



## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 14 March 2025

**“Umntu akaceli umngeni kwimbonakalo yengwe;  
One does not challenge the gaze of a leopard.”**

### Message from the Deputy Headmaster

**Banner photo: We are beyond excited to host our much-anticipated 3-day rugby festival next week! The Graeme College Festival in Makhanda, taking place from March 20 to 22, is always a highlight on the rugby calendar. This annual event brings together 26 first teams who will compete in thrilling matches from Thursday to Saturday, marking the official kick-off of the Eastern Cape schoolboy rugby season. It promises to be an unforgettable weekend of top-tier rugby action, camaraderie, and school spirit—don't miss out on the excitement!**

**Touring with our 1st XI at the Schools SA20 Finals is a humbling experience. To see what this small school from Makhanda is achieving on a broader South African level is quite unbelievable. We have now qualified for the Semi Finals against all odds, where they looked absolutely impossible at one stage. As one Old Graemian commented - “Courage and Toil gets you far in life”. A 1st XI cricket team, coached by Mr Odwa Xonxa (Old Graemian, 2014), achieving this milestone is absolutely incredible. Then for our young cricketers to also have the support and guidance from Mr Bradfield, is just also mind blowing. How privileged are we to have somebody of his experience, skill and knowledge to help guide these young cricketers on a daily basis. Mr Xonxa has also clearly already made his mark on the South African cricket context, after leading the EP u16 team to victory in the National Tournament in December. Five of those victorious u16 team members, are now representing Graeme College in the Schools SA20 Semi Final.**

This is a young team, playing against the best South African teams, and we are now in the semi's - let that sink in for a moment. That would hit home even more when you are actually at the HPC at Tuks and you see the incredible setup provided by CSA for this tournament. What an absolute privilege and honour to be part of it, and just be here during the event. We have such proud affiliations with Cricket South Africa, and I have no doubt that they are equally proud to see our team do well. We have two batsmen (Corbin Tidbury and Luphelo Mdyesha) that are in the top 10 run scorers and two bowlers (Ajay Jeggels and Ethan Bokbaard) in the top 10 wicket takers at this stage. They are matching the best in South Africa, blow for blow. In Makhanda, we are also preparing for another huge chapter in our Rugby Festival story, as we host the enormous event from 20-22 March next week (see the fixtures attached in the newsletter). Graeme College is clearly in such a healthy, positive and exciting space. We have incredible role models leading our learners, and they are reaching heights we could only dream of. Buhle Planga (OG, 2021) popped in at breakfast on Day 1, to come say hello to the team. He has been selected in the Tuks Varsity Cup Squad, which is an incredible achievement itself, considering the magnitude and size of the university. I'm told there are more than 55 000 students at UP. Even more heartwarming was that he took time out to come say hello to the staff, it says a lot about his own pride for the school that helped develop his own journey.

After the Schools SA20 and our rugby festival, focus moves to the St John's Rugby Festival in Johannesburg from 17-19 April. Those fixtures are also listed within the newsletter along with the u16 fixtures at Jeppe. Our 1st XI hockey has started with year on an exciting note and they also head to the Midlands at the start of the holidays. We are also have a Johannesburg version of the Ingwe Bursary Fund at the St Johns Rugby Festival on 19 April. If you know of somebody who would like to attend and support the fund, please let us know via email ([ingwe@graemecollege.co.za](mailto:ingwe@graemecollege.co.za)). That promises to be another exciting breakfast event with Baxolile Mabinya as the guest speaker.

There is just so much happening at the moment, never mind the fact that we have just enjoyed yet another stunning Founders' Weekend recently. So much to enjoy, so much to celebrate. Graemians are excelling, and we are so proud to be part of that journey.

Mr G. van Molendorff

## Letter to Parents –Rugby Day

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As we approach the end of a busy and eventful term, we appreciate your patience and support. Following a demanding Founders' Week, we turn our attention to the upcoming Rugby Festival—one of the biggest marketing and community events on our calendar, and a significant fixture in both the Eastern Cape and South African sporting landscape. The next few weeks will be filled with activity, including several touring groups traveling across the country.

We are immensely proud of our academic programme, with last year's results reflecting the dedication and hard work that go into our daily focus. Next week, however, will see a temporary shift as we prepare for this major event.

Graeme College starts the school year a day earlier than other schools to compensate for academic time lost due to key events like the Rugby Festival. Hosting a festival of this magnitude is a tremendous undertaking, requiring all staff to work through Thursday, give up their public holiday on Friday, and continue through Saturday. Every member of our staff is involved, which is an incredible commitment.

Due to these demands, the school schedule for Thursday will be adjusted as follows:

- **Senior School & Junior School (Grades 4–12):**
  - Important tests will take place in the morning.
  - Thereafter, learners will move to the fields to support the teams.
  - School will end at the usual time (13h30).
  - Please note that gates will be closed from 07h00 onwards. Learners must be dropped off at the gates and picked up at the designated meeting points afterward.
- **Foundation Phase:**
  - Parents are encouraged to keep learners at home.
  - Alternatively, they may attend the festival, but younger learners will require parental supervision.

For additional details, including fixtures, ticket prices, and supporter guidelines, please refer to our social media pages.

The Rugby Festival is a truly special event that unites our school and community, but we recognise the temporary disruption it brings. We sincerely appreciate your patience and support and hope you will join us in celebrating this fantastic occasion.

Kind regards  
Mr Kevin Watson

## Graeme College Rugby Festival 2025



**Scholars/Police in uniform- FREE**

**Children not in uniform & adults-  
R50.**

**Cost per vehicle- R200**

## 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
	11	2:45 - 3:30		1:30 - 2:15	
	12	2:00 - 2:45	1:30 - 2:15		
<b>isiXhosa</b>	8	2:30 - 3:30		2:00 - 3:00	
	9	2:30 - 3:30		2:00 - 3:00	
	10	2:30 - 3:30		2:00 - 3:00	
	11	2:30 - 3:30		2:00 - 3:00	
	12	2:30 - 3:30		2:00 - 3:00	
<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

**Craft club:** The boys began sanding and decorating their wooden key ring holders. They had a great time working outdoors and engaging in a hands-on, creative activity. The process allowed them to focus on the details and express their individual styles through their designs. They are SO excited to complete their projects in the next club lesson, where they will add the finishing touches. We can't wait to see the final results!



**Did you know that our school has a Junior School Juggling Club? That's right! And the benefits of juggling are truly amazing. Not only does it improve hand-eye coordination and concentration, but it also boosts memory, enhances brain function, and helps with stress relief. Plus, juggling is a fun way to build patience and perseverance while learning a new skill!**



# Pre-Primary

The Pre-Primary boys took part in our annual “Little Big Walk,” making it a memorable and fun event. The boys embarked on a 2.5 km walk around the beautiful Graeme College campus, all in support of our Pre-Primary fundraiser. We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to all the boys and their parents for their enthusiastic participation. It was truly wonderful to see so many parents getting involved, showing their support, and cheering on the boys throughout the walk. Your participation helps make events like these possible, and we appreciate the sense of community it fosters. Thank you once again for helping us make this a fantastic success!





**Benjamin Fox is our Sportsman of the Week and will have the support of Dapper the Leopard during his activities this week. Benjamin had shown a great love for aquatics and has excelled in the events that he has participated in. This has included the various galas he has attended as well as strong performances as a Nipper. Benjamin will be attending the upcoming SA Lifesaving National Championships. Well done Benjamin, keep it up - we are super proud of you! Ben also takes home a milkshake voucher courtesy of the Red Cafe Makhanda / Grahamstown.**

**Below: Amogelang Kulati is our Graemian of the Week and will be looking after Courage the Leopard. Amogelang has impressed through attacking Graemian life with clear intent. In class he is always happy and eager to learn. He asks and answers questions in class. He is well-mannered and will always greet first when he sees a staff member. His positive and constructive attitude has stood out! Amogelang will also be receiving a milkshake voucher from the Red Cafe Makhanda / Grahamstown - our thanks to them for this wonderful initiative. Well done Amogelang, keep it up!**





A big congratulations to Matthew Weber for his outstanding performance with a score of 63 and Qhama Picane for his brilliant bowling, taking 5 wickets for 15 runs! Both have earned the Cricket Achiever Certificates for Term 1. Well done on your exceptional achievements and keep up the great work!

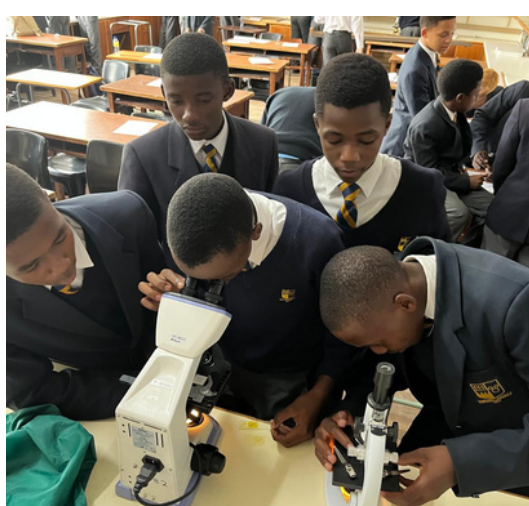
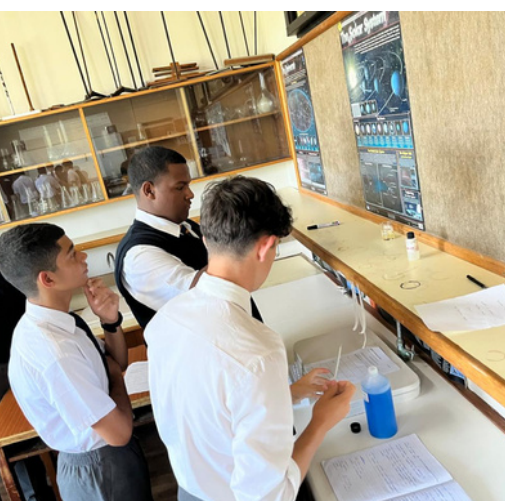
Below: Break times at Graeme! Break times on campus are never dull, thanks to these adorable faces that bring smiles wherever they go. Whether it's a quick chat with friends, a game on the lawn, or simply enjoying friendships and their brotherhood, there's always something heartwarming happening during these moments. Campus is alive with laughter and joy in our Junior School!





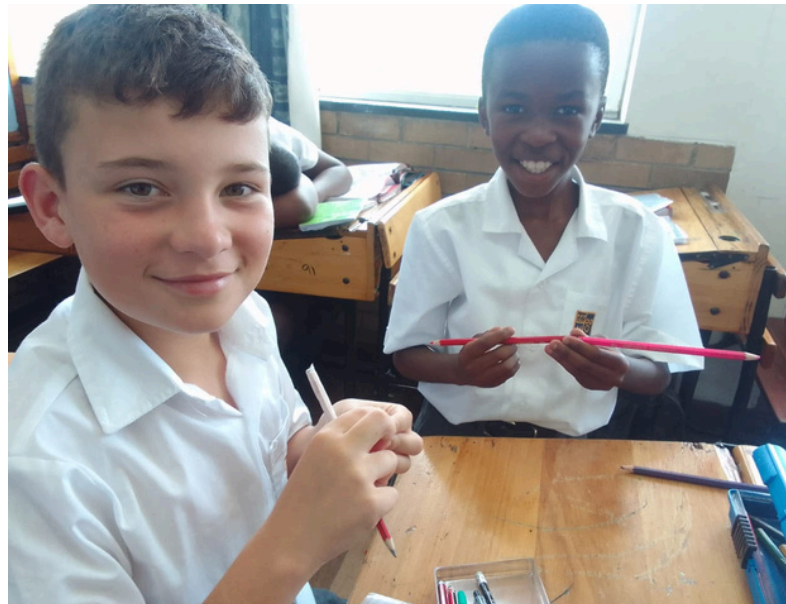
**There's been SO much going on in the Science Labs lately!**

The science learners have been busy putting their theoretical knowledge to the test as they complete their practical assessments for this term. In Grade 9 Natural Science, the boys created slides to examine and compare plant and animal cells under the microscope. A huge thank you to the Departments of Zoology and Entomology at Rhodes University for their generous donation of a beautiful light microscope and prepared slides – this fantastic piece of equipment allowed us to see the different types of cells with remarkable clarity. In Grade 10 Life Science, the boys applied their theoretical knowledge to measure enzyme activity and conduct various chemical tests on organic molecules to identify mysterious unknown samples. Meanwhile, Grade 11 Physical Science learners demonstrated Newton's second law of motion in action, and the Grade 12s got hands-on in the lab, creating esters. The labs have been buzzing with discovery, learning, and plenty of excitement as everyone puts their science skills to the test!



# Grade 5s

Our Grade 5 Natural Science learners are diving into the fascinating world of biomechanics as they explore the physics behind hinge joints. Through hands-on activities and experiments, they're learning how these joints work, from the knee to the elbow and gaining a deeper understanding of how they enable movement in our bodies. It's an exciting way for them to connect science with the world around them!



**“Veels geluk liewe maatjie....omdat jy verjaar”!**

**Our Grade 4 class created Afrikaans birthday cards for one of our friends!**



## Community Engagement

**The boys from the Community Outreach Portfolio were invited to serve as marshals at the Oatlands Colour Run this evening. It was such a fantastic opportunity to support one of our local schools, through a vibrant and fun community event!**



# Community Engagement

Community Outreach Portfolio supports the SPCA Grahamstown.

The Community Outreach Portfolio remains committed to supporting the incredible work of our local SPCA. We were proud to donate R3000 worth of dog and cat food to aid in their ongoing efforts to care for abandoned and neglected animals.

This donation is part of our continuous commitment to assisting the SPCA in providing shelter, medical care, and rehoming services for animals in need. We encourage others in the community to join us in supporting the SPCA's mission and ensuring the well-being of all animals in Grahamstown. Together, we can make 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.





## 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

## Rotary Youth Leadership Award

### Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA)

Jayden Brits has begun his journey at the RYLA camp, joining 60 other learners from across the Eastern Cape. This is an incredible opportunity for him to connect with like-minded individuals from diverse backgrounds. Learners are chosen based on their involvement in their local Rotary Club, Community Outreach Portfolio, or Interact Club.

Rotarians Quintus Hahndiek and Ammy Hahndiek picked up Jayden from school this morning to take him to the camp, which is being hosted at the Monastery just outside Makhanda.

This weekend promises to be full of fun and valuable learning experiences!



# 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.

GR4-5 WALK 11KM AND MEET AT THE  
JUNIOR QUAD AT 7:30 AM;  
GR6-7 WALK 20KM AND MEET AT MARAIS  
AT 7:30 AM

# 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!



# Debating

**Our boys participated in the Rhini Debating League over the weekend, and we are incredibly proud of how they represented themselves. Their focus, manners, and sportsmanship were exceptional throughout the event.**

**All three teams performed admirably:**

**The 3rd team had a bit of a rough run, but it's worth noting that we were one of only two schools to field a third team, showing our commitment and depth.**

**The 2nd team finished with 3 wins out of 6 debates, and many people had positive things to say about their performances.**

**The 1st team had an outstanding weekend, winning 5 out of 6 debates, despite consistently facing the toughest draws. They ended the weekend ranked #1 going into the semifinals, and their average speaker scores were impressive—on par with those seen at national-level tournaments.**





# Code of Conduct for Supporters & Parents

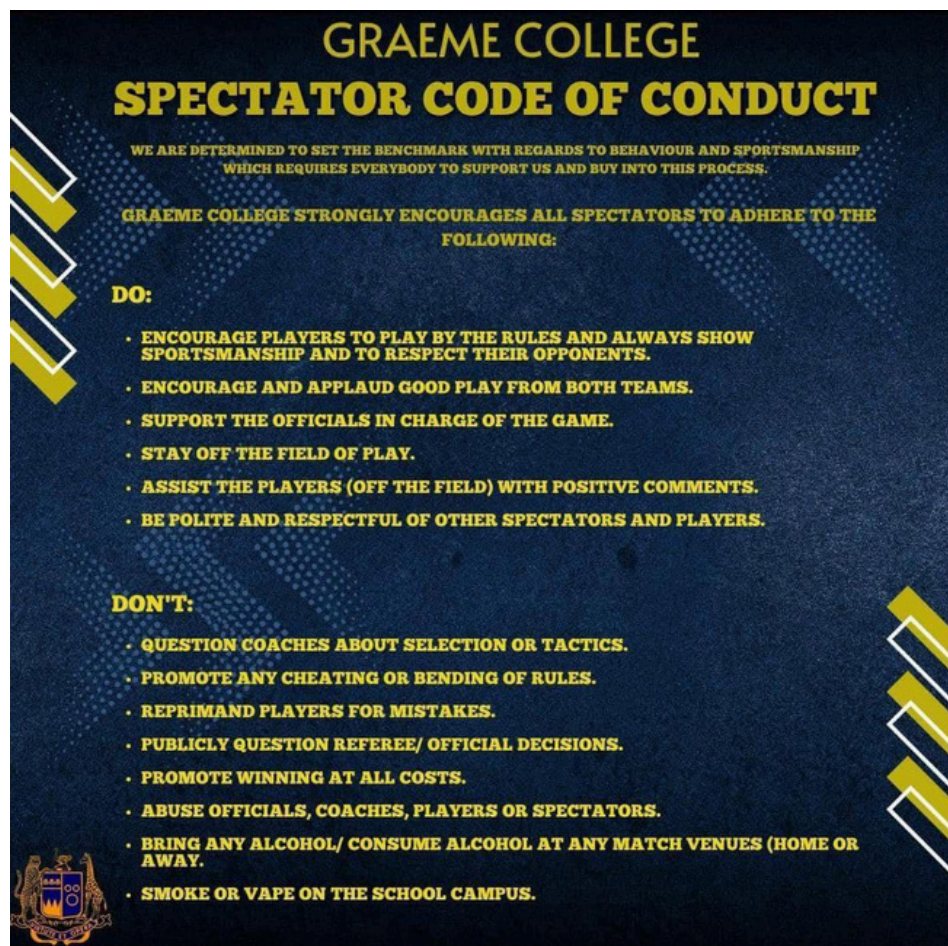
At Graeme College, we recognise and appreciate the vital role that supporters and parents play in fostering a positive and respectful sporting environment. Our Good Spectator's Code of Conduct emphasises the importance of respecting match officials' decisions, even when they may appear to be incorrect.

We encourage all spectators to:

- Be positive role models for all players.
- Follow the school's guidelines on appropriate spectator behaviour.
- Remember that children play sport for their own enjoyment, not for the entertainment of spectators.
- Applaud good performance and sportsmanship from all players, regardless of the team they represent.
- Respect match officials' decisions, recognizing that they are volunteers ensuring the game can take place.
- Refrain from verbal abuse towards players, coaches, officials, or fellow spectators, as this creates a negative environment that affects the players' experience.
- Prioritise effort and fair play over a 'win-at-all-costs' mentality.
- Offer positive and encouraging support to all players rather than shouting at them.
- Support all players, regardless of ability, and never ridicule or criticise an individual's performance.
- Stay off the field of play and respect the game by allowing players and officials to conduct the match without interference.

The coach's judgment on team selection and other decisions is final. While you may know your child well, the coach has the full perspective of the team and makes decisions in the best interest of the group as a whole. Parents and spectators should also remember to enjoy the experience. Watching children learn and grow through sport is a privilege—these moments create lifelong memories. The ultimate goal is to foster a sense of self-worth and respect in our young athletes. Please help us achieve this by focusing on effort, development, and personal achievement, rather than solely on the outcome of the game.

By upholding these values, we ensure that sport at Graeme College remains a positive, enjoyable, and enriching experience for all.



**GRAEME COLLEGE**  
**SPECTATOR CODE OF CONDUCT**

WE ARE DETERMINED TO SET THE BENCHMARK WITH REGARDS TO BEHAVIOUR AND SPORTSMANSHIP WHICH REQUIRES EVERYBODY TO SUPPORT US AND BUY INTO THIS PROCESS.


GRAEME COLLEGE STRONGLY ENCOURAGES ALL SPECTATORS TO ADHERE TO THE FOLLOWING:

**DO:**

- ENCOURAGE PLAYERS TO PLAY BY THE RULES AND ALWAYS SHOW SPORTSMANSHIP AND TO RESPECT THEIR OPPONENTS.
- ENCOURAGE AND APPLAUD GOOD PLAY FROM BOTH TEAMS.
- SUPPORT THE OFFICIALS IN CHARGE OF THE GAME.
- STAY OFF THE FIELD OF PLAY.
- ASSIST THE PLAYERS (OFF THE FIELD) WITH POSITIVE COMMENTS.
- BE POLITE AND RESPECTFUL OF OTHER SPECTATORS AND PLAYERS.

**DON'T:**

- QUESTION COACHES ABOUT SELECTION OR TACTICS.
- PROMOTE ANY CHEATING OR BENDING OF RULES.
- REPRIMAND PLAYERS FOR MISTAKES.
- PUBLICLY QUESTION REFEREE/ OFFICIAL DECISIONS.
- PROMOTE WINNING AT ALL COSTS.
- ABUSE OFFICIALS, COACHES, PLAYERS OR SPECTATORS.
- BRING ANY ALCOHOL/ CONSUME ALCOHOL AT ANY MATCH VENUES (HOME OR AWAY).
- SMOKE OR VAPE ON THE SCHOOL CAMPUS.



# Swimming

Last Saturday, Benjamin Fox proudly represented Summerstrand Nippers at the SA Lifesaving Eastern Cape Pool Championships, held at the Newton Park pool in Port Elizabeth. Benjamin had an outstanding performance, securing one gold, two silver, and four bronze medals. His impressive results have earned him a spot in the upcoming SA Lifesaving National Championships, which will take place in Port Elizabeth at the end of April.

Ben, you make us so proud!



Top 8 Invitational Gala (B League) Christopher McLean and Benjamin Fox were selected to compete in the prestigious Top 8 Invitational Swimming Gala held at the Newton Park Swimming Pool Complex in Gqeberha. This event marks the pinnacle of the inter-school B-League swimming season, with both swimmers earning their spots based on their previous performance at B-League galas at the same venue.

Benjamin made his debut at the Top 8 Gala this year, marking an important milestone in his swimming journey. He swam impressively, improving his time by nearly 3 seconds.

Christopher had an outstanding performance, claiming gold medals in three events: 50m Butterfly, 50m Freestyle, and 50m Backstroke in the 17 and over age category.

We congratulate both Christopher and Benjamin on a highly successful swimming season. Their dedication and hard work have been evident throughout their participation in numerous galas this year. We're excited to see these two talented swimmers compete at the upcoming inter-house Swimming Gala!

They are also both competing in the Level 1 Gala at Newton Park this coming Saturday.



We are looking forward to some rugby this weekend! The stage is set as Graeme College takes on Daniel Pienaar in an electrifying clash!

- Saturday, 15 March 2025
- Somerset Field, Templeton Dr, Makhanda



## Graeme College

Templeton Drive, Grahamstown • PO Box 281, Grahamstown, 6140  
 info@graemecollege.co.za • www.graemecollege.co.za  
 t: 046-622 7227 • f: 046-622 7491

### Rugby Fixtures

Graeme College vs Daniel Pienaar High School  
 SATURDAY 15 MARCH 2025

TIMES	SOMERSET FIELD	TIMES	MARAIS A	MARAIS B
09:00	GC u14a vs DP u14a	09:00	GC 3rds vs DP 3rds	GC u16b vs DP u16b
10:00	GC u15a vs DP u15a	10:15	GC 4ths vs DP 4ths	GC u14b vs DP u14b
11:00	GC u16a vs DP u16a	11:30	GC u15b vs DP u15b	
12:15	GC 2nds vs DP 2nds			
13:30	GC 1sts vs DP 1sts			

Graeme College | *Virtute et Opera*



Links to watch the game live streamed:

1st XV: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=siPacvtleHU>

2nd XV: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IGtuQOnUXmQ>

U15A: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9F\\_t1CZXUDg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9F_t1CZXUDg)

U16A: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vb27t-exTTc>

U14A [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-6VGR\\_6Xc6Q](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-6VGR_6Xc6Q)

# 1st XV

## GRAEME COLLEGE



- |                            |                              |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. BAGCINE NJENGELE        | 12. INATHI PLANGA <b>v/c</b> |
| 2. LEBO MAHASELE           | 13. ERIN NELSON              |
| 3. ATHI BONGA              | 14. ELGIN FANTON             |
| 4. MIKHULU YOLANI          | 15. LUCRITIA MAGAU           |
| 5. AYOLA MALI <b>c/c</b>   |                              |
| 6. LWANDLE DLAMINI         |                              |
| 7. IVIWE MSHUBHEKI         |                              |
| 8. AYAMILA BILL <b>c/c</b> |                              |
| 9. LUKE DOYLE              |                              |
| 10. ALDEN WALTERS          |                              |
| 11. ASAKHE RANUGA          |                              |



@TEMPLETON DR, MAKHANDA  
 SATURDAY 15 MARCH, 2025

# MATCH DAY



VS



GRAEME COLLEGE

DANIEL PIENAAR

U14 U15 U16  
 FIRST TEAM



FOLLOW US Wild Clone Rugby Cup Wild.Clone.School.Rugby.Cup  
 Wild Clone School Rugby Cup Wild Clone School Rugby Cup

# Rugby

This week, we had the privilege of hosting the capping ceremony for our First XV rugby team. It was an incredibly special occasion, honouring the hard work, talent, and commitment of these remarkable athletes. The highlight of the evening was the capping ceremony itself, where each player was presented with their new rugby jerseys - a symbol of their dedication, skill, and excellence on the field. The atmosphere was electric, filled with cheers, applause, and immense pride as these young players received the well-deserved recognition for their achievements. It was a moment to celebrate not only their athleticism but also their teamwork, discipline and their passion for the game. A big thank you to the following for their sponsorship: Thirsti Water; Summerpride Food; Rhino Rugby South Africa and BUCO Grahamstown.



In our inaugural Friday Kicking Competition, Elgin Fanton took home the coveted trophy of a Pepsi, Minibits and Lunch Bar . The men will be hot on his heels this Friday!



Cricket

The 1st cricket team arrived in Pretoria this weeks to take part in Schools SA20, designed to uncover and nurture cricket boys and girls talent across South Africa. Schools SA20, a premium South African schools' T20 competition, marks a new milestone for cricket in the country. The league is designed to identify and cultivate future stars in a fun and competitive environment, ensuring broad participation from schools across the nation, including hubs, focus schools, and traditional institutions. Intending to showcase South Africa's cricket talent, creating pathways into professional cricket, and growing both the player and fan base.



## SA Schools 20 update:

Day 1 didn't go our way against Garsfontein. But, it was a brilliant start for Corbin Tidbury, receiving the Man of the Match award for his 52 off 38 balls.

Graeme scored 142, and Garsfontein won by 5 wickets with 2 overs to go.

Day 2: What a crazy day of cricket! Graeme into semi finals of the Schools SA20!

It was a disappointing game 1 today, where the team didn't manage to chase 120 against Northwood...

Then a big thunderstorm, which pretty much ended any hope of further cricket. But... at 4 pm, somehow the sun came out, and the umpires decided that teams should try to play a 5 over match.

But the permutations were even more complicated for Graeme. We needed to win with a bonus point, AND we needed Garsfontein to win their pool game as well.

Garsfontein did that favour for us, but we didn't get the score we wanted. Graeme got to 43/5 after the 5 overs.

Meaning we needed to somehow restrict St Andrew's to 34 or less (75% of our score), to gain the bonus point.

Andrew Muir was quite sensational with his captaincy, and every change he made, seemed to work perfectly, with some huge calls re bowling changes. There aren't many herd bulls in this young team, but Ajay Jeggels was incredible, as he bowled two of the five overs, claiming 2 for 10. Ethan Bokbaard was equally impressive in his performances, claiming 2 for 11 in his 2 overs.

St Andrew's School lost their way, and Graeme seemed to find a gear we hadn't seen from them this week.

They restricted St Andrew's to 29, claiming the bonus point and ending 2nd in the pool. That was enough to put our team into the semi-finals!!!!

Absolutely incredible! What an end to a crazy day.

The other pool is also wide open, with teams fighting for semi-final positions.

Luphelo Mdyesha was awarded the man of the match performance for his overall contributions. Congrats!

Pictured below left: Old Graemians catching up... Phila Sixaba (OG 04), watching lots of Schools SA20... and will be commentating at our rugby festival next weekend.



GRAEME COLLEGE

# SQUAD LIST

LUPHELO MDYESHA  
 KITS MCCONNACHIE  
 RYAN STOBBS  
 LISEKHO ZINYANE  
 QHAMA NGOMA  
 JORDAN DAMONS  
 CORBIN TIDBURY  
 ZUKO PONTSHI  
 AJAY JEGGELS  
 ETHAN BOKBAARD  
 ENRIQUE STRYDOM  
 ANDREW MUIR  
 CALEB JATTIEM

12 MARCH

# RESULTS

BOYS

 93/6 - 162/7   
 ST ANDREW'S COLLEGE WON BY 37 RUNS (DLS METHOD)

 173/3 - 119/4   
 ST DAVID'S MARIST WON BY 13 RUNS (DLS METHOD)

 141/5 - 144/5   
 GARSFONTEIN WON BY 5 WICKETS

SCHOOLS SA20

# RESULTS

BOYS

 45/5 - 46/3   
 ST DAVID'S MARIST WON BY 7 WICKETS (7-OVER GAME)

 53/7 - 35/10   
 GARSFONTEIN WON BY 18 RUNS (7-OVER GAME)



 44/3 - 47/3   
 BISHOPS CSA HUB INVITATIONAL XI WON BY 7 WICKETS (5-OVER GAME)



 43/3 - 29/6   
 GRAEME COLLEGE WON BY 14 RUNS (5-OVER GAME)



13 MARCH

# RESULTS

BOYS

 82/2 - 81/10   
 GARSFONTEIN WON BY 8 WICKETS

 48/10 - 190/6   
 BISHOPS WON BY 142 RUNS

 120/9 - 99/10   
 NORTHWOOD WON BY 21 RUNS

Below: Buhle Planga (OG '21 - and Tuks Varsity Cup player), came to give the team a message of good luck before the semi final today.



# Tennis

Official results from the TSA pictured below.

Well done to Kits McConnachie, Jesse McConnachie and Ryan Stobbs, the 3 GC boys in the winning U19 team!



**SYNERGY CUP 2025  
CONGRATULATIONS EASTERN CAPE!!!**

**U/11 RESULTS**  
1ST FREESTATE  
2ND EC ALOES  
3RD EC ELEPHANTS  
4TH NORTH WEST

**U/13 RESULTS**  
1ST FREESTATE  
2ND EC ALOES  
3RD EC ELEPHANTS  
4TH NORTH WEST

**U/15 RESULTS**  
1ST FREESTATE  
2ND NORTH WEST  
3RD EC ALOES  
4TH EC ELEPHANTS

**U/19 RESULTS**  
1ST EC ALOES  
2ND FREESTATE  
3RD EC ELEPHANTS  
4TH NORTH WEST

The poster features four group photos of tennis teams in their respective age categories (U/11, U/13, U/15, and U/19) against a green background. Each category is accompanied by a list of regional rankings and a trophy icon.

# Squash

It has been a busy few weeks for our number 1 squash player, Ashton Burger. Two weeks ago, he came 11th at the Bloemfontein Open in the under 16 division. This is a remarkable achievement, as he is only under 15 this year. This past weekend, Ashton took part in the Alan Stapleton Squash tournament and won the under 16 division. Another amazing result. Well done, Ashton!





# 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 (Somerset Field)	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 Beaconsburst
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

# Spur Voucher

A sweet celebration: In honour of next week's Rugby Festival, our local Redwood Spur Steak Ranch is excited to offer a complimentary Chico the Clown dessert to celebrate the occasion! Enjoy! Voucher code below.

## COMPLIMENTARY CHICO THE CLOWN

to celebrate the  
**2025 Graeme Rugby Festival!**



VOUCHER CODE:  
**CHICO**

EXPIRY DATE:  
**31 JULY '25**

Ts & Cs | Exclusive to Redwood Spur | Download  
The HowZaT Locals App to redeem | One voucher  
per bill | Minimum Spend R100 | Original voucher  
must be presented

WhatsApp "HowZaT" to **046 622 2629**

Redwood Spur | Peppergrove Mall,  
Allen Street, Makhanda

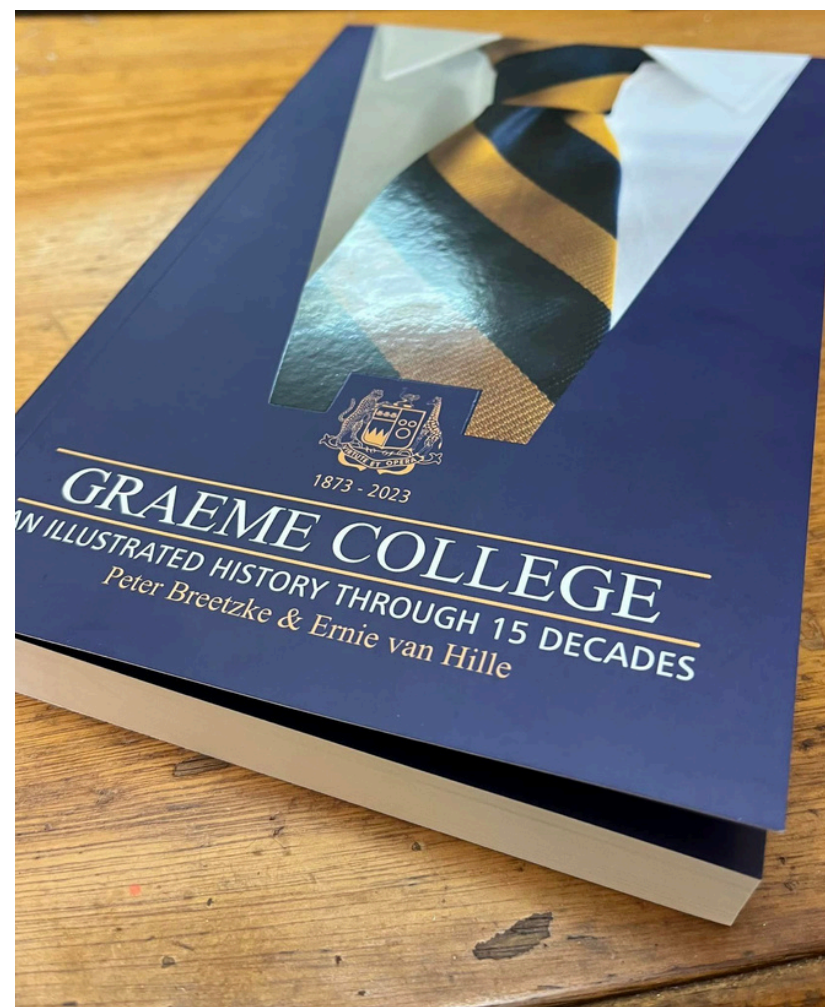


**PLAY  
NEW AREA**



**SPUR**  
STEAK RANCHES

# 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).

# 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.



**150**  
GRAEME COLLEGE  
1873 - 2023

*#GC150Plaques*

Our first few plaques are up!



**150**  
GRAEME COLLEGE  
1873 - 2023

*#GC150Plaques*

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.

**150**  
GRAEME COLLEGE  
1873 - 2023

*#GC150Plaques*

Email your request to [z.wille@graemecollege.co.za](mailto:z.wille@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.

## Promote Your Business in Our School Newsletter!

If you would like to promote your business or service in our school newsletter, please contact us for more details. This is a fantastic opportunity to reach our school community!

Contact: [marketing@graemecollege.co.za](mailto:marketing@graemecollege.co.za) or 071 687 4531.

Pricing is as follows:

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

# ADVERTISE IN OUR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER!

If you would like to promote your business or service in our school newsletter, please contact us for more details. This is a great opportunity to reach our school community! Contact: [marketing@graemecollege.co.za](mailto:marketing@graemecollege.co.za)

## A6

SIZE

R1000

Or a page footer at

R400

**PER MONTH**

## A5

SIZE

R1500

**PER MONTH**

## A4

SIZE

R2000

**PER MONTH**

# 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:

@graemecollege

@graemeboys

Awsum App

<https://www.awsum.co.za/download-the-awsum-app-for-schools>

Facebook:

Graeme College

If you aren't on the GC Community WhatsApp group - you can join by following the QR Code below or communicate with your Class Register Teacher or Mentor Teacher.



Left: We're always thrilled to have this amazing coffee on campus! And next week, you'll be able to enjoy the The Barista at our Festival, along with a mouthwatering meal from Major Fraser's. Get ready for an unforgettable Rugby Festival experience!