# Graeme College

# 2023- In celebration of 150 years of excellence

# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 19 April 2024

#### "It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men." Frederick Douglass

### Message from the Headmaster

Above: a sea of supporters for our rugby matches last weekend. The passion for Graeme is heartfelt and perceivable!

Graeme College recently released a Spectator Code of Conduct, pertaining to sports. Please re-visit this code on a regular basis, particularly on a Friday evening - to ensure that Saturday rugby (which seems to impact our emotions more than other sports) is competitive, yet peaceful and enjoyable.

A good friend of mine recently attended a conference in KwaZulu-Natal, where he was presented with a 'Dad Code' that he had to sign and commit to. It is well worth sharing with the Graeme community, for three reasons:

- we have fantastic Dads at Graeme College and we need to celebrate them and encourage them and tell them how much we appreciate the positive choices they have made regarding being a Dad
- we all need regular reminding about some of the key principles that speak to being a great Dad, such is its importance in the lives of our Leopards
- there might well be boys in our community who may have lost their Dads, or have Dads who are not present in their lives and might require YOU to step in and be that Dad for them.

Have a read and reflect on your performance as a Dad. Pat yourself on the back where necessary. Potentially you might need to step up a bit in certain areas too. Also, for those of us who are adults, if we recognise our own Dad in this "DAD CODE" below - let us take time to thank and appreciate him for the positive impact that he has had on our lives (we know it isn't an easy job B).

#### DAD CODE

I, (insert your name), will strive to be a positive influence as a father or father figure in the life of my children.

I know that with my support and unconditional love they can grow up to be confident and responsible adults. I therefore commit to being actively present, to encourage and affirm my children to ensure their sense of belonging and self-worth.

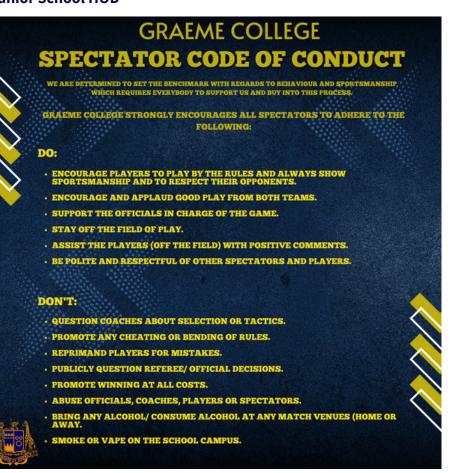
For the benefit of my children, I will do my best to have a constructive and positive relationship with the mother of my children.

I value the opportunity as a Champion, to be part of a community with other fathers. I will support, encourage and challenge more men, fathers and father figures, to play a positive role in the lives of their family, children, and community, as I do in mine. I will speak out against gender-based violence and hold those in my circles accountable.

Source: https://www.heartlines.org.za/fathers-matter/home

Blessings and strength to all the Dads in the Graeme Community.

#### Mr Swift Junior School HOD



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# Academic

#### Grade 8 and 9 Test Programme Term 2

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 scheduled tests as indicated below. These test results will comprise part of their SBA result.

DATE	GRADE 8 TEST	DATE	GRADE 9 TEST
17 April 2024 (Day 3)	English Transactional Writing	18 April 2024 (Day 4)	English Transactional Writing
24 April 2024 (Day 8)	Afrikaans/isiXhosa Transactional Writing	25 April 2024 (Day 9)	Afrikaans/isiXhosa Transactional Writing
1 May 2024 (Day 3)	PUBLIC HOLIDAY: WORKER'S DAY	2 May 2024 (Day 4)	SS: History
8 May 2024 (Day 8)	EMS	9 May 2024 (Day 9)	EMS
15 May 2024 (Day 3)	SS: History and Geography	16 May 2024 (Day 4)	NS
22 May 2024 (Day 8)	NS	23 May 2024 (Day 9)	SS: Geography
29 May 2024 (Day 3)	PUBLIC HOLIDAY: VOTING DAY	30 May 2024 (Day 4)	Mathematics Test

#### **Focussed Study Sessions**

#### Please see the schedule for the focussed study sessions below.

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

# Content to be covered in the study sessions is listed below:

Subject	Grade	Week 4 (22/4)
Physical Science	10	The atom
	11	Electromagnetism
	12	Work, energy, power
Life Science	10	Plant Organs
	11	Photosynthesis
	12	Genetics

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# Junior School



Above: The Notch Kings for the week.

Below: Well done to Grade 7 boys who received Leopard Certificates for Term 1. A recipient needs to have worked to the best of his ability and have shown excellent behaviour and manners throughout the whole term. These certificates are tough to get! Well done boys and keep it up.



# Junior School



Morne Bodenstein in Grade 6 is our Graemian of the Week. Morne receives the award for his outstanding consistency, in every aspect of life. He is consistently cheerful, hardworking, respectful, interested and present! Clearly, a success waiting to happen. Well done Morne and keep it up.

Eric Griffin is our sportsman of the week. Eric has showed great determination to climb up the squash rankings at Graeme and has been a well rounded sportsman showing respect and commitment. Well done Eric.

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# Grade Rs

The Grade R class have been very busy learning all about phonics and letter recognition. They have been forming the letters using their bodies and also forming the letters through play dough and paint, to get the feeling of the letters. Through rhymes they have also learnt what the letters sound like.



















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# Grade 10s

Although it doesn't seem like the most gripping experiment to do, watching ice melt is actually surprisingly informative and unexpected - as the grade 10 physical science boys recently found out. They were able to generate the data to accurately determine the boiling point of water.











# Grade 11s

### Grade 11 Life Science

Plants use energy from the sun to produce their own food, as glucose which can then be converted to starch. To prove that photosynthesis is taking place in a leaf the Grade 11s learned how to conduct a starch test, using iodine. They used this test to conduct a few experiments to assess what requirements are necessary for the process of photosynthesis to occur. They discovered that plants cannot photosynthesise without sunlight or carbon dioxide or chlorophyll.









# **Grant House**

The Graeme hostel boys have been baking up a storm for a school project at 6 am in the morning! Look at these delicious creations.

















# The Legacy Project

The Big Walk takes place in Term 1 and is an opportunity for the Grade 7 boys to raise funds for their Legacy Project. They are assisted by the Grade 4 - 6 boys but the idea is that they go out of their way to raise as much as possible. The funds are spent at the Junor Fields, where the boys leave something for future Graemians. Previous Legacy Projects have included:

- the planting and watering of over 40 indigenous trees
- the construction of a brick stairway from Junor A to B
- the brick paving of the driveway entrance into Junor

- the refurbishment of the Junor changerooms and toilet facilities. This year the boys managed to raise R28 000. Well done! We will give feedback in the coming weeks as to what project will be undertaken at Junor for this year's Legacy Project. undoubtedly an inspiration".



A shout-out to the Champions of this year's Big Walk. Grade 7 boys were asked to raise a minimum of R200. Some Leopards, however, pushed a lot harder than that and we acknowledge their efforts. Well done! Below:

- Llunathi Twaku, Kamva Mayalo, Kunga Magopeni, Sheraad Russion, Adam Terblanche, Chad Amos 400 Club members. Pictured bottom left.
- Leo Murray, 600 Club Member. Pictured bottom right.
- Slater Hart, 800 Club member. Pictured top right.
- Onothando Mbanzi, 1000 Club member (for raising more than R1000). Pictured top left.



# Old Graemians

Mathew Babu matriculated from Graeme College in 2008.

- He maintained a high academic standard throughout school. He matriculated with academic honours.
- Mathew played in the steelband and was the 1st Cricket team scorer from 2006 to 2008. The role of scorer for the 1st Cricket side is seen as a tremendous honour. Mathew was awarded The Doug Meyer Trophy in recognition of service to Cricket at the school from 2006 to 2008.
- After school, Mathew studied at the University of Cape Town from 2009 to 2012. He obtained an Electrical Engineering Degree with Honours.
- Currently, Mathew lives in East London where he works as an Electrical Engineer for Eskom Holdings Ltd in the Distribution Division.
- Mathew is a keen musician and maintains musical interests. He played the violin from Grade 4 to Grade 11! Mathew is, according to himself, a social runner. A social runner that has completed both the up and down runs of the Comrades Marathon!
- As a testament to his character, he continues to serve the community wherever he is able to. He has been a ParkRun volunteer for many years and is integral to the functioning of his church.
- Mathew is a kind-hearted man, who works extremely hard. He has a wonderful sense of humour and a passion for life.
- We know that Mathew will continue to make progress in both his career and community. We are proud to have you as a Son of the Leopard!



## **Events**

Updated info on our Mountain Walk:

Join Graeme College for a 21km walk from Graeme College to Mountain Drive and return to the school. Date: Sunday 28 April- 9 AM sharp at Somerset Field. Water stations available.

Boerewors rolls available at the GC Centre. Pub open for drinks.

Cost: R50 for adults

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Register to walk at the office by Friday 26 April 2024.

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The purpose of the fundraising is to help the Observatory Museum to raise money towards the installation of a world class scientific digital display. A first of its kind in the Eastern Cape!

# **Term 2: Community Engagement**

We will be collecting knitting wool for the Lebone Centre.

Please send any wool to Ms White. Thank you!



# **Community Engagement**



Jesse and Liam Koopman belong to the Community Outreach Portfolio. It is wonderful to see them adopting dogs from our local SPCA. The Koopman twins, along with their brother, Matthew, have been integral to the functioning of the Community Outreach Portfolio since its inception.They are strongly community oriented young men. We are proud of the Koopman brothers.

Music

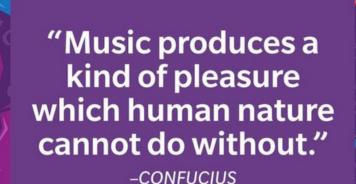
MARIMBA BAND REHEARSALS Monday: 14h00 - 14h45 Grade 6 and Grade 7 Group Wednesday: 13h30 - 14h15 Grade 4 and Grade 5 Group

#### **STEELBAND REHEARSALS**

Monday: 14h00 - 14h30 Beginner Steelband 14h30 - 15h00 Intermediate Steelband Tuesday: 13h30 - 14h15 Senior A Steelband 14h15 - 15h00 Senior B Steelband Friday: 14h00 - 15h00 Senior A Steelband

#### **CHOIR REHEARSALS**

Tuesday: 13h30 - 14h15 Junior Choir Wednesday: 13h30 - 14h30 Senior Choir Thursday: 13h30 - 14h30 Senior Choir





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# Hockey



Our 1st team hockey team played against Cambridge last Friday afternoon and lost 4-1.

Our young Graeme 1st XI take play York today (Friday) and then are up against St Dominic's.



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#### Fixtures for tomorrow against Hudson Park High School this Saturday:

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#### Fixtures for the upcoming Grey High Rugby Festival:

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# Rugby results:

Some incredible rugby results from last weekend: 1st team won 29-12 2nd team won 26-8 3rd team won 60-0 4th team won 36-10 U16A team won 48-0 U16B team won 54-19 U15A team won 22-5 **U15B team won 27-5 U14A team won 53-8** U14B team won 50-0 U14C team lost 41-0 Graeme u9A vs St Mary's u9A: Graeme won 39-0 Graeme u11A vs St Mary's u11A: Graeme won 54-0 Graeme u11B vs PJ Olivier u11A: Graeme lost 0-7 Graeme u13B vs PJ Olivier u13A: Graeme won 32-26 Results from this week: U15B team won 29-14 against Mary Waters U15A team (pictured below) U14B lost 26 - 15 against Mary Waters U14A team



# Rugby

A variety of photos from all the teams that played last weekend. More photos of each team are on our Facebook page. if you would like to send photos of your son's team please email marketing@graemecollege.co.za.



# Old Graemians

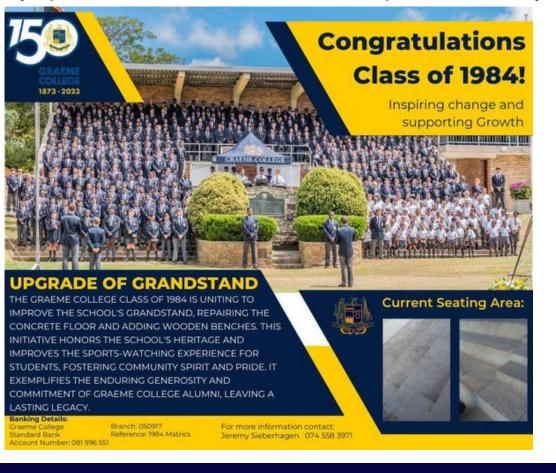


How rare and incredibly special is this photo... FOUR generations of Graemians watching the rugby at home this last weekend! Royden, Harold and Roy Horne along with Blaine (Grade 2) and Holden (Grade R).

# Class of '94 Project

What a great initiative! The class of 1984 have decided as a group to tackle one of the tasks on the Graeme College wish list.

If you part of the 1984 class and want to find out more please contact Jeremy Sieberhagen 074 558 3971.



# Teen App

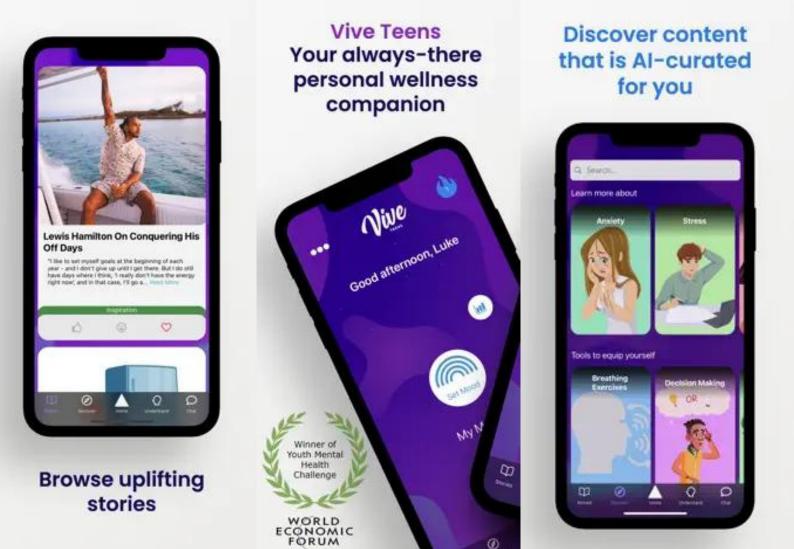
We are delighted to announce that Graeme College has purchased a full membership of the VIVE TEEN WELLNESS application, which will enable ALL our learners to have full access to the app. It is something that we have thoroughly investigated, and feel that this is a massive step in the right direction for the wellbeing of our all learners. We are excited that every learner will have safe space to learn more about mental wellness, and reach out for help if needed, in a number of ways.

VIVE TEEN WELLNESS is an Artificial Intelligence enabled digital platform and smartphone application that was built in South Africa. The first version was launched earlier in 2023, with several schools presently using the full suite of functionality. The schools and learners that have been using the platform in recent months have provided us with very valuable feedback that assisted us in planning the next phase of the roll-out. During 2022 VIVE TEENS has been selected as a winner in the UpLink - World Economic Forum (WEF) Youth Mental Health Challenge where it has competed with over 120 other mental health companies from across the globe.

The platform is expected to launch internationally early in 2024, and as part of that process we are awarding South African schools the opportunity to gain from a locally built application and support the mental wellness of our children.

The Graeme College subscription starts from 1 September 2023, but we would like our learners to download the application in the meantime, and familiarise themselves with it by referring to the various videos and guides.

Here is a link to the video to understand what Vive is all about: https://fb.watch/mcK3MzNNrn/



# Plaques for Indoor Sports Centre

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

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

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

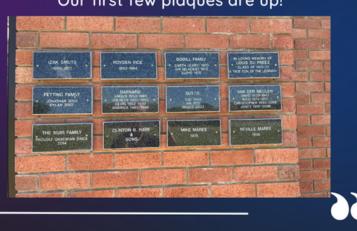
We are selling plaques to add to the new indoor centre... where you can add your name or family name into the history of the building. The idea is to sell 150 plaques only.

Email your request to 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.

#G 150 Plaques

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.

११ # ( 150 / agues 1873 - 2023 Our first few plaques are up!



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# Library

**Library times** 

The library will be open at first break only, every day. If you would like your son to study in the library in the afternoons, you need to write a letter to the school to get permission. Thank you for your cooperation.

# 2nd Hand Clothing Shop

The Second Hand Clothing Shop is now open longer. Time: 08:00-13:00, Monday to Friday. Please report to Reception for enquiries or contact Jerri via e-mail (<u>info@graemecollege.co.za</u>).

# 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.

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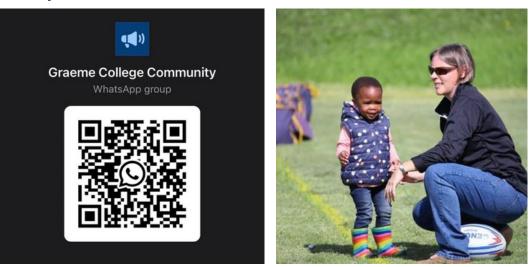
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Lily White, Ms White's daughter, loves coming to support our rugby matches at Graeme!