANCE WITH A TWIST (SHOTGUN START)
<b>COST</b>	R2800 PER 4 BALL (incl. Green fees, Halfway and Dinner)
<b>BOOKINGS</b>	Cell : 078 800 5527 E-MAIL: stefan@steamm.co.za
<b>FOURBALL &amp; TEE BOX SPONSORSHIP - R5000</b>	

All proceeds from this event will be donated to Graeme College and Good Shepherd Primary

Calling everyone in the Lower Albany region to book your fourballs and get involved in this awesome, annual golf day, being held at the The Belmont Golf Club on Friday 13th September 2024. Some of the proceeds will be going to Graeme College and Good Shepherd Primary. So we hope to see many friends of the schools, community, and old boys getting involved!  
Contact Stefan Ferreira  
C: 0788005527

The Grade 9 learners are doing an incredible job with their Mixed-Media Self Portraits. They have used white pastels on black paper, pen tonal drawing on green paper, oil pastels on the brown and used paint to finish off their portrait in the right top corner. They learnt about facial proportions, tonal drawing and mixing and blending skin tones to complete an overall beautiful portrait of themselves in their Graeme College uniform.





Animal Kingdom entries spanned from Gr 1 up until Gr 12. The learners were so excited to get their results and have their Art showcased outside the music rooms.

Below is a photo of every learner that showed us their creativity in creating an artwork of their favourite animal. Real or imaginary. Well done boys.

- **GOLD:**

**NICOLAS VOGT**

- **SILVER:**

**HUNTER KRIGE**

**ANDRE CROUS**

**STEPHEN FOLARANMI**

**ALOPHELA JABAVU**

**AIDEN LOCKWOOD**

**GRAYSON LOEST**

**CHWETHA MADINDA**

**SCHALK VAN DER SCHYF**

**JOSH POTTS**

**KENZO PRINCE**

**ROLAND ROUX**

**LEO DU PREEZ**

**MORNE BODENSTEIN**

**OTHANDWAYO PETER**

**JESSIE FOURIE**

**EVAN RAUTENBACH**

**LIAM KOOPMAN**

**MIHLALI NGQINZI**

**IMIBONGO LUSU**

**LULO MBAMBO**

**ERIC GRIFFIN**

**CALLEN STEELE**

**MATTHEW LAMONT**

**JEDD YOUTHED**

- **BRONZE:**

**BENJAMIN SHAW**

**MIGUEL FEATHERSTONE**

**LINGATE MOERANE**

**CARTER POTTS-GIDANA**

**OLUMIYO VAMBE**

**LIKHANYA NTABENI**

**THATO MOLEFE**

**DAMON ISAACS**

**FREDERIK TLADI**

**LANDA NQEBE**

**INDIPHILE VARA**

**LUNABILE MANYATI**

- **BRONZE:**

**ALUNAMDA KHONZA**

**MICHAEL BERRIMAN**

**OWETHU FALTEIN**

**ABONGWE CEKISO**

**DONOVAN PRETORIUS**

**PARTICIPATION AWARD:**

**WILLEM OLIVIER**

**KEAGAN BERRIMAN**

**ONALERONA VUNDISA**

**LIWA MAXHAULANA**



# First Aid

First Aid forms part of a lifestyle rather than just being another extramural activity. Throughout his high school career, this candidate has volunteered at school sporting events without expecting payment or recognition for his service. He always presented himself with great respect and humility while working under the supervision of paramedics on the side of the field. His service has also been ongoing and remained evident as he continuously improved his skills, knowledge and confidence as a first aider. This candidate has a burning desire to learn more from the professionals that he worked alongside on the sports fields and would use every opportunity to become better at the skills of a first aider. He has spent more than 253 hours volunteering for school events, 540 hours volunteering with Guardmed and 108 hours volunteering with Ambuvival. That is a total of just over 900 hours in medical service.

This service was performed for no reward, but rather a passion for the acquired lifestyle. His compassion and empathy towards the patients were noted by the paramedic teams. These qualities are essential when people are at their most vulnerable. There was an eagerness in this young man to be involved in patient treatment and the preparation for setting up the first aid stations for the day. These were done with precision.

The primary beneficiary of this service was the school that he so dearly loves, Graeme College. The time sacrificed to provide his unconditional and sustainable service was to support the school's rich history of sportsmanship. It was extremely reassuring and refreshing to watch a young leader execute this responsibility with such pride and respect to all those that he was leading. His ability to achieve in such a dynamic team will be a crucial skill that he will need in his studies towards the Emergency Medical Care degree. It is a great privilege to congratulate Tayniam Francis on receiving his honours award for First Aid.



## SCHOOL BACKPACKS

Easy to clean  
Waterproof material

Nametags:  
R55 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.

## Science

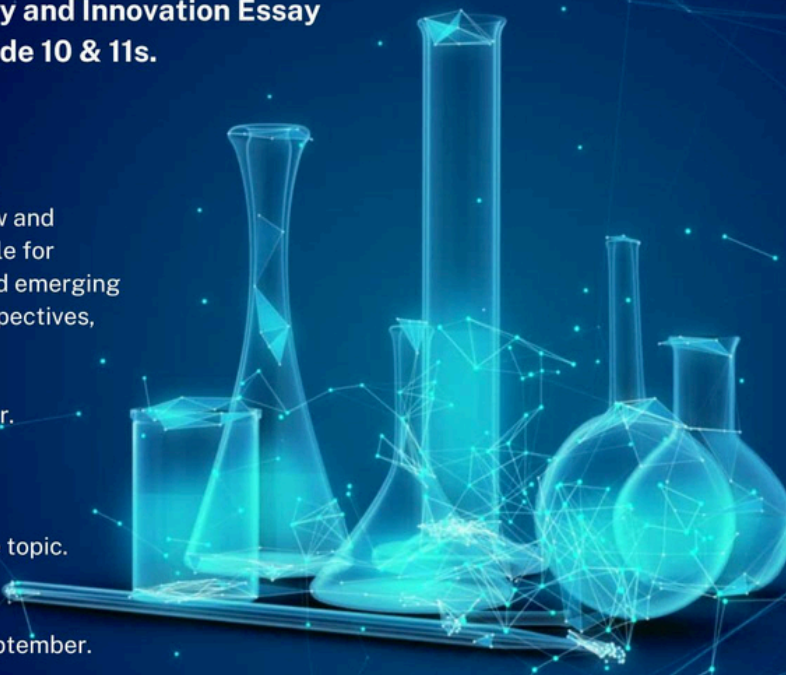
For our Grade 10s & Grade 11s. A stunning essay competition to enter run by UNICEF. For any further information please contact Dr Gush.

In collaboration with the Office of Innovation (UNICEF) we present the Science, Technology and Innovation Essay Competition for Grade 10 & 11s.

Office of Innovation



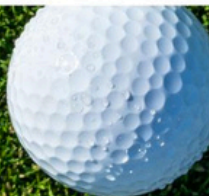
- Topic: Why is it important for young people to understand what kind of technologies are new and emerging, and equally why might it be valuable for people involved in working with these new and emerging technologies to consider young people's perspectives, questions, and ideas.
- Prize: The top 3 essays will win a book voucher.
- Criteria for judging the essays:  
Length: 250-300 words  
Relevance: the essay effectively explores the topic.
- Deadline for submission is Thursday 19 September.





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**

Rugby Screening at The Den - Springboks vs New Zealand at the Graemian Centre.

Get ready for a historic showdown this Saturday! Join us at The Den for the big game between the Springboks and the All Blacks. Kick-off is at 5 PM, and we'll be serving up delicious burgers and wors rolls to keep you fueled!

- Date: Saturday, September 7th
- The Den opens at 4 PM
- Food: Burgers and wors rolls on sale!

Let's come together for an evening of great rugby and even better company. Don't miss out!

**GRAEMIAN CENTRE**  
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**RUGBY SCREENING**  
 BURGERS AND WORS ROLLS WILL BE ON SALE!  
 7 SEPTEMBER  
**KICK OFF AT 5 PM**  
 SPRINGBOKS V NEW ZEALAND  
 OPEN FROM 4PM  
 JOIN US  
 Old Graemian Union



**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



The South African Squash Rankings have officially been released. Ashton Burger is ranked 3rd in the country in the U14 age group. This is an outstanding achievement. Well done, Ashton. Your dedication and hours of training have paid off. We look forward to watching you grow as a squash player here at Graeme College.



## Graeme College Squash Festival

A wise person once told me: “If you play squash for crowd attendance and people cheering you, then you must stop playing”.

Squash is a ‘lone’ sport, which teaches you how to control your emotions in different ways and self discipline. It is a sport which does not have a high crowd attendance, but it is such a privilege to play this game. Players learn how to control themselves on different levels, especially the emotional and mental side, as it is not easy to do.

It has been a great privilege to have been able to host the junior squash festival again this year at Graeme College for the 4th time. Back in 2019, when we had our first festival, no one thought it would turn out to be a sought after event in 2024. Over 100 young squash players attended this festival from all over the Eastern Cape - for the first time we had Bishops attending from Cape Town, which was a great addition. It is great to see how the level of squash has improved, the past 5 years, from all the schools.

Graeme College's teams did really well. The U13A and U11A won 5 out of their 6 fixtures - which is great. The U13B and U11B teams held their own and did win a few fixtures against other A teams; which is great. Well done to Oliver Hart, Slater Hart and Julian Boy for winning all their matches, which is an excellent achievement.

A few stand-out achievements:

Matthew Weber (U11B) played a blinder of a match against his Selborne (U11A) opponent - he did lose 3-2, but he showed great determination and fight!

Morné Bodenstein had a very intense match against the Selborne no 1, coming from behind to win a closely contested match 3-1.

Maka Klaas and Daniel Coetsee (Especially his performance vs Queens) had a very strong performance overall, winning 5/6 matches.

Abakhe Luwaya (U13B) narrowly lost 3-2 to the Grey PE (U13A) no 4 player, which is an excellent achievement!

# Squash

Joshua Smith and Ongi Nongauza also had a few standout performances against various schools.

From the U11B Manager - Mr Wayne Weber:

In their 3rd and final fixture for the day on Saturday Graeme U11B took on the Selborne U11/12 side. The No 2 ranked match between Matthew Weber (GC) and Nathan Santos (Selborne) was a thriller and kept everyone on the edge of their seats. Weber won the 1st game 15 / 13 through some long , tough rallies and this set the tone for the rest of the match. The 2nd game went equally deep and Weber again managed to fight out a win by a margin of 16 / 14 and went up 2 - 0 up in games. Weber took the lead in the 3rd game but Santos fought back to a well deserved 20 / 18 win to make it 2 - 1 in favour of Matthew. The 4th set started slowly and gained momentum with both players giving everything and Santos again coming out on top 15 / 13. With fatigue evident on both players the final game was all to play for and a great comeback from Santos earned him a well deserved 3 - 2 match victory. Well played boys. What a great advertisement for Junior squash!!

Results as follows from the weekend:

U13A - Won 4, Drew 1, Lost 1

U13B - Won 2, Lost 3, Drew 1

U11A - Won 5, Lost 1

U11B - Won 1, Lost 5

Well done to all the players. They showed great sportsmanship and determination.

Mr Bodenstein



## Soccer

Four games of soccer were played this week between Graeme and Andrew Moyake School of Excellence with equal spoils between them. The provision of Fields from St Andrews College and 6 SAI Battalion ensured this last fixture went ahead.

“Football is all about passion, it’s about fighting for the shirt, for your team, and for the supporters.” – Jürgen Klopp.



## Cricket

Unbeaten century for Zuko Ponchi for the 1st XI at the Pearson Festival. An incredible effort by the youngster.





## Pearson High School Cricket Festival Report

Pearson High School recently hosted a thrilling cricket festival, showcasing their young and promising team in spectacular fashion. The young squad led by Ajay Jeggels and Andrew Muir delivered outstanding performances, winning all four of their matches against formidable opponents including Victoria Park, Boland Landou, Patel Vallei, and Westering.

The festival was highlighted by notable performances and debutants. Kits McConnachie, Zuko Pontshi, and Corbien Tidbury made their debut and left a lasting impression with their contributions.

Key performances included two exceptional four-wicket hauls: Lophelo Mdyesha and Jordan Damons both dominated the opposition's batting line-ups. Batting also proved to be a strong suit for the team. Qhama Ngoma and Corbien Tidbury both scored fifties, displaying solid technique and resilience. The standout innings came from Zuko Pontshi, who scored an unbeaten 105 in the final match, successfully chasing down a target of 239 runs and securing a memorable victory.

Overall, the cricket festival at Pearson High School was a resounding success, with the young team showing remarkable skill, teamwork, and potential. Thank you to our scorer Liyema Merile for the continuous dedication to the 1st XI.

- T20 Graeme College vs Victoria Park:

Lophelo Mdyesha 34

Jordan Damons 22

Lisekho Zinyane 3/4

Andrew Muir 3/16

Won by 17 runs.

- Boland Landbou vs Graeme College:

Boland 1st innings 73/10

Lophelo Mdyesha 4/29

Ajay Jeggels 3/3

Graeme 1st innings 144/10

Corbien Tidbury 70

Lophelo Mdyesha 24

Boland Landbou 2nd innings

91/5

Lisekho Zinyane 2/3

Graeme 21/1

Graeme win by 4 wickets

- Graeme College vs Parel Vallei:

Graeme College (50 Overs)

223/10

Qhama Ngoma 59

Corbien Tidbury 50

Athandile Feni 40

Parel Vallei

64/10

Jordan Damons 4/3

Ethan Bokbaard 2/14

Ajay Jeggels 2/17

Graeme College won by 159 runs.

# Cricket

- **Graeme College vs Westering High:**

**Westering High**

**237/8 50 overs**

**Ethan Bokbaard 2/22**

**Jordan Damons 2/26**

**Graeme College**

**238/4 48.1 Overs**

**Zuko Pontshi 105\***

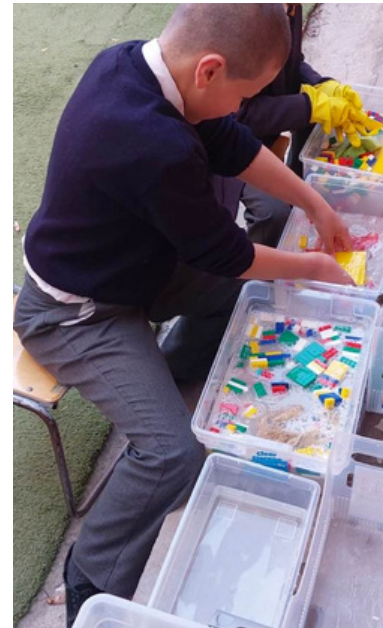
**Qhama Ngoma 45**

**Graeme College won by 6 wickets**



## Foundation Phase Library

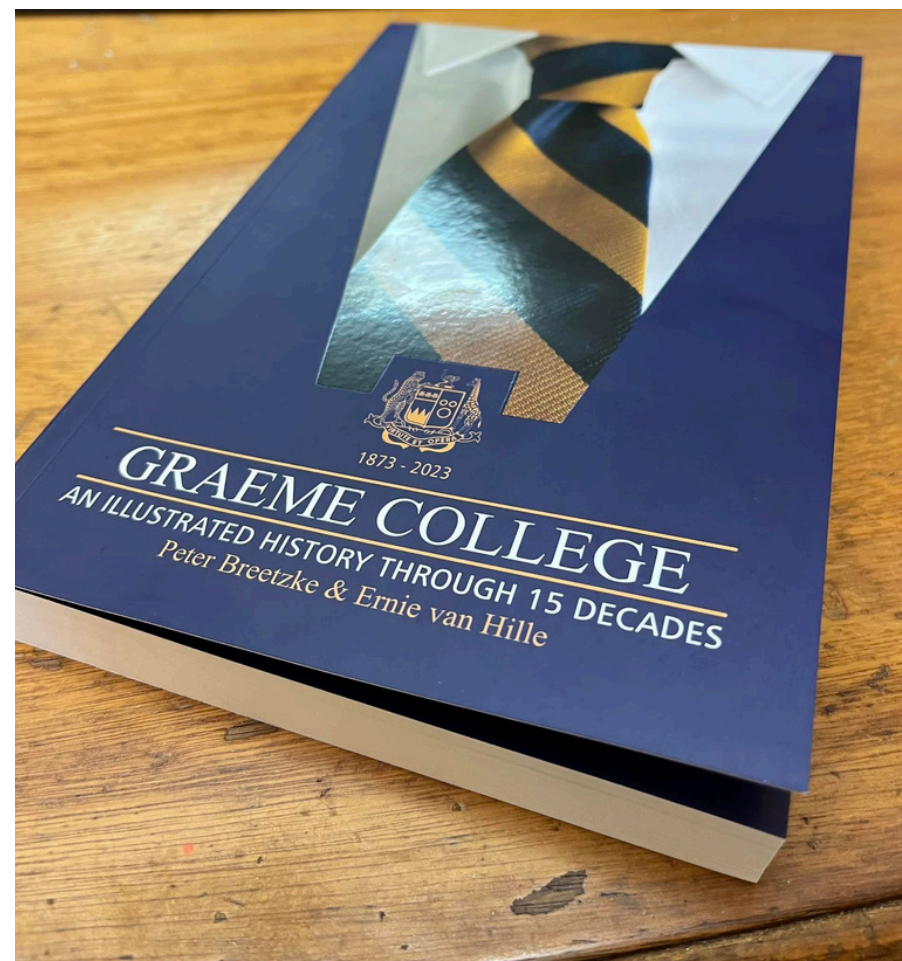
These boys kindly offered to help wash Lego from the Foundation Phase Library during break time. Love how our boys always want to help!



## 150 year book

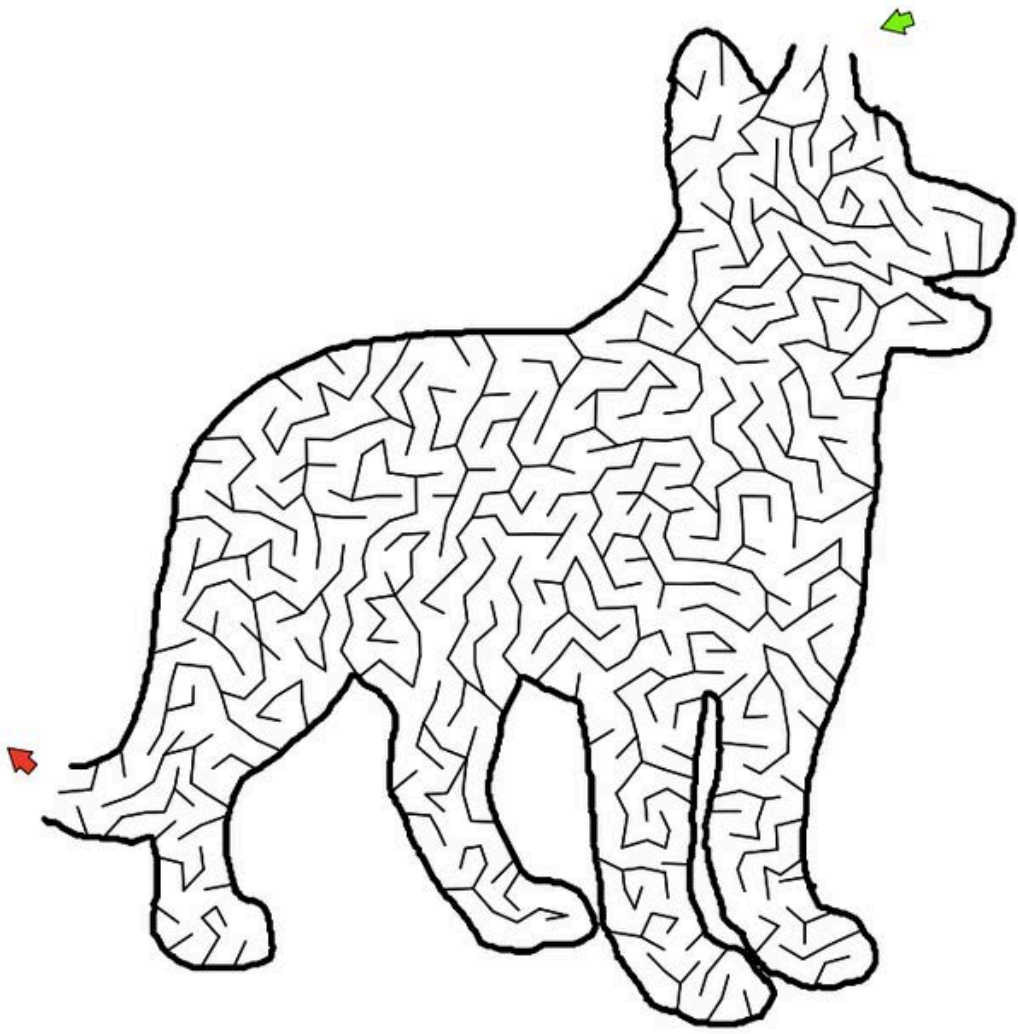
Journey through more than 150 years in our Graeme College history. Our book is still available to buy and will be treasured by everyone who buys it- we promise!

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](mailto:b.stamper@graemecollege.co.za)

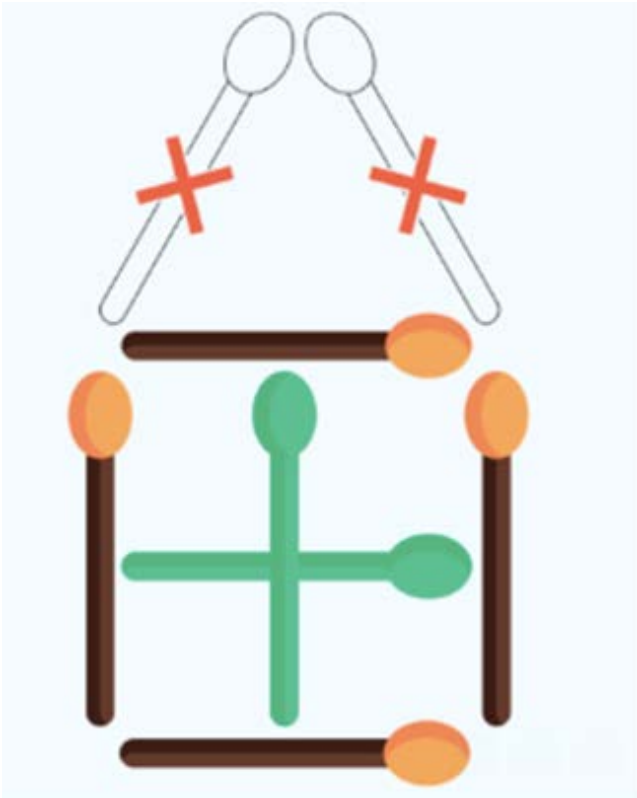


# Brain Teasers

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!



Last week's solution:



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/>

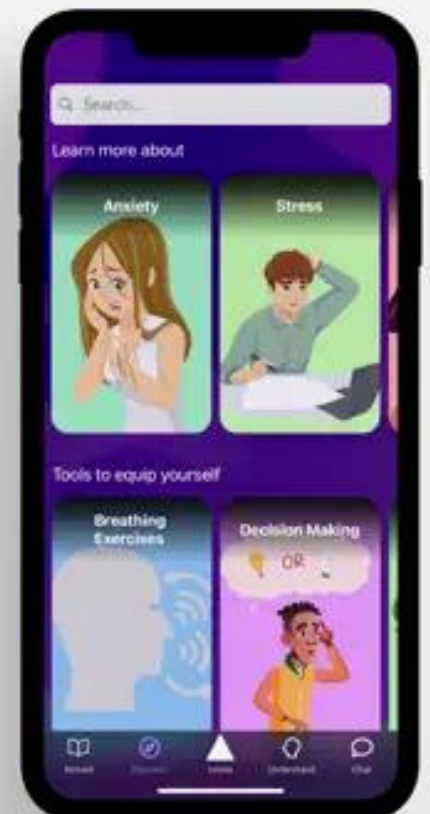


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Your always-there  
personal wellness  
companion



Discover content  
that is AI-curated  
for you



# Plaques for Indoor Sports Centre

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

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

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

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

Email your request to [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.

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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](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: The Graeme College Invitational side took part in the Rhodes Internal Premier League in their first encounter versus The Albany All Stars.

