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## *Graeme College's Vision Statement*

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

## **NEWSLETTER - Friday 3 February 2017**

*" 'Why did you do all this for me?' he asked. 'I don't deserve it. I've never done anything for you.'  
'You have been my friend.' replied Charlotte. 'That in itself is a tremendous thing.' "*

*~ Charlotte's Web, E. B. White*

Every year I start a new Geography class off with a short clip from YouTube, called 'Did you know'. The idea started in 2006, at a faculty meeting in a school in Colorado. As in many cases, the message went 'viral', and the latest version has been viewed more than 20 million times. Feel free to search the clip, if you aren't already a fan. The idea is to simply make us aware of the changing world, and to help us prepare for a learner who is entering a world very different from their parents' world. The challenge for teachers, of course, is similar. The presentation refers to the information that university students' work on in their first year of study in a technical degree, as being virtually outdated by their third year. So it is important that parents and teachers stay up to date with the demands and requirements that our learners will face.

The video starts off with the usual, 'If you are one in a million in China, there are 1 300 people just like you...' referring to the population of India and China totalling 2.5 billion of the world's 7 billion people. Likewise, that means China and India have more Honours' learners / children, than America has children in total.

Other interesting statistics or messages include:

'The top 10 in-demand jobs of 2010, didn't exist in 2004'. Could we be preparing our learners for jobs that don't yet exist?

'Facebook has 845 million active users per month, which means that if it was a country, it would be the third biggest in the world'. Google has about 31 billion searches every month. That has grown from 2.7 billion in 2006.

It took radio thirty-eight years to reach 50 million people. TV took 13 years, internet 4 years, I-Pod 3 years and Facebook 2 years.

While watching the short 7 minute clip, it is estimated that about 60 babies would be born in the USA, 244 in China and 351 babies would be born in India. It is interesting to note then, that Africa is still the fastest growing continent.

The good news is that, in many cases, there are positive changes. The reality is that the Geography we study these days includes a social aspect which will assist our learners to actively and effectively integrate in society once they leave school. Our challenge, as a school, is to stay abreast with these changes and to give our learners the best foundation that we can possibly give them.

*Mr Gregg van Molendorff*

*Credit: Karl Fisch & Scott McLeod*

### **TRAFFIC CONTROL**

For easy movement of traffic, and the safety of our children:

- Only Foundation Phase learners (Grades 1 – 3) may be dropped off 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 buildings;
- 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**;
- Learners in Grades 4 – 12 must be dropped off and collected at the Graemian Centre drop-off zone 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.

## **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 3, 4, 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 from the School at R70 each. Learners are also allowed to bring their own recorders from home, as long as they are of good quality.

## **CULTURAL**

### **DEBATING**

#### Friday 27 January vs. Queen's College

Congratulations to the Senior Debating first team who won their debate against Queen's College in their first debate of the year.

### **BALLROOM & LATIN-AMERICAN DANCING**

Frankie van Eck will be offering Ballroom & Latin-American dancing lessons to learners from Graeme College and VGHS. Lessons will be every Wednesday from 16h15 – 17h00, starting from Wednesday 8 February. A dance demonstration will take place at first break in the Templeton Hall on Tuesday 7 February. A sign-up sheet will also be available at this time.

Please contact Frankie van Eck (083-663 3070) for more information.

### **PROGRAMMING CLUB**

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

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. Woodridge College – 28 January 2015

GC 1<sup>st</sup> XI      182/8 (J Beyleveld 63, S Faltain 28, M Amm 25)                      GC 2<sup>nd</sup> XI                      Match cancelled due to rain  
WC 1<sup>st</sup> XI      120 all out (L Agnew 2/11, M Amm 2/18, S Mginywa 2.39)  
Graeme won by 61 runs.

GC U15A      163 all out (D Pote 31, Ryan Bush 28)                      GC U14A      221/6 decl. (E Richardson 120, M Kohl 53)  
WC U15A      164/3                      WC U14A      77/7 (E Kent 3/17, L Tshongweni 2/4)  
Graeme lost by 7 wickets.                      Match drawn.

### **SENIOR CRICKET FIXTURES**

#### Saturday 4 February vs. Union High

<i>Time</i>	<i>Team</i>	<i>Field</i>
09h00	1 <sup>st</sup> XI	Somerset
09h00	U15A	Marais

#### Saturday 4 February vs. Port Alfred High School

<i>Time</i>	<i>Fixture</i>	<i>Field</i>
09h00	GC 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI vs. PAHS 1 <sup>st</sup> XI	Port Alfred
09h00	GC U14A vs. PAHS U15A	Port Alfred

The buses will leave Grant House at 07h45.

#### Wednesday 8 February

<i>Fixture</i>	<i>Field</i>
GC 3 <sup>rd</sup> XI vs. SAC	Marais

## **JUNIOR CRICKET RESULTS**

### vs. Grey Primary – 28 January 2015

GP U13A 216/4 (J Botha 2/30)

GC U13A 70 all out

Graeme lost by 146 runs.

GP U11A 230/6 (A Jack 2/23)

GC U11A 99 all out

Graeme lost by 131 runs.

GP U13D 277/9

GC U13B 66 all out

Graeme lost by 211 runs.

GC U11D 150 all out (L Plaatjie 5/12)

GP U11B 96 all out

Graeme lost by 54 runs.

### vs. Newton Primary – 1 February 2015

On Wednesday, the U13A and U11A teams played matches against Newton Primary, a touring side from Kimberley. In the U13A match, Newton Park scored 125 runs. Connor Pieterse took 3 wickets for 24 runs and Sibuvile Dambuza took 3 wickets for 17 runs. Graeme College lost the match.

GC U11A 164/5 (R Stobbs 47 n.o., M Williams 34)

NP U11A 71 all out (T-J Cannon 3/8, AJ Jeggels 3/8)

Graeme won by 93 runs.

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### Saturday 4 February vs. Woodridge Primary

<i>Time</i>	<i>Teams</i>	<i>Field</i>
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09h00	U11A, U13A	Junor
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All players must be at the fields by 08h30. Please note that there are NO matches for the U13B and U11B teams.

### Wednesday 8 February

<i>Time</i>	<i>Match on Junor A</i>
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14h15	U13C vs. Tiger Titans
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<i>Time</i>	<i>Match on Junor B</i>
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14h15	U13D vs. SAP
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<i>Time</i>	<i>Match on Junor C</i>
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14h15	U11C vs. Grahamstown Primary
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## **SENIOR TENNIS**

### Albany Tennis Championships (Trials)

The venues for today's senior Albany Tennis Championships (Trials) are as follows:

U16 & U18 Fairlawn (SAP)

U14

VGHS / VP

The finals will be played at Kingswood College from 09h00 on Sunday 5 February.

### vs. Queen's College – 17 February 2017

This fixture was incorrectly listed in the Term Diary as being on Wednesday 1 February. Please note that it will be played on Friday 17 February.

## **JUNIOR TENNIS**

### Albany Tennis Championships (Trials) – Friday 3 February

The Albany Tennis Championships (Trials) continue this afternoon. The Albany Tennis Championships (Finals) will be played at Kingswood College from 09h00 on Sunday 5 February.

### Practices

Please note that all practices, including private coaching, continue as normal next week.

## **WATER POLO RESULTS**

### St Andrew's Shield – 28 January

*1<sup>st</sup> team (St Andrew's Pool)*

GC 1<sup>st</sup> vs. Selborne 3<sup>rd</sup> lost 0 – 8

GC 1<sup>st</sup> vs. Grey 4<sup>th</sup> won 3 – 1

GC 1<sup>st</sup> vs. Grey 3<sup>rd</sup> drew 3 – 3

This tournament was a learning experience for the very young GC U15 team.

## **EVENTS**

### **PARENTS' EVENING – Friday 10 February**

Graeme College will be hosting a Parents' Evening at the Diaz Deep Sea Club in Kenton-on-Sea from 14h00 to 16h00 on Friday 10 February. All interested parents and learners from Alexandria, Kenton-on-Sea and Port Alfred are invited to attend this event.

