

# GRAEME COLLEGE



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## *Graeme College's Vision Statement*

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

## **NEWSLETTER - Friday 17 February 2017**

*'In every job that must be done, there is an element of fun. You find the fun, and the job's a game.'*

*~ Mary Poppins, PL Travers*

It is incredibly exciting to have our academic staff head off to their professional development exercise this weekend. In fact, it is amazing to think that all forty-one teachers will get together as we work towards personal and professional growth. This afternoon Mr Trevor Amos (SGB Chairman) will be addressing the staff from the School Governing Body's point of view, followed by a two-hour session with Mr Dave Emslie (ex CEO of Warriors Cricket Franchise and proud Old Graemian). The subject of Mr Emslie's session is: *'The Graemian Family – What do we expect from each other?'* Knowing who he is, our staff can't wait to work with him this afternoon.

After that we have some teamwork / team-bonding exercises, which should be a lot of fun for our staff. Saturday starts off with Alan Glover (Red Cherry Consulting) who will work with the staff around the topic of his book: *'Winning Hearts and Minds'*. Alan is obviously no stranger to Grahamstown, or education, for that matter. He is an incredibly dynamic and motivational speaker which will, no doubt, have a lasting impact on our staff.

Mr Kevin Rafferty (Rhodes University Business School) will facilitate a World Café-type workshop in the final session. It is a forward-planning process for us, where we, as the whole staff, will look at our own strategic plan for the next five years at Graeme College. That, in itself, promises to be massively beneficial to our staff and College as a whole. Mr Watson mentioned that he is very excited to give feedback to our parent group, with regards to the staff's professional development, and outline the five-year plan, as initiated during this process.

I know our staff will find this rewarding on both a personal and professional level. The staff have given up their personal and family time for this endeavour, which is indicative of the type of educational ethos prominent amongst our staff at Graeme College.

*Mr Gregg van Molendorff*

### **SCHOOL DAY – Friday 17 February 2017**

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

### **ACADEMIC**

#### **JCAS: COMPULSORY ART – Friday 24 February 2017**

The Grade 11 and 12 learners who take Art as a subject, are reminded that there will be a compulsory art afternoon from 14h30 to 17h00 at JCAS on Friday 24 February.

### **CULTURAL**

#### **SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL BLOOD SERVICES – Wednesday 22 February 2017**

The SANBS will be at Graeme College on Wednesday 22 February for the 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 for this life-saving initiative.

#### **LEVEL 1 FIRST AID COURSE – Saturday 11 & Sunday 12 March 2017**

A Level 1 First Aid Course has been scheduled for Saturday 11, and Sunday 12 March 2017. The cost of this course is R450 per learner. The deadline for payment is Wednesday 8 March 2017. This is a certificated course and participants will be given a certificate which then qualifies them to administer First Aid for a period of three years. It is a valuable life skill and its importance cannot be stressed enough. Further queries can be addressed to Miss Kenyon.

## SPORT

### 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. **The times are still to be confirmed.**

### **ATHLETICS**

#### Grahamstown Schools' Track AND Field Events

The Graemians delivered excellent performances at the Grahamstown Schools' Track and Field events on Saturday 11 February.

The results are as follows:

<i>Name</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Placement</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Placement</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Placement</i>
Sinqobile Mayalo	U14 100m	1 <sup>st</sup>				
Fabio Rischbieter	U14 Javelin	2 <sup>nd</sup>				
Chumani Tshuni	U15 Discus	1 <sup>st</sup>	U15 Shot Put	2 <sup>nd</sup>		
Loyiso Nyoka	U15 800m	1 <sup>st</sup>				
Buhle Planga	U15 100m	1 <sup>st</sup>	U15 200m	1 <sup>st</sup>	U15 High Jump	1 <sup>st</sup>
Eldrico Kivitts	U17 Long Jump	1 <sup>st</sup>	U17 100m	1 <sup>st</sup>		
Liyema Mafani	U17 200m	1 <sup>st</sup>	U17 200m	2 <sup>nd</sup>		
Juan-Dré de Klerk	U17 Javelin	1 <sup>st</sup>	U17 Shot Put	1 <sup>st</sup>		
Ethan de Vos	U17 High Jump	2 <sup>nd</sup>	U17 Long Jump	2 <sup>nd</sup>		
Bradley Mapaling	U17 400m	2 <sup>nd</sup>				
Somila Masakane	U19 100m	1 <sup>st</sup>				
Mijéan Annandale	U19 Discus	1 <sup>st</sup>				
Bukhosi Mhlambiso	U19 200m	2 <sup>nd</sup>				
Matthew Robertson	U19 100m	2 <sup>nd</sup>				

#### Sarah Baartman Meeting – Friday 24 February 2017

All of the above athletes have qualified for the Sarah Baartman Athletics Meeting. More information will be given directly to the athletes concerned.

### **SENIOR CRICKET**

#### Results: vs. Alexander Road High School – 11 February

GC 1 <sup>st</sup> XI	270/4 decl. (R Fritz 107, M Amm 93)	AR 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	125 all out (D Rielly 3/12)
AR 1 <sup>st</sup> XI	15/3	GC 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	126/5 (S Botha 44)
Match abandoned due to rain.		Graeme won by 5 wickets.	

AR U15A 109 all out (S Makalima 4/28, G Dampies 4/14, B Botha 2/11)  
GC U15A 110/2 (G Dampies 55 n.o., C Schmidt 30 n.o.)  
Graeme won by 8 wickets.

AR U14A 115 all out (E Kent 4/22)  
GC U14A 116/7 (E Richardson 56, M Kohl 43)  
Graeme won by 7 wickets.

#### Results: vs. St Andrew's College – 15 February

GC 3<sup>rd</sup> XI 149/4 (N Keeton 53)  
SAC 3<sup>rd</sup> XI 90 all out (D-K Hockly 4/1 – including a hat trick)  
Graeme won by 59 runs.

#### Fixture: Wednesday 22 February 2017 vs. Kingswood College

<i>Match</i>	<i>Field</i>
GC 3 <sup>rd</sup> XI vs. KC	Kingswood
GC U15B vs. KC	Marais
GC U14B vs. KC	Kingswood

#### Fixture: Saturday 25 February vs Hudson Park

The GC 1<sup>st</sup> XI and U15A will travel to Hudson Park, while the GC 2<sup>nd</sup> XI and U14A will play matches at home.

### **JUNIOR CRICKET**

#### Results: vs. Sunridge Primary – 11 February 2017

GC U13A 110	GC U11A 64 all out	GC U13B 45 all out
SP U13A 111/3	SP U11A 65/3	SP U13B 46/2
Graeme lost by 7 wickets.	Graeme lost by 7 wickets.	Graeme lost by 8 wickets.

Results: Wednesday 15 February

GC U9A vs. Port Alfred Graeme won.  
GC U11C vs. Port Alfred Graeme won.  
GC U13D vs. St Andrew's Prep Graeme won.

Fixture: Wednesday 22 February 2017

<i>Time</i>	<i>Match</i>	<i>Field</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Match</i>	<i>Field</i>
14h15	GC U13C vs. Grahamstown Primary	Junor A	14h15	GC U13D vs. Yellowwoods	Junor B
14h15	GC U9A vs. Oatlands	Junor C			

Fixture: Saturday 25 February 2017 vs. Clarendon Park

The GC U11A and U13A teams will travel to Clarendon Park, while the GC U13B, U11B and U9A will play matches at home.

**Please note the change of venues for the matches, especially the U9A team.**

**TENNIS**

Fixture: Inter-District match (Albany vs Midlands) – Tuesday 28 February 2017

Good luck to the following tennis players who are part of the Albany District team playing against Midlands on 28 February: (U18) M Amm, C Gleaves, (U16) R Labuschagne, (U14) D Tyson, (U12) E Beyleveld, S du Preez and O Ripley, (U10) A Muir, R Wiblin and C Zimmerman.

**JUNIOR TENNIS**

Results: Tuesday 14 February – vs. PJ Olivier

The GC U13 C team played against PJO U13A and won the fixture by 7 games.

Fixtures: vs. Kingwood College – Tuesday 21 February 2017

14h00	GC U13A vs. KC	KC Courts	14h00	GC U13B vs. KC	GC Courts
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There will, therefore, be no other practices on this day.

Practices: Thursday 23 February

Due to the Inter-House Gala, there will be NO tennis practices or professional coaching.

**EVENTS**

**SWIM-A-THON – Tuesday 28 February 2017**

The junior school swimmers will be hosting a swim-a-thon on Tuesday 28 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.

**GRADE 6 & 7 SOCIAL – Friday 3 March 2017**

The first Grade 6 & 7 Social for the 2017 academic year will be held on Friday 3 March. These events allow the learners from Graeme College and Victoria Primary to get to know one another in a social setting. More information to follow.

**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 Old Graemian Golf Day scheduled on Thursday 9 March. More details to follow.

**GRAEME COLLEGE / PAM GOLDING PROPERTIES RUGBY DAY – Saturday 25 March 2017**

The annual Graeme College / Pam Golding Properties Rugby Day will be held on Saturday 25 March. Set the day aside to come and watch amazing schoolboy rugby. More information to follow.

**GENERAL**

**SECOND-HAND CLOTHING SHOP**

The Second-hand Clothing Shop is asking for donations of the following clothing items – GC Shorts, Blazers and sports' equipment. If anyone wishes to donate items of school uniform which are still in good condition, please contact Mary Siebritz (046-622 7227).

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).

Yours sincerely

**K WATSON  
HEADMASTER**

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## **FOUNDERS' WEEKEND PROGRAMME**

Date	Event		
Thursday 9 March	12h00	OGU Golf Day	Belmont Valley
Friday 10 March	07h30	Assembly	School Hall
	11h00	Tea	Graemian Centre
	12h00	Founders' Day Memorial Service	Somerset Field
	12h45	Launching of the Electronic Scoreboard	Somerset Field
	13h15	Old Graemian Union AGM	Graemian Centre
	13h30	Burgers for Sale	Graemian Centre
	14h30	Tenns / Squash vs Old Boys	Courts
	19h00	Headmaster's Cocktail Function	Graemian Centre
Saturday 11 March	09h30	1 <sup>st</sup> XI & 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI Cricket vs. Old Boys	Somerset & Marais Fields
	11h00	Tour of the Old School (on arrangement)	
	11h15	Tea	Graemian Centre
	12h00	Tour of New School	
	12h30	Lunch for Old Boys / Cricket Supporters / Friends of the School	Graemian Centre
	15h30	Tea	Graemian Centre
	19h00	Old Graemian Social Evening (with Old VG Girls)	Graemian Centre
Sunday 12 March	09h00	Church Service	Templeton Hall

## **2017 RUGBY DAY PROGRAMME – Saturday 25 March**

### FIRST TEAM MATCH FIXTURES ONLY

TIME	MATCH	FIELD
08h00	Muir College vs. Cambridge High School	Somerset
09h10	Union High School vs. Hoërskool Nico Malan	Somerset
09h15	Hoërskool P.J. Olivier 1 <sup>st</sup> XV vs. Graeme College 2 <sup>nd</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup>	Marais A
10h15	Port Alfred High School 1 <sup>st</sup> XV vs. Nathaniel Nyaluza Snr Secondary School	Marais A
10h20	Dale College vs. Die Brandwag Hoërskool	Somerset
11h30	Queens' College vs. Hoërskool Framesby	Somerset
12h40	Hoër Landbouskool Marlow vs. Grey High School	Somerset
13h50	Kingswood College vs. Pearson High School	Somerset
15h00	St Andrew's College vs. Hudson Park High School	Somerset
16h10	Graeme College vs. Selborne College	Somerset