



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 20 September 2024

"To be yourself in a world that is constantly trying to make you something else is the greatest accomplishment." --
Ralph Waldo Emerson.

Message from the Deputy Headmaster

I was sent an interesting story about a small football club in Italy this week. For those who don't know anything about them, fair enough neither did I, which made the story even more interesting. Como 1907 is a small club in northern Italy, better known for its scenery than its football. The starting point would be the type of individuals now running the club. In 2021, former Chelsea player Dennis Wise was appointed CEO of the club. In August 2022, former Arsenal and Barcelona player, Cesc Fàbregas arrived as a minority stakeholder, while also playing for the club as a player. He later took charge as the manager of the team. Another minority stakeholder is a French football legend, Thierry Henry.

Consecutive relegations in 2000s caused financial difficulties to Como. In 2004, the club was declared bankrupt and excluded from participation in Italian professional football. They were immediately admitted to Serie D, the top level of non-professional football in Italy, where they spent three seasons before earning promotion back to Serie C2 in 2007. After a further bankruptcy in 2016, a new company re-founded the club in 2017 and was admitted to Serie D. Their fortunes changed when powerful investors changed the profile of the club. It's amazing when you combine the tradition and history with the right people. They have since been promoted to the top level in Italy, even though their stadium is one of the smallest in Italy. In fact, intense conversations have been had, because their stadium didn't meet the minimum criteria for Serie A home matches. And yet, they now compete against the giants in Italian football.

It's an incredible story, which I encourage you to have a look into if that type of story interests you. You would also pick up so many similarities between their story and ours, and that's why the story was sent to me, along

with the heading: "Small club joins top tier". Obviously alluding to our space at Graeme College. For a small school, the heights we are achieving at the moment is absolutely amazing. It's just a reminder about what can be achieved if you get the right people involved - in our case: staff, parents, community and learners. With that special combination, we can create our own Como 1907 story. In many ways we have already created that and will continue to do so. Watching our cricketers compete at Cape Schools' Cricket Festival, or seeing the three players selected into the u16 Elite Rugby Camp... or just the impressive results throughout an exceptional rugby season. Graeme continues to punch above our weight category in every sphere.

With somewhat limited resources and a close-knit community, our learners train relentlessly, fueled by a shared passion. We always earn respect from opponents and prove that skill and determination can triumph over sheer size. Each of these occasions becomes a testament to our spirit, showcasing how a small school can make a big impact on the field and in the hearts of their supporters.

#VirtuteEtOpera
G van Molendorff

Governing Body 2025 Budget Meeting

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Please find the below letter from Mr Watson. You are cordially invited to attend the 2025 Budget Meeting on Tuesday 29 October 2024. A printed copy of the Notice was handed to each learner on 10 September 2024.



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10 September 2024

GRAEME COLLEGE

NOTICE OF GOVERNING BODY 2025 BUDGET MEETING

Dear Parents

You are cordially invited to attend the above meeting on **Tuesday 29 October 2024**.

Agenda

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| 1. Welcome | - Mr K Watson |
| 2. Apologies | |
| 3. Headmaster's report | - Mr K Watson |
| 4. Annual Report | - Mr C Mc Connachie |
| 5. Presentation of 2025 Budget & Resolutions | - Mr C Mc Connachie |
| 6. General | |

The following details will be communicated to parents within 14 school days to the budget meeting.

1. Format and Time of Budget Meeting;
2. Minutes of the 2024 budget meeting;
3. Schedule of current and proposed school fees for 2025;
4. Notification that the budget will be available for inspection;
5. An explanation that a resolution will be proposed at the meeting, to be approved by the majority of the parents *present and voting*, to approve the budget and proposed school fees and that this decision will be binding on *all* parents;
6. Draft Budget available for inspection.

Your support of the school is valued and has a direct impact on your son's approach to his schooling.

K M WATSON
HEADMASTER

School holidays are just around the corner, however we please ask that our children keep reading! Encouraging children to read during the holidays can help them return to school refreshed and ready to tackle new challenges, while also enjoying the many benefits of reading.



Read!

Boys MUST read during the holidays!

As a parent, are you aware of the phenomenon called the 'Summer Slide'? If not, it is critical that you take note, educate yourself and read through to the end of this message.

The 'Summer Slide' refers to the loss of academic skills that occurs when children are on holiday and which is attributed largely to the lack of reading. Children and teens who don't read much over the long December holidays can lose gains they've made in their reading levels and fluency over the year. When children are involved in holiday reading, the loss in academic development, including their reading ability, is less.

One researcher compares reading to exercise. She encourages students to read in an effort to strengthen their reading skills. Just like exercising keeps muscles in shape, reading keeps the brain in shape. If you don't exercise, you lose muscle, and if you don't read, you will lose literacy skills.

Extensive research has shown that children regress (go backwards) by 3 months in their reading ability if they do not read during the holiday. Graemians are also under greater pressure than many learners around the world as they have to write their Grade 12 exams in a second or third-language, which is English. Put simply, the evidence is clear. **YOUR LEOPARD MUST READ DURING THE HOLIDAYS** (and some of that reading should be in English)!

If your Leopard loves reading, your problem is solved – just keep on encouraging him and make sure that he has enough enjoyable books to read during the holidays. If your Leopard does not enjoy reading, or refuses to read, then you have a problem and you have a **CRITICAL** role to play as a parent. You will need to insist that he reads and you will need to read with him.

Here is a list of helpful hints to ensure that he reads:

- Minimum of 10 minutes per day, 4 days per week
- Use of a mix of reading out loud and reading in silence
- Find reading material that he enjoys reading (eg a soccer magazine, an age-appropriate action book etc)
- Go to the Makhanda Public Library (45 Hill Street) to select books together – there is no charge to take out books
- Buy books for him as a Christmas present
- Swap books with other Graeme families (share information with each other about which books your boys have enjoyed reading)
- Introduce a rule at home of 'No reading, no screens'. In other words, he may only use screens (cell phone, TV, tablet etc) once he has done his reading for the day. Or 'No reading, no games' – he may only go outside and play with his friends once he has done his reading
- Reward him with treats (eg pocket money) once he has done his reading for the week properly
- Participate in the reading process with him. This will greatly encourage him. Read to him, as well as getting him to read to you



HIGH SCHOOL TOP ACHIEVERS

Hot off the press are Term 3's Top Achievers. We celebrate these brilliant results and trust that these young academics will go on to do themselves proud in the final term of 2024.



TOP 10 ACADEMICS, TERM 3 GRADE 8-12

TERM 3 2024		
GRADE 12 TOP 10	GRADE 11 TOP TEN	GRADE 10 TOP TEN
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chulumanco Mashiqana 2. Joshua Scheepers 3. Makabongwe Mancam and Sideeq Flannegan 4. Anga Maci 5. Samuel Hocky 6. Sikelela Mazitshana 7. Sinalo Mjuza 8. Cameron Doyle 9. Liyema Mbayoti 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Noah Tabensky 2. Imiso Mpalala 3. Lutweswe Kobese 4. Jessa McConnachie 5. Cullen Goliath 6. Leon Mwepu 7. Nicholas McKeown 8. Ayemila Bill 9. Ali Rizvi 10. Joy Mukenge 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Liyema Merile 2. Likhona Cakata 3. Jayden Brits 4. Liam Bodill 5. Andrew Muir 6. Giano Fourie 7. Linamandla Lento 8. Leroy Adriaan 9. Katiho Mhlope 10. Athenkosi Manyati and Mhlali Ngqinzi
GRADE 12 TOP EFFORT	GRADE 11 TOP EFFORT	GRADE 10 TOP EFFORT
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bernard Frost 2. Curn Jonas 3. Sibanye Jongle 4. Lilita Plaatje 5. Indphile Pona 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Herman de Bruin 2. Olothando Gxekwa 3. Lihlombe Mkaza 4. Amyoli Songongo 5. Azola Zondani 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lilo Boo! 2. Hlamelo Fetsha 3. Ethan Mostert 4. Ivwe Mshubeki 5. Zimyoli Ndyolashe
GRADE 9 TOP TEN	GRADE 8 TOP TEN	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Kits McConnachie 2. Joshua Danilatos 3. Ruben Bodenstein 4. Luthawulwethu Madolo and Jedd Youthed 5. Sizo Klaas 6. Ethan de Wet 7. Nicholas Cook 8. Ibenathi Kondile 9. Ahlumile Sideba 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Zachary Spengler 2. Sinerhlanhla Ciske 3. Jayden Conroy 4. Anesipho Mraji 5. Ben-Francois du Toit 6. Gino O'Brien 7. Avuyisiwe Mhandi 8. Likhanye Ndevu 9. Okuhle Gongqa 10. De Wet van Deventer 	
GRADE 9 TOP EFFORT	GRADE 8 TOP EFFORT	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ibenam Butana 2. Lervano Gill 3. Lindikhaya Kosi 4. Salizwa Makhelima 5. Donovan Pretorius 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. James Muir 2. Bukho Munyadzwe 3. Molemo Muroa 4. Corbin Tidbury 5. Instika Tukani 	



Congratulations to Our Top 10 Academic Junior School Achievers for Term 3! Their hard work and dedication have truly shone through and we couldn't be prouder. These students have demonstrated excellence across their subjects, showcasing their commitment to learning and growth. Keep up the great work boys and let's continue striving for success together in Term 4.



TOP 10 ACADEMICS, TERM 3 GRADE 4-7

Grade 4 Top 10

1. Swazi Sodo
2. Zukhanyo Sopotela
3. Daniel Loest
4. James Catto & Live Solani
5. Josh Potts
6. Bilaal Motara
7. Bathi Kate
8. Soso Tonjeni
9. Patrick Bosman-Wisch
10. Liam Brooks

Best effort

1. Iba Khelekethe
2. Usi Mantla
3. Avuyile Sideba
4. Onelani Dick
5. Bulumko Nxele

Grade 5 Top 10

1. Gustav Jordan
2. Jayden Smith
3. Liam Viedge
4. Callen Steele
5. Benjamin Shaw
6. Oliver Hart
7. Tayo Ndulelisa
8. Caleb Nel
9. Amzolele Gongqobe
10. Alexander Goldschagg

Best effort

1. Christian Titus
2. Daniel Coetsee
3. Cebolakhe Maqungu
4. Kungawo Makaula
5. Christian Kemp

Grade 6 Top 10

1. Morné Bodenstein
2. Joel Chitsike
3. Gabriel Danilatos
4. Uthmaan Motara
5. Eric Griffin
6. Cruden Miles
6. Leo Malamis
7. Carlton Brown
8. Iminathi Mancam
9. Alupheli Dondashe
10. Iyanda Nodolwana

Best effort

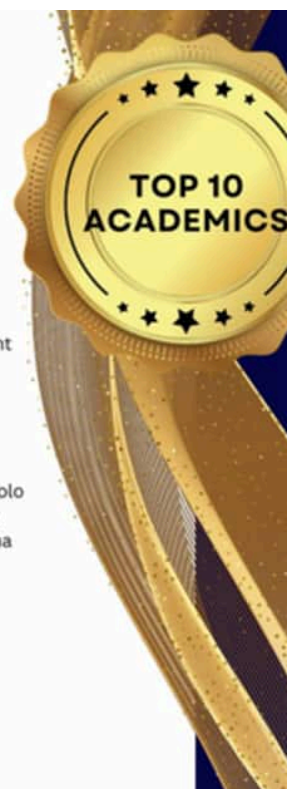
1. Samanga Bulana
2. Owethu Faltein
3. Lunje Manyati
4. Lingomso Sisusa
5. Cameron Peterson

Grade 7 Top 10

1. Leo Murray
2. Matthew Lamont
3. Liyema Madiza
4. Lavuya Vayi
5. Kenzo Prince
6. Usiphile Jadi
7. Lòrièn Yazbek
8. Cwenga Ramokolo
9. Ayabonga Jili & Lusenathi Manzana

Best effort

1. Llnunathi Twaku
2. Mila Nothoko
3. Daniel Hanlon
4. Jayden Isaacs
5. Imange Peter





Well done to these two boys, Ibenathi Kondile and Jedd Youthed. Scoring 100% in their final Accounting tests is no easy feat. They should definitely be proud of their hard work and dedication.

Mathematics 100 Club Induction:
Likhona Cakata of Grade 10 was inducted into the Mathematics 100 Club for achieving 100% for his test on finance and probability. It's a wonderful recognition of his hard work and talent in maths. Congratulations, Likhona! We are proud of you.

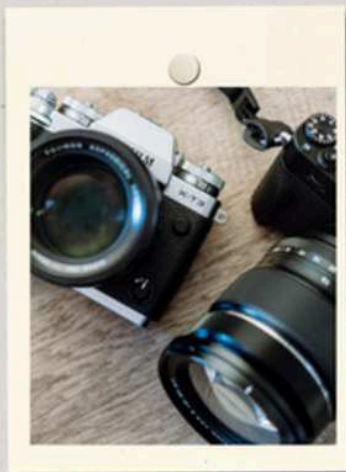


Grade 12 LO

Graeme College hosted the annual Grade 12 Life Orientation final exam memo discussion in the Graemian Centre. The discussion was facilitated by Ms S. Randall (LO subject head at Graeme) and the Grahamstown Schools' LO FET cluster leader. All the best to all the attendees with the marking of the final exam scripts.



Photo Day



GC Photo Day

- Senior photo day is on Tuesday, 8th October
- Juniors' on Wednesday, 9th October

Senior photo day is on Tuesday, 8th October and Junior photo day is on Wednesday, 9th October. Learners must ensure that they pack the correct uniform/sporting gear. Learners have until Monday, 7th October to pay for individual and sibling photos at R150 per package. The price and date for ordering group photos (e.g. class, sport etc) will be communicated at a later date. At this stage we are only accepting payments for individual and sibling photos.

Campus News

We were kindly donated agapanthus plants from Kim Weaver (a Grade 00 parent) and our groundsman Zola Ngqisha has been spending time planting them this week. The agapanthus plants will add a beautiful touch to the school campus! Clint Berriman, our Head Groundsman, is also pictured with the new irrigation controller, which will help water the plants and grass, more regularly. This will help keep everything healthy and vibrant. Regular watering will make a big difference, especially during dry spells! Thank you to all the parents who donated plants to our school this week. Beautifying the campus is a wonderful goal!



Junior School



Othandwayo Booi and Amkele Mqubuli are our sportsmen of the week. Othandwayo broke the u12 400m record at Triangular. Amkele broke the u11 200m record at Triangular Athletics. Wow! These boys have inspired others to push for their own records.



Ongi Nongauza played a squash match on Monday night against an older and much more skilled opponent, who was already in high school. During the first set of the match, the squash ball hit his already injured knee. Despite the injury and great pain, instead of giving up or calling it quits, he persevered and continued to give his all on the squash court. He displayed a tremendous amount of courage, grit and determination - exemplifying what it truly means to be a proud Graemian and represent the Graeme badge. For his strong character, Ongi is our Graemian of the Week. Well done Ongi, we are super-proud of you!

Below: The Grade 7 class pictured loving their library lesson - who doesn't love playing with Lego? Using Lego to engage with learning is a fantastic way to spark creativity and collaboration. The below happy faces definitely say it all! It's great to see them enjoying their time while learning.



Games Club

Our boys had a great time playing different marble games at their Games Club this week. Marble games can be a lot of fun and offer a mix of skill and strategy. Marble games can be so engaging, especially with the thrill of the competition and the satisfaction of a well-placed shot (just look at Michael Bosch's face!). Seeing their joy and enthusiasm is what the Games Club is all about!



Rugby Club

The boys dedicated their final club day this week and in Rugby Club they practiced honing their passing skills and attacking strategies. They wrapped up the session with a lively game of touch rugby, which they thoroughly enjoyed!



Community Engagement

We here at Graeme are so proud of our recent work this term 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: Our Foundation Phase Library has had a significant face lift, with thanks to Mrs Candice Tidbury. Old VHS tapes were discovered in the library. Documentary videos, learning videos and movies were contained in the four boxes donated to our Community Engagement team. Our motto is we will find a home for any item donated to Community Outreach. Mamma Silvia, a local entrepreneur, answered the call to collect the tapes! We wish you many hours of viewing pleasure! It is always a win when items do not land up in the bin or a landfill.



Community Outreach Portfolio meets with builders at Ikhaya Losizo Cluster Foster Home:

On Saturday morning, we met up with our partners in our build a braai for Ikhaya Losizo.

Mr Gregg Haakonsen from Makana Brick, along with Mr Hilton Haakonsen from the National Arts Festival Social Employment Fund, met with us to plan and to mark out the location of the braai.

This project will be a true community project with many stakeholders coming together to make this dream a reality. The most significant impact of this project will be the overall improvement of the housing facility itself. Various, much needed repairs to the homes and other much needed upgrades will occur through the NAF SEF. We left there with a sense of hope and gratitude to the Haakonsen family.

While the touring of the facilities was taking place, Joshua Osunkunle, Hamish Haakonsenn of Community Outreach Portfolio, Leo Labuschagne, and Lilly White played with the children.

One word sums up this project: Exciting! See next page for photos.

Community Engagement

Photos at Ikhaya Losizo Cluster Foster Home in Joza:





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: A picture of our junior choir. They are always so enthusiastic and happy about their singing! Our boys just love being together and this term they have been building their musical skills, fostering a love for music and working together as a team. Whether it's through joyful performances, learning new songs, or making friends, a happy junior choir is what we love to see!

Below: The Graeme Steelband performed at the SAC/DSG Marimba Extravaganza. It was a lovely afternoon of music sharing and entertainment. Videos can be found on our GC Facebook page- Credit to Toni Butterworth for the videos.



Congratulations to these talented Graeme College learners on their outstanding achievements in Visual Arts and Design this year. Your hard work and creativity are truly commendable! We are incredibly proud of the below learners and these recognised achievements. Their dedication and creativity shine through in their work, and these awards are a testament to their talent and hard work. Keep up the fantastic work boys!

- Curn Jonas Gr 12 - Gold award for painting.
- Curn Jonas - Gr 12 Best painting award.
- Olothando Gxekwa Gr 11 Silver award for sculpture.
- Luphelo Mdyesha Gr 10 Bronze award for ceramics.
- Luphelo Mdyesha Gr 10 Best Ceramics Award.
- Sango Mayekiso Gr 12 Bronze award for ceramics.
- Donelle Abdull Gr 10 Silver award for painting.



Look at all these GOLD awards!

Congratulations to all the talented learners who showcased their amazing artworks and received awards. It's always inspiring to see creativity celebrated like this. Celebrating the talent of these young artists is so important. Their hard work and creativity really deserve to be recognised at the Junior Art Award exhibition held this week at the Johan Carinus Art Centre.

- Gr 4: Gold - Daniel Loest, Silver - Alex Czeredrecki-Schmidt, Bronze - Othandwayo Peter
- Gr 5: Gold - Gustav Jordaan, Silver - Callen Steele, Bronze - Abongwe Cekiso
- Gr 6: Gold - Liyema Mali, Silver - Owethu Faltein, Bronze - Hlangoluhle Jongile
- Gr 7: Gold - Bonginkosi Toto, Silver - Imibongo Lusu, Bronze - Jed van der Merwe
- Gr 8: Gold - Onako Kili, Silver - Okuhle Gongqa, Bronze - Kungawo Tali
- Gr 9: Gold - Michael Pretorius, Silver - Inam Masoma, Bronze - Bukho Gxekwa

Johan Carinus Art Centre chose three best drawing awards across all the different schools and TWO of our learners got those awards.

Best drawing award:

- Gold - Michael Pretorius
- Silver- Inam Masoma

Amazing achievement Graeme boys!



SCHOOL BACKPACKS

Easy to clean
Waterproof material

Names tags:
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.

Thank you

A big thank you to Buco Grahamstown for the wonderful donation of gardening equipment for our Junior School Gardening Day! How wonderful that we have such support! Thank you Buco, for playing such a big part in our Graeme College Family!



Grade 1s

During a break between the rain on Thursday, some of our Grade 1s and 2s got busy gardening around campus for Junior School Gardening Day! It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm as they connected with nature and contributed to our school environment. Their hard work will surely make our campus even more beautiful! A big thank you to all the parents who got involved in our Gardening Day! Your support and participation made a huge difference and helped create a wonderful experience for the children. Together, we're growing a beautiful GC! We would also like to say a special thank you to Izak Venter, Aiden Lockwood's grandfather, who generously donated a Wild Plum tree, which they planted together. A big thank you to the Grade 1 boys who lent a hand, and especially to Lulo's dad, George Dondashe, one of our dedicated ground staff employees, for his support in the digging and planting.



Grade 2s

Will our boys be budding chefs one day? This was indeed the perfect experience for these little ones, curious about the culinary world...The Grade 2 class enjoyed a fantastic opportunity to learn how a restaurant kitchen operates and get hands-on experience, making a delicious milkshake at their local Redwood Spur. They got to tour the kitchen and see all the behind-the-scenes action. They learnt about food preparation and kitchen roles and just also thoroughly enjoyed their delicious burgers together.



Grade 4s

On Monday the Grade 4s had an engaging tour at SAIAB and Rhodes Ichthyology Department. They saw a variety of aquatic creatures, both dead and alive. Touching a large catfish was a highlight! It was fascinating to learn how big some catfish can grow, and how they are adapting to spending more time out of water than regular fish. Thank you to Amber and Warren Potts and all the staff there.



Grade 4-7s

Below left: We are so proud of all our children who voluntarily participated in the creative writing competition! Their willingness to engage and express themselves creatively is truly commendable. Every story shared reflects their unique voices and imaginations. Keep up the great work, boys!

Below right: Congratulations to Zukhanyo Sopotela, Eric Griffiths and Ben Shaw on their outstanding achievement in the short story competition during Literacy Week! Their creativity and hard work truly paid off. We're proud to celebrate their success as our talented short story writing winners!



Grade 5s

Well done to the 5JB boys for their hard work in beautifying the area behind the tennis courts, primarily using our beautiful and indigenous spekboom plant, which is a wonder plant! A HUGE thank you to the parents who came out to help, despite the inclement weather and thundershowers, and generously sponsored plants too. Your support has truly made a significant impact on our campus! Thank you for helping us create a greener and more beautiful space for everyone to enjoy at Graeme College.



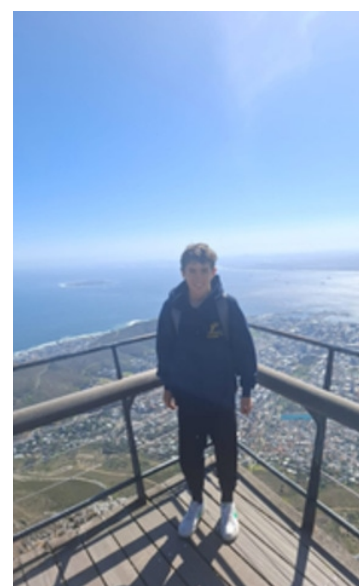
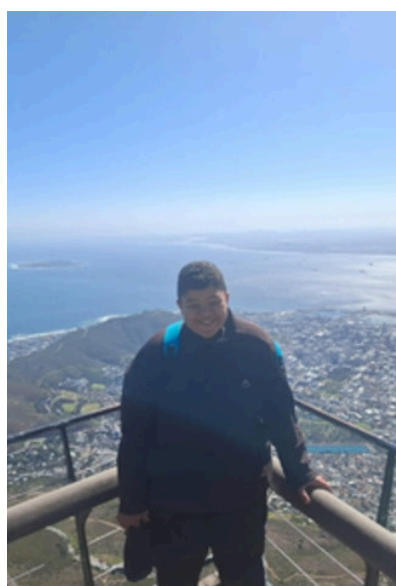
Grade 7s

Our Grade 7s are hard at work gardening today, and we're so grateful for the positive changes they're making to our school campus! Their efforts are truly beautifying the environment. A huge thank you to the parents who helped out as well—your support means a lot!



Grade 7s

Top the world! Our Grade 7 boys have been enjoying the stunning panoramic views and vistas of Cape Town from the top of Table Mountain, the 7th Wonder of the World. Table Mountain boasts the most stunning views you can find- whether you are looking at the city below, the ocean stretching out to the horizon or the dramatic cliffs of the mountain itself. The boys will always have these special and memorable photos of their Rondebosch Exchange trip!



Grade 7s

Our Grade 7 boys had a great adventure on their second day, out and about in Cape Town. They walked around the lovely, scenic Kirstenbosch National Botanical Gardens and thereafter they went to see the beautiful view from LA Parada. The rest of the weekend, the boys did various activities with their host families, such as ten pin bowling, surfing and even tobogganing!



Grade 7s

Exploring the Bo-Kaap and learning to make samoosas!

What an enriching experience for our Grade 7 boys! The Bo-Kaap is such a vibrant area, filled with history and culture. The colourful houses are iconic and the boys explored the narrow cobbled streets and learnt so much about the Cape Malay culture. The best part was when Aunt Gigi's opened her home and invited the boys in to have the truly unique experience of learning how to make the perfect samoosa, while telling them lots of interesting stories and memoirs of her life in the Bo-Kaap!

On their last day in Cape Town. They took a scenic journey along the stunning Chapman's Peak Drive to Simon's Town, culminating at Boulders Beach to see the charming African penguins. And then, the boys being boys, they had to stop for some competitive putt putt!

Trip Highlights:

Chapman's Peak Drive: The breathtaking views along this iconic route captivated everyone. The boys enjoyed taking photos and learning about the unique geography of the coastline.

Boulders Beach: The highlight of our trip! The boys LOVED observing the playful penguins in their natural habitat. It was a delightful experience, and many of the boys expressed their excitement about seeing these adorable creatures, up close and personal!



Grade 9s

Class parties are not only for the junior school! The Grade 9LS class were rewarded for their dedicated hard work and achieving a fantastic term 3 class average for Natural Science!



Around campus



Murphy our school cat, just inspecting that Mr Swift is indeed working hard on end of year reports! Murphy has been centre of attention on Facebook this week, for all his antics. He is our unofficial mascot - he belongs to Mr Pretorius actually and just keeps an eye on all proceedings to make sure the school is running properly. He is often seen inspecting vehicles and welcoming guests in the foyer too. Thanks Murphy!

Spring cleaning is a great opportunity to declutter and refresh this Spring holiday!


Our Foundation Phase Library is please requesting the following two donations from our Graeme College Family please:

WE ARE BUILDING A LEGO WALL!

Lego walls have so many benefits including encouraging creativity, learning to reason and learning to solve problems.

The Foundation Phase Library is please requesting any donations of old Lego & Lego base plates, so this stunning new wall can be created for our junior school boys to enjoy.

Please send to school for the attention of Mrs Tidbury. Thank you!



Our Junior School Foundation Phase Library is getting a makeover! A makerspace/creative corner will be made for our creative, budding artists! We are therefore please requesting for anyone to donate cardboard, tape, glue, pens, stationery, googly eyes, pipecleaners - anything arts and crafty that we can use to get our craft on! Thank you Graeme College Family!



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.

Grade 1s present

FUN FAIR GAME STATION

Classic carnival-type games!

R5 for 3 tries per game

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

*Delicious corn dogs for sale, R10 each

LET'S
DANCE

- Funky Hairspray
- Tattoos
- Dance Off
- Corn dogs
- Pizza Slices

FAMILY FUN FAIR
4 OCTOBER '24
12H00 - 18H00

Grade 2's rule!

Voucher Giveaway!

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 Grade 9s present

BOERESPORTS & NACHOS

4TH OF OCTOBER '24

FAMILY FUN FAIR '24

Outdoor games available to play: Tug of war, Egg & Spoon, sack race, bean bag throw, 3 legged race all for R5 for 1 game and R10 for 3. Prizes to be won!

Delicious nachos for sale with mince and cheese for R30

Family Fun Fair 2024

Grade 4

CUPCAKE & PAINTBALL STAND

Delectable cupcakes for sale with different flavours and decorations

Paintball Shooting R10 for 5 bullets.

Our Grade 8s have confirmed their Car wash stall for the Family Fun Fair and it's a goodie...the car wash includes a lucky draw with a chance to win a 2750L water tank, sponsored by BUCO, to the value of R4500 for only R100 a ticket! The Grade 8s will also be selling delicious boerewors rolls! Tickets will be available from the Grade 8 boys.

THE GRADE 8S PRESENT THEIR

CAR WASH

FAMILY FUN FAIR 2024

THE CAR WASH INCLUDES A LUCKY DRAW WITH A CHANCE TO WIN A 2750L WATERTANK, SPONSORED BY BUCO TO THE VALUE OF R4500 FOR ONLY R100 A TICKET!! THE GR 8'S WILL ALSO BE SELLING DELICIOUS BOEREWORS ROLLS!

Family Fun Fair 2024

The Grade 9s present

CLASSIC HOT DOGS & SPIRAL CHIPS STALL

Hot dogs R20 each
Spiral chips R35 each

4 OCT 2024

First Aid

The goal of first aid training is to equip students with the confidence and skills to handle emergencies effectively and provide crucial care when it's needed most and these boys did exactly that, when the need arose, this year! Last Friday night, the First Aid group had their annual end of season braai. It was a lovely evening, with mixed emotions, as we bid farewell and a special thanks, to the outgoing matrics. It was also an opportunity to congratulate our new Head of First Aid for 2025, Dinilesizwe Mjuku.

We are so grateful to the Matric boys who have contributed their time to First Aid this year. We love this truly meaningful prayer:

"A Paramedic's Prayer"

"As I perform my duty, Lord,

Whatever be the call

Help to guide and keep me safe,

From dangers big and small.

I want to serve and do my best

No matter what the scene,

I promise to keep my skills refined,

My judgment sharp and keen.

This calling to give of myself,

most do not understand,

But I stand ready all the time

to help my fellow man.

A word of thanks I might not hear,

but knowing is enough,

That I have helped just even one

To go on to live and love."

First Aid will be beneficial to our boys in their future endeavours as they enter the job/university world. It provides:

- **Lifelong Skills:** First aid training teaches practical skills that are valuable in everyday life, such as how to stay calm in crises and manage stress.
- **Problem-Solving:** It enhances problem-solving abilities and quick thinking, which can be beneficial in various aspects of life.

Overall, first aid training is a practical and empowering skill set that enhances your ability to handle emergencies effectively, contributes to a safer environment, and fosters a sense of community responsibility.



First Aid



Congratulations to all the Graeme College Cricketers who competed in the recent EPL tournament. Well done to The Mariners U14 team, who won the U14 section of the tournament. The Mariners were well placed in the 1st innings, their batting innings, but with two new batsmen at the crease in the 8th over, a partnership was required. Well done to Caleb Jattiem for leading the way with a mature and sparkling 57 not out, off just 29 balls, including 6 x 4s and 2 x 6s. This secured a competitive and in the end, a match winning 1st innings total of 173 for his team. With the various Graeme players representing all the teams, congratulations go to Jordan Damons and Zuko Pontshi who were part of the winning u16 team. The players enjoyed the experience and learnt a great deal through the competitive match-ups provided by the tournament. Thanks very much to the parents, guardians and coaches for supporting their boys in the process. Also pictured is Joshua Potts and Matthew Weber who played for the East Coast Mariners U10 side in the EPL over the past two weekends in PE. They made it to the final. They unfortunately came up short, but were still happy to receive the silver medal! Well done boys!



1sts: Graeme College vs Woodridge College

Woodridge College 95 All out

Ajay Jeggels 4/22 in 7 overs

Ethan Bokbaard 3/26 in 6 overs

Graeme College 98/4

Andrew Muir 55 not out

Graeme College won by 6 wickets.

Below: Match analysis courtesy of Super Sports Schools: <https://ssschooolsplus.co.za/jeggels-and-muir-inspire-graeme-college-to-victory/>



AJ Jeggels spun a web around the Woodridge College batsmen, while Andrew Muir scored his second half-century in two days, as Graeme College romped to a six-wicket victory over their opponents on the Somerset Field at Graeme College on Saturday.

When they batted, Graeme College faced a low target of 96 runs in 50 overs after their bowlers had run through the

Woodridge batting line-up, bowling them out for a paltry 95 in 25.4 overs. The hosts replied with 97/4 in 17.4 overs.

Graeme College made good use of the conditions after they won the toss and elected to field first. Ethan Bokbaard, who made his first XI debut this season, took the new ball and proved to be almost unplayable. The grade 11 seamer accounted for three of Woodridge's top four batsmen for single figures within the first 10 overs of the match.

He dismissed Jayden Damons (8), Lukhanyo Ndulama (0), and Randy Syce (5) before they posed a threat. In his six overs, he captured 3/26. With the top order neutralised, it was time for Jeggels to work his magic. The off-spinner expertly dismantled Woodridge's middle order and finished the match with the brilliant figures of 4/22 from seven overs.

Ethan Moothoo offered some resistance, but not even he could withstand the pressure from Graeme College, and he was dismissed after scoring a laboured 17 off 46 balls. Oliver Puttergill (13) and Daniel Darlow (12) were the only other Woodridge players to reach double figures.

Had Graeme College's bowlers been more disciplined, they would have bundled out Woodridge for a score closer to 65. However, they conceded 30 extras, with Jason Damons and Muir the chief culprits. They contributed a combined 21 extras between them, 12 of them from Damons, while Muir had nine.

Muir made amends by creaming eight fours and two sixes on his way to an unbeaten 55 off 51 deliveries to secure victory for his side. A measure of the quality of the grade 10 player's innings was the fact that he tallied only one four less than the entire Woodridge batting line-up combined, and he struck more sixes than the visitors, too.

Muir headed into the match on the back of a blistering unbeaten and match-winning half-century for Graeme in a Schools SA20 match on Friday. He transferred those run-scoring abilities to the 50-over game by taking control of a chase that appeared to be stalling.

The hosts were two wickets down, with three runs on the board, after 1.4 overs, when Muir arrived at the crease. Not too long after that, Graeme College was drowning on 13/3. Things stabilised, thanks to a 28-run partnership between Muir and Lophelo Mdyesha. From there, Muir took control of the match as he batted his side to victory, with Athandile Feni (9*) for company in the middle.

During their innings, Woodridge's batsmen were never able to get comfortable. The score crept along at a snail's pace, advancing at only 3.7 runs an over. In their run chase, Graeme College sailed along at 5.47 runs per over, which looked rather handsome compared to their opponent's run rate.

The victory is a good confidence booster for coach Odwa Xonxa's side, which heads for the Cape Schools Festival next week where they will have to be at their best as one of their first matches will be against Wynberg Boys' High.

The coach feels his team is in a better position to compete this season, given that they have enjoyed good preparations, which included six weeks of net sessions. That's something they didn't have in previous seasons.

They also produced solid showings at the Pearson Festival where they won four out of four contests. Zuko Pontshi scored a brilliant century in one of those matches, while Corbin Tidbury, an u16 player, chalked up a couple of half-centuries.

"One of our goals for the season is to get some of our boys into the provincial side," Xonxa shared. With the start his side has made to the season, that looks quite possible.

Graeme College vs PAHS SA20 T20:

Graeme College

262/2 in 20 overs

Lophelo Mdyesha 124 not out

Andrew Muir 54 not out

Port Alfred 41/10

Corbin Tidbury 3/3 in 2 overs

Ethan Bokbaard 3/14 in 4 overs

Kits McConnachie 2/21

Graeme College won by 227.

Cricket

Photos below from our two 1st XV matches from last weekend.



Cricket

Graeme 2s vs Woodridge 2nds
Graeme 2s 214/3 (20 overs -Dec)
Ayola Mali 83 not out
Iviwe Mshubeki 67 retired
Woodridge 2s 67 all out
Alden Walters 3/6
Likhona Cakata 3/2 (Olo Jaca 2 stumping)
GC 2s won by 151 runs

GC U15A vs Woodridge u15A (pictured right and below)
GC 325-5 (38 overs - Dec)
Kits MCconnachie 111*
Keagan Jatiem 45
Sibabalwe Deliwe 44
Zuko Pontshi 29
Woodridge 31 All Out
Selunathi Mfundisi (George) 4- 9
Kits MCconnachie 2-6
Khanya Pakade 2-12
GC u15A won by 294 runs



U14A Vs Woodridge
GC 142 all out
James Muir 34
Corbin Tidbury22
Woodridge 143-6
Caleb Jattiem 36-2 after 9.
Woodridge won by 4 wickets

Graeme u13 vs Alice Hub
Alice 77 all out
Lunje Manyati 4/11
Odwa Ndlazi 3/11
Ndalo Ntlanjeni 2/13
Graeme 81-5
Odwa Ndlazi 21
Sivu Manyakanyaka 17 not out
Graeme won by 5 wickets



2024 CAPE SCHOOLS' CRICKET Festival

21 - 24 SEPTEMBER 2024



Graemians, let's rally together for the 1st XI Cape Schools' cricket festival from 20 September – 24 September 2024.

This weekend, our boys will be heading to Queenstown to take part in the 2024 Cape Schools Cricket Festival, one of the longest-running school cricket events in the country. Hosted by Queens College, this festival brings together top schools like Dale College, Selborne College, Grey High School, Union High, St Andrew's, Rondebosch Boys', SACS, and Wynberg Boys'.

If you're in the area, come and back our boys as they showcase their skill and passion. It's going to be four days of thrilling cricket, camaraderie, and unforgettable sportsmanship.

Let's show our support and make sure they feel the Graeme College spirit wherever they go!



Fixtures are as follows:

Day 1: vs Wynberg (Upper Price)

Day 2: vs Grey High (Upper Price)

Day 3: vs Queens (Parry Davies)

Day 4: vs SACS (TW Higgs)

The squad is as follows: M Tyson ©, L Mdyesha, Q Ngoma, E Strydom, A Muir, A Feni, E Bokbaard, A Jeggels. C Tidbury, Z Pontshi, R Stobbs, J Damons and Liyema Merile.

Below: The first scenes are in today against Wynberg. Leo the Leopard, the 1st XV's mascot, looks on. Good luck to the team – play with pride and passion!



Cricket

U13A vs Kenridge

Graeme 107 all out

Daniel Coetsee 27

Kenridge 108-5

Morné Bodenstein 1-15

Julian Boy 1-16

Graeme lost by 5 wickets.



Tennis

Senior Tennis:

Fixture vs KC on Wednesday 18 September

GC 2 vs KC 2: GC lost 7-5 (matches)

GC u15A vs KC u/15A: GC won 33-27 (games).



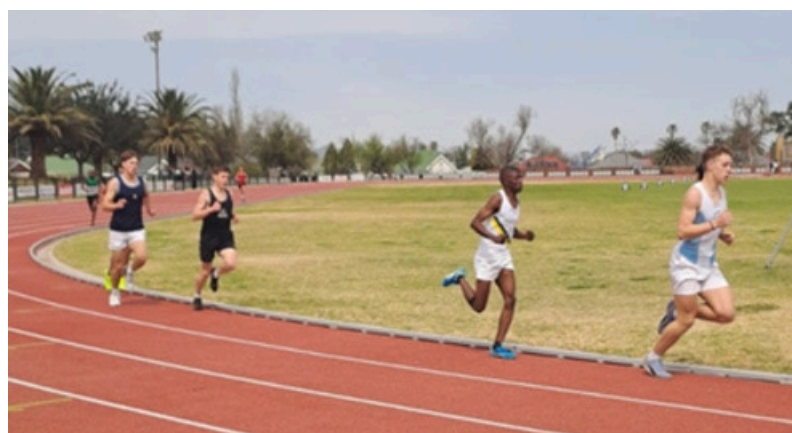
Athletics

The Hirsch Shield was first held in 1917. It is arguably one of the oldest athletics competitions in the country. This 107 year old athletics event draws interest from all the top athletics schools from across the length and breadth of the Eastern Cape province. The Hirsch Shield competition is very unique in the way it is administered, and in its culture and tradition.

This year's edition saw 13 schools converge on Queen's College's brand-new tartan track in Komani. It goes without saying, that running on a tartan track brings out the very best in every athlete. It is a huge motivation for most of our athletes. Hirsch Shield doesn't only present an opportunity for athletes to compete in a healthy manner, it is also a great platform for all involved to form lasting partnerships and camaraderie.

Graeme College sent 15 athletes to compete in this prestigious annual competition. We are proud of our athletes who made a very good account of themselves, against some great competitors. We are pleased to announce that we came back home with 3 bronze medals. Khanya Pieters finished 3rd in the U19 Long Jump, whilst Esinako Jadi got 2 medals for 3rd place in both the U19 1500m and 3000m. It is worth mentioning that Segomotsi Magau finished 3rd in the U16 100m finals with an impressive time of 11.20 seconds. C-Jay Jeggels, who is U15, fought a gallant fight in the U16 800m finals, finishing in 2nd place.

We congratulate all our athletes who responded so well to the clarion call to face off against their athletic counterparts from the entire province.



Rugby

Below left: On the back of our incredibly memorable season, and our time with Mr Xonxa, Mr Ralo and Mr Manyati, Mrs Ellouise Muir presented a special memoir to our coaches - a framed team photo, with an engraved plaque reading: *U16A RUGBY 2024*

Our very busy third term schedule ran away with us, and there has not been an ideal time to carry out this gesture and to honour our coaches for their dedication and commitment to our boys. We snuck a moment eventually to hand over the gifts with great pride for what these three men managed to achieve with an U16 squad of boys that the coaches will remember, for many years to come.

This is also a tribute to all Graeme College staff, who give tirelessly of themselves all year round. We appreciate you all! Enjoy your well deserved break!

Below right: Mrs Ellouise Muir had the pleasure of presenting a special memoir to our U14 coaches, Ciko Ngodwane and team sponsor, Mfundo Somandi. They received a framed team photo, along with an engraved plaque reading, "U14A Rugby 2024" that Mrs Muir had kindly made for them. This gesture reflects our gratitude for their hard work and commitment to the team. Thank you, coaches!



Staff news



Our art teacher, Candice Janse van Rensburg returns as Mrs Strydom next term. Wishing her a beautiful wedding and all the happiness in this new chapter.

A message of thanks

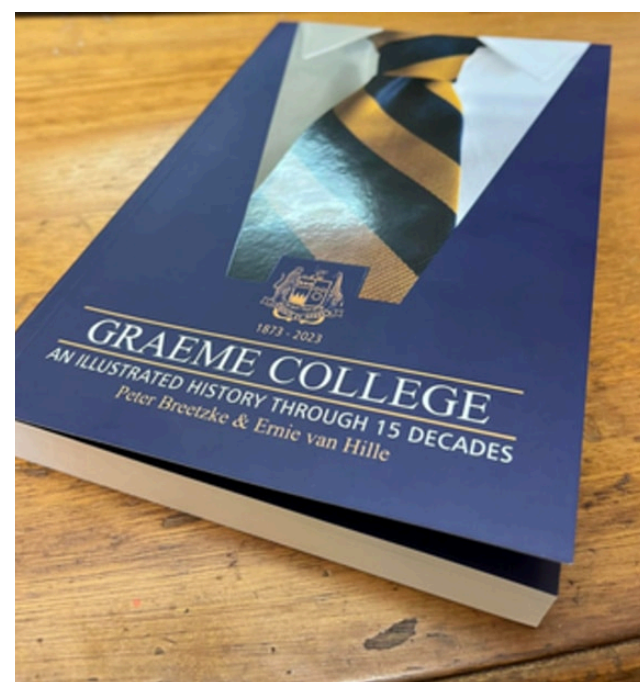


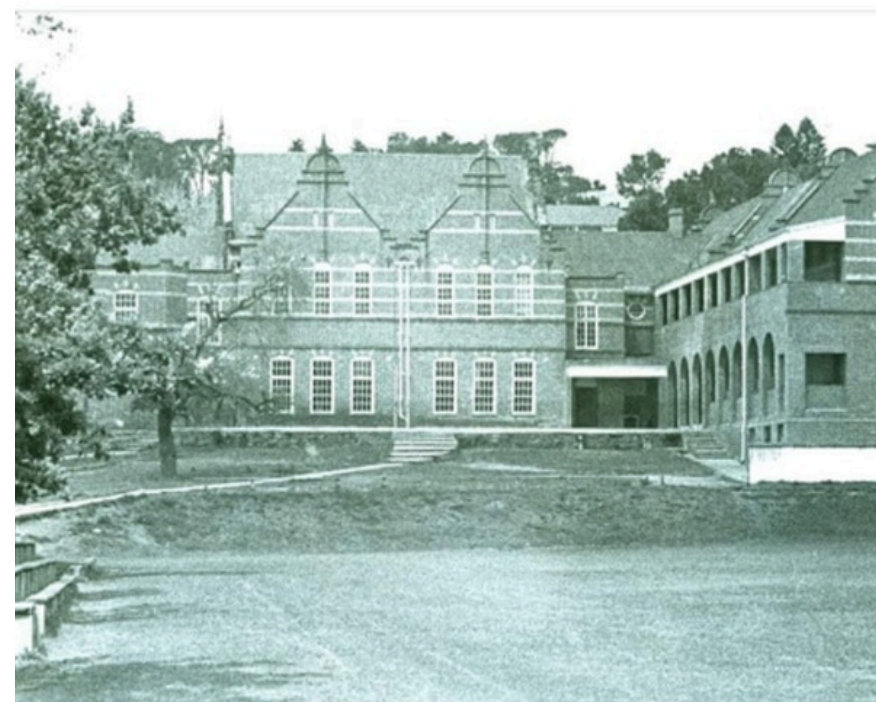
A message from GBS Mountain Drive Half Marathon “We are so thankful to the many volunteers who assist us with water tables and marshalling for the GBS Mountain Drive Half Marathon. This year, the prize for the most popular water table was shared between the VGHS table and the Graeme College (Grant House) table! Both water tables received high praise for their spirited encouragement and support of the runners. In fact, most runners said "All the water tables were fantastic!" - so all of you did us proud!! But well done to the girls from VGHS and the boys from Grant House for their enthusiasm. They received cake from the Rotary Club of Grahamstown Sunset in thanks for their support! Thanks all!”

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





Next year 2025 Graeme College will be 152 years old. More importantly, the new Graeme College, where it is now, started in 1975 -which will be 50 years ago. It follows that it will be a special milestone. The 1975 matric class will be celebrating their 50th class reunion (the first matric class). The reunion will add an extra layer of nostalgia and excitement to the celebrations. There will be plenty of opportunities for everyone to come together and reflect on the school's rich history. More dates to follow.

Save the Date

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**GRAEME COLLEGE
RUGBY FESTIVAL
20-22 MARCH
2025**



FOR MORE INFORMATION - CONTACT
MARKETING@GRAEMECOLLEGE.CO.ZA

One of the highlights of the school's rugby calendar is Rugby Day. Traditionally this one-day festival is held on the final Saturday of the first term. From humble beginnings in 1998 when 4 schools participated, it has grown into the most prestigious day of rugby in the Eastern Cape featuring no less than 16 schools and over 1200 players. Rugby Day is an opportunity for the whole Graeme Family and community to come together and a chance for players to enjoy the special camaraderie and fellowship that is evident in a sporting contest when played in the right spirit. Save the Date in your diary!

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/>

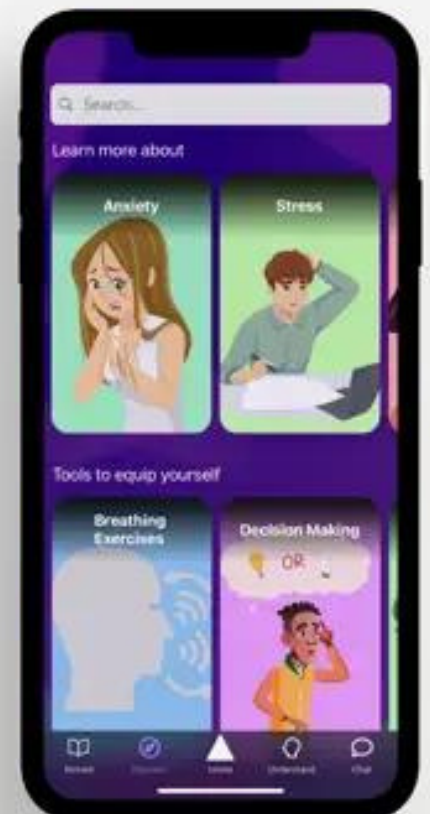


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Plaques for Indoor Sports Centre

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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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: Murphy the school's mascot cat, is pictured joining in on meetings at Graeme this week!

