

GRAEME COLLEGE



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Graeme College's Vision Statement

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

NEWSLETTER - Friday 24 February 2017

"Listen to the mustn'ts, child. Listen to the don'ts. Listen to the shouldn'ts, the impossibles, the won'ts. Listen to the never haves, then listen close to me ... anything can happen, child. Anything can be."

~ Shel Silverstein

Your Attitude determines your Altitude

In assembly today, I look forward to sharing the Tom Brady story with the College. Brady was the 199th American football player picked in the 2000 NFL Draft. Which means, the thirty-two teams all selected players six times before Brady was picked by the New England Patriots. Seventeen years ago, his draft report read as follows: *'Poor build, skinny, lacks physical stature and strength, lacks mobility, lacks a strong arm, struggles to drive the ball down the field, can get exposed if forced to ad-lib, gets knocked down easily...'*

Importantly, one person did back him – the quarterback coach from the Patriots, Dick Rehbein, who was sent to scout for players. That is all Brady needed. Legend goes that after the draft he introduced himself to the owner and stated that he was the best decision that the organization had ever made.

I suppose you can measure fitness, body mass, speed, strength, aerobic capacity, etc., but you can't measure attitude or determination. There is an old cliché in sport, which we have all heard: *'It is not the size of the dog in the fight that matters, but rather the size of the fight in the dog.'*

In the seventeen years since that draft, Tom Brady of New England Patriots, is one of only two players (and the only quarterback) to win five Super Bowls, and the only player to win them all playing for one team. He has had seven Super Bowl appearances and four Super Bowl MVP awards – which no other player has ever achieved. Tom Brady is now regarded as, possibly, the best NFL player ever!

Watching Test cricket in the holidays, I witnessed something which I link to the Tom Brady story. Temba Bavuma's run out of David Warner, in the South Africa vs Australia match, has been referred to as possibly the best run-out in cricket history. After the day's play, Eric Simons (ex Protea player and coach) made a powerful comment in the after-match studio discussion. He said: *"...that run-out was as much about an attitude, as it was about skill"*. Maybe Tom Brady has been as much about attitude and determination, as he has been about a skilled player. Earlier this year, he was massively influential in one of the greatest Super Bowl comebacks ever. With eight minutes and thirty-one seconds left on the clock, the Patriots were 3 – 28 down and, through his genius and leadership, they managed to come back and win 34 – 28. Our young Graemians can learn a lot from the likes of Tom Brady and Temba Bavuma.

Mr Gregg van Molendorff

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 today, Friday 24 February.

CULTURAL

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. All payments must be made at the Reception Office before 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

CONGRATULATIONS

Fishing: South African Shore Angling Nationals

Miss Melissa du Randt (Gr 2 teaching assistant) recently took part in the Ladies' Division Shore Angling Nationals which took place in Struisbaai. The teams fished for three days (14 – 17 February, with one day's rest on 15 February). Anglers from Zululand, KwaZulu-Natal, Border, Southern Cape, Boland, Western Province, West Coast, Northern Gauteng and Eastern Province took part. At the end of the competition, the Eastern Province team finished in fourth position. Despite days of sweltering heat and windy conditions, Melissa finished twelfth overall among the forty-nine anglers who took part. Selections were made for the two South African teams - the Gus (B) team and the Protea (A) team – based on the performance ranking over three years. Well done to Melissa, who is currently ranked third, as she was selected for the Protea team for the second year in a row. The next International Competition, against Namibia, will take place in December 2017.

Grahamstown Park Runs

Well done to a number of learners who have been participating in the Grahamstown Park Runs recently. These are a few of the names of learners who have run recently:

Cee-Jay Porthen	23;22 (This is Cee-Jay's best 2017 time)	Brent Smith	23; 54
Mihlali Mpendu	24;51	Cairis Appollis	27;23

Inter-House Swimming Gala

Well done to all the swimmers who participated in the Inter-House Swimming Gala yesterday. Thank you to all the supporters, learners and parents alike who contributed to making this a wonderful, spirit-filled event.

ATHLETICS

Sarah Baartman Meeting – Friday 24 February 2017

Good luck to the athletes competing in the above-mentioned athletics meeting.

SENIOR CRICKET

Fixture: Saturday 25 February vs Hudson Park High School

<i>Time</i>	<i>Match</i>	<i>Field</i>
09h30	GC 1 st XI vs HPHS	East London
09h30	GC U14A vs HPHS	East London
09h30	GC 2 nd XI vs HPHS	Somerset
09h30	GC U15A vs HPHS	Marais

The buses leave Grant House at 06h00.

Fixture: Wednesday 1 March 2017

<i>Time</i>	<i>Match</i>	<i>Field</i>
09h30	GC 1 st XI vs Grey HS	Somerset
14h15	GC 3 rd vs 2 nd PAHS	PAHS
14h15	GC U15B vs PAHS	PAHS

JUNIOR CRICKET

Results: Wednesday 22 February

GC U13C vs Grahamstown Primary	Graeme lost	GC U9 vs Oatlands	Graeme won
GC U13D vs PAHS U13B	Graeme won		

Fixture: Wednesday 25 February vs Clarendon Park Primary

<i>Time</i>	<i>Match</i>	<i>Field</i>
09h00	GC U13A vs CP U13A	Port Elizabeth
09h00	GC U11A vs CP U11A	Port Elizabeth

The buses will leave Grant House at 06h15.

All players need to be at the respective fields by 08h30.

Private Transport: E Beyleveld, R Stobbs and M Tyson

<i>Time</i>	<i>Match</i>	<i>Field</i>
09h00	GC U13B vs. CP U13B	Junor
09h00	GC U11B vs. CP U11B	Junor
09h00	GC U9A vs. CP U9	Junor

Fixture: Wednesday 1 March

<i>Time</i>	<i>Match</i>	<i>Field</i>
14h00	GC U13C vs. Kingswood College	Junor A
14h00	GC U13D vs Port Alfred HS	Junor B

<i>Time</i>	<i>Match</i>	<i>Field</i>
14h00	GC U11C vs Port Alfred HS	PAHS

The U11C team may wear their cricket kit to school. The bus will leave school at 12h30.

TENNIS

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

Good luck to the Graemian members of the Albany team for their match against Midlands on 28 February 2017.

SENIOR TENNIS

Results: Friday 17 February vs Queen's College

Twelve senior tennis players travelled to Queenstown on Friday 17 February to play against the top Queen's College players. The Graemians played well and won the fixture 17 – 1.

JUNIOR TENNIS

Results: Tuesday 21 February vs Kingswood College

GC U13A vs Kingswood College lost by 33 games GC U13B vs Kingswood College lost by 16 games

Fixtures: vs. Kingwood College – Tuesday 28 February 2017

14h00 GC U13A vs KC KC Courts 14h00 GC U13B vs KC GC Courts

There will, therefore, be no other practices on this day.

Fixtures: vs St Andrews Prep – Friday 3 March 2017

14h00 GC U11A vs SAP GC Courts 14h00 GC U11B vs SAP Prep Courts

Practices: Tuesday 28 February 2017

There will be no practices, due to the Albany Tennis match vs Midlands being played on our courts.

Practices: Thursday 2 March 2017

There will be tennis as normal, including professional coaching.

The Thiarl Tennis Academy Tournament

Good luck to the following boys who are participating in the above tournament:

Ethan Beyleveld, Stephen du Preez, Christopher McLean, Andrew Muir, Murray Tyson, Brett Vogel, Rhys Wiblin and Christopher Zimmerman.

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 from 18h00 to 21h00. These events allow the learners from Graeme College and Victoria Primary to get to know one another in a social setting.

FOUNDERS' WEEKEND – 9 to 12 March 2017

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

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.

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**

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 st XI & 2 nd 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 st XV vs. Graeme College 2 nd /3 rd	Marais A
10h15	Port Alfred High School 1 st 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