

GRAEME COLLEGE



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Graeme College's Vision Statement

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

NEWSLETTER - Friday 10 February 2017

'Sometimes,' said Pooh, 'the smallest thing takes up the most room in your heart.'

~ Winnie the Pooh, AA Milne

After watching the extra-curricular activities this past weekend, I was astounded by the positive attitude of many of the boys, staff and parents at the many and varied events. This reminded me of an article that I had previously read, and it really made me re-assess statements like "*I can't do it!*"

Sometimes when you are nervous or overwhelmed, you throw your hands up in despair and say, "*I can't do it!*" This could be before a job interview or a big homework assignment or sports' fixture. All people have moments like these because we **constantly measure our potential. This potential is typically measured based on either our past track record or on the size of the expected task.**

When performing any given task, it is your attitude that is important. This influences your facial expression, emotions, body language and, potentially, the end result. How you approach an opportunity, and the result of it, is solely based on you, not the situation, not your boss or your co-worker or friend.

Graemians should be recognised by their positive attitudes, poise and energy. It is easy to have a negative attitude and complain, get angry and do nothing to change it. "*Attitude is like a tattoo*" is a bold statement. Your attitude is like a tattoo because you wear it. People can see it and sometimes, they will judge you on it. If you maintain a negative attitude, then it is permanent until you decide to change it.

The positive attitude from staff, parents and our boys has definitely made a remarkable difference to the start of 2017. I would encourage everyone to keep this up as the year progresses.

Mr Kevin Watson

SCHOOL DAY – Friday 17 February

Graeme College school day will end at 12h20 on Friday 17 February to allow the academic staff to travel to their Staff Development workshop.

ACADEMIC

GRADE 11 MATHEMATICS MEETING – Monday 13 February

All Grade 11 parents, whose sons take Mathematics as a subject, are reminded of a very important meeting in the School Hall at 17h30 on Monday 13 February. Please note that this is a **COMPULSORY** meeting for all Grade 11 Mathematics learners. The meeting supersedes ALL sports' practices and learners are to attend in full school uniform.

CULTURAL

CIVVIES' DAY – Friday 17 February

As part of the School's outreach programme, Graeme College in conjunction with Child Welfare supports two boys from the Ikhaya Losizo Foster Home. The Civvies' Day to be held on Friday 17 February will raise funds towards this worthwhile endeavour. Learners are required to bring R5 (or more) to participate in this event.

SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL BLOOD SERVICES – Wednesday 22 February

The SANBS will be at Graeme College on Wednesday 22 February for their first of four blood drives held at the school this year. We invite the wider Graemian community to join Graeme College learners and staff in donating blood to this life-saving initiative.

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

PERFORMANCES AT THE KINGSWOOD COLLEGE VALENTINE'S PICNIC – Sunday 12 February

A number of Graeme College learners (Tadiwa Mafuma, Tashin Patrick and Eldrico Kivitts) and our newly formed *a capella* singing group, *The Octave* (Mothusi Kabi, Sixolile Lamani, Lelethu Cekiso, Sihle Mginywa, Sivuyisiwe Ngqiyaza, Hlumelo Kulati, Uminathi Anthony and Siyavuya Hashe) will be performing at the Kingwood College Valentine's Concert. The Concert will be held in the Cohen Quad from 14h30 to 16h00 and entrance is free.

SPORT

CONGRATULATIONS

Mountain Biking

Congratulations to Lloyd Vos who placed third in the Red Baron Tomato Trot and Cycle 55km Mountain Bike race held at Lilyfontein School near Kwelela, East London on Saturday 4 February 2017. Lloyd also participated in the Kariega Classic Challenge 53km Mountain Bike race from Crown River Safaris to Horns Up in December 2016. He placed third in this event as well. Well done, Lloyd!

Albany Tennis Championships

Congratulations to Mark Amm who retained his title as the champion of the Open age group in the Albany Tennis Championships when he won his finals match on Sunday 5 February. Considering he is still in Grade 11, this is an impressive feat indeed! Congratulations also to Rhys Wiblin who won the U10 age group. Impressive performances by David Tyson (U14) and Ethan Beyleveld (U12) led to their status as runners-up in their respective age groups.

Albany Tennis Selection

Congratulations to the following tennis players who have been selected to be part of the team representing the Albany District in the Inter-District match against Midlands on 28 February:

U18 – Mark Amm, Christopher Gleaves

U16 – Riaan Labuschagne

U14 – David Tyson

U12 – Ethan Beyleveld, Stephen du Preez and Oliver Ripley

U10 – Andrew Muir, Rhys Wiblin and Christopher Zimmerman

INTER-HOUSE SWIMMING – THURSDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2017

Please note that this **COMPULSORY** event (Gr 4 – 12) will be held at the Graeme College swimming pool on Thursday 23 February from 15h00 until 19h00.

ATHLETICS

Grahamstown Schools' Track AND Field Events – Saturday 11 February (Change to Term Diary)

Please note that these events have been **combined** and will start at 08h00 at the PJ Olivier Sports' Field.

SENIOR CRICKET RESULTS

vs. Port Alfred High School (CSA T20) – 1 February 2017

GC 1st XI 202/4 (R Fritz 31, J Beyleveld 83, M Amm 38 n.o., S Botha 27 n.o.)

WC 1st XI 66/9 (L Sam 2/7, J Beyleveld 2/7, L Cekiso 2/18)

Graeme won by 136 runs.

vs. Union High School – 4 February 2017

GC 1st XI 220/7 decl. (R Fritz 78, S Faltain 25, L Sam 24, C Gleaves 20, A Richardson 30 n.o.)

UHS 1st XI 209 all out (L Agnew 4/42, L Sam 2/23)

Graeme won the match by 11 runs on the second last ball of the day.

UHS U15A 104 (Raven Bush 4/25, S Makalima 4/39)

GC U15A 105/4 (Ryan Bush 25 n.o., Raven Bush 19 n.o.)

Graeme won by 6 wickets.

vs. Port Alfred High School – 4 February 2017

PAHS 1st XI 135 all out (D Rielly 6/17, R Labuschagne 3/25)

PAHS U15A 290/8 (E Visagie 3/24)

GC 2nd XI 61 all out

GC U14A 200 all out (F Rischbieter 74, E Richardson 30)

Graeme lost by 75 runs.

Graeme lost by 90 runs.

SENIOR CRICKET FIXTURES

Saturday 11 February vs. Alexander Road

Time	Team	Field
09h30	1 st XI	Somerset
09h30	2 nd XI	Alex Rd
09h30	U15A	Marais
09h30	U14A	Alex Rd

The buses will leave Grant House at 07h00.

Wednesday 15 February vs. St Andrew's College

Fixture	Field
GC 3 rd XI vs. SAC	Knowling, SAC
GC U15B vs. SAC	Upper, SAC
GC U14B vs. SAC	Marais

JUNIOR CRICKET RESULTS

vs. Woodridge Primary – 4 February 2017

WP U13A 54 all out (J Botha 3/5, L Oerson 3/18)

GC U13A 55/8

Graeme won by 2 wickets.

GC U11A 278/6 (M Williams 53, T-J Cannon 51, M Tyson 42, R Stobbs 35)

WP U11A 166 all out (A Williams 3/19, S Hayat 2/9)

Graeme won by 112 runs.

Wednesday 8 February 2017

The GC U13A vs. Tiger Titans, GC U11C vs. Grahamstown Primary U11C and GC U13D vs. SAP matches were all cancelled.

GC U9 117/1 decl. (R Wiblin 22 retired, U Hayat 7 retired, A Muir 25 n.o., D Maréchal 20 n.o.)

PAHS U9 17 all out

Graeme won by 100 runs.

JUNIOR CRICKET FIXTURES

Saturday 11 February vs. Sunridge Primary

Time	Teams	Field
09h00	U11A, U13A	Charlo fields
09h00	U11B, U13B	Junor

All players must be at the fields by 08h30.

The buses will leave Grant House at 06h15 and should return by 17h30.

Private Transport: E Beyleveld, M Tyson, S Hayat, J Botha, R Stobbs

Wednesday 15 February 2017

Time	Fixture	Field
14h15	U11C vs. PAHS	Junor C
14h15	U13C vs. PAHS	Junor A
14h15	U13D vs. SAP	Junor B

SQUASH

Results: Dave Hodgson Tournament

Well done to all the Graeme College squash players who participated in the Dave Hodgson Squash Tournament this past weekend. The scores are as follows:

GC1 vs. SAC won 5 – 1

GC1 vs. Grey lost 0 – 6

GC1 vs. Stirling won 4 – 2

GC vs. Dale won 4 – 0

SWIMMING

Results: 'B' League Gala – 28 January 2017

Well done to all the Graemians who qualified to participate in this event. Congratulations to the following swimmers who placed in the top ten in their respective races:

Boys' U10 Bernard Frost (8th – Butterfly)

Boys' U13 Warrick de Beer (5th – Breaststroke; 8th – Freestyle)

Boys' U14 Joshua Pamphilon (1st – Butterfly; 1st – Backstroke; 1st – Breaststroke, 1st – Freestyle)

Boys' U16 Reece Green (7th – Breaststroke), Jared de Beer (8th – Breaststroke)

Results: Senior Long Course Gala – 31 January 2017

Well done to all the Graemians who participated in this event. Congratulations to the following senior swimmers who placed in the top ten in their respective boys' races:

50m Backstroke: J Pamphilon – 2nd (U16); E Barnard – 4th (U19)

50m Breaststroke: J Pamphilon – 3rd (U16); C Schmidt – 4th (U16); W de Beer – 5th (U14); J Lee – 5th (U19); D Brits – 6th (U19); C Terblanche – 6th (U14)

50m Butterfly: L Taljaard – 3rd (U16); G Terblanche – 3rd (U19); W de Beer – 5th (U14); T Botha – 6th (U14); J Pamphilon – 6th (U16)

50m Freestyle: T Botha – 2nd (U14); J Pamphilon – 3rd (U16); J Lee – 4th (U19); S Amner – 5th (U19); L Taljaard – 5th (U16); S Craigie – 6th (U14)

100m Backstroke: R Green – 5th (U19)

100m Breaststroke: J Pamphilon – 1st (U16); C Schmidt – 3rd (U16); J de Beer – 5th (U16); R Green – 5th (U19)

100m Freestyle: L Taljaard – 1st (U16); T Botha – 2nd (U14); E Barnard – 4th (U19); J Wolhuter – 5th (U19)

200m Individual Medley: J Pamphilon – 4th (Open)

Fixture: Albany Junior Trials – 14 February 2017

The Albany Trials for junior swimmers will be held from 14h00 at the DSG pool on Tuesday 14 February.

SENIOR TENNIS

Results: vs. St Andrew's College (Knowing Shield) – 6 February 2017

Well done to Mark Amm and Christopher Gleaves who each won their singles' matches against St Andrew's College in the Knowing Shield fixture. Unfortunately, all three of the doubles' matches were lost. Graeme College lost 2 – 3.

JUNIOR TENNIS

Fixtures: vs. PJ Olivier – Tuesday 14 February 2017

14h30 GC U13 C vs. PJ GC Courts

Practices: Tuesday 14 & Thursday 16 February

Due to the U13C tennis match taking place on the GC courts, there will be no other tennis practices on Tuesday 14 February. There will be normal practices, including professional coaching, on Thursday 16 February.

WATER POLO

Results: Woodridge College Weekend

Woodridge College hosted a number of schools for a weekend of water polo. The Graeme College 1st and U15 teams travelled down and performed very well. We are proud of their progress and the great character they have shown this season. The 1st team won their matches against Woodridge 2nd (5 – 1) and Oakhill (5 – 2) and lost their match against Alexander Road (2 – 4). The U15 team lost their matches against Oakhill (1 – 6) and Woodridge (2 – 4), but drew their match against St Dominic's Priory Open side (0 – 0).

Fixtures: vs. St Andrew's College – 11 February 2017

<i>Time</i>	<i>Fixture</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Fixture</i>	<i>Venue</i>
09h00	GC U15A vs. SAC U15B	SAC Pool	09h00	GC U15B vs. SAC 14B	SAC Pool
09h30	GC 1 st vs. SAC 3 ^d	SAC Pool			

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.

SWIM-A-THON – Saturday 26 February 2017

The junior school swimmers will be hosting a swim-a-thon on Saturday 26 February to raise funds to improve the swimming pool complex. The event will run from 15h30 to 20h00 and a tuckshop will be available.

Sponsorship forms are available from Miss White and have also been given to the swimmers. The sponsorships will be per width swum. Parents may also swim. There will be prizes available for the entrants. Please support this worthwhile fundraising initiative.

FOUNDERS' WEEKEND – 9 to 12 March 2017

The Graeme College Founders' Weekend will be held from Friday 10 March to Sunday 12 March, with an OGU Golf Day scheduled on Thursday 9 March. More details to follow.

GENERAL

SECOND-HAND CLOTHING SHOP

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).

Yours sincerely

**K WATSON
HEADMASTER**