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Graeme College's Vision Statement

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

NEWSLETTER - Friday 4 May 2018

"A big part of willpower is having something to aspire to, something to live for." ~ Mark Shuttleworth, South African astronaut (Lawrie Shuttleworth's relative)

It was with great sadness that Graeme College learnt of the passing of Lawrence Hamilton Gordon Shuttleworth this week. Having matriculated in 1932, an incredible 86 years ago, Lawrie was Graeme's oldest living alumnus. Lawrie remained close to the College and always showed a very keen interest in musical and cultural events. He lived an incredible life, sadly passing away at the phenomenal age of 103. The lyrics of the school song are even more applicable this week. Lawrie was one of those most important fathers that had passed through the Drostdy Gates. And how appropriate that the lyrics go on to talk about:

*"wandering away on the wings of hope, to distant scenes in the far off years,
But our hearts will return to the terraced slope.
The gabled roofs and the winding stairs."*

Lawrie's story after school is quite amazing. He joined the South African Air Force's "Pirow" pilot training scheme in 1937 and qualified as a pilot in 1939. He was called up for active duty when war broke out and served in the East African campaign flying mainly army close support sorties, including reconnaissance and bombing missions. He was attached to 40 and 41 squadrons and flew Hartebeest aircraft.

On his return to South Africa Lawrie converted to twins. He then joined 25 squadron and, for a year and a half, flew Ventura bombers on SA's coastline to protect Allied shipping against German submarines. He was the OC of 25 squadron.

25 Squadron was sent to Italy in mid-1944. The squadron flew bombing missions to mainly Balkan countries. The squadron converted to Marauder bombers at the end of 1944, but in December Lawrie was transferred to 15 squadron as their OC. In 15 Squadron Lawrie flew Baltimore bombers until his tour expired in March 1945.

During his operational flying Lawrie was shot down twice, and also made a sea crash landing due to engine failure. At the end of the war he had logged nearly 1700 flying hours. He was also a recipient of the Distinguished Flying Cross and held the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

After the war Lawrie had a long and successful career in auditing. He also served for many years on the Kimberley town council where he was the mayor at one stage.

This week our flag flew at half-mast in memory of Lawrie Shuttleworth, a proud son of our College. In the words of former Headmaster, Peter Reed, "*A proud and loyal Old Graemian. An inspiration and example to all of us.*"

"... At the going down of the sun and in the morning. We will remember them" - Robert Laurence Binyon
Virtute et Opera. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Mr Gregg van Molendorff

ADMISSIONS FOR 2019

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

CULTURAL

PORT REX EISTEDDFOD

The following performers will travel to East London to participate in the Port Rex Eisteddfod over the next two weeks:

Monday 7 May: Diminished 7th

Wednesday 9 May: Leopard's Voice Choir

Friday 11 May: Jazz Band

Thursday 17 May: Bayanda Mthetho; the Senior Steelband

Travel safely and good luck!

SOUTH AFRICAN BLOOD SERVICES – Donation Day: Friday 18 May

The Graemian Community is encouraged to support this life-saving opportunity to donate blood. The SANBS team will be here throughout the school day on Friday 18 May. All are welcome!

SPORT

HOCKEY

Results: vs

GC U14/U15A won 1 – 0 GC 2nd XI lost 1 – 8 GC 1st XI lost 3 – 0

SENIOR RUGBY

Results: Grey High School Festival

GC 1 st XV vs Marlow	lost	5 – 22	GC 1 st XV vs St Albans	lost	15 – 17
GC U16A vs Daniel Pienaar	won	42 – 7	GC U16A vs Parktown	won	19 – 0
GC U15A vs Daniel Pienaar	lost	24 – 38	GC U15A vs Parktown	drew	12 – 12
GC U14A vs Daniel Pienaar	lost	19 – 29	GC U14A vs Parktown	won	19 – 12

Fixtures: Saturday 5 May vs St Andrew's College

<i>Time</i>	<i>Lower Field</i>	<i>Knowling 1</i>	<i>Knowling 2</i>
09h00	GC U14A vs SAC U14A	GC U16B vs SAC U16B	GC U15B vs SAC U15B
10h00	GC U15A vs SAC U15A	GC 5 th XV vs SAC 5 th XV	GC U14B vs SAC U14B
11h10	GC U16A vs SAC U16A	GC 4 th XV vs SAC 4 th XV	GC U15C vs SAC U15C
12h20	GC 3 rd XV vs SAC 3 rd XV		
13h40	GC 2 nd XV vs SAC 2 nd XV		
15h00	GC 1 st XV vs SAC 1 st XV		

JUNIOR RUGBY

Fixtures: Saturday 5 May vs St Andrew's Prep

<i>Time</i>	<i>Fairlawn A</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Fairlawn B</i>
09h00	GC U9A	09h00	GC U11B
09h50	GC U11A	09h50	GC U13C
10h40	GC U13B		
11h30	GC U13A		

SQUASH

Squash Results: Winter League

GC1 vs SAC1 won 12 – 1 GCJ vs KC6 won 12 – 5 GC1 vs WYV1 won 10 – 4

Squash Results: Rhodes' Open

Garwin Dampies participated in the recent Rhodes University Open Squash Tournament and finished fourth in the Adult "A" section. His most impressive opponent was Jason le Roux (ranked 20 in South Africa).

GENERAL

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).

MYSCHOOL MYVILLAGE MYPLANET

We wish to encourage more parents to join the MySchool programme. In the past parents have had to fetch and complete and return a form to enable them to get their blue MySchool cards, but it has just become so much easier! Parents, and grandparents, aunts and uncles may now download the MySchool app on their smartphones to join. Just remember to use your card at the local partners – Foto First, Wallace Pharmacy, Engen, Café Delizzia and, of course, Woolworths. Did you remember that Loot is a national partner, as is Flight Centre (it's never too early to book for your winter holiday away).

Yours sincerely

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