

GRAEME COLLEGE



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Graeme College's Vision Statement

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

NEWSLETTER – Friday 12 May 2017

*"Successful mothers are not the ones that have never struggled.
They are the ones that never give up, despite the struggles."* ~ Sharon Jaynes

With Mothers' Day being celebrated this weekend, I thought it would be appropriate to add something to this week's newsletter. First of all, on the lighter side:

My mother taught me TO APPRECIATE A JOB WELL DONE.

"If you're going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning."

My mother taught me RELIGION.

"You better pray that will come out of the carpet."

My mother taught me about TIME TRAVEL.

"If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week!"

My mother taught me LOGIC.

"Because I said so, that's why."

My mother taught me IRONY.

"Keep crying, and I'll give you something to cry about!"

My mother taught me about STAMINA.

"You'll sit there until all that spinach is gone."

My mother taught me about HYPOCRISY.

"If I told you once, I've told you a million times, don't exaggerate!"

My mother taught me the CIRCLE OF LIFE.

"I brought you into this world, and I can take you out.."

My mother taught me about BEHAVIOR MODIFICATION.

"Stop acting like your father!"

On the more serious side, we are often reminded about the William Ross Wallace poem, which says: "**The Hand That Rocks the Cradle Is the Hand That Rules the World**". And maybe one more, for our young Graemians to remember on Mothers' Day this weekend:

"She is woman. She is mother, daughter, wife, sister. She is a person. She is strong, smart, crafty. She is passionate, courageous, generous. cooking barefoot is only one of several superpowers. She is action, emotion, devotion. She has hope, beauty, power. She has a brain and she knows how to use it. She gives you life. She gives you respect, love gratitude. She believes in you. She will nurture you, fight for you. She deserves nothing less from you."

Have a great Mothers' Day with your family.

Gregg van Molendorff

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.

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

EXAMS

The exam timetable for the June exams will be handed to the boys next week.

CULTURAL

STEELBAND

The Steelband performed at Brookshaw Old Age Home's Fete on Saturday 6 May.

EAST LONDON EISTEDDFOD

Solo Singing

The following boys attained awards for solo singing at the Eisteddfod this week:

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|--------|---|
| Silver | Sihle Mgyinwa, Hlumelo Kulati, Junior Choir |
| Gold | Xolisa Foley, Diminished 7 th Choir, Senior Choir, Leopard's Voice Choir |

The Jazz Band and Steel Band will be performing at the Eisteddfod next week, as well as the following pianists: Tadiwa Mafuma, Dhaine Oosthuizen, Kabir Sonne and Bayanda Mthetho.

JUNIOR CHOIR OUTING TO EAST LONDON

The junior choir had a wonderful time at the Hemingways Spur and games arcade before heading to the Aquarium where they fed the seals and saw penguins and interesting sea life. The choir can be proud of their performance at the eisteddfod later that day. Thank you to Michelle Isaacs and Leslie Frost for accompanying the boys for the day. A special thank you is extended to Leslie Frost for coordinating our fun itinerary and for helping to keep the boys smart and focused.

SAC /DSG MUSIC FESTIVAL CHOIRS AFTERNOON

Foundation Phase and the Junior Choirs

These choirs will be performing at this event in the Centenary Hall at 16h30 on Tuesday 16 May 2017. Choir members must meet Mrs Glover behind the Graeme College music centre at 15.30 or at the Centenary hall at 16.15.

Dress: full winter school uniform

Senior Choir

The Senior Choir will be performing in the SAC/DSG Music Festival Choirs Evening in the Centenary hall at 19.00 on Tuesday 16 May 2017. All senior choir boys must meet Mrs Glover at Centenary Hall at 18.40. Dress full winter uniform

SPORT

GRAEMIAN SUPPORTERS

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

ERRATA: JUNIOR RUGBY RESULTS

Result: Saturday 22 April 2017 vs Gill College

GC U13B vs Gill College U13B won 35 – 0 GC U11A vs Gill College U11A lost 14 – 19

RUGGER RUGBY

There will be NO rugger rugby practise for Grade 1, 2 and 3 on Monday 15 May 2017.05.12

THANK YOU

Thank you to the following parents for kindly providing eats for the rugby fixtures that took place on 22 April and 6 May 2017: Belinda Wood, Michelle Pieterse, Vuyisela Athi, Lois Maréchal, Ellouise Muir, Sindiswa Jaca, Christeice Appollis, Ntomolo Giyose, Deaverne Oerson, Ntombozuko Kepe, Linda Nkohla, Pearl Israel, Rosanne Frans, Mrs Wakashe, Nonzuzo Manyakanyaka, Diane Amos, Natashe Agnew, Nomsa Lamani, Alouise Fritz, Pumla Anthony, Jackie Britz, Siphokazi Memani, Michelle Beyleveld, Kerry Wiblin, Christine Lottering, Suzette du Toit, Trudy Terblanche, Antoinette de Beer, Tanya Kent, Busi Stamper, Heidi Smith, Soné Nel, Sandra Amm and Teresa Annandale. We truly appreciate your assistance as well as the assistance of all the other mothers who helped in the kitchen on these days!

CONGRATULATIONS

Biathle

After participating in the EC Championships held in East London yesterday, Andrew McCallum was selected for the Eastern Cape U17 team that will take part in the Nationals in George on 1 July 2017. Fantastic News! Congratulations, Andrew!

Mountain Biking

Congratulations to Lloyd Vos who recently completed two mountain bike races. Lloyd finished third overall in the U19 age group at the Xtreme Cross Country Race held outside Port Elizabeth on 22 April and completed the 50km Nanaga Mountain Bike Race in eighth place overall in the Open age group. Well done!

Squash: Alan Stapleton Squash Tournament

Well done to Stefan Botha (U19), Dale Pote and Garwin Dampies (U16), Ethan Richardson (U14) and Yonela Sandi (U13) who competed in the Alan Stapleton Squash Tournament this past weekend. The results (per age group) were as follows: Stefan Botha finished ninth, Garwin Dampies and Dale Pote finished fifth and eighth respectively, Ethan Richardson finished third and Yonela Sandi won three of his seven matches. Ethan Richardson played very well, even in his match against the South African fifth ranked player, which he lost by only two points. Well done!

HOCKEY

Results: Friday 5 May vs St Andrew's College

GC 1st vs SAC 1st lost 0 – 6 GC 2nd vs SAC 4th lost 0 – 2
GC Beginners/Junior vs SAC U14C lost 0 – 7

Results: Wednesday 10 May vs St Andrew's College

GC 2nd vs SAC 4th drew 1 – 1

Fixture: vs Port Rex – Friday 12 May

| Time | Match | Venue | Time | Match | Venue |
|-------|----------------------|--------------|-------|----------------------|--------------|
| 14h30 | Beginner/Junior | Rhodes Astro | 15h30 | 2 nd team | Rhodes Astro |
| 16h30 | 1 st team | Rhodes Astro | | | |

SENIOR RUGBY

Result: Saturday 6 May 2017 vs St Andrew's College

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|---|------|---------|---|------|---------|
| GC 1 st XV vs SAC 1 st XV | lost | 10 – 25 | GC 2 nd XV vs SAC 2 nd XV | won | 17 – 12 |
| GC 3 rd XV vs SAC 3 rd XV | lost | 12 – 38 | GC 4 th XV vs SAC 5 th XV | lost | 0 – 25 |
| GC 5 th XV vs SAC 6 th XV | won | 17 – 0 | | | |
| GC U16A vs SAC U16A | lost | 15 – 45 | GC U16B vs SAC U16B | lost | 0 – 19 |
| GC U15A vs SAC U15A | lost | 12 – 36 | GC U15B vs SAC U15B | lost | 12 – 36 |
| GC U14A vs SAC U14A | lost | 7 – 12 | GC U14B vs SAC U14B | lost | 17 – 22 |

Fixture: vs Port Rex Technical HS – Saturday 13 May

| Time | Somerset Field | Time | Marais A | Time | Marais B |
|-------|---|-------|-----------------------|-------|-----------------------|
| 08h30 | GC U14A vs PRTHS U14A | | | | |
| 09h30 | GC U15A vs PRTHS U15A | | | | |
| 10h30 | GC U16A vs PRTHS U16A | | | | |
| 11h30 | GC 3 rd XV vs PRTHS 3 rd XV | | | | |
| 12h30 | GC 2 nd XV vs PRTHS 2 nd XV | 12h15 | GC U15B vs PRTHS U15B | 12h15 | GC U14B vs PRTHS U14B |
| 13h45 | GC 1 st XV vs PRTHS 1 st XV | | | | |

JUNIOR RUGBY

Result: Saturday 6 May 2017 vs Sunridge Primary

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|--------------------|------|---------|--------------------|------|--------|
| GC U13A vs SP U13A | lost | 17 – 18 | GC U13B vs SP U13B | won | 5 – 3 |
| GC U11A vs SP U11A | lost | 0 – 46 | GC U11B vs SP U11B | lost | 0 – 30 |
| GC U13C vs SP U13C | lost | 12 – 17 | GC U11C vs SP U11C | lost | 0 – 20 |
| GC U9A vs SP U9A | lost | 7 – 40 | | | |

Fixture: vs St Andrew's Prep – Saturday 13 May

| Time | Marais A | Time | Marais B |
|-------|---------------------|-------|---------------------|
| 08h45 | GC U11B vs SAP U11B | 08h45 | GC U9A vs SAP U9A |
| 09h30 | GC U11A vs SAP U11A | 09h30 | GC U13C vs SAP U13C |
| 10h30 | GC U13B vs SAP U13B | 10h30 | GC U11C vs SAP U11C |
| 11h15 | GC U13A vs SAP U13A | 11h15 | GC U13D vs SAP U13D |

JUNIOR TENNIS

Fixture: vs Kingswood – Tuesday 16 May

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

There will be no practices for the other groups.

Practice: Thursday 18 May

There will be practices as normal, including professional coaching.

SQUASH

Results: Winter League

| | | | | | |
|--------------|-----|--------|-------------|-----|--------|
| GCJ vs VGHS3 | won | 15 – 0 | GC1 vs KEN1 | won | 11 – 6 |
| GC2 vs KC2 | won | 11 – 3 | | | |

Fixtures: Winter League

| Monday | | Tuesday | | Wednesday | | Thursday | |
|--------|-------------|---------|-------------|-----------|-------------|----------|---|
| 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 | | | | |

Postponed matches

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|------------|--------------|-------------|------------|------------|
| GC2 vs RH3 | GC4 vs MAWAS | GC1 vs RATS | GC2 vs PA2 | GC3 vs RH5 |
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EVENTS

GRAEME/VICTORIA PRIMARY SOCIAL

The Grade 6 and 7 social date has been changed to Friday 26 May 2017 and will take place at Victoria Primary. The social was scheduled to take place next Friday, 20 May 2017.

JOHAN CARINUS ART AUCTION – Saturday 20 May 2017

The Carinus Art Centre is once again holding their very successful and entertaining Art Auction on 20 May at 18h30. The 2017 theme is “Junk Status”. This year there will be an exciting list of both new and known artists who have generously donated works to go on auction, including photographs by Obie Oberholzer, a work by Nigel Mullins, paintings by Dina Belluigi, Lucy Cobern, Lindi Lombard and Julia Mann, ceramics by Richard Pullen, Jane James, Graeme Germond, Martin Haines and Chairmaine Haines, drawing by Tori Stowe and Jonathan Griffiths, graphic prints by Peter Midlane, Kathleen Sawyer and Madelize van der Merwe, a quilted wall-hanging by Mariss Stevens, photographs by Simon Pamphilon and a pair of earrings by Mareli Els, to mention a few. The event would not be complete without the ever popular ‘Silent Auction’. It too will include a good selection of artworks by professional artists as well as by Carinus students.

The cost per ticket is R140 and they are available from Lizelle Viet on carinus@lantic.net or 046-622 4543 or from the JCAS staff members.

GRANT HOUSE 5km “BRIGHT SPARK” RUN/WALK – Thursday 25 May 2017

The Grant House fundraising team will be hosting a “Bright Spark” 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 and various other spot prizes as well.

GENERAL

GRANT HOUSE BURGER EVENING

On behalf of Grant House we thank all the boys, parents and staff who supported the Grant House Burger evening last Friday. Special thanks are given to Giles and Jennifer Gush for their sponsored raffle prize of a one night stay for two at Amakhala Woodbury Lodge. Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Banks who won this amazing prize. Grant House also thanks Owen Green for his generous donations and the Grant House staff and boarders who assisted in making the evening an enjoyable one.

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

**K WATSON
HEADMASTER**



BRIGHT SPARK 5KM
FUN RUN

ARE YOU THE 'BRIGHTEST SPARK' IN TOWN? COME SUPPORT GRANT HOUSE AND JOIN IN ON OUR FUN RUN/WALK AND LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE! COME WITH YOUR TORCHES, HEAD LAMPS, NEON CLOTHES, GLOW STICKS....

AS LONG AS IT IS BRIGHT!

WHEN:

25TH OF MAY 2017

WHERE:

**START FROM
SOMERSET FIELD**

START TIME:

17H30

(PLEASE REGISTER FROM 16H00 OUTSIDE GRAEMIAN CENTRE)

ENTRANCE FEE:

R10

CHILDREN & SCHOLARS

R20

ADULTS

**SPOT PRIZES
&**

**PRIZE FOR MOST
'LIT UP' BRIGHTEST
RUNNER/WALKER!**

**BURGERS WILL BE
FOR SALE @ R20**