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## *Graeme College's Vision Statement*

*"To strive for excellence by developing all to their full potential."*

## **NEWSLETTER - Friday 19 January 2018**

*"Every job is a self-portrait of the person who did it.  
Autograph your work with excellence and integrity!"*

Welcome to all the members of our school community for 2018. A special welcome is extended to all new parents, teachers and learners of Graeme College. This school is a very special place which we are incredibly proud of. You are invited and encouraged to become fully involved in the life of this proud community, and to develop life-long bonds with our school.

The start of a new school year is my favourite time of the school year - the day when anything and everything is possible, the day when we can really "make it happen".

There are so many things that we, as parents, teachers, guardians and learners, can do in 2018 to feel happier and healthier. Even by making a small change, you will be playing a part in leaving a lasting legacy which is bound to make you feel good.

In 2018 let's not settle for second best by accepting compromises and acting without purpose. Some opportunities may only come once in 2018 – let's seize them.

Let's be that extraordinary school where it becomes the norm to display honesty, moral courage and an insatiable appetite for hard work.

An extract from a speech made by President Theodore Roosevelt in 1910 sums up my theme for this first week of the academic year:

### *"The Man in the Arena"*

*It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat."*

Mr Kevin Watson

## **FINANCE**

### Initial Payment of School Fees

Please note that, according to the Fees and Other Charges agreed to by parents at the SGB Meeting held in October 2017 all parents were requested to have brought their 2017 accounts up-to-date by the end of 2017. The initial payment of R2 000 (Two Thousand Rand) for 2018 was to be made on or before the first day of school (existing parents) or when the learner was accepted (new parents).

Full, up-front settlement of 2018 School Fees before 28 February 2018 will entitle parents to a 5% discount.

Monthly fee payments (for school, boarding or aftercare) are to be submitted to the Bursar **per written request in January** of each academic year. The monthly payments must be made in ten [10] equal monthly instalments from 1 February to 1 November.

## **OUTSTANDING 2017 TEXTBOOKS**

All 201 outstanding textbooks **MUST** be returned to Mrs Lobb by 27 January 2018. A fee of R150 per book will be charged to learners' account for all unreturned textbooks after this date.

## ADMINISTRATIVE FORMS

The forms listed below should have been included in the report envelopes or new parent information packs. Parents are requested to complete and return these forms to either Mrs Kruger or the Reception Office before the end of January:

- Learner Profile;
- Medical Form (including photocopy of medical aid card);
- Scholar Insurance;
- Communications at Graeme College; *and*
- SMS Message Services for Parents (**N.B.** There is a charge of R50 if more than one mobile number is submitted)

## LOST PROPERTY

We encourage all parents to clearly mark ALL clothing, bags, stationery, etc. All items found on school property are handed in at the Reception office. Please ensure that boys check at Reception for any items that have been **misplaced**. Unmarked articles of clothing are kept for one term and then donated to the Second-Hand Clothing Shop.

## ADMISSIONS FOR 2019

Please note that the closing date for the submission of 2019 applications is Friday 11 May 2018.

## ACADEMIC

### INDUCTION ASSEMBLY – Friday 26 January 2018

The Monitor's & RCL Induction Assembly will be held in the Templeton Hall at 12h30 on Friday 26 January. The Representative Council of Learners will be announced at this Assembly.

### JUNIOR

#### MONITORS

*Head Monitor:* Siphon Mgidlana  
*Deputy Head Monitor:* Ethan Beyleveld

#### *Monitors:*

Simnikiwe Bosman	Yolani Jimmy
Junaid Douglas	Siphosethu Mancam
Steven du Preez	Liyabona Mdolomba
Jordan Gailey	Oliver Ripley
Someleze Gysman	Mark Porter

### GRADE 8 OUTING – Sunday 21 to Monday 22 January 2018

Parents are reminded of the Grade 8 camp to Hobbiton-on-Fairewood from Sunday 21 to Monday 22 January 2018. The bus will depart from Grant House at 07h00 on Sunday and return to Grant House by 17h00 on Monday.

### SENIOR GRADE MEETINGS – Tuesday 23 January to Thursday 1 February 2018

For the last two years, Graeme College has implemented a policy of Grade Meetings and Report Feedback Meetings in order that we might develop your son to his full potential. The aim of these initial meetings is to outline the expectations for your son for this year, as well as being able to share any additional information with regards to developing your son over the course of this year. This meeting will also provide parents with an opportunity to meet with their son's subject teachers and liaise with class teachers about any concerns they might have. **IT IS COMPULSORY FOR ALL LEARNERS TO ATTEND THEIR GRADE MEETING.** We would also like to encourage as many parents as possible to attend. These meetings will form a platform for communication throughout the year. Sometimes teachers provide valuable insight into what is required from learners and this helps them to excel.

The Grade meetings are scheduled to take place in the Graeme College School Hall. The dates and times for these meetings are as follows:

17h30	Tuesday 23 January	<u>Grades 8 and 9</u>	17h30	Thursday 25 January 2018	<u>Grades 10 and 11</u>
17h30	Thursday 1 February	<u>Grade 12</u>			

We trust that these meetings will aid learners and parents to understand the requirements of the grade, and of the school. The meetings should also give parents an indication of the assessment programme for the grade, as well as rules concerning the handing in of work and information about homework.

## COMPUTER LESSONS

Your child is taking part in classroom lessons from Common Sense Education's K–12 Digital Citizenship Curriculum, designed to educate and guide young people to harness the power of the Internet and digital tools so they can become safe, responsible, and respectful digital citizens.

**WHAT IS DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP?** Digital media and technology is evolving at a rapid pace, bringing with it amazing opportunities as well as real risks for our children. On the positive side, young people are using the Internet and mobile technologies to create, connect, explore and learn in ways never before imagined. Challenges from harmful behaviours, cyberbullying to digital cheating, are surfacing in schools and in homes across the country. Young people face ethical challenges daily without a roadmap to guide them.

**WHAT COMMON SENSE EDUCATION TEACHES:** The core message of the curriculum is one of empowerment: With powerful digital tools that allow for creation and communication comes great responsibility. The curriculum centres

on eight main categories based on the digital ethics research of Dr. Howard Gardner and The GoodPlay Project at the Harvard Graduate School of Education.

You can visit the Common Sense website at [www.common sense.org](http://www.common sense.org) for more parent resources.

## **MATHS OLYMPIAD**

The first round of the South African Mathematics Olympiad will take place on 14 March 2018. This is such an important challenge for learners, encouraging their mathematical curiosity and improving their problem-solving skills. We encourage all senior Graemians to enter the competition! The entry fee of R32 must be paid to Ms Stamper by Friday 26 January.

## **CULTURAL**

### **DEBATING**

Congratulations to Oyisa Katshaza and Tashin Patrick on their various teams' performances at the National Tournament held during the December holidays. Oyisa's team ranked sixth in the country and Tashin's team ranked eighth. Oyisa obtained an individual ranking of third in the country, with Tashin ranking twenty-sixth. Tashin has been invited, along with the top 24 U17 debaters in South Africa, to attend the South African team trials in February 2018, which is indeed an honour.

## **SPORT**

### **PRACTICE TIMES**

All sports' practice times, and coach names, are listed in the Term Diary. Sports' fixtures are listed in the Events' Calendar. Any changes to fixtures, practice times or coaches will appear in the Weekly Newsletter.

### **HOLIDAY CRICKET RESULTS**

#### U12 Albany Team

Well done to the Graeme College members of the Albany Team, coached by Graeme College's Mr Schneiganz and Mr Draai, on their matches during the December holidays. The results were as follows:

#### *Albany U12 vs PE Zone 1*

PE Zone 1 170/6 in 40 overs (M Tyson 2/30)

Albany U12 171

Albany U12 won by 3 wickets.

#### *Albany U12 vs Uitenhage*

Uitenhage 160 all out (M Tyson 5/13 in 10 overs)

Albany U12 161/5 (E Beyleveld 53)

Albany U12 won by 5 wickets.

#### *Albany U12 vs PE Zone 2*

PE Zone 2 95/9 in 20 overs (M Williams 2/21)

Albany U12 92/6

Albany U12 lost by 3 runs.

#### Senior Provincial Representatives

Well done to the senior cricketers who represented various provincial teams at the successful provincial weeks held during the December holidays. Mark Amm ended as the highest wicket taker for the Eastern Province U17 side, while Lakhanya Sam represented the Eastern Cape Invitation team at the same week. Garwin Dampies had a good week at the National U15 tournament, while Siphesihle Madlongolwana and Christopher Gleaves were both selected into the South African U17 Rural team after brilliant performances at their tournament.

### **SENIOR CRICKET RESULTS**

#### 2017 Grahamstown Schools' Festival

The First XI played in the annual Grahamstown Schools' Cricket Festival. The results are as follows:

#### *T20 vs St Dominic's*

GC 1<sup>st</sup> XI 250/2 (R Fritz 74, B Manyakanyaka 51, C Gleaves 56 n.o., M Amm 46 n.o.)

SD 1<sup>st</sup> XI 42/7

GC 1<sup>st</sup> XI won by 208 runs.

#### *vs St Albans (Time cricket)*

GC 1<sup>st</sup> XI 258/3 declared (B Manyakanyaka 48, C Gleaves 39, J Beyleveld 33, M Amm 32)

SA 1<sup>st</sup> XI 254/7 at close of play (L Agnew 3/55, S Madlongolwana 2/48)

Match drawn.

#### *vs Trinity House (Time cricket)*

TH 1<sup>st</sup> XI 204 all out (S Madlongolwana 3/42, S Mginywa 2/20, M Amm 2/37, L Agnew 2/39)

GC 1<sup>st</sup> XI 205/7 (C Gleaves 59, J Beyleveld 66 n.o. off 38 balls)

GC 1<sup>st</sup> XI won by 3 wickets with 5 overs remaining.

*vs Cambridge (40-overs)*

CHS 1<sup>st</sup> XI 113 all out (G Dampies 4/13, J Beyleveld 3/8)

GC 1<sup>st</sup> XI 115/2 (C Gleaves 61 n.o.)

GC 1<sup>st</sup> XI won by 8 wickets.

*CSA T20 vs Muir*

MC 1<sup>st</sup> XI 84 all out (M Amm 3/16, S Madlongolwana 2/15, S Mginywa 2/15)

GC 1<sup>st</sup> XI 85/1 (B Manyakanyaka 27, R Fritz 26 n.o.)

GC 1<sup>st</sup> XI won by 9 wickets.

## SENIOR CRICKET FIXTURES

Saturday 20 January vs Muir College

<i>Time</i>	<i>Team</i>	<i>Field</i>
09h00	1 <sup>st</sup> XI	Somerset
09h00	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	Muir, Uitenhage
09h00	U15A	Marais
09h00	U14A	Muir, Uitenhage

Wednesday 24 January

<i>Team</i>	<i>Field</i>	<i>Opponents</i>
1 <sup>st</sup> XI	Somerset	Stanley CC (from 12h00)
3 <sup>rd</sup> XV	City Lords	Kingwood College 4 <sup>th</sup> XI
U15B	St Aidan's	St Andrew's College U15
U14B	Marais	St Andrew's College U14

The bus leaves for Muir from Grant House at 07h00.

## JUNIOR CRICKET FIXTURES

Saturday 27 January vs Grey Primary ***PLEASE NOTE ADDITIONAL FIXTURE***

The U13A and U11A teams will play matches from 09h00 on Junor Field.

## SENIOR TENNIS

Settlers' Cup Tournament – Sunday 21 January 2018

On Sunday 21 January the top eight senior tennis players will play three fixtures in the 2018 Settler's Cup Tournament on our newly resurfaced tennis courts. The fixtures are as follows:

08h00 GC vs Union High                      10h15 GC vs St Andrew's College                      12h30 GC vs Kingswood College

## JUNIOR TENNIS

Practice times

Tennis practices are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays each week (see Term Diary for times). Normal tennis practices will start from Thursday 25 January. Players will be assigned to groups on Tuesday 23 January. Please attend the correct sessions:

14h00 – 14h45      U11                      14h45 - 15h30      U13

## **EVENTS**

**WATER POLO BURGER EVENING – Friday 26 January 2018**

The 1<sup>st</sup> water polo team will be hosting a Burger evening from 18h00 at the Graemian Centre on Friday 26 January.

Tickets cost R60 per person and can be purchased at the door. The prize draw for the water polo raffle will take place at this event. All welcome!

## **GENERAL**

### **2017 SCHOOL MAGAZINES**

Parents may still order, and pay, for the 2017 School Magazine. It will be available from the end of February 2018.

### **TRAFFIC CONTROL**

For easy movement of traffic, please adhere to the following:

- 1) Only Foundation Phase boys (Grade 1, 2 & 3) may be dropped or collected from the front of the school. This must take place at the "circle" and not in front of the main entrance to the school building.
- 2) The Pre-School learners may be dropped and collected from the Graemian Centre parking area.
- 3) Between the times of 07h15 and 07h45, please use the main school gate as an entry ONLY and please exit via the Grant House (boarding establishment) gate i.e. one way.
- 4) Boys in Grades 4 to 12 must be dropped off and collected at the Graemian Centre car park or at the Selborne or swimming pool gates i.e. at the back of the school.

***Please adhere to a speed limit of 20km/hour on the school roads and be a responsible road user.***

### **WOOLWORTHS' MY SCHOOL PROGRAMME**

Graeme College belongs to the MySchool programme and encourages parents to register for a card and list Graeme College as a beneficiary. A percentage of all monies spent at either Woolworths or other participating stores/companies is paid to Graeme College quarterly.

## **SECOND-HAND CLOTHING SHOP**

The Second-hand Clothing Shop is open on the following days and times (except Public and School Holidays):

Monday: 13h00 – 14h00

Wednesday: 13h00 – 14h00

All enquiries with regards to the Shop will be dealt with by Mrs Siebritz (046-622 7227).

## **DOGS ON THE GRAEME COLLEGE CAMPUS**

Graeme College has a number of free roaming guinea fowl on campus. For their safety, Graeme College reiterates that the campus is not a dog park and we request that the community no longer uses the main campus as an exercise yard for their pets.

## **PRE-SCHOOL / FOUNDATION PHASE**

### **END OF SCHOOL DAY**

The Graeme College school day will end for the Pre-School and Foundation Phase learners at the following times:

Mondays – Thursdays Gr 00 & R: 12h30 Gr 1 & Gr 2: 13h00 Gr 3: 13h30

Fridays ALL grades will end at 12h30.

### **GRADE MEETING – Monday 22 January**

All Grade 1 to 3 parents are requested to attend important meetings to be held in your sons' classrooms at 17h30 on Monday 22 January 2018. The aim of this meeting is to outline the expectations for your son for this year and should also give parents information about homework. These meetings will form a platform for communication throughout the year. We trust that these meetings will aid learners and parents to understand the requirements of the grade and of the school.

Yours sincerely

**K WATSON  
HEADMASTER**