

GRAEME COLLEGE



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Graeme College's Vision Statement

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

NEWSLETTER - Friday 20 January 2017

"How much good inside a day? Depends on how good you live 'em.

How much love inside a friend? Depends how much you give 'em." ~ A Light in the Attic, Shel Silverstein

This week's main focus has been the induction of all the new leaders at Graeme College. It is an exciting time, where the new guard takes over the reins and sets the tone for the school. That same focus is felt around the world this week, with 20 January always being a significant day in many countries, as many are currently going through the same processes. Their respective elections end with inaugurations this week, which have a profound influence on the future of those countries, if not on the whole world at times. We have the inauguration of Donald Trump later today, following the likes of FD Roosevelt ('37), H Truman ('49), JF Kennedy ('61), R Nixon ('69), J Carter ('77) and R Reagan ('81), in the USA alone, on this day in history. One of the biggest influences on the world was the inauguration of Yasser Arafat, as president of the Palestinian National Council in 1996. History reveals how effective and influential all these leaders have been, with some ending in turmoil or not even completing their terms in office. I have to think, with the clock ticking down to the Trump inauguration, at 20h00 local time tonight, what history will tell of his term in office. And then, of course, what will the legacy be of our own leaders at Graeme College. Yesterday we announced the new RCLs, Monitors and College Prefects. It is an exciting time for those individuals but, with this privilege, comes massive responsibility and expectation. I know the College Prefects have spoken a lot about their legacy, along with the influence of the entire Grade 12 group. I was lucky enough to spend a little time with them, at both their leadership camp and prefects' camp in 2016. They seem to be determined on leaving a lasting, positive and influential mark on the College. I must say that I have been very impressed with the start that they have made so far. In fact, every Graemian has leadership potential, and it is the role of the Prefect body to bring out the best in those around them, and to get the entire Grade 12 class to set the tone for the whole campus.

One of my favourite quotes of leadership is a wise statement from John Quincy Adams: *"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader."* I trust all our new leaders at Graeme College will take that quote as a mantra for the year. Congratulations to all of them – the staff look forward to seeing them develop their own legacy that they will create this year. *Virtute et Opera.*

Mr Gregg van Molendorff

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 2016, all parents were requested to have brought their 2016 accounts up-to-date by the end of 2016. The initial payment of R2 000 (Two Thousand Rand) for 2017 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 2017 School Fees before 28 February 2017 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**. The monthly payments must be made in ten [10] equal monthly installments from 1 February to 1 November.

MISSING 2016 TEXTBOOKS

All 2016 outstanding textbooks **MUST** be returned by 27 January 2017. A fee of R150 per book will be charged to learners' accounts for all unreturned textbooks after this deadline.

ACADEMIC

ACADEMIC ASSEMBLY

Congratulations to the learners who were celebrated for their academic achievements in the December 2016 examinations.

INDUCTION ASSEMBLY

Congratulations to the Junior and Senior leadership teams who were inducted on Thursday 19 January. The Representative Council of Learners was also announced at this assembly. They are:

Gr 8MP – Abenam Nqebe

Gr 8JvM – Buhlebethu Planga

Gr 9LP – James Gush

Gr 9 MBr – Aphiwe Sandi

Gr 10AS – Riaan Labuschagne

Gr 10VT – Aaron Richardson

Gr 11CK – David McCallum

Gr 11FS – James Kalis

Gr 12LF – Sixolile Lamani

Gr 12BM – Athenkosi Nkewana

There was an errata in last week's newsletter.: Congratulations also to Siphелеle Ngoma who has been elected as Prefect in the Senior School.

ACADEMIC DINNER – Thursday 26 January

The top four achievers based on last year's examination results (currently in Grade 5 – 11), have been invited to a dinner at the Graemian Centre at 18h00 on Thursday 26 January. The cost per person is R60 (and not R40 as incorrectly stated in the reply slip). Please note that achievers do not pay to attend the dinner.

GRADE MEETINGS –Monday 23 January 2017

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 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 MEETINGS.** We would also like to encourage as many parents as possible to attend. These meetings will form a platform for communication throughout the year.

We thank the parents who attended the other Grade Meetings. The Grade 12 meeting is scheduled to take place in the Graeme College School Hall at 17h30 on Monday 23 January.

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.

GRADE 3, 6 & 8 MUSIC

As part of the class music syllabus, these grades will have class tuition on the recorder. Graeme College has a number of instruments available for your son's use. They are available for purchase at R65 each. Learners are also allowed to bring their own recorders from home, as long as they are of good quality.

CULTURAL

EXTRA-MURAL TIMETABLE IN THE TERM DIARY

Please correct the Timetable in the Term Diary as follows:

- Add Grade 4 Marimbas every Tuesday from 14h00 – 14h30 in the Marimba Room;
- Add Jazz Band rehearsals for everyone every Wednesday from 14h30 – 15h15 in the Music Centre;
- Remove Thursday's Chess practice.

SPORT

PRACTICE TIMES

All sports' practice times and coaches' 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.

CONGRATULATIONS

Senior Cricket

Congratulations to Sipheshile Madlongolwana, a newcomer to Graeme College, who was also part of the EP Rural U17 team. Congratulations to Mark Amm who has been selected as the captain of the Graeme College 1st XI.

SENIOR CRICKET RESULTS

2017 Grahamstown Schools' Festival (GC 1st XI)

Graeme 146 all out (M Amm 42, S Botha 36, J Beyleveld 25)

St Albans 147/6 (L Sam 2/14, L Agnew 2/16)

Graeme lost by 4 wickets.

Graeme

188 (M Amm 43, G Dampies 51)

Trinity House

94/4 after 52 overs

Match drawn

Cambridge 93 all out (L Agnew 4/16, L Cekiso 3/25)

Graeme 94/1 (R Fritz 21, C Gleaves 52 n.o.) Romario and Christopher had an 82-run opening partnership!

Graeme won by 9 wickets.

vs. Muir College – 7 February 2015

MC 1st XI 180 all out (L Cekiso 2/20, S Mginywa 2/18, L Agnew 2/41)

GC 1st XI 181/6 (B Manyakanyaka 62 and M Amm had a 96-run fourth wicket partnership).

Graeme won by 4 wickets.

MC 2nd XI 79 all out (S Majodina 5/4 – including four wickets in consecutive balls).

GC 2nd XI 80/4 (D Reilly 31, R Labuschagne 38)

Graeme won by 6 wickets.

GC U15A 167 all out (Raven Bush 38, Ryan Bush 36)

MC U15A 130 all out (S Makalima 7/29)

Graeme lost by 37 runs.

GC U14A 113 all out (L Tshongweni 27, F Rischbieter 24)

MC U14A 59 all out (E Richardson 3/15, N Bala 3/17)

Graeme won by 55 runs

SENIOR CRICKET FIXTURES

Saturday 21 January vs. Kingswood College

| Time | Team | Field |
|-------|--------------------|------------|
| 09h30 | 1 st XI | Somerset |
| 09h30 | 2 nd XI | Gane |
| 09h30 | 3 rd XI | City Lords |
| 09h30 | U15A | Marais |
| 09h30 | U14A | Knight |

Wednesday 25 January vs. Kingswood College

| Fixture | Field |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| 1 st XI vs. Stanley CC | Somerset (12h00) |
| U15B vs. Kingswood | Knight |
| U14B vs. Kingswood | Marais |

Saturday 28 January

Matches vs. Woodridge College. More information to follow.

JUNIOR CRICKET FIXTURES

Wednesday 25 January

| Fixture | Field | Time | Fixture | Field |
|--------------------|-----------|-------|---------------------------|---------|
| U13C vs. Shaw Park | Shaw Park | 14h15 | U13D vs. St Andrew's Prep | Junor B |

The bus will leave from the front of the school at 12h30 and should return to Grant House by 18h30. The team may wear their cricket kit to school.

Saturday 28 January

Matches will be played vs. Grey Junior. The U13A and U11A teams will play on Junor, while the U11B and U13B teams will play in Port Elizabeth. More information to follow.

SQUASH

Senior Practice Times

The 1st squash team practice times in Term 1 are:

Mondays 14h30 – 15h30 (JvM)

Wednesdays 16h00 – 17h00 (JB)

All other teams will start practices in Term 2.

SWIMMING

"B" League Gala Dates

Please note the following dates for "B" League Galas, which were not included in the Events' Calendar:

Saturday 28 February 08h30 – Newton Park Pool

Saturday 18 February 08h30 – Newton Park Pool

SENIOR TENNIS

Settler's Cup

The top eight players will participate in the Settlers' Cup Tournament on Sunday 22 January. All the Graeme College fixtures will be played at the **Grahamstown Club** as follows:

08h00 GC vs. Kingswood College

10h30

GC vs. St Andrew's College

13h00 GC vs. Union High School

All players must be at the courts by 07h45.

