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Graeme College's Vision Statement

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

NEWSLETTER – Friday 2 June 2017

"Mistakes are the proof that you are trying."

During the past two weeks, the realization dawned on me, yet again, that teaching is not easy, and it never will be. At the moment, teachers are trying to strike a balance between ensuring that all our boys have covered the required work, while also managing exam pressure, setting exam papers, marking scripts and continuing with cultural and sporting activities.

To succeed in life requires a good education, and teachers hold the key to unlocking life's possibilities, as well as the capacity to shape the minds and futures of many.

So much of what we know about the world comes from our teachers who equip us with the knowledge, skills and wisdom we need in our lives. As Benjamin Franklin said, *"An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest."*

I would like to acknowledge the Graeme College staff for the amount of time and energy they invest in the boys at our school. The Graeme College staff are an incredibly talented group of teachers who want nothing but the best for your sons. I am sure all parents and guardians appreciate everything our teachers do each and every day that makes Graeme such a *"Great Place To Grow!"*

Kevin Watson

'GLOBAL DAY OF PARENTS' CELEBRATED ON 1 JUNE 2017

This day was proclaimed to thank parents for their selfless commitment to teaching children values, rules and moral attitudes that will prepare them for a happy, fulfilling and productive life as valuable members of society. We salute parents for teaching their children values!

We all want to think that we are raising good children; that we are teaching them the behaviour and the thought processes that they need to flourish. But sometimes people working with children have a clearer perception of what they actually learn and do NOT learn.

Therese Oneill indicated in a report dated 18 June 2014, that the following answers were obtained when people who work with children, were asked: *"If you could have parents instil one value in their child before they came to you, what would it be?"*

EIGHT LESSONS PARENTS SHOULD TEACH THEIR CHILDREN

1. **Respect** is the basis of all good things: If there is basic human respect, many other good character traits follow. Respect for authority also shows obedience. Respect for others results in kindness. Respect for oneself shows self-control and self-worth. Things like teasing and bullying happen in the absence of respect. Talking back, disobedience and laziness just do not exist where there is respect. Cleanliness, self-control, determination and achieving goals and targets, are also results of respect.
2. **Manners**: Manners raise a child's social IQ and make them a reasonable, thoughtful person. Manners result in the simple act of consideration that the person you are speaking to, is (1) a person and (2) is not aware of all your thoughts and needs automatically.
3. **To lose (and win) gracefully**: Children who play games with their family and have a healthy experience with winning and losing at home, seem to be better sports in general at school. Most students just have no idea how to lose or even win gracefully. It is probably all right to let your child win every now and then, but please never do it just because he/she is being a sore loser.
4. **Show up and work**: People should tell their children that showing up on time and doing all their work, is 90 per cent of life. A bonus would be if they told them to take advantage of office hours to come and ask questions.

5. Tolerance prevents anger: Parents should teach their children tolerance of everything: Other religions, sexual orientation, personalities, race, etc. We would have many less angry people in the world if people were more tolerant and open. 'Live and let live.'
6. The ability to tell the truth, because it can stop a vicious circle: If an individual cannot be honest, he or she will steal from others, lie (to get money or get out of trouble), cheat, give themselves permission to shoplift or take from others, develop an attitude of entitlement, etc. As a young adult or teenager, the behaviour begins as stealing sweets, skipping school, lying to parents, curfew violations, attitude and drama, or continued negative peer associations. As life continues, their circumstances will become worse.
7. Use every opportunity to learn: Take advantage of every opportunity, whether it is doing your homework, talking to a person, watching a demonstration or listening to someone share their wisdom.
8. Mom and dad will not always be there to save you when you mess up: Many young people get into trouble because they come to the realization that they can do pretty much anything they want to while avoiding the consequences, because their parents are always there to defend them, protect them and get them out of trouble, regardless of how offensive the situation is.

Failure to learn responsibility at an early age, is the catalyst to poor or sometimes tragic results, whether it is teen pregnancy, addiction, the inability to secure and hold a job, poor academic achievement, or criminal conduct.

<http://theweek.com/articles/446231/11-lessons-every-good-parent-should-teach-kid>

ACADEMIC

JUNE EXAMINATIONS

Senior Academics

Good luck to the Grade 12 learners who are already writing exams, the Grade 11s who will be starting on Monday, the Grade 10s starting on Tuesday and the Grade 8s and 9s starting on Friday. Today will be the last normal academic day for the Grade 10 and 11 classes. There will be a compulsory extra mathematics clinic on Monday 5 June for ALL Grade 10 mathematics learners, as well as a compulsory History of Art lesson. The Grade 8 and 9 classes will continue with normal classes until Wednesday 7 June, when the academic day changes to start at 07h30 and end at 12h30. Please see the end of the newsletter for the information, which has also been handed to every Grade 8 - 10 learner.

Please remember the following rules with regards to the examination period:

Arrival at School: Grade 10 – 12 learners will report to school only on the days they write. They must be at the exam venue thirty minutes before the start of each exam. Grade 8 & 9 learners will report to school each day by 08h00. They will be released at 12h10.

Venues: Grades 11 & 12 – Templeton Hall Gr 10AS – Room 6 Gr 10VT – Room 40
Gr 9MBr – Room 36 Gr 9LP – Room 35 Gr 8JvM – Room 32 Gr 8MP – Room 33

Dress: Learners must ensure that they are neatly dressed in normal school uniform. The normal school uniform rules apply regarding shaving, hair, etc.

Stationery: Learners must ensure that they are in possession of the necessary stationery for each exam (pens, calculators and geographical equipment) as no borrowing is allowed.

Absences: Only a doctor's note may excuse a learner from an examination.

Junior Academics (Grades 4 – 7)

Commencement: The examinations will start on Monday 12 June and end on Thursday 22 June.

Arrival at School: The academic day will start at 07h30 and end at 12h45 during this period. On Friday 23 June, the academic day will end at 12h00.

Absences: Only a doctor's note may excuse a learner from an examination.

CULTURAL

DEBATING

Due to the upcoming examinations, the Graeme College Debating Festival has been rescheduled for Saturday 19 August.

SPORT

ERRATA – SENIOR RUGBY

Eastern Province Representatives

Congratulations to the following learners who have been selected to various Eastern Province rugby teams:

EP Country Districts Craven Week team: Sivuyisiwe Ngqiyaza, Mhlangabezi Ntwanambi and Wonga Wakashe

EP Country Districts Academy team: Cameron Amos and Matthew Robertson

Graeme College also congratulates Mr Michael Pretorius on his selection as the coach for the U16 Country Districts Invitational team.

CROSS COUNTRY

Cross Country League 1 event – Saturday 27 May 2017

Tristan Banfield participated in a League 1 Cross Country event held at the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University on Saturday 27 May. Tristan finished seventh in the U16 6km event with a time of 26:01. Well done.

SENIOR RUGBY

Results: vs Hudson Park – Saturday 27 May

GC 1 st XV vs HP 1 st XV	drew	12 – 12	GC 2 nd XV vs HP 2 nd XV	won	21 – 10
GC 3 rd XV vs HP 3 rd XV	won	44 – 5	GC 4 th XV vs HP 4 th XV	won	8 – 7
GC U16A vs HP U16A	lost	5 – 31	GC U16B vs HP U16B	won	19 – 12
GC U15A vs HP U15A	lost	7 – 27	GC U15B vs HP U15B	lost	0 – 66
GC U14A vs HP U14A	lost	17 – 32	GC U14B vs HP U14B	lost	0 – 17

Fixtures: Saturday 3 June 2017 vs Hoërskool Nico Malan

Time	Somerset	Time	Marais A	Time	Marais B
08h30	GC U14A vs HNM U14A				
09h30	GC U16B vs HNM U16B				
10h30	GC U16A vs HNM U16A				
11h45	GC 3 rd XV vs HNM 3 rd XV			12h00	GC U15B vs HNM U15B
12h55	GC 2 nd XV vs HNM 2 nd XV	13h00	GC U15A vs HNM U15A	13h00	GC U14B vs HNM U14B
14h00	GC 1 st XV vs HNM 1 st XV				

JUNIOR RUGBY

Fixtures: Saturday 3 June 2017 vs Grey Junior

Time	Marais A	Time	Marais B
08h15	GC U11C vs Grey U10C	08h15	GC U9A vs Grey U9A
09h00	GC U11B vs Grey U11D	09h00	GC U11D vs Grey U10D
09h45	GC U11A vs Grey U11B	09h45	GC U13C vs Grey U13D
10h45	GC U13B vs Grey U13C	10h45	GC U13D vs Grey U12D
11h45	GC U13A vs Grey U13A		

Fixtures: Wednesday 7 June 2017 vs Port Alfred HS

Time	Marais A	Time	Marais B
14h35	GC U11A vs PAHS U11A	14h35	GC U9A vs PAHS U9A
15h15	GC U13A vs PAHS U13A	15h15	GC U11C vs PAHS U11B

RUGGA RUGBY

The Rugga Rugby practice session on Monday 5 June has been moved to Wednesday 7 June.

SQUASH

Results: Winter League

GC1 vs PA1	won	9 – 4	GC2 vs SAC2	won	12 – 1	GCJ vs SAC6	won	10 – 9
GC3 vs. WYV3	won	14 – 4	GC2 vs RH3	won	11 – 4	GC4 vs DSG1	lost	4 – 15
GC3 vs LOW1	won	11 – 5	GC1 vs SAC 1	won	12 – 6			

Fixtures: Winter League

Monday 5 June	GCJ vs KCJ1	Tuesday 6 June	GC3 vs FB1
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JUNIOR TENNIS

Fixtures: Friday 2 June 2017 vs Kingswood Junior

14h00	GC U11A vs KC U11A	KC Courts	14h00	GC U11B vs KC U11B	GC Courts
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EVENTS

GRAEME COLLEGE STEAK EVENING – Friday 9 June 2017

Graeme College will be hosting a steak evening from 18h00 at the Graemian Centre on Friday 9 June. Tickets costs R80 and include a 250g steak, baby potatoes and salad, while boerewors rolls will be on sale for children at R15 each. Tickets are available at the Reception Office or at the Graemian Centre on the evening.

GENERAL

SECOND-HAND CLOTHING SHOP

Donations Needed

The Graeme College Second-hand Clothing Shop is in need of the following items (in good condition and irrespective of size): blazers, rain-o-macs, tracksuit tops and bottoms, pullovers and long sleeve jerseys.

Opening Times

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

Senior Exam Timetable (Gr 8 – 11): 5 June – 9 June

	Monday 5 June	Tuesday 6 June	Wednesday 7 June	Thursday 8 June	Friday 9 June
Grade 12	Afrikaans P2 (Lit) 10h00 – 12h00 isiXhosa P2 (Lit) 10h00 – 12h00 CAT P2 (Theory) 14h00 – 16h30	Accounting 09h00 – 12h00	Life Sciences 09h00 – 11h30	English P1 (Lang) 08h00 – 10h00 English P3 (Writ) 10h30 – 13h00	Visual Art P1 08h00 – 11h00 Visual Art P2 Prac 12h00 – 17h00
Grade 11	English P2 (Lit) 09h00 – 11h30	Accounting 09h00 – 12h00 Geography P1 09h00 – 12h00 Geography P2 13h00 – 14h30	Afrikaans / isiXhosa P3 (Writ.) 09h00 – 11h30 Afrikaans / isiXhosa P1 (Lang) 14h00 – 16h00	Mathematics P1 08h00 – 11h00 Maths Lit P1 08h00 – 09h30	Visual Art P1 08h00 – 11h00 Visual Art P2 Prac 12h00 – 17h00
Grade 10		English P3 (Writ.) 08h00 – 10h30 Life Orientation 11h00 – 13h00	Physical Science 08h00 – 11h00 Business Studies 08h00 – 10h00	Afrik/Xho P1 (Lang) 08h00 – 10h00 Afrik/Xho P3 (Writ) 10h30 – 13h00	Visual Art P1 08h00 – 10h00
Grade 9					Afrikaans P1 (Writ) /isiXhosa P1 (Writ) 10h00 – 12h00
Grade 8					Mathematics 10h00 – 12h00

Special arrangements for next week (Grades 8,9 and 10)

Monday 5 June : Grade 10 Timetable 08h00 – 10h00 Mathematics 10h00 – 10h30 Break
10h30 – 12h30 Mathematics 13h00 – 14h00 History of Art

		9LP	9MBr	8MP	8JVM
Wednesday 7 June	07h45 – 08h45	Mathematics	Art	Mathematics	English
	08h45 – 09h45		Natural Sciences		
	10h30 – 12h30	English	Mathematics	English	Mathematics
Thursday 8 June	07h45 – 08h45	Mathematics	Mathematics	English	Mathematics
	08h45 – 09h45	Natural Sciences	English	Mathematics	English
	10h30 – 12h30	Art			