

GRAEME COLLEGE



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Graeme College's Vision Statement

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

NEWSLETTER - Friday 27 January 2017

*"The moment where you doubt whether you can fly,
you cease forever being able to do it" ~ Peter Pan, JM Barrie*

It is incredible to see how busy our campus is at the moment. At the start of every term, you will often hear teachers say that *'this is the busiest term...'*. Well Term One seems to be chaotically busy at the moment. It is interesting to look around our campus, and take stock of the activities of a normal week:

After Saturday's cricket fixtures against Kingswood, our tennis team was out in 40°C temperatures on Sunday, playing in the Settlers' Cup. On Monday, we had water polo fixtures, followed by the Grade 12 Parents' Evening. On Tuesday, all the Governors and staff were in for a Finance Meeting, followed by the full SGB meeting. Wednesday saw our 1st XI cricketers up against the Stanley CC, which is always such a special fixture against some of the great characters of our area. We had a great evening with the Stanley team, watching Old Graemian Jon-Jon Smuts play for South Africa. The Junior School send a cricket team down to Shaw Park, while the U14B and U15B sides played local matches. Our Academic Dinner was Thursday evening, and was very much enjoyed by parents, pupils and staff. And now we start it all over again, with full cricket fixtures tomorrow against Grey and Woodridge; while our water polo teams partake in a very competitive festival at St Andrew's College. We haven't even mentioned the countless sport, choir, steelband, marimba band and debating practices that have taken place throughout the week.

It is awesome to see the arrival of new cricket covers. It was frustrating for many of our junior school parents to miss fixtures last year because of inclement weather. For the first time, both Junor Fields have their own set of covers. This is largely possible because of the fence construction drawing closer to completion, which adds so much more security around our campus and fields. Lastly, the construction of the new scoreboard and storage area on Somerset Field has taken shape, and looks very exciting indeed. In fact, Somerset Field itself is looking quite amazing! I think Mr Watson considers this his own version of the Lords' Cricket ground, and takes great pride in making sure it is in prime condition. It is indeed hallowed ground for any Graemian.

Good luck to all our sportsmen this weekend, and I trust that all our supporters and parents will travel safely to the various fixtures.

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.

ACADEMIC

GRADE MEETINGS

Monday night marked the culmination of the term's grade meetings, with the Grade 12 meeting. We would like to thank all the parents of the Grade 8 - 12 learners who attended these meetings and showed support of their sons. At the meetings, academic expectations were discussed and positive parent-teacher relationships were promoted. Ultimately, it is important that the boys realise that they are in control of their own destinies and that they must actively strive for success. The academic motto for the year is: "Determination, development and discipline."

ACADEMIC DINNER

On Thursday 26 January 2016, Graeme College's annual academic dinner was held at the Graemian Centre to celebrate the top four achievers in each grade. The guest speaker, Mr Andrew Todd, amused and inspired the young men of Graeme College with his address on why it is good to live in Africa and why it will benefit the country to strive to be at the top of our academic fields. While it seems as though the mosquito is responsible for much of this, Mr Todd thanked parents for the role they play and for choosing Graeme College as a school. It was a very pleasant evening and we would like to thank our parents for their attendance as we paid tribute to the school's top academic achievers.

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.

PROGRAMMING CLUB

The Programming Club is open to learners from Grades 7 to 12 who would like to learn how to write computer programmes. The sessions will be held in the Computer Labs as follows and boys only have to attend every second week's session:

Week A Tuesdays 15h00 – 16h00 Week B Wednesdays 15h00 – 16h00

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.

SENIOR CRICKET RESULTS

vs. Kingswood – 21 January 2015

KC 1st XI 237 all out (M Amm 4/62, S Mginywa 3/34, R Fritz 2/15)

GC 2nd XI 107 all out

GC 1st XI 139 all out (R Fritz 61, M Amm 27)

KC 2nd XI 108/5

Graeme lost by 97 runs.

Graeme lost by 5 wickets

KC 3rd XI 240/9 decl. (S Lamani 3/55)

GC 3rd XI 61 all out

Graeme lost by 179 runs.

GC U15A 170 all out (R Bush 72 n.o.)

KC U14A 240/8 decl. (E Richardson 3/40, E Visagie 4/48)

KC U15A 107 all out

GC U14A 28 all out

Graeme won by 63 runs.

Graeme lost by 212 runs.

SENIOR CRICKET FIXTURES

Saturday 28 January vs. Woodridge College

Time	Team	Field
09h30	1 st XI	Woodridge
09h30	2 nd XI	Somerset

09h30	U15A	Woodridge
09h30	U14A	Marais

The buses will leave Grant House at 06h00.

Tuesday 31 January

Fixture	Field
1 st XI vs. PAHS (T20)	Somerset

Wednesday 1 February

GC 3 rd XV vs. SAC	Crawhall
GC U15B vs. SAC	Baxter
GC U14B vs. SAC	Marais

JUNIOR CRICKET RESULTS

Wednesday 25 January

GC U13C vs. ShawPark Graeme lost by 6 wickets.

JUNIOR CRICKET FIXTURES

Saturday 28 January

<i>Time</i>	<i>Teams</i>	<i>Field</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Teams</i>	<i>Field</i>
09h00	U11A, U13A	Junor	09h00	U11B, U13B	Grey

The bus will leave from Grant House at 06h30. Players are to wear their blazers over their cricket kit. Mr Mackenzie and Mr Nellemann will accompany the players. All players must be at the fields by 08h30

Private Transport: U11B – Christopher Long U13B – Steven du Preez

Wednesday 1 February vs. Newton Primary (Kimberley)

The U11A and U13A teams will play on Junor from 12h30. Players must wear blazers over their cricket kit. Please have a substantial lunch packed, which may be eaten from 11h30! Players must be at the fields by 12h00.

SENIOR TENNIS

Settlers' Cup

The top eight players participated in the Settlers' Cup Tournament last Sunday. Well done to the Graeme team who finished second. Their results were a win each against Kingswood (8 – 4) and Union High (11 – 1) while losing to St Andrew's College (5 – 7).

Albany Tennis Championships (Trials)

The venues for the senior Albany Tennis Championships (Trials) are as follows:

U16 & U18 Fairlawn (SAP) U14 VGHS / VP

All players who entered must report to the teacher-in-charge at 14h50 to start play at 15h00.

JUNIOR TENNIS

Albany Tennis Championships (Trials) – Friday 27 January

The Albany Tennis Championships (Trials) start this afternoon at 14h00. The venues are as follows:

U10 DSG U12 Kingswood

All players have been given a letter with more information. Good luck to all the players and good sportsmanship. The trials will continue on Friday 3 February. Players will be notified of venues and times. The Albany Tennis Championships (Finals) will be played at Kingswood College from 09h00.

WATER POLO FIXTURES

Saturday 28 January

<i>U15 Team (DSG Pool)</i>		<i>1st team (St Andrew's Pool)</i>	
09h30	vs. Grey U15B	09h00	vs. Selborne 3 rd
13h00	vs. Grey U15C	10h30	vs. Grey 4 th
14h00	Selborne U15C	12h30	vs. Grey 3 rd

EVENTS

JUNIOR SCHOOL FATHERS' & SONS' CAMP – 17 & 18 March 2017

The junior squash team will, once again, be hosting the Fathers' & Sons' Camp for junior school learners on the Somerset Field on 17 & 18 March 2017. This has been a wonderful bonding experience for "the men" in the past and we hope that you will join us again this year. The cost of the camp is R70 per person, which includes a boerewors roll and coffee/hot chocolate for supper. Please note that this is only open to GRAEMIAN fathers/guardians with learners between Gr 00 and Gr 7. No learner may attend the camp without adult supervision. The forms are available at the Reception Office. Please complete and return them, with payment, by Tuesday 14 March. More information is available on the form.

GENERAL

SECOND-HAND CLOTHING SHOP

Thank you to all parents and Old Boys who have donated their clothing for resale at the Second-hand Shop. Please note that Graeme College does not have a laundry facility and we request that all clothing donated must be laundered before delivery. Soiled or torn clothing items will be donated to charity. Graeme College also requests that donators include their name, contact details and banking details in the case of resale items.

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

Monday: 13h00 – 13h30 Wednesday: 13h00 – 14h00

All enquiries with regards to the Shop will be dealt with by Mrs Siebritz (046-622 7227 ext 5).

2016 SCHOOL MAGAZINES

The 2016 School Magazine will be available from the end of February.

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.

Yours sincerely

**K WATSON
HEADMASTER**

KARATE CLASSES

Commencing in February

17h15 to 17h50: Tuesday and Thursday or Monday and Wednesday. – FREE KARATE SUIT FOR BEGINNERS -

Karate improves self-confidence, coordination, concentration and focus, and promotes a positive attitude and a healthy way of life. From 7 years old to adult. 5 and 6 year old children accepted on condition that a parent also joins. Affordable fees and special family rates available. The first 20 beginners to sign-up in Feb/Mar will receive a free karate suit. T's & C's apply.

Contact Gary Grapentin (6th dan black belt) at garyg@geenet.co.za or on 073 346 0059.