

# GRAEME COLLEGE



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## *Graeme College's Vision Statement*

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

## **NEWSLETTER – Friday 5 May 2017**

*"Today is your day!*

*Your mountain is waiting. So ... get on your way."* ~ Dr Seuss

This weekend's rugby clash is, historically, the annual pinnacle of the sporting calendar for both Graeme College and St Andrew's College, this traditional fixture having endured for more than one hundred years. To be admired is the competitiveness and the great sportsmanship shown by our players over the years.

Heywood Brown, sports writer and journalist said that *"Sport does not build character, sport reveals it"*.

Sport is a great way to foster leadership and skills through co-operation, relationship-building and spirit. It also has the ability to develop resilience and sportsmanship behaviour in the face of adversity, and to build critical skills for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

I trust that everyone supporting the derby, as well as the larger Grahamstown community, will truly enjoy the day with us. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank First National Bank for their generous sponsorship of this Classic Clash and their active contribution to South African school sports. Thank you to all the coaches and parents for the time and commitment shown to the players. As this Classic Clash means bringing the community together to celebrate school boy rugby, this day could also be described as a 'Derby Day'. 'Derby Days' are unique and I sincerely hope the day proves to be an opportunity where players are able to showcase their talents and, more importantly, their team spirit.

*Mr Kevin Watson*

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulates to Mr Lunga Twaku who was elected as a Graeme College Governing Body member at the recent by-elections held at the start of Term 2, 2017.

### **END OF TERM 2**

Parents are reminded that Term 2 will end slightly early due to the National Arts' Festival. The new closing date for Term 2 is Monday 26 June. Please note that reports will only be ready for collection on Thursday 29 June.

### **ACADEMIC**

#### **EASTERN CAPE SCHOOLS' FESTIVAL FOR GRADE 11s – 10 & 11 May 2017**

The Eastern Cape English Festival for Grade 11s will take place next week at the 1820 Settlers' Monument. Interested Grade 11s will be exposed to different aspects of the arts: plays, music and the performing arts. They will also attend lectures and workshops on various aspects of the arts. Also included in the fee is tea, lunch and supper for the first day and tea and lunch for the second day.

#### **UCT MATHEMATICS OLYMPIAD**

Four senior Graemians, along with learners from Victoria Girls' High School, wrote the University of Cape Town's Mathematics Olympiad on Monday 24 April. This Olympiad was written in a team format. Congratulations to the team of Asher Pearse and Oyisa Katshaza who won first place, and the team of Julian Gardner and Tristan Pullen who placed second.

## CULTURAL

### **EAST LONDON EISTEDDFOD – 8 to 12 May**

Good luck to the learners performing at the East London Eisteddfod. All performers must wear full winter school uniform and senior learners are requested to bring schoolwork to do while they are away. The programme is as follows:

Monday 8 May: Transport leaves from the Music Centre at 08h30 and returns by 00h00. The performers are Sihle Mginywa, Hlumelo Kulati, Xolisa Foley and the *Diminished 7<sup>th</sup>*. The soloists perform at Cambridge High School between 11h30 to 12h30 and the *Diminished 7<sup>th</sup>* performs at Cambridge High School between 18h00 to 20h30.

Tuesday 9 May: Transport leaves from the Music Centre at 10h00 and returns to Grant House by 21h30. The performers (the Junior choir and Bayanda Mthetho) will be performing at Hudson Park High between 17h30 and 18h30.

Wednesday 10 May: Transport leaves from Grant House at 14h00 and returns by 22h30. The Senior and Leopards' Voice choirs will perform at Cambridge High School between 18h00 and 20h30.

Friday 12 May: Transport leaves from the Music Centre at 09h20 and returns to Grant House by 17h30. The Jazz band will be performing at the Legends Show Case between 13h00 and 14h30.

### **MARIMBA BAND**

Blessing Chimanga is a marimba and drum expert from Zimbabwe who spent last week in Grahamstown hosting a number of workshops for various school groups and holding two concerts at Rhodes University's Music Department. On Wednesday 26 April, a small group of eight potential drummers attended a drum workshop, while the Grade 7 marimba band had a workshop on Friday 28 April. The sessions were energetic and refreshingly spontaneous and the boys responded with enthusiasm and big smiles.

### **RECENT MUSIC PERFORMANCES**

A number of music events took place last term which included subject music concerts, the hugely successful Masicule Mased Choir event, a farewell concert for Dr AJ Bethke, performances at the Acoustic Café, entertaining wedding guests and a Community Concert. On 19 and 20 March the senior choir formed part of the 400-strong choir (comprising many local school and adult choirs) and guest artist Asanda Mqiki from 'The Soil'. The Leopards' Voice choir performed with the Pro Carmine choir, while members of our jazz and steel bands formed part of the orchestra for this event. Graeme College can be proud of its involvement in this annual uplifting musical event. The *Diminished 7<sup>th</sup>* (Mothusi Kabi, Sihle Mginywa, Sivuyisiwe Ngqiyaza, Hlumelo Kulati, Lelethu Cekiso, Sixolile Lamani and Uminathi Anthony) delivered a good performance at the Acoustic Café on Thursday 23 March. As part of the Farewell Concert for Dr AJ Bethke, our choir combined with other choirs to perform two songs in a fitting tribute to Dr Bethke, who has given so much to our choir boys in the context of the Cathedral Choir School. A series of break-time concerts held during the last week of Term 1 provided the performance opportunity required for subject music assessments. The boys did well on a variety of instruments. Members of the Steelband and the *Diminished 7<sup>th</sup>* provided musical entertainment at a wedding held at Kasouga. On Wednesday 3 May many talented musicians from the school, together with those from the wider community, performed at a Community Concert.

### **STEELBAND**

The Steelband will be performing at Brookshaw Old Age Home's Fete on Saturday 6 May.

## SPORT

### **GRAEMIAN SUPPORTERS**

All Graemians are reminded that they are expected to wear full school uniform when supporting any sporting fixtures.

### **HOCKEY**

#### Results: Monday 24 April vs Cambridge High School

GC 1 <sup>st</sup> vs CHS 1 <sup>st</sup>	lost	0 – 6	GC 2 <sup>nd</sup> vs CHS 3 <sup>rd</sup>	lost	0 – 4
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#### Results: Kingswood Hockey Festival

GC 1 <sup>st</sup> vs Merrifield 1 <sup>st</sup>	won	1 – 0	GC 1 <sup>st</sup> vs Glenwood House 1 <sup>st</sup>	lost	0 – 2
GC 1 <sup>st</sup> vs Stirling 1 <sup>st</sup>	won	2 – 0	GC 1 <sup>st</sup> vs Hudson Park 1 <sup>st</sup>	lost	0 – 2
GC 1 <sup>st</sup> vs Woodridge 1 <sup>st</sup>	lost	0 – 6			

#### Fixture: vs St Andrew's College – Friday 5 May

Time	Match	Venue	Time	Match	Venue
15h00	Beginners team	Rhodes Astro	16h00	2 <sup>nd</sup> team	Rhodes Astro
17h00	1 <sup>st</sup> team	Rhodes Astro			

## SENIOR RUGBY

### Result: Saturday 22 April 2017 vs Gill College

GC 1 <sup>st</sup> XV vs Gill College 1 <sup>st</sup> XV	won	70 – 22	GC 2 <sup>nd</sup> XV vs Gill College 2 <sup>nd</sup> XV	won	67 – 3
GC U16A vs Gill College U16A	won	29 – 5	GC U15A vs Gill College U15A	won	46 – 7
GC U14A vs Gill College U14A	won	55 – 0			

### Result: Wednesday 26 April vs Cambridge HS

GC 1 <sup>st</sup> XV vs Cambridge HS 1 <sup>st</sup> XV	won	22 – 0	GC 2 <sup>nd</sup> XV vs Cambridge HS 2 <sup>nd</sup> XV	won	22 – 13
GC 3 <sup>rd</sup> XV vs Cambridge HS 3 <sup>rd</sup> XV	won	36 – 0	GC 4 <sup>th</sup> XV vs Cambridge HS 4 <sup>th</sup> XV	won	19 – 3
GC U16A vs Cambridge HS U16A	won	17 – 0	GC U16B vs Cambridge HS U16B	won	19 – 5
GC U15A vs Cambridge HS U15A	lost	10 – 24	GC U15B vs Cambridge HS U15B	lost	5 – 31
GC U14A vs Cambridge HS U14A	won	12 – 5	GC U14B vs Cambridge HS U14B	won	22 – 17

### Results: St Andrew's College U15 Rugby Festival (U15As)

vs St Andrew's School U15A	won	19 – 0	vs Clifton U15A	won	7 – 5
vs Uplands U15A	won	15 – 5	vs St Benedict's U15A	won	17 – 10
vs St Albans U15A	won	26 – 24			

### Results: Grey High School Rugby Festival

GC 1 <sup>st</sup> XV vs Ithembelihle 1 <sup>st</sup> XV	won	46 – 0	GC U16A vs St John's 2 <sup>nd</sup> XV	lost	5 – 52
GC U14A vs St David's U14A	won	20 – 12			

### Fixture: vs St Andrew's College – Saturday 6 May (FNB CLASSIC CLASH)

Time	Somerset Field	Time	Marais A
09h00	GC U14A vs SAC U14A	09h00	GC U16B vs SAC U16B
10h00	GC U15A vs SAC U15A	10h00	GC 5 <sup>th</sup> XV vs SAC 6 <sup>th</sup> XV
11h00	GC U16A vs SAC U16A	11h15	GC U14B vs SAC U14B
12h00	GC 4 <sup>th</sup> XV vs SAC 5 <sup>th</sup> XV	12h15	GC U15B vs SAC U15B
13h15	GC 3 <sup>rd</sup> XV vs SAC 3 <sup>rd</sup> XV		
14h30	GC 2 <sup>nd</sup> XV vs SAC 2 <sup>nd</sup> XV		
15h45	GC 1 <sup>st</sup> XV vs SAC 1 <sup>st</sup> XV		

## JUNIOR RUGBY

### Result: Saturday 22 April 2017 vs Gill College

GC U13A vs Gill College U13A	lost	24 – 29	GC U11A vs Gill College U11A	won	35 – 0
GC U13B vs Gill College U13B	lost	14 – 19	GC U11B vs Gill College U11B	won	22 – 5
GC U9A vs Gill College U9A	won	45 – 0			

### Fixture: vs Sunridge Park – Saturday 6 May

Time	A Field (Sunridge)	Time	B Field (Sunridge)
08h30	GC U13B vs SP U13B	08h30	GC U11C vs SP U11C
09h30	GC U9A vs SP U9A	09h15	GC U11B vs SP U11B
10h15	GC U11A vs SP U11A	10h00	GC U13C vs SP U13C
11h00	GC U13A vs SP U13A		

The buses will leave from Grant House at 06h00.

## SQUASH

### Results: Winter League

GC1 vs WYV1	won	10 – 4	GC2 vs WYV2	won	12 – 3	GCJ vs VP	won	15 – 0
GC3 vs SAL	won	12 – 4	GC4 vs VGHS1	won	10 – 9	GC1 vs HIGH1	lost	7 – 8
GCJ vs VGHS2	won	15 – 1	GC1 vs RH Staff	won	8 – 6	GC3 vs PA3	won	9 – 8
GC4 vs SAC4	lost	8 – 10						

### Fixtures: Winter League

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday	
8 May	GCJ vs VGHS3	9 May	GC3 vs RH5	10 May	GC4 vs SAC5	11 May	GC1 vs KEN1 GC2 vs KC2
15 May	GCJ vs PA J	16 May	GC3 vs KEN3	17 May	GC4 vs KC5	18 May	GC1 vs KC1 GC2 vs WILL
22 May	GCJ vs DSGJ	23 May	GC3 vs RH4			25 May	GC1 vs PA1 GC2 vs SAC2

29 May	GCJ vs SAC6	30 May	GC3 vs WYV3	31 May	GC4 vs DSG1	1 June	GC1 vs SAC1 GC2 vs RHOD GC3 vs PAH1
5 June	GCJ vs KCJ1	6 June	GC3 vs FB1				

<b>Postponed matches:</b>	GC2 vs RH3	GC4 vs MAWAS
	GC1 vs RATS	GC2 vs PA2

### **EVENTS**

#### **GRANT HOUSE BURGER EVENING – Friday 5 May 2017**

Grant House will be hosting another Burger Evening as part of their fundraising initiative. This will be held tonight from 17h30 at the Graemian Centre. Delicious burgers and chips will be on sale for R60. The winning Grant House raffle ticket will also be drawn on this occasion, with the first prize being a one night stay at Amakhala Game Lodge (with two complimentary game drives). Tickets for this raffle will still be on sale early in the evening.

#### **GRANT HOUSE 5km “GLOW” RUN/WALK – Thursday 25 May 2017**

The Grant House fundraising team will be hosting a “Glow” Fun Run/Walk on Thursday 25 May from 17h30. Registration will start at 16h30 and the fun run will start on Graeme College’s Somerset Field. Entrance is R10 for scholars and R20 for adults. The wider Graemian community is encouraged to “put on your tekkies, head lamps, glow sticks, neon clothing ... anything to light up the night and join in!” There will be prizes for the “brightest” entrants.

### **GENERAL**

#### **WINTER UNIFORM**

Winter uniform (long grey pants and long-sleeved shirt) must be worn during Terms 2 and 3. A tie is compulsory. Grade 4 to 12 learners are reminded that rain-o-macs **are not** part of the normal school uniform and may only be worn for sporting events.

#### **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).

Yours sincerely

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HEADMASTER**