



## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 7 March 2025

"Nothing worth having comes easy" Theodore Roosevelt

### Message from the Junior School HOD

**Banner photo: A beautiful mist rolled in over our campus this week, wrapping everything in a soft, ethereal glow.**

**Graeme College has a vision of being a world-class public boys' school in South Africa. Getting this right means that we often have to do more with less. That is part of the beauty and challenge of working at and being part of the Graeme College community. When we get something right we know that it was only through proper blood, sweat and tears on behalf of boys, parents, Old Graemians and staff that the goal was achieved. Annual school fees at Graeme College are in the region of R30k but we compete, and excel, in an environment where schools charge in the region of R60k or well north of that. How do we do it? Through proper blood, sweat and tears. That might scare some people off but there is a joyful army of individuals who believe enough in the vision to make it work. Our thanks to every single one of you, in whatever part of the school you work, who make Graeme College the special place that it is. It's not easy, but that's OK. The fruit of your labour is a school where young men and boys can reach their full potential. There is no better example of this than our 1st XI who travel to Pretoria to participate in the SA20 Schools' finals. They are one of 8 schools in the country who will be there. What?? How did they do it? Blood, sweat and tears...Our very best wishes to Mr Xonxa, Mr Bradfield and the boys.**

**You have already made us proud.**

**Virtute et Opera**

**Mr Swift (HOD Junior School)**

## English Olympiad Examination

On Tuesday, 4 March a group of five Grade 12s sat for the English Olympiad examination in sweltering heat. This exam is the culmination of weeks of preparation. This year's theme was "Let us celebrate: Love, Life and Land".

The anthology utilised a mixed genre approach to looking at South Africa and celebrating how far we have come. There were some memorable moments leading up to the examination: Noah Tabensky and Jesse McConnachie's in-jokes; Joy Mukenge's passionate (if rather off-key) rendition of the National Anthem; Ali Rizvi and Roman Prevec's attempts to keep the group focused. The Olympiad is an experience that is well-worth the effort. The young men who participate in it grow so much in terms of being able to articulate themselves and this is such a privilege to witness.

The results only come out much later in the year, but until then we hope for the best for this group. Their enthusiasm has been inspirational.

## Focussed study sessions schedule:

Subject	Grade	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
<b>Maths</b>	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
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	12	2:00 - 2:45	1:30 - 2:15		
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<b>Afrikaans</b>	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		
<b>Physical Science</b>	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
<b>Life Science</b>	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	

## Planned content for the coming week:

Physical Science	Week 9 (10/3)
10	Test Revision
11	Test Revision
12	Test Revision



# Makhanda Nite Race

This week we hosted the Makhanda Nite Race and it was an incredible success! The weather could not have been more perfect for the event, with clear skies. In fact, it wasn't until the race was finished that we experienced a huge downpour and thunderstorm—talk about perfect timing!

The community came out in full force to support the race, making it such a special event to host right here on our campus. A big thank you to our dedicated hockey boys who not only prepared and sold delicious boerewors rolls but also took care of the braai, making it a wonderful fundraiser for the 1st team hockey. We're also deeply grateful to the teachers who assisted and to our fantastic marshals who ensured everything ran smoothly.

And of course, no Makhanda Nite Race would be complete without the iconic pineapples, which were handed out to every runner and walker—a tradition that never fails to add a bit of fun to the event.

Thank you again to everyone who showed their support! Here are the winners:

**Mens:**

**1st: Lubabalo Bokuka**

**2nd: Siphamandla Yiliwe**

**3rd: Jonathan Gous**

**Ladies:**

**1st: Lauren Ranger**

**2nd: Juanita Fuller**

**3rd: Cecile van Schalkwyk**





# CANSA Walk

Last week, we had the privilege of hosting the CANSA Walk, and we want to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who made it a success. A special thanks to student Keegan Berriman for capturing the event from above with his incredible aerial drone pictures.

We also want to express our sincere gratitude to the Pick 'n Pay Grahamstown Family for their generous support in making this a memorable and meaningful community event, all in aid of such a worthy cause. Finally, thank you to everyone who came out to participate, whether you walked or ran. Your involvement truly made a difference, and together, we are helping to support a great cause.





**Good morning and thumbs up for Friday from the Grade 2 class!**



## **Grade 3 Library Activity:**

**After an indoor lesson focused on distinguishing between fiction and non-fiction, the Grade 3 class participated in an outdoor activity. They were given cards featuring images of various books and were tasked with identifying whether each book was fiction or non-fiction.**

**Each learner then recorded their choices on a worksheet, marking whether they thought the book was fiction or non-fiction. This hands-on exercise allowed learners to apply their knowledge in a fun and interactive way, reinforcing their understanding of the two categories.**

**Additionally, the class engaged in a brief discussion afterward to review their answers, encouraging critical thinking and promoting group collaboration.**





## Clubs

**What a wonderful beading club! The boys showed incredible patience and dedication. These lads spent over two hours carefully creating these beautiful necklaces, all for their moms. Their hard work truly paid off, and the love they put into each piece is heartwarming and unique!**



**The fishing club gathered recently for a fantastic afternoon, immersing themselves in the art of fishing. It was an unforgettable experience, filled with learning, laughter, and plenty of excitement. Learners were fully engaged and absolutely loved every moment of it, making the day both enjoyable and educational. It was a perfect blend of fun and skill-building, leaving everyone eager for the next outing!**





Grade 4 MG earned a fun games class as a reward for their excellent silent reading session during library class.

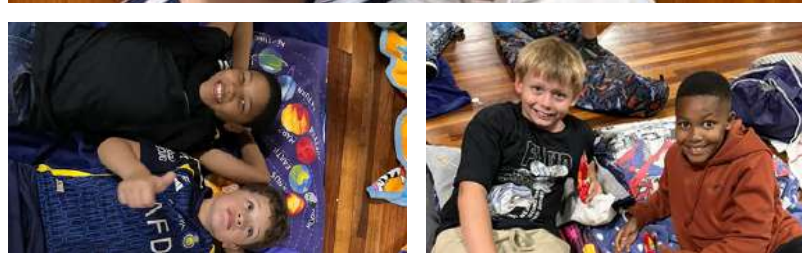
The activities included:

- IQ puzzles
- Chess
- Card games
- Various puzzles

Learning through play, the learners practiced valuable skills such as taking turns, following game rules, interacting and socialising with peers, having meaningful conversations, strategising, problem-solving, helping one another, and, of course, having fun along the way! It was a great opportunity for the class to bond and develop important life skills in an enjoyable, engaging way.

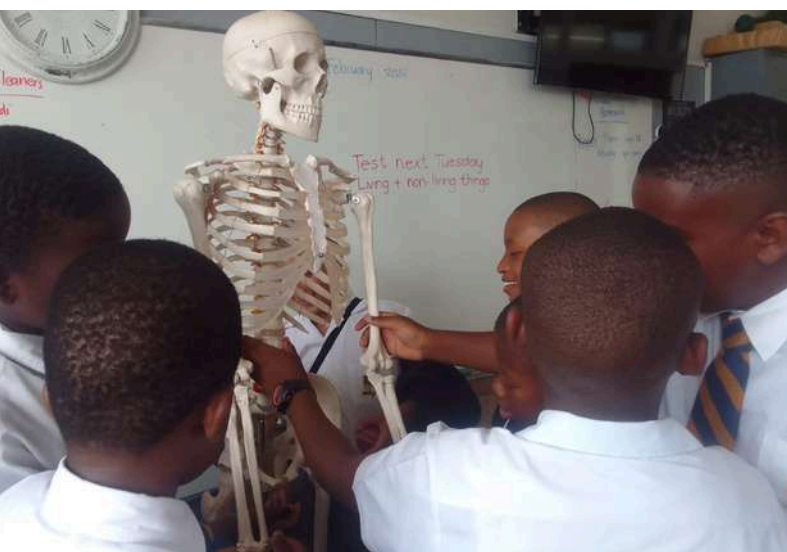


The hall was transformed into an exciting Movie Night over Founders' Weekend, filled with forts, toys and endless fun. The atmosphere was buzzing with laughter and excitement as everyone gathered to enjoy a cozy, unforgettable evening. The creative forts made the night even more special, providing the perfect hideaway for friends to relax and enjoy the movie magic together.





The Grade 5 learners have been exploring the fascinating world of invertebrates and vertebrates. They've been studying the crayfish exoskeleton, learning how this hard outer shell provides protection and support for the creature. In addition, they've examined various vertebrates, including the skeletons of whales, horses, and dolphins, observing the structure and function of bones in different animals. Bob, the human skeleton, has also been a focus of their investigations, helping them understand the human skeletal system and how it compares to other vertebrates. Through these hands-on activities, learners are deepening their understanding of how the anatomy of both invertebrates and vertebrates varies and adapts to the needs of each species.



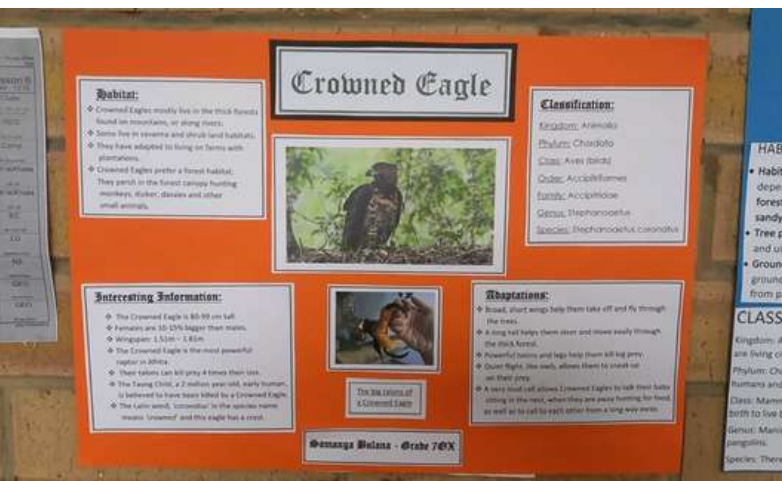


## Craft Club: messy but oh so much fun!!

The boys got creative with recyclable materials, designing and building their own unique creations. It was a messy, hands-on activity, but the fun and imagination that flowed throughout made it all worth it! From cardboard sculptures to bottle cap designs, their inventions showcased their innovative ideas and resourcefulness. What a blast!



The Grade 7s did an outstanding job on their Natural Sciences project. They each selected an indigenous species, classified it from Kingdom to species level, and researched fascinating facts about their chosen species. Their hard work and attention to detail were evident in the final presentations. Well done, boys, on a job well done! Your efforts in learning and sharing knowledge about the natural world are truly commendable! Keep up the great work!





# Grade 7s

We have seen a proper 'Spirit of Excellence' from the Grade 7s this week. Their Technology projects, based on hydraulic pressure, were a proper joy to mark. There is nothing better for a teacher to see than proper hard work and effort. Well done young men, the road to success in life starts here!





## Science: Learning about the Plant Kingdom outdoors!

The biodiversity within the Plant Kingdom is broad but can be grouped into four main groups, known as Divisions. Plants within each Division have similar basic characteristics. What better way of understanding these characteristics than seeing them? The Grade 11s have enjoyed some time in the outdoors finding specimens of each Division right here within the school grounds. From tiny mosses to examples of more advanced flowering plants, we examined a wide variety of plants. Special thanks to those who work on the school gardens –not only do they look lovely but they have provided us with a valuable educational tool as well.







## Marimba Band Rehearsals:

- Monday: 14:00 - 14:45 — Grade 6 & Grade 7 Group
- Wednesday: 13:45 - 14:30 — Grade 4 & Grade 5 Group

## Choir Rehearsals

- Tuesday: 13:30 - 14:15 — Junior Choir

## 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



Right: It's Assessment Week for the Grade 6 learners, and they're gearing up to perform the songs they've been perfecting in their music groups. Each group put in a lot of effort, and it showed! Everyone was thrilled with how their songs turned out, and their performances were outstanding. The energy was high, and the students really shone, showcasing their hard work and creativity.



Above: We are incredibly proud of our steelband, led by the talented Mr Apollois, who delivered a stellar performance during Founders' Weekend. Their vibrant rhythms and infectious energy resonated through the air, captivating everyone present. The passion and dedication they showcased were truly inspiring, adding a unique and unforgettable element to our celebrations. Their performance not only highlighted their musical skill but also the spirit of unity and tradition that our school continues to uphold.

Below: Graeme College was honoured with the invitation to perform to guests at the annual Bar Dinner for the Eastern Cape Society of Advocates. Our boys shone brilliantly, showcasing their talent and leaving a lasting impression. Their performance was nothing short of spectacular, truly making the evening unforgettable!







# Music & Culture

The Graeme Instrumental Music Programme is buzzing again! We are over the moon about the new music staff from the Rhodes University Department of Music and Musicology who have joined us for this exciting program. The programme is supported by Rhodes University Community Engagement and these post graduate music learners are also members of the Makana Community Orchestra. Watch this space for a photograph of this remarkable group of young teachers in next week's newsletter and on our Facebook page.





## Events

One of our Graeme parents is organising an amazing trail run event, and we highly encourage our GC family to show their support. It's a great opportunity to get outdoors, stay active and come together as a community while supporting a fantastic cause!

Join us for a fun-filled family day at the farm with breathtaking trail runs! Enjoy the scenic views, fresh air and farm animals.

Whether you're running/walking a trail, exploring the farm or relaxing with a picnic or treat from the tuckshop, it's a great way to spend quality time together.

Don't miss out on the adventure

Kids under 6 walk/ run for free.



**LANGLEY PARK TRAIL RUN**  
SUN, 9 MARCH 2025

GET OUT & RUN

START TIME	DISTANCE	PRE-ENTRIES	ON THE DAY	PRICE
7:30	20km	R260	R300	
8:00	12km	R180	R200	
8:30	6km	R90	R100	
8:45	3km	R60	R70	

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Mel 072 609 0966  
www.getoutandrunc.wordpress.com

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# let's go CAMPING

## GC Junior Camp Out

Date: Friday 14 March

Grade 00 - Grade 7

Venue: Junor field

R80pp (includes a boerieroll and cooldrink)

EFT payments to school banking details, and POP to be sent to [j.bodenstein@graemecollege.co.za](mailto:j.bodenstein@graemecollege.co.za)

Tickets may also be bought at school reception.

This camp is for father/guardians/special male adult to accompany the boys. Males only.

We are so excited to host the very popular Graeme College GC Camp!

- Date: Friday, 14 March

Who: Boys from Grades 00 – 7 with their fathers, guardians, or a special male adult

- Venue: Junor Field
- Cost: R80 per person (includes a boerieroll and a cooldrink)

This is a special opportunity for dads, guardians, and male mentors to bond with their boys in a fun and memorable outdoor experience. Join us for an evening of connection, adventure, and great company!

Males only event

Payments can be made to school and POP to be sent to

[j.bodenstein@graemecollege.co.za](mailto:j.bodenstein@graemecollege.co.za). Tickets may also be bought at school reception.

Don't miss out—secure your spot today!

Please note: Last date to book tickets is the 12 March!

Also, as a bonus there will be coffee/hot chocolate and a brekkie rolls (bacon and eggs) available to purchase the following morning for R40.

We cannot wait for this special event!



# School events

*Makana Meander Wine Tasting*

## Cheers for Charity!

Indulge in a selection of exquisite fine wines while making a meaningful difference! Makana Meander Wine Tasting in partnership with Graeme College Community Outreach, proudly supports Sibanye Special Day Care Centre.

Join us for an unforgettable evening filled with wine, generosity, and community spirit. Every sip brings us closer to creating a positive impact!

Delicious array of cheeses.

Wines from Meridian Wine Merchants, Iona Wines Elgin and The Taste Room. Please note there will also be non-alcoholic wines available to taste too!

- Date: 14 March 2025
- Time: 17h30
- Venue: Graemian Centre, Graeme College
- Live Music by Access Music Project
- Special Guest: A captivating talk and charity auction with the renowned Alan Weyer
- Tickets: R150 per person (includes a cheese platter and finger snacks)

Available on Quicket. Link: <https://www.quicket.co.za/.../299593-makana-meander-wine.../>

Come raise a glass for a great cause!

**Wine Tasting**

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**Graemian Centre, Graeme College**

**Live music by Access Music Project.**  
**Also featuring a captivating talk and charity auction with the renowned Alan Weyer.**  
**R150 pp includes cheese platter finger snacks.**

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**MERIDIAN WINE MERCHANTS**

**the TASTE ROOM**

**Tickets available from Quicket: <https://www.quicket.co.za/.../299593-makana-meander-wine.../>**



# Auction Items

We are incredibly grateful for all the fantastic auction prizes we've received so far for the Makana Meander Wine Tasting! Here's a sneak peek at some of our incredible offerings; we will be adding more daily. A big thank you to our generous sponsor for making this prize possible! Stay tuned for more updates!

One of our amazing auction prizes: Round of golf for 4 at the Belmont valued at R1600.



Auction to be held at the Makana Meander Wine Tasting.



One of our amazing auction prizes: Photoshoot from Love Lee Photography worth R1850.



Auction to be held at the Makana Meander Wine Tasting.



One of our amazing auction prizes: An original framed etching from Bev Watson.



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One of our amazing auction prizes: An Trail ride for 2 from Woodbury Horse Trails (Amakhala) worth R4200.



Auction to be held at the Makana Meander Wine Tasting.



One of our amazing auction prizes: An array of family fun games from Suzi Q to the value of R500.



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One of our amazing auction prizes: A skin analysis, facial, prescript consultation and sensitive travel kit From Crystal Rainforest, to the value of R2650.



## Give to Glow!



Even Skincare and Crystal Rainforest have joined forces to support a cause that matters.

You could win an exclusive: Esse Prebiotic Facial, paired with a Prescript Consultation & Skin Analysis, and a Sensitive Travel Kit.

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One of our amazing auction prizes: An A4 Laminator worth over R900 from ABM Office National!



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One of our amazing auction prizes: A R300 voucher to spend at our local Legends store.



Auction to be held at the Makana Meander Wine Tasting.



One of our amazing auction prizes: A voucher for Backyard Braai worth R300.



Auction to be held at the Makana Meander Wine Tasting.



One of our amazing auction prizes: A stay at Oh Hello in Cannon Rocks, valued at R1050.



Auction to be held at the Makana Meander Wine Tasting.




One of our amazing auction prizes: a shooting range experience voucher from Secpro Security Professionals worth a R1000.





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One of our amazing auction prizes: a stunning combination from 51 African Street! From Grahamstown Beauty an Environ Youth Discovery set worth R1215; from Claire's Etc. a treatment and blow dry to the value of R550, from Explore Wellness a free body scan and wellness evaluation worth R500 and from Coffee.com 3 coffee vouchers!



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## Community Engagement



We are absolutely thrilled to have received a phone call from our local Birch's branch, informing us that they have received approval from Port Elizabeth/Gqeberha to donate brand-new clothing to our charity drives this term.

Recently, Leon Mwepu, the head of our Community Outreach Portfolio, and Cullen Goliath, were honoured to graciously accept the generous donation at Birch's.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Birch's for their incredible kindness and thoughtful contribution to our efforts.

We are excited to pass these items along to our beneficiaries this term, on behalf of Birch's, and make a meaningful difference in their lives.



## Community Engagement

A huge shoutout to our amazing community engagement team, who are always ready and willing to step up whenever needed. They took on the role of marshalling for the CANSA walk, and their support was truly invaluable. Not only did they ensure everything ran smoothly, but they also became a powerful source of motivation and encouragement for all the walkers. Their dedication and energy truly made a difference!



## Donation Drive

At Graeme College, we take our community engagement seriously, recognising our responsibility to support those in need within our local community. Giving back is at the heart of who we are, and we are committed to making a meaningful impact. We invite you to join us in supporting our various causes, as every contribution—big or small—helps create a better future for those who need it most. Together, we can make a difference. Please send in donations for the attention of Ms White.

# DONATION DRIVE

This term, we are collecting various items for community outreach—an immediate and tangible way to make a difference.

- Dog and cat food will be donated to the SPCA.
- Non-perishable food and winter blankets will support Food for Futures.
- Clothing and school shoes will be given to Child Welfare, Hospice, and the Curry Street Soup Kitchen.





# Big Walk

## Graeme College Big Walk 2025

We are thrilled to invite all parents and families to join us for the Graeme College Big Walk 2025! This exciting event aims to raise funds for the installation of pop-up sprinklers on the Junior B and C fields, helping to improve the playing conditions for our students.

Here are the details:

- Grade 4-5 will walk 11 km and meet at the Junior Quad at 7:30 AM.
- Grade 6-7 will walk 20 km and meet at Marais at 7:30 AM.

Everyone is welcome to participate and support this fantastic initiative. We look forward to seeing you there and walking together to improve our school facilities!

GRAEME COLLEGE JUNIOR SCHOOL  
PRESENTS OUR 2025

25 MARCH 2025



# BIG

PARENTS AND  
FAMILIES ARE  
VERY WELCOME  
TO JOIN



# WALK

WE WILL BE RAISING FUNDS TOWARDS  
INSTALLING POP-UP SPRINKLERS ON  
JUNIOR B&C FIELDS.

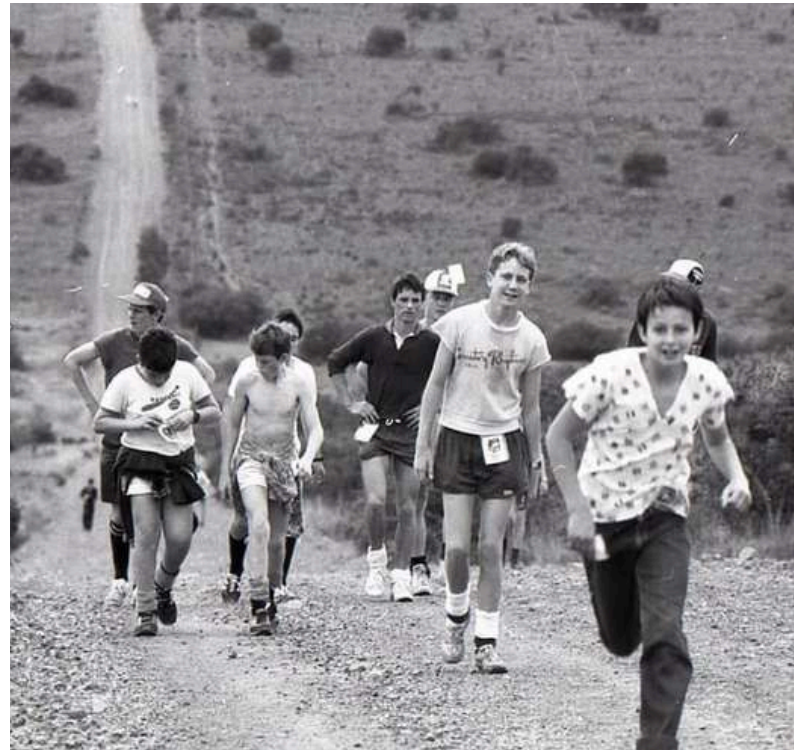
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# Big Walk

At the end of this month, we will be holding our much-anticipated annual 'Big Walk'. The Grade 7 boys will be following in the footsteps of previous generations of Graemians, continuing the tradition that began with walks on Mountain Drive (see the photos below). This event, which takes place in Term 1, serves as a unique opportunity for the Grade 7 boys to raise funds for their Legacy Project. While the Grade 4-6 boys lend their support, the primary responsibility for fundraising lies with the Grade 7s, encouraging them to go above and beyond in their efforts.

This year, all funds raised will be directed toward a very exciting and much-needed project: the installation of pop-up sprinklers on the Junior B and C fields. These improvements will not only enhance the quality of the playing fields but will also support the long-term sustainability of our sports programs. We look forward to seeing the Grade 7s take the lead in this meaningful initiative and thank everyone in advance for their generous support!







Doing the right thing when no one is watching is the true measure of integrity. At Graeme College we expect a lot from our leopards in terms of being gentlemen, who know the meaning of good manners. It turns out our staff walk the talk too. Members of the public informed Mr Watson after they anonymously witnessed acts of kindness and respect by GC staff members. Mr Fischer came to the aid of an elderly citizen who was having clear difficulty navigating a very busy parking area. Mr Dettmer pulled over and assisted a member of the public who needed assistance to change a punctured tyre. As we are proud of our young leopards, so too are we just as proud of our senior leopards. Well done men, you are worthy recipients of Kilimani.

The Campus and Environment Portfolio have been enhancing the poster displays to bring more vibrancy and colour to the hallways, brightening up the passageways for everyone. Happy Friday everybody!





## Water polo

To officially end off the Polo season, the boys participated in the first inter-house water polo fixtures at Graeme in almost 5 years.

The scores were as follows:

1st game

Neilson vs Vernal 4 - 9

2nd Game

Neilson vs Wiles 7 - 5

3rd game

Vernal vs Wiles 8 - 4

Final

Vernal vs Neilson 7 - 3



## Cricket

What an absolute privilege to have a CSA batting consultant work with some of the elite batsmen in the province. Just incredible - thank you to Khaya Zondo for coming through to Makhanda





# SCHOOLS XX SA20 FIXTURES

## THE FINAL SHOWDOWN

### BOYS

**GRAEME COLLEGE**

12 MARCH 2025

GRAEME COLLEGE VS HOËRSKOOI GARSFONTEIN

14:00 - Tuks E

13 MARCH 2025

NORTHWOOD SCHOOL VS GRAEME COLLEGE

09:30 - Tuks D

GRAEME COLLEGE VS ST ANDREW'S SCHOOL BLOEMFONTEIN

14:00 - Tuks E



**CATCH THE ACTION:**  
SuperSport Schools app, DStv channel 216, and SABC Plus.

It's nearly time! 2161 matches, 491 schools later... only 8 teams are left in South Africa.

Watch this space... Official Launch on 21 Feb. Finals from 12-15 March in Pretoria. Graeme College is attending the Finals for the THIRD time.

Pool A: Graeme, Northwood, St Andrew's School, Garsfontein

Pool B: Bishops, Pearson, St David's, CSA Inv XI

12 March: 14h00 Graeme vs Garsfontein

13 March: 09h00 Graeme vs Northwood

13 March: 14h00 Graeme vs St Andrew's School

14 March: Semi Finals (14h00)

15 March: Final (13h00)

What a privilege to be part of this massive event. We are looking forward to representing the Eastern Cape. If you can join us in Pretoria please do, otherwise we will hear the support from Makhanda we are sure! Will be available on the SuperSport Schools App and DStv Channels.

### Graeme College 1st XI vs Hudson Park 1st XI

Hudson Park 1st XI

101 All out

Ajay Jeggels 4/6 in 4.2 overs

Andrew Muir 2/8 in 6 overs

Jordan Damons 2/13 in 8 overs

Graeme College 1st XI

102/6 in 24 overs

Luphelo Mdyesha 36 off 24

Kits McConnachie 24\* off 35

Graeme College won by 4 wickets.





# Cricket

**GC u15A vs Hudson Park**  
**GC 270-2 Dec 26 overs**  
**Corbin Tidbury 140\***  
**Likuthi Mjekula 50\***  
**Hudson Park 26 all out 13 overs**  
**Aidan Lensley 7- 14 7 overs**  
**James Muir 2-2 2 overs**  
**GC won by 244 runs.**



**Graeme u13b vs United Through Sport**  
**Graeme 170/1 (20 overs)**  
**Amzo Gonqobe 50 retired**  
**Christian Titus 37 retired**  
**Callum Cox 18 not out**  
**Daniel Loust 13**  
**United Through Sport 16 all out**  
**Sim Mbuyephi 2 for 0**  
**Gerrit Cloete 2 for 3**  
**Damon Isaacs 2 for 1**  
**Keanu Goliath 1 for 2**  
**Graeme won by 154 runs.**







**Well done Aidan Lensley!**  
**What incredible bowling figures in the u15A match! His bowling figures today were 7 for 14 in 7 overs.**



**Corbin Tidbury pictured scoring 100 runs. He went on to score 140 runs in total today. Well done Corbin!**



**Lukhuti Mjekula retired on 50 runs.**





**A combination of U15s and 2nd team tennis players had a great afternoon on Monday against PJ Olivier. Well done to the boys on their victory.**



**Our u11A tennis team hosted Port Alfred this week. It was a wonderful afternoon of tennis and the boys thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Well done boys on your victory.**

**It was a close and intense match this week as the u13A tennis team faced off against the U13A Port Alfred team. Our boys gave it their all, playing exceptionally well, but narrowly lost in the singles matches with a score of 28-36. In the doubles, we fought hard but ended up losing 42-52. A huge congratulations to Port Alfred for their victory – well played! We're incredibly proud of our team's effort and sportsmanship throughout the match. Onward to the next challenge!**





# Tennis

## Tennis vs Port Alfred High School:

On the 24th of February, our 2nd team played doubles against Port Alfred High School. Despite a tough contest, we were narrowly defeated with a score of 23-25 in games. A special congratulations to Eli, Tristan, Mbulelo and Matthew for their individual victories, showing great determination and skill throughout the match. Well done, team!



## Tennis vs Port Alfred High School:

This week our top 8 U15 tennis players faced off against Port Alfred High School. In the doubles match, our team triumphed with a 21-14 victory. Moving into the singles, we secured a 46-23 win. It was an impressive display of skill and teamwork from our players and we are proud of their performance.





# Rugby

Rugby trials began this week on campus- GC campus is filled with rugby vibes!



The rugby posts are up and rugby fever is officially here! This week marks the start of the first junior rugby practice, kicking off an exciting season ahead!





# Hockey

1st XI Hockey preparing for their season with a kit handover this morning. They were joined by Ms Sanel Sobahle representing the Katshwa Foundation, sponsoring the 1st XI.



Head of Hockey at Graeme, Mr Keys, thanking the Mills brothers for starting today's Nite Race!





# Rugby Festival 2025

The long wait is almost over! Each day brings us closer to the highly anticipated Rugby Festival, and we can't wait to host this exciting 3 day event. Below is the fixtures list for the festival.

## GRAEME COLLEGE RUGBY FESTIVAL

### Fixtures 2025

Team	Thursday 20 March (Marais A)	Time
1stXV	Graeme College vs Brandwag Hoerskool	15:30
1stXV	Pearson High School vs Queen's College	14:15
1stXV	Hoerskool Hangklip vs Stirling High School	13:00
1stXV	Cambridge High School vs St John's College	11:45
1stXV	Muir College vs Otto du Plessis	10:30
1stXV	Port Alfred High School vs Mary Waters High School	09:15

Team	Friday 21 March (Somerset Field)	Time
1stXV	Selborne College vs Hoër Landbouskool Marlow	15:30
1stXV	Nico Malan High School vs Dale College	14:15
1stXV	Grey High School vs Hudson Park High School	13:00
1stXV	Daniel Pienaar Technical School vs Union High School	11:45
1stXV	Woodridge High School vs Port Rex Technical High School	10:30
1stXV	Hoërskool PJ Olivier vs Mzansi Academy (PA)	09:15

Team	Saturday 22 March (Somerset Field)	Time
1stXV	Graeme College vs St John's College	15:30
1stXV	St Andrew's College vs Framesby Hoërskool	14:15
1stXV	Queens College vs Brandwag Hoërskool	13:00
1stXV	Gill College vs Muir College	11:45
1stXV	Stirling High School vs Pearson High School	10:30
1stXV	Cambridge High School vs Otto du Plessis	09:15

## GRAEME COLLEGE RUGBY FESTIVAL

### Fixtures 2025

Team	Thursday 20 March (Marais A)	Time
U14a	Graeme College vs Brandwag Hoërskool	09:00
U15a	Graeme College vs Brandwag Hoërskool	10:00
U16a	Graeme College vs Brandwag Hoërskool	11:00
2nds	Graeme College vs Brandwag Hoërskool	12:00
U15a	Mary Waters vs Cambridge High School	13:00

Team	Thursday 20 March (Marais B)	Time
U14a	Dale College vs Pearson High School	09:00
U15a	Dale College vs Pearson High School	10:00
U16a	Dale College vs Pearson High School	11:00
U14a	Mary Waters vs Cambridge High School	12:00
U16a	Mary Waters vs Cambridge High School	13:00

## GRAEME COLLEGE RUGBY FESTIVAL

### Fixtures 2025

Team	Friday 21 March (Marais A)	Time
U14a	Queens College vs Nico Malan High School	09:00
U15a	Queens College vs Nico Malan High School	10:00
U16a	Queens College vs Nico Malan High School	11:00
U14a	Union High School vs Port Rex Technical School	12:00
U15a	Union High School vs Port Rex Technical School	13:00
U16a	Union High School vs Port Rex Technical School	14:00
U16a	Stirling High School vs Daniel Pienaar	15:00

Team	Friday 21 March (Marais B)	Time
U14a	Selborne College vs Marlow Landbou	09:00
U15a	Selborne College vs Marlow Landbou	10:00
U16a	Selborne College vs Marlow Landbou	11:00
U15a	Woodridge vs Port Alfred High School	12:00
2ndXV	Woodridge vs Port Alfred High School	13:00
U14a	Stirling High School vs Daniel Pienaar	14:00
U15a	Stirling High School vs Daniel Pienaar	15:00

## GRAEME COLLEGE RUGBY FESTIVAL 2025

### Fixtures U13

#### Marais Fixtures - 22 March 2025 U13 matches

Marais A	
09h00	PJ Olivier vs Gonubie B
10h00	Graeme vs Gill
11h00	Selborne vs Sunridge
12h00	Grey vs Gonubie A
13h00	Queens vs Muir

Marais B	
09h00	Good Shepherd vs Fort Beaufort
10h00	Kenton vs Westering
11h00	St Mary's vs Beaconhurst
12h00	Union vs St Andrew's
13h00	Hangklip vs Herbert Hurd



SAVE  
THE DATE

**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!

Are you interested in advertising at the 2025 Rugby Festival? We offer exclusive VIP packages with a range of fantastic benefits for those looking to promote their brand. Don't miss out on this great opportunity!

**R5000  
PACKAGE**

**GBS GRAEME COLLEGE  
RUGBY FESTIVAL**

*March 2025*

**FOOT TRAFFIC**

...more than ten thousand people passing through our gates

**LIVE COVERAGE**

The event is live-streamed which has tens of thousands of spectators!

**MOST VIEWED**

...most viewed rugby festival event in South Africa with 68 372 views

**PACKAGE INCLUDES**

- ✓ Festival Programme Advertising
- ✓ Banner advertising on field for 3 days
- ✓ Free entry, VIP seating & VIP parking
- ✓ Lunch for two (for 3 days)
- ✓ Social media advertising

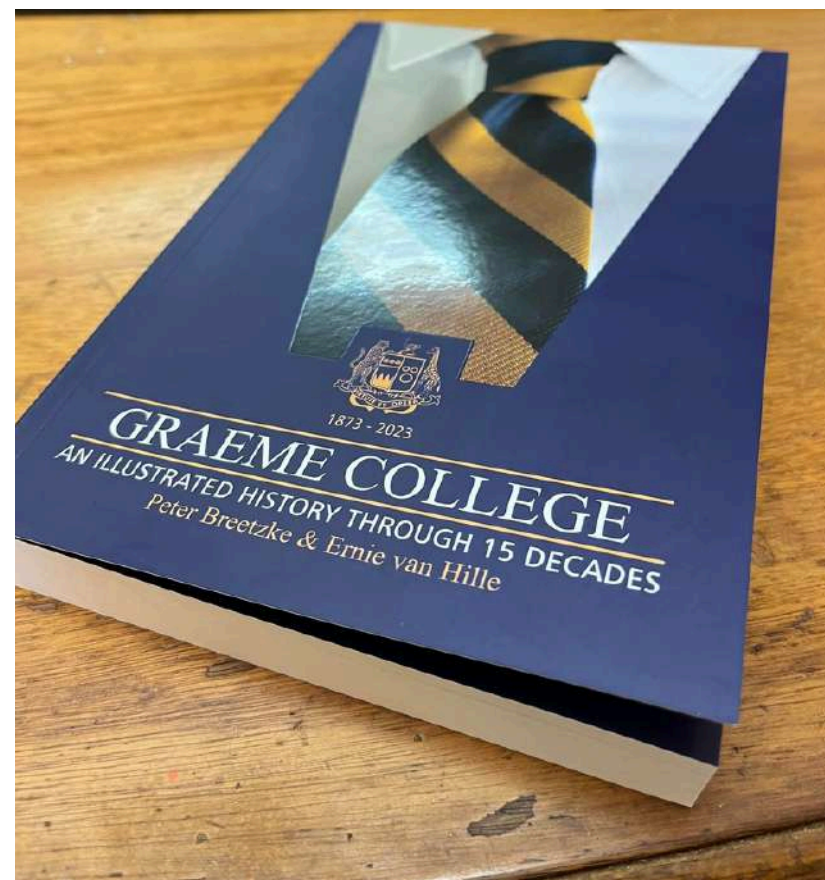
For reservations of the sponsorship package & information call email [marketing@graemecollege.co.za](mailto:marketing@graemecollege.co.za) or call 071 687 4531





Bathu Hlekani is enjoying some well-deserved downtime while on tour with the U20 Springbok team in Georgia. It's truly amazing that, even while representing our country, he still takes the time to send photos like this to the Graemian community. It's a wonderful reminder of his connection to our school and the pride he takes in being a Graemian. We're all cheering for him and excited to see him shine on the international stage!

## 150 year book



If you're new to Graeme College and eager to explore its rich history, our book is a must-have! Take a journey through over 150 years of Graeme College's legacy, capturing the moments, milestones, and memories that have shaped our school.

This special edition, crafted through years of dedication by Peter Breetzke and Ernie van Hille, is still available for purchase. A treasured keepsake for alumni and history enthusiasts alike, it promises to be a valued addition to your collection.

To order, contact Ms Busi Stamper at [b.stamper@graemecollege.co.za](mailto:b.stamper@graemecollege.co.za).





We are SO incredibly proud of Mr de Lacy for completing his very first full marathon! He participated in the 51st Annual BUFFS Marathon, which took place on Sunday, February 23, 2025. What an amazing way to spend a Sunday—pushing limits, achieving goals and showing true determination! His dedication and hard work truly paid off. Here's to many more accomplishments ahead!

## Campus news



### Big changes in the u13A Changing Room!

Over the last year, the u13A changing room has gone through some massive upgrades, creating a more inspiring and professional space for our young cricketers. With memorabilia now on display and the whiteboard mounted, things are really starting to come together.

However, the project is far from finished! Mr Schneiganz has big plans to add a captain's board, more memorabilia, and framed photos to make this space even more special. The goal is to give the boys a real sense of pride every time they walk in. Step by step, we're building a space that reflects the tradition, passion and future of our cricket team!



# 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 TO 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 to the history of the building. The idea is to sell only 150 plaques.

Email your request to [marketing@graemecollege.co.za](mailto:marketing@graemecollege.co.za) - we will send you more information re payment etc. The plaques will be R5000 each and will be 270mm x 130mm. They are Rustenburg Granite - black/grey. Lettering is 15mm in height. All funds raised will go into the extra building costs as well as equipping the facility with sports and gym equipment.

**150**  
GRAEME COLLEGE  
1873 - 2023

*#GC150Plaques*

Would you like to honour someone special/loved ones or your family through our commemorative plaques? Our plaques at the new Indoor Sports Centre will be the mainstay for putting the finishing touch on a beautiful and historical great buildings at our school, thereby adding your name to the history of Graeme forever. Our commemorative plaques are a dignified and formal means of honouring someone truly special/or your family.

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Our first few plaques are up!



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## Promote Your Business in Our School Newsletter!

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Pricing is as follows:

- A6 - R1000 per month
- A5 - R1500 per month
- A4 - R2000 per month
- Page Footer - R400 per month

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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 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:

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@graemeboys

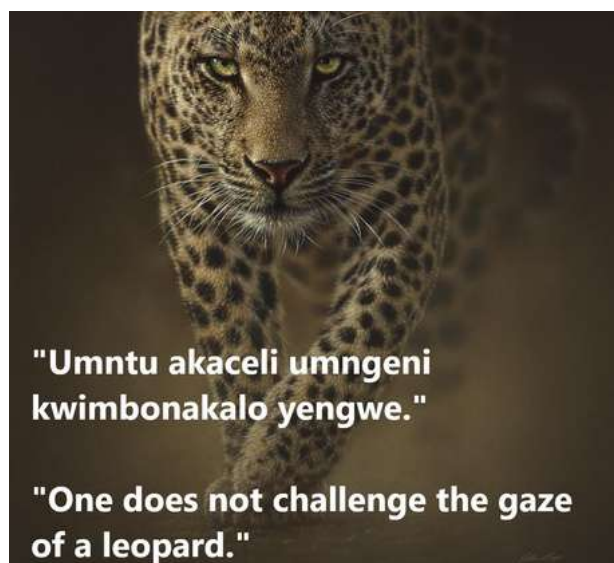
Awsum App

<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.



Left: Stunning African proverb!

"Umntu akaceli umngeni  
kwimbonakalo yengwe."

"One does not challenge the gaze  
of a leopard."