



Graeme College

To strive for excellence by developing all to their full potential



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER Friday 27 August 2021

“My first bat was shaped of a coconut branch and from that day, all I wanted to do was to be a cricketer.” – Brian Lara
(Where you start doesn't matter!)

Message from the Deputy Headmaster

Above: A beautiful picture of this colourful peacock boasting his impressively sized and patterned plumage against the backdrop of Somerset field.

This week we received incredibly exciting news; Liselihle Maphekula was selected into the SA u18 Rugby team and Aphiwe Mnyanda was selected into the SA u19 Cricket side. In fact, you will be able to watch the SA u19 side compete in the Provincial T20 Knockout competition soon. We are thrilled for both young men, who have the most incredible work ethic and passion for their sport.

This kind of achievement doesn't happen easily of course, and we need to be consistently tested against the very best in South Africa. We will then always improve our own standards, and keep pushing our learners towards achieving their potential. That in turn, always has a financial constraint and burden on our parents. We are always incredibly sensitive and aware of the cost implications, and have always worked extensively to fundraise in an attempt to lower the overall cost to parents. With Covid causing havoc on our Winter sports fixtures yet again, we have started to plan for the upcoming Summer season. Our 1st XI cricket side participates in the Pearson High Cricket Festival and then participates in the Cape Schools Festival just after that. After which, our season kicks off into full gear with local fixtures.

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It is slightly easier to control covid regulations within the cricket parameters, so we are holding thumbs that our learners do get to enjoy an extensive Summer sports programme.

We have worked on the costs of the upcoming cricket festivals, and today started three fundraising campaigns, that we can run 'remotely'. The first is a Raffle, with some stunning prizes. I will add the Raffle to the Karri App as well. The prizes include a one night stay for two at the Amakhala Woodbury Tented Camp, a Bonty Niland art work and a 15kg droë wors hamper. Tickets for the raffle are R20 each. We are also going to restart a remote version of the Joker Poker fundraiser each week. To summarise, 52 playing cards, plus a joker are shuffled and pinned face down on a board. Each week a raffle is held where supporters pay for the opportunity to possibly be the lucky winner who selects a single card from the board. The objective is to select the joker from the playing cards that are pinned faced down, and thereby win the grand prize. Part of the excitement and fun of Joker Poker is that after each unsuccessful card selection, the prize jackpot and technically, the overall odds improve. Hopefully great excitement will be generated if the joker hasn't been found in the first few rounds. Tickets are R10 per entry draw and you are allowed as many entries as you like in each draw. Your ticket will go into the weekly draw which will be organised by the parent group. The main prize is a 5000 litre Eco water tank donated by Eco Tanks and Buco, which is valued at R7000. That is an incredible prize which will generate a lot of interest in Grahamstown/ Makhanda. Tickets can be bought via the Karri App (if you are a parent or staff member). Each round will be done remotely with a live Facebook feed. Keep an eye on our social media for further information. As per a recent request, we are also working on an avenue where supporters can make a cash donation towards the cricket tours, with regards to supporting learners who can't afford the full amount.

We are so thankful for the continued support from our community throughout all these projects. This adds an enormous amount of pressure with regards to the cost of developments and tours, and we are so incredibly proud of the support that we receive on a consistent basis; remembering that no tuition fees are used for any of these projects.

On a similar note, after an extensive electrical upgrade and a painstaking installation process, the generators donated by Clive Robertson have finally had their trial run. The project was an absolutely incredible undertaking. There is just so much happening across the campus, and so much of it has been as a result of incredible financial and professional contributions made by individuals and companies in our community.

G van Molendorff
Deputy Headmaster

Academic

ENGLISH OLYMPIAD 2022

The call for entries for the 2022 English Olympiad is now open. Any boy currently in Grades 8 - 11 may enter. The theme for next year is "A brave new world" and the anthology comprises different genres of writing. The cost of the competition is R100 which needs to be paid to Ms Stamper by 28 September 2021. Included in this cost is the anthology. Any other queries can be directed to Miss Kenyon.

ACADEMIC PORTFOLIO INITIATIVE

The Grade 12s in the academic portfolio launched a new initiative this term. This followed on the back of their "buddy" learning system which has been in place since the first term. Their new initiative involves peer teaching and learning. They have been meeting on Friday afternoons to study and learn from each other. This is a skill we would very much like to encourage. Should any other grade wish to start a similar system, they will be accommodated. It is an initiative that we would like to see spread and grow.

GRADE 8 AND 9 TEST SCHEDULE:

Please note that other tests and assignments will be allocated by subject teachers during the term. This list merely gives an opportunity for standardised tests to be written. Grade 8s and 9s will write tests every Tuesday (Days 2 and 7). These test results will comprise part of the SBA result.

DATE	GRADE 8 TEST	GRADE 9 TEST
August 2021 (Day 7)	EMS Test	History Test
24 August 2021 (Day 2)	Geography Test	EMS Test
31 August 2021 (Day 7)	History Test	Geography Test
7 September 2021 (Day 2)	Mathematics Test	Mathematics Test
14 September 2021 (Day 7)	Natural Science Test	Natural Science Test
21 September 2021 (Day 2)	Term 4 Exam Original English Writing	Term 4 Exam Original English Writing
28 September 2021 (Day 7)	Term 4 Exam Original Afrikaans/isiXhosa Writing	Term 4 Exam Original Afrikaans/isiXhosa Writing

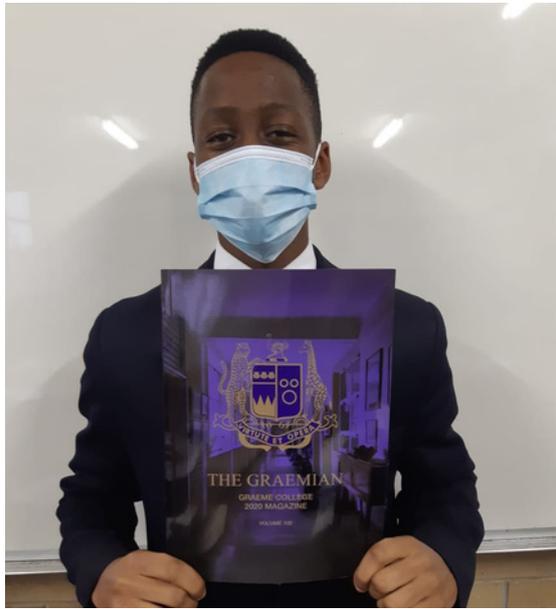
GRADE 12 PRELIMINARY EXAMINATIONS

The Grade 12s have started writing their preliminary examinations. The draft timetable is as follows:

GRADE 12 PRELIMINARY TIMETABLE 2021 (Draft)

DATE	09H00	14H00
Thursday 26 August	CAT Paper 1 Practical 3 hours	
Monday 30 August	Accounting Paper 1 2 hours	
Tuesday 31 August	Geography Paper 1 3 hours (Theory)	isiXhosa FAL Paper 3 3 hours
Wednesday 1 September	History Paper 1 3 hours	English Home Language Paper 3 3 hours
Thursday 2 September	Geography Paper 2 3 hours	Afrikaans FAL Paper 3 3 hours
Friday 3 September	Life Sciences Paper 1 2 ½ hours	
Monday 6 September	<u>Final</u> Life Orientation Exam 2 hours	
Tuesday 7 September	Life Sciences Paper 2 2 ½ hours	Visual Art/Design Paper 1 3 hours (To be confirmed)
Wednesday 8 September	Afrikaans FAL Paper 2 2 hours	
Thursday 9 September	Accounting Paper 2 2 hours	isiXhosa FAL Paper 1 2 ½ hours
Friday 10 September	Mathematics Paper 1/ Maths Lit Paper 1 3 hours	English Home Language Paper 1 2 hours
Monday 13 September	Mathematics Paper 2/ Maths Lit Paper 2 3 hours	CAT Paper 2 Theory 3 hours
Tuesday 14 September	History Paper 2 3 hours	Afrikaans FAL Paper 1 2 hours
Wednesday 15 September	Business Studies Paper 1 2 hours	
Thursday 16 September	isiXhosa FAL Paper 2 2 hours	
Friday 17 September	Physical Sciences Paper 1 3 hours (Physics)	
Monday 20 September	Physical Sciences Paper 2 3 hours (Chemistry)	
Tuesday 21 September	Music Paper 1 3 hours (Theory)	Music Paper 2 1 ½ hours (Comprehension)
Wednesday 22 September	English Home Language Paper 2 2 ½ hours	
Thursday 23 September	Business Studies Paper 2 2 hours	
Friday 24 September		
Monday 27 September	Art Practical** (08h00 – 16h00)	
Tuesday 28 September	Art Practical** (08h00 – 16h00)	
Wednesday 29 September	Art Practical** (08h00 – 16h00)	
Saturday 16 October	Art Practical** (08h00 – 17h00)	

** These four days are compulsory for all Visual Art and Design Students. Please make sure that you take a packed lunch with you for those days. In addition, you need to arrange two additional mornings with your practical teacher on a day where you have no exam scheduled.



The 2020 Graeme College School magazine is now available at Reception at R150 a copy. It is the reflection of the year Covid-19 became part of the world, the GC community and your son's school life. We would like to encourage you to buy it and keep it as a reminder of quite an exceptional year.

My School Card

Did you know that your MySchool card gives you a super discount to Worksheet Cloud? Signing up to WorksheetCloud will give you instant access to hundreds of printable school worksheets, but if you're a MySchool MyVillage MyPlanet supporter, a percentage of your subscription fee will be given back to Graeme College at absolutely no cost to you. Plus you'll also receive a 50% discount on your WorksheetCloud sign up fee! Cardholders also receive a R100 discount on the WorksheetCloud subscription fee when entering your MySchool MyVillage MyPlanet card number during sign up. Head on over to WorksheetCloud and help your child with the Term 3 tests. They'll get access to thousands of study notes, practice questions and practice exams.

Click here to learn more:

<https://www.worksheetcloud.com/myschool/>



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You might also find these other posts helpful: (click on the theme)

- My English / Xhosa / Zulu child is failing Afrikaans. What can I do to help?
- Introducing WorksheetCloud Study Notes
- Why is Reading Important?



Campus news

Old-school outdoor games for children are a tradition...How many games from childhood do you remember? Our boys are taking advantage of the warm weather in their break times to play Tops and Hand tennis. Hand tennis has many forms, and every variety has its own unique little set of rules. The game is simple, fast moving, and provides hours of fun , entertainment and healthy competition between the boys. Pictured below are the boys enjoying some of these games.



Library Competition

THE GRADE 4 TO GRADE 7 CLASSES WERE ASKED TO WRITE DOWN A SENTENCE THAT "JUMPED OUT" AT THEM FROM THE BOOKS THEY WERE READING DURING THEIR LIBRARY PERIOD. READING FICTION, APART FROM THE OBVIOUS LITERARY SKILLS, ENCOURAGES THE IMPORTANT LIFE SKILLS OF IMAGINATION, CREATIVITY AND EMPATHY- ALL THREE ARE VERY MUCH NEEDED IN MODERN SOCIETY TODAY! HERE ARE THE WINNERS:



"You will come to a place where the streets are not marked." - Makadunyiswe Klaas: Gr 4CM



"You're interested enough in what they're saying to ask a question and suddenly they don't want to answer."- Abakhe Luwaya: Gr 4MG



"Women should comb their hair with the spear of a dead man for luck."- Morgan Prevec: Gr 6DS



"The end is near."- Keanu-Josh Rooi: Gr 7 OX



"For my mother whose stories opened my mind and gave me wisdom."- Akho Tonjani: Gr 7AS

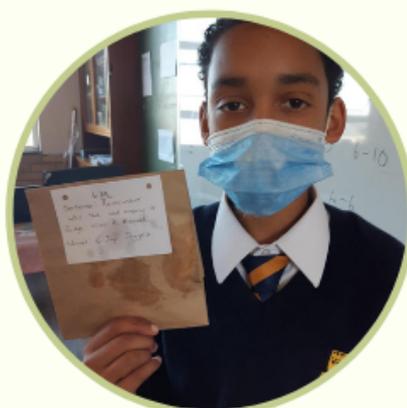
"A giant juggling octopus..."
-Mathew Gongqa:
Gr 5 LM



"I felt like the blue angels." - Rory Robertson: Gr 5JB



"Remember who the real enemy is." -
C-Jay Jeggels: Gr 6AR



Grade 6s

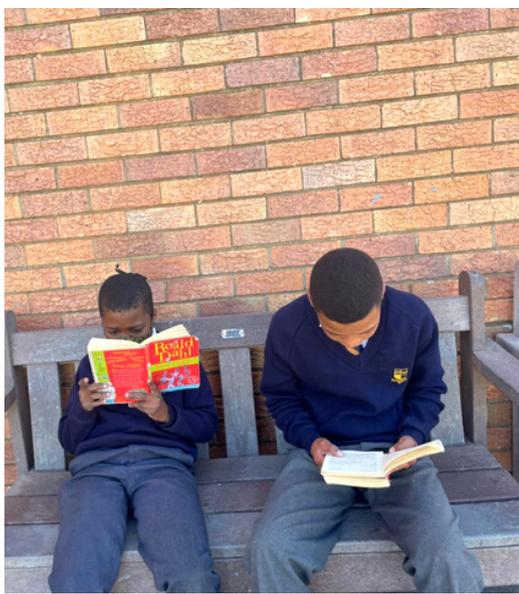
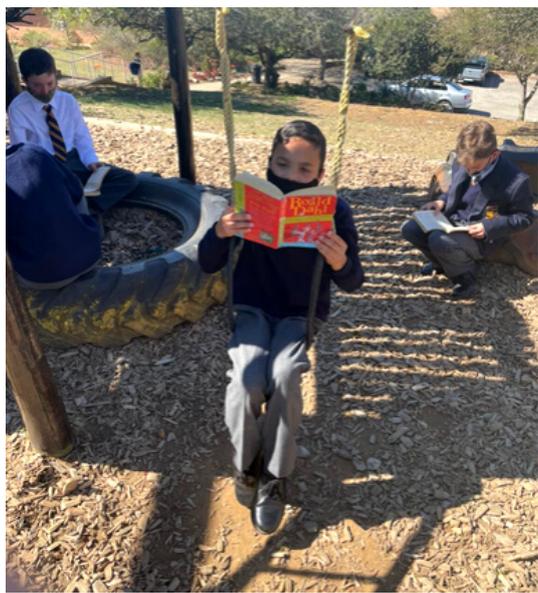


The Grade 6 DS maths class pictured completing their favourite chip flavour survey this week. The boys have been practically implementing what they cover in theory.

Grade 5s

"And above all, watch with glittering eyes the whole world around you because the greatest secrets are always hidden in the most unlikely places. Those who don't believe in magic will never find it." - Roald Dahl.

The Grade 5 boys are pictured reading outside, soaking up the sunshine and enjoying their class novel, 'Danny The Champion of the World' by Roald Dahl.



Music

Cultural Awards – Friday 27 August 2021

Congratulations to Xolisa Foley (Full Colours) and Bayanda Mthetho (Honours) who received awards for Cultural Achievement. They have been involved and continued to develop their musical talents during the pandemic regulations. Both have become high-quality performers and have contributed significantly to the music and cultural area of the school and community.



Community Projects & Fundraising

Our Topes (tubes of hope) have arrived at the office! Please buy your topes at the admin office in the foyer.

In September each year, Graeme College commemorates and celebrates Sunflower Day – an opportunity to raise much-needed funds and awareness for life-threatening blood cancers and disorders such as leukaemia, sickle cell disease and aplastic anaemia, among others. It falls on Friday the 17th this year.

The campaign is centred on the sale of a multipurpose accessory called a Tube of Hope (TOPE). All funds raised goes towards helping patients in need of a life-saving blood stem cell (bone marrow) transplant and to grow the patient support programme to help patients who cannot afford the cost of transplant.

Cost remains one of the biggest barriers to transplantation in South Africa. To raise funds the TOPES at just R30 each. A TOPE is an affordable, multipurpose article of clothing that can be worn as a headband, mask, scarf, cap or arm-band. It is used in a wide variety of sports and outdoor activities (and can be an emergency mask when you have left yours at home!) and is available in six eye-catching colours.

The TOPE offers practical functionality and also gives wearers the opportunity to show their support for this important cause. The design is inspired by people taking action to bring hope to patients in need of a stem cell transplant.

As per usual, Graeme College will participate in the national competition. Last time Graeme College came second in South Africa! We are still so very proud to have won that award. We are very much aware of the effects of cancer in our community of Makhanda. Let's support our families and friends! Buy your topes at the school please to help us in our endeavour to once again achieve great heights for a worthwhile cause.



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Community Projects & Fundraising

The Community Outreach Portfolio and Grade 9 volunteers began making the jars of hope that we have collected ingredients for this term. The boys worked for 3 hours until our ingredients ran out! We will complete the soup kitchen project this week. Thank you for every single ingredient received. Congratulations to the following classes: Grade 1 won the soup kitchen prize on 628 points, 2nd place was Grade 10VT on 582 points and third place to Grade 3 on 283 points.



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My friends are very important to me and I would do everything I could if one of them was sick.

Hope is friendship.

Caitlyn
DKMS volunteer



#Celebrate Hope

Schools are invited to buy a TOPE and stand a chance to win prizes

Schools are invited to purchase TOPES in support of blood stem cell cancer treatment for people suffering from blood disorders



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Sports

- Senior Tennis

Inter-house results:

Vernal vs Neilson, Vernal won 70-21 (games)

Vernal vs Wiles, Vernal won 72-27 (games)

Monday 30 August: 14:30 Wiles vs Neilson

15:15 Vernal vs Hutton

Wednesday 1 Sept normal practices u/14 & u/15 -14:30 - 15:30

Open -15:30 - 16:30



- Junior Tennis

Tennis: TSA Pro-Kennex Mini 5 Results

u/12 Kits McConnachie won this age group

u/14 Ryan Stobbs lost in the final and ended 2nd in his age group

u/14 Jesse McConnachie ended fourth; both Ryan and Jesse lost their matches narrowly.



- Athletics

After a successful completion of our Inter-house athletics, it is incumbent upon this college to award those athletes who responded to the call of duty.

Whilst we greatly celebrate a select few, who have earned these awards, we equally recognize all who made an effort to participate on the day. Picture: Award winners listed below.

- The most outstanding u14 athlete: Matthew Koopman.
- The Narshai trophy: for the best u15 sprinter: Khanya Pieter.
- The Smith trophy: for the most outstanding u15 athlete: Khanya Pieter.
- The Howell trophy: for the most outstanding u16 athlete: Licebo Ngwentle.
- The Coetzer trophy: for the best track performance of the day: goes to an u14 athlete who came so close to breaking two records: Esinako Jadi.
- The Bailie trophy: for the most outstanding overall performance of the day: goes to an athlete who ran the fastest time in the school in the 100m as an u16 athlete: Likhona Mhono.
- The Victor Ludorum: goes to the senior athlete who competed in and won the 3000m, 1500m, 800m and 400m: Loyiso Nyoka.



Pre-Primary

In recognition of the importance of sports in a child's life, the Pre-school children celebrated their Athletics' Sports Day on Friday, 27 August.

The day began with engaging races including a beanbag race, backwards race, skipping race and running race. And then it was time for the very competitive parent's race – which brought about many smiles and much laughter. It was a beautiful sight to behold on a cold winter morning as the tiny tots entertained the audience with a spectacular show of all the skills they have been learning in their 'training'. The children enthralled the audience with their spectacular performances and all had great fun. The children all then had a picnic with their parents, enjoying some delicious hotdogs with their proud fans!





Entrepreneur's Day

"The best way to predict the future is to create it"

Grade 7 Entrepreneur's Day
3 September
12:00-13:30

The morning will include:

- Pet Zoo
- Sponge throw
- Drive-thru car wash
- PS4
- Hamburgers
- Boerewors rolls
- Darts
- Fuze Ball
- Table tennis
- Cakes & muffins
- Tops
- Kotas



We want our students to be enterprising traders, dealmakers, self-promoters, whiz kids, movers and shakers, go-getters, and high flyers. We celebrate the ideas and the failures and the growth mindset that develops along the way.

Entrepreneur day is one of our favourite projects of the year because we get a front row seat to amazing creativity from young innovators... our students. From the outside, Entrepreneur Day may seem like an afternoon of rotations through each of the participating classrooms where students come through to "buy" each others' "products". However it is so much more than this!

Entrepreneur Day is a project-based learning experience that focuses on nurturing creativity and innovation.

Being taught about entrepreneurship at a young age can help a child develop life-long skills. Skills like communication and networking are learnt as well as many other skills such as effective goal setting, financial literacy, problem solving and brainstorming techniques. Here are a few stalls already advertising! We look forward to this day ahead!

Grade 7 Entrepreneurs Day

3 September

12:00 till 13:30

Graeme College Quad

MIGOS



Vetkoek & Mince •
Biltong • Shoot a Hoop

STALL OF WONDERS



WE SELL HOMEMADE CUPCAKES

WE HAVE A BALOON DART RANGE

WE HAVE A CHOCOLATE GAME

YOU CAN ALSO PLAY FIFA 18 & 20 ON PS4

WE HAVE A CUO GAME WHERE YOU CAN WIN A PRIZE

We have followed all covid 19 protocols in all of our stations with sanitizer stations and the controllers will be sanitized after all games

**ENTREPRENEUR
DAY**

LEKKA SHOPS

BY
ETHAN MOSTERT
NIKUS PIETRENS
SCHALLIE PIETRENS
ELI WOOD
JUAN VAN DER MERWE

Cooldrinks
Snack packs
Biltong

Petting zoo
Sponge throwing
Wheel of Fortune



3 September

Also there will be a pet zoo, a sponge throwing competition, a drive through car wash, darts, fuze ball, table tennis, kotas and tops to play as well as plenty of delicious food including cakes and muffins, hamburgers and boerewors rolls. So much to look forward to!

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School Events



GRAEME COLLEGE FUNDRAISER INITIATIVE
COIN-IT CHALLENGE

FILL THE 5L CONTAINER
IN YOUR CLASS WITH
AS MANY COINS AS
POSSIBLE.

AWESOME CLASS
PRIZES

1ST - BEACH OUTING
2ND - FRIESLAND TREAT
3RD - CIVVIES DAY

FUNDS RAISED WILL GO TOWARDS:
* FAMILY IN NEED
* UPGRADING SCHOOL FACILITIES

CLOSING DATE
WEDNESDAY 29 SEPT 2021



U13 cricket teams present our
tour fundraiser

BURGER EVENING

THE FOOD:

150g Grass-fed beef burgers
PLUS chips and mushroom sauce
for only R70.
Takeaways will be available from
17:30.

DATE AND VENUE:

17 September 2021
Graemian Centre

TAKE-AWAY PRE-ORDERS

For pre-orders you can email your
order to
marketing@graemecollege.co.za

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Do you follow Graeme College on the following platforms?

- Instagram:

@graemecollege

@graemeboys

- Facebook:

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- Link to online Covid Questionnaire - must be completed by all visitors and sports teams visiting Graeme College. It must be completed on the day that you visit. Click on this link: <http://bit.ly/GCccovidQ>
- Awsum App:

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

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 (Mrs Strutt) to get permission. Thank you for your cooperation.

2nd Hand Clothing Shop

The Graeme College second-hand clothing shop will be open between 13h00 and 14h00 every Monday, Wednesday and Friday (excluding public holidays and school holidays). Please contact Mrs Mary Siebritz should you have any queries.

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