



Graeme College

To strive for excellence by developing all to their full potential

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

18 January 2019

“One kind word can warm three winter months.” ~ Chinese Proverb

In one of our staff meetings at the start of the year, the staff questioned mobile devices in the Senior School, and learners carrying them around between classes. This has generated more thought behind our mobile device policy at Graeme College. On one hand we clearly have to recognise the millennial generation and this massive impact of evolving technology on everyday life. Almost everything these days is done on a mobile device, which means Graeme College needs to make sure this is included in our education in order to assist the development of our learners in preparing them for a world that is dominated by this kind of technology.

On the other hand, we are also reminded to educate our learners about the etiquette linked to these devices. I find myself on the very fringe between the millennials, generation Y/ Z and the generation X. They are apparently now calling my generation the Xennials because of our combination of characteristics of other generations.

According to the Good Magazine: “Xennials generally didn't get cellphones until their 20s. As kids, they used pay phones and called landlines — meaning they often had to talk to the friends' parents first. But some millennials were given cellphones as kids or teens. Overall, xennials' parents were more relaxed than millennials' helicopter parents. One writer characterised the helicopter-parenting style as “achievement-obsessed, upper-middle-class parents...”

We also then need to assist our parent body and community with regards to helping to educate our learners about the dangers of technology and social media. Author and 'leadership guru' Simon Sinek says the following on the topic:

“We have age restrictions on smoking, drinking and gambling but we have no age restrictions on social media and cell phones. Which is the equivalent of opening up the liquor cabinet and saying to our teenagers “hey by the way, if this adolescence thing gets you down - help yourself. An entire generation now has access to an addictive,



numbing chemical called dopamine... Why is this important? Almost every alcoholic discovered alcohol when they were teenagers... Some people, quite by accident, discover alcohol, the numbing effects of dopamine, to help them cope with the stresses and anxieties of adolescence. Unfortunately that becomes hard-wired in their brains and for the rest of their lives, when they suffer significant stress, they will not turn to a person, they will turn to the bottle. Social stress, financial stress, career stress, that's pretty much the primary reasons why an alcoholic drinks.

Parents have to stop giving children phones and access to social media at young ages. They are simply not ready for it! Their minds cannot cope with the dopamine that is released when they use social media. Children are not ready to deal with this exposure to addiction, parents need to play their role, teach and insist on balance. If you give your child a phone, then create balance by ensuring they do not use it during dinner, do not take it into the bedroom, turn it off at a particular time every day etc. It is your job as a parent to create rules and take the phone away from the children, they are children and yes you can take the phone away from them. (He clearly wants to remind parents – you can take the phone away from children).

Parents simply have to intervene, when they don't these children become addicted and end up in offices with digital addiction which affects even the quality of their work.”

Some interesting food for thought, and hopefully useful information for our parent body to consider. Likewise, our staff are also trying to find the balance in the education of our learners.

Mr Gregg van Molendorff
Deputy Headmaster

IMPORTANT NOTICES

MONITORS AND RCL INDUCTION 2019

The induction of the 2019 Monitors and RCL will take place in the School Hall at 12h30 on Friday 18 January 2019.

ADMISSIONS FOR 2020

Please note that the closing date for the submission of 2020 applications is **Tuesday 30 April 2019**.

FINANCE

Initial payment of school fees

Please note that, according to the Fees and Other Charges agreed to by parents at the SGB meeting held in October 2018 all parents were requested to have brought their 2018 accounts up to date by the end of 2018. The initial payment of R2000 (two thousand rand) for 2019 was to be made on or before the first day of school (existing parents) or when the learner was accepted (new parents).

Full, up-front settlement of 2019 School Fees before 28 February 2019 will entitle parents to a 5% discount. Monthly fee payments (for school, boarding or aftercare) are to be submitted to the Bursar per written request in January of each academic year. The monthly payments must be made in ten [10] equal monthly instalments from 1 February to 1 November.

ACADEMIC NEWS

GRADE MEETINGS

A series of compulsory grade meetings will be held over the next two weeks. Boys should have brought home letters to this effect. All these meetings will be held in the school hall and will commence at 17h30. More specific details are as follows:

Grade 8 and 9 meeting	Tuesday 22 January
Grade 10 and 11 meeting	Thursday 24 January
Grade 12 meeting	Monday 28 January (the letter incorrectly stated Thursday 28 January; apologies for this error)

Parents are encouraged to attend these meetings with their sons as valuable information will be disseminated.

ASSESSMENT PROGRAMME

The assessment calendar for the term has been distributed to boys in Grades 8 - 12. Copies have been emailed to parents. Hard copies will be available at the various Grade meetings.

EXAMINATIONS

All Grade 8 - 12 boys will write their Paper 3 language examinations this term. These will count towards the June examinations marks and are compulsory. Boys are expected to attend. The dates are as follows:

Wednesday 13 March - English Home Language Creative Writing Exam

Thursday 14 March - Afrikaans/isiXhosa First Additional Language Creative Writing Exam

CULTURAL NEWS

MUSIC

Practise times

Practise times are as follows:

Gr 7 Marimba	Mondays 14.00 - 15.00
Gr 6 Marimba	Fridays 14.00 - 15.00
Leopards Voice	Wednesdays 13.30 - 14.30 and Thursdays 13.30- 14.15
Senior Choir (gr 7 - 12)	Thursdays 14.15 - 15.00 (the Tuesday rehearsal remains 14.00 - 15.00)

Jazz Bands

There are two Jazz Bands this year:

JAZZ BAND 1

Miracle Mqgwashu, Mihle Tembani, Duran Jass, Matthew Kirk, Devon Visagie, Giovanni Daniels, Xolisa Foley and Nzululwazi Nzwana.

The practise times for Band 1 are as follows: Monday 14.00-15.15
Wednesday 15.00-16.00
Friday 14.00-15.00 (from 25 January 2019)

JAZZ BAND 2

Mihle Tembani, Tatenda Chinganga, Junaid Douglas, Joshua Pamphilon, Lufezo Bodla, Junavian Hughes, Dale Pote, Braam du Toit and Ross Bovey.

The practise times for Band 2 are as follows: Tuesday 15.00-16.00
Thursday 15.00-16.00
Friday 15.00-16.00 (from 25 January 2019)

Cricket

SENIOR CRICKET

Results vs Grahamstown Schools' Festival

vs Hellenic Hellenic 103 all out (Mihlali Kobese 2/6; Aaron Richardson 4/37)
Graeme 105/ 2 (Aaron Richardson 52 not out)

vs Somerset Graeme 79 all out
Somerset 80/ 5
Graeme lost by 5 wickets

vs Cambridge Graeme 244/6 declared (Mornay Kohl 76; Garwin Dampies 64)
Cambridge 26 all out. (Siphesihle Madlongolwana 7/7; Lakhanya Sam 3/15)
Graeme won by 218 runs

Results vs Muir College on Saturday 12 January 2019

U14a Graeme 93 all out (Onosizo Ntinga 31)
Muir 48 all out (Licebo Ngwentle 3/3; Someleze Gysman 3/17; Ethan Beyleveld 3/15)
Graeme won by 45 runs

U15A Muir 108 all out (Viwe Gana 3/35; Sibuvile Dambuza 3/6)
Graeme 109/ 0 (Liselihle Maphekula 79; Siyawandisa Nongubo 14)
Graeme won by 10 wickets

2nd XI Graeme 269 for 9 (Cody Schmidt 78; David Tyson 65; Ryan Bush 53)
Muir 123 all out (Aswyn Classen 3/23; Simon Cowley 3/22; Asemahle Mbanga 3/35)
Graeme won by 136 runs

1st XI Muir 79 all out (Lakhanya Sam 2/7 in 6 overs; Raven Bush 2/5;
Romario Fritz 2/16; Garwin Dampies 2/13)
Graeme 83/ 2 (Garwin Dampies 24 not out; Romario Fritz 17 not out)
Graeme won by 8 wickets

Fixture vs Pearson High School : Saturday 19 January 2019

U15A and 1st XI play at Pearson High School in Port Elizabeth (50 overs). Players are to be at Grant House at 06h20. The bus leaves from Grant House at 06h30.

U14A and 2nd XI play on Somerset Field at 09h00. Players are to be at the field by 08h00.

JUNIOR CRICKET

Fixture : Saturday 19 January 2019 vs Grey Junior School

U11B and U13B Play on Marais Field at 09h00. Players are to be at the field by 08h15.

U11A and U13A travel to Port Elizabeth. Players are to be at Grant House by 06h30. Boys travelling privately are to please be at Grey by 08h15 (matches start at 09h00).

Squash

JUNIOR SQUASH

Squash trials for all junior squash players take place between 15h00 and 17h00 on Tuesday 22 January 2019. Boys must please ensure that they complete all their other sport commitments before attending the squash trials.

Tennis

SENIOR TENNIS

Sunday 20 January 2019: Settlers' Cup Tournament

On Sunday the top eight senior tennis players will play three matches in the 2019 Settlers' Cup tournament hosted by St Andrew's College this year. Fixtures and times are as follows:

08h00 GC vs Union High School at Grahamstown Tennis Club
10h15 GC vs St Andrew's College at Fairlawn
12h30 GC vs Kingswood College at Grahamstown Tennis Club

Water Polo

Fixture vs St Andrew's: Saturday 19 January 2019

09h00 Graeme College 1st Team vs St Andrew's 4th Team

10h00 Graeme College 1st Team vs St Andrew's 3rd Team Both matches are at St Andrew's

GENERAL NEWS

TRAFFIC CONTROL

For easy movement of traffic, please adhere to the following:

- Only Foundation Phase boys (Grade 1, 2 & 3) may be dropped or collected from the front of the school. This must take place at the “circle” and not in front of the main entrance to the school building.
- Between the times of 07h15 and 07h45, please use the main school gate as an entry ONLY and please exit via the Grant House (boarding establishment) gate i.e. one way.
- Boys in Grades 4 to 12 must be dropped off and collected at the Graemian Centre car park or at the Selborne or swimming pool gates i.e. at the back of the school.

Please adhere to a speed limit of **20km/hour** on the school roads and be a responsible road user.

2018 SCHOOL MAGAZINE

The 2018 School Magazine will be available by 1 March 2019.

MYSCHOOL MYVILLAGE MYPLANET

We wish to encourage more parents to join the MySchool programme. In the past parents have had to fetch and complete and return a form to enable them to get their blue MySchool cards, but it has just become so much easier! Parents, and grandparents, aunts and uncles may now download the MySchool app on their smartphones to join. Just remember to use your card at the local partners – Foto First, Wallace Pharmacy, Engen, Café Delizzia and, of course, Woolworths. Did you remember that Loot is a national partner, as is Flight Centre (it's never too early to book for your winter holiday away).

SECOND-HAND CLOTHING SHOP

The Second-hand Clothing Shop is open on the following days and times (except Public and School Holidays):

Monday: 13h00 – 14h00

Wednesday: 13h00 – 14h00

All enquiries with regards to the Shop will be dealt with by Mrs Siebritz (046-622 7227).

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