



Graeme College

To strive for excellence by developing all to their full potential

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

1 March 2019



“Walking with a friend in the dark is better than walking alone in the light.” ~ Helen Keller

We do not need to watch the news or read the newspapers to realise the enormous challenges Grahamstown is currently facing. It is so easy for us to fall into a trap of despair and hopelessness, or even anger. Life is what you make of it. As Forest Gump once said, “Mama always said life was like a box of chocolates. You never know what you’re gonna get”.

Martin Seligman, founder of Positive Psychology, found that when animals are subjected to difficult situations they cannot control, they stop trying to escape and they then become passive. Humans, unfortunately, are in some way similar. Unfortunately, hopeless thoughts shape your perceptions and amplify your down mood. These negative thoughts pivot on your expectations and often lead to a feeling of desperateness. Fortunately, one’s expectations are changeable and, by altering one’s expectations and opportunities, it is possible to lift your mood and attitude.

One of the ways to alter one’s expectations and opportunities is by injecting more optimism and gratitude into one’s life. Gratitude doesn’t come naturally to us. It is often so much easier to have a moan, complain, and think about all the areas in our lives where we’re experiencing pain or hardship.

Performing acts of kindness can have a dramatic effect on your mood and outlook. Kindness triggers the release of serotonin (sometimes called the happy chemical) and the release of this chemical contributes to the wellbeing and happiness of a person.

Once we realise that joy and happiness are a choice, independent of our external circumstances, the revolution that starts within our own hearts quickly expands to our families and communities. When “impossible” morphs into “possible,” there is no limit to what joy and optimism can be achieved.

Have a fantastic weekend.

Kevin Watson
Headmaster

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 equal monthly instalments from 1 February 2019 to 1 November 2019.

Payments directly into the school bank account

Please note that many parents have made payments into the school bank account but the school has no idea which account these payments are for. Kindly note that **every** deposit reference must reflect **your son's initial and surname**, and not your son's grade or just “school fees”. Parents who have deposited money without reflecting the correct reference are requested to make urgent contact with the school bursar so that allocation can be effected to the correct school fee account.

School audit

Please be advised that the school's auditors have sent letters out to all parents with regard to checking their school fee accounts. Should parents have any queries on their school fee accounts, please contact Mrs Bradfield at a.bradfield@graemecollege.co.za

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Saturday 2 March

Rugby

Andrew Rabie Rugby Festival

Senior Cricket

vs Old Boys

Junior Cricket

vs Kingswood

28 February – 3 March

Founders' weekend

Monday 4 March

Junior Cricket

vs Grahamstown Primary

Senior Tennis

vs Kingswood

Tuesday 5 March

Junior Cricket

U11C vs Bedford Country School

U13C vs Shaw Park Primary

Junior Tennis

vs Kingswood Junior

6 and 7 March

Junior Cricket

vs St Andrew's Primary

Tuesday 12 March

Pick n Pay Pink Walk for Cancer

Wednesday 17 April

Eastern Cape English Festival

Deadline for payment for Grade 11s

interested in the Eastern Cape

English Festival for Grade 11s

Tuesday 30 April

Closing date for the submission of 2020 applications

Tuesday 30 April

Father and son's Camp

ACADEMIC NEWS

Examinations

All Grade 8 - 12 boys will write their Paper 3 language examinations this term. These will count towards the marks in June. Examinations are compulsory and 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

Eastern Cape English Festival for Grade 11s

The Eastern Cape English Festival for Grade 11s will take place at the Settlers' Monument on 8 and 9 May 2019. The cost of this festival is R380 and this money must be paid to Miss Stamper by 17 April 2019. Included in this fee is a most worthwhile and life-changing opportunity. 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 are meal packs for the two days. This is an educational opportunity that is not to be missed. Further queries can be directed to Miss Kenyon.

CULTURAL NEWS

PROGRAMMING CLUB

There will be NO programming club during the week of 4 to 8 March 2019. Please be reminded to email Mrs Lobb at a.lobb@graemecollege.co.za should parents want to join the programming Whatsapp group.

MUSIC

Masicule Performance

Well done to the senior choir for their performance in this fabulous show; a wonderful opportunity to perform on the same stage with one of South Africa's greatest vocalists, Vusi Mahlasela. Special congratulations to Bayanda Mthetho who was the official accompanist for the entire show, and did an excellent job. Congratulations too to Nzulu Nzwana who conducted the over 200-strong collaboration choirs of Kwantu, Graeme, Nyaluza and Mary Waters.

Private Music Tuition

There are teachers providing music lessons in a private capacity at Graeme College on the following instruments: drums, guitar and piano. Should your son be interested, please contact Mrs Glover on 082 576 7227.

DEBATING

On Saturday 23 February 2019 the Graeme College junior debaters travelled to East London to take part in the Hudson Park Junior Debating Festival. Our boys were privileged enough to interact with, and debate against, many other schools in the Eastern Cape. Despite only winning two out of six debates, the boys had a wonderful experience and were able to learn a lot from their peers at other schools. Braam du Toit deserves a special mention for being awarded the Best Speaker award for his debate. Enormous appreciation is extended to the senior Graeme College debaters, Matthew Kirk, Indiphile Ralo and Lukho Gayi, who gave up their Saturday to act as adjudicators.





The Grade 6 and 7 Marimba groups said goodbye to Mrs Glover with a surprise concert yesterday.

SPORTING NEWS

ATHLETICS

Sixteen of our athletes were selected to compete at the Sarah Baartman District athletics' meeting on Friday 22 February 2019. Some noteworthy results are as follows:

Licebo Ngwentle	Gold	U14	400m
	Silver	U14	800m
Likhona Mhono	Silver	U14	200m
Siphosethu Mancam	Silver	U14	Long jump
Johan Swart	Silver	U15	Discus
Lelona Xhaso	Bronze	U17	Triple jump
Liyema Mafani	Bronze	U19	100m

Congratulations to all these athletes! Licebo Ngwentle and Likhona Mhono are commended for being selected to compete at the Provincial Championships to be held at the Nelson Mandela University Athletics Stadium in Port Elizabeth from Thursday 7 to Saturday 9 March 2019.

CRICKET

Senior Cricket

Results vs Hudson Park – Friday 22 February 2019

1st XV [T20]	Hudson 128/6 after 20 overs (Cody Schmidt 30, Riaan Labuschagne 22, Mornay Kohl 23) Graeme 127 all out (Lakhanya Sam 3/23, Siphesihle Madlongolwana 2/12) <i>Graeme lost by 1 run</i>
2nd XI	Graeme 80 all out (Fabio Rischbieter 27) Hudson 80/1 <i>Graeme lost by 9 wickets</i>
U15A	Hudson 80 all out (Viwe Gana 4/25, Conor Pieterse 4/19) Graeme 83/7 (Yonela Sandi 21, Siya Nongubo 24) <i>Graeme won by 3 wickets</i>
GC U14a	Graeme 192 all out (Ethan Beyleveld 63, Onosizo Ntinga 36) Hudson 162 all out (Nathan Gabriel 8/42) <i>Graeme won by 30 runs</i>

Results vs Hudson Park – Saturday 23 February 2019

1st XI	Hudson 166 all out (Aaron Richardson 3/25, Lakhanya Sam 2/22, Riaan Labuschagne 2/16, Raven Bush 2/18) Graeme 168/7 (Garwin Dampies 67 not out, Lakhanya Sam 24)
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Fixture vs Old Boys - Saturday 2 March 2019

The 1st XI and 2nd XI teams play against the Old Boys. The first team will play on Somerset Field and the second team will play on the Marais Field. Matches start at 09h30.

Junior Cricket

Results vs Oatlands: Wednesday 20 February

U9A (20 overs)	Graeme 171/1 (James Muir 28 retired, Joshwin Burger 28 retired, Connor Holder 27 retired) Oatlands 60 all out (Gino O'Brien 2/2) <i>Graeme won by 101 runs</i>
U11C	Oatlands 102/6 (Callum de Vos 2/8, Schalk Pieterse 2/6) Graeme 42 all out <i>Graeme lost by 60 runs</i>
U13C	Oatlands 71 all out (Ndalo Masakane 3/5, Damian Sias 2/9) Graeme 72/3 (Damian Sias 19) <i>Graeme won by 7 wickets</i>

Results U13A Cricket Festival, Kingswood College: 22 to 24 February 2019

Graeme vs Cordwalles

Cordwalles 190 all out (Murray Tyson 4/46, Ajay Jeggels 3/36)

Graeme College 105 (Lihle Mabusela 23, Murray Tyson 20)

Graeme lost by 85 runs

Graeme vs Clifton

Graeme 267 (Ashton Williams 60 not out, Murray Tyson 48)

Clifton 241 all out (Murray Tyson 3/45, Luphelo Mdyesha 2/25)

Graeme won by 26 runs

Graeme vs The Ridge

The Ridge (Murray Tyson 3/18, Luphelo Mdyesha 2/15)

Graeme 110/7 (Murray Tyson 54 not out)

Graeme lost by 19 runs

Results vs Clarendon Primary: Saturday 23 February 2019

U13B Graeme 94 all out (Cullen Goliath 24)

Clarendon 95/5 (Cullen Goliath 3/41)

Graeme lost by 5 wickets

U11A Clarendon 93 all out (Enrique Strydom 4/17, Erin Stevens 3/15, Andrew Muir Bowled 8 overs and conceded zero runs)

Graeme 97/1 (Rhys Wiblin 40 not out, Chris Zimmerman 37 not out)

Graeme won by 9 wickets

U11B vs Clarendon U10A

Graeme 79 all out (Kits McConnachie 42)

Clarendon 82/3

Graeme lost by 7 wickets

U9A Graeme 111 all out (James Muir 30, Connor Holder 28)

Clarendon 112/3

Graeme lost by 7 wickets

Fixtures vs Kingswood College: Saturday 2 March 2019

The U9A, U11A and U13A teams play on the Junor Fields while the U11B and U13B play on the Dold Fields at Kingswood College. All matches start at 09h00 and players are to be at the fields by 08h15.

Postponement of Matches vs Grahamstown Primary

The 11C and 13C matches have been postponed to Monday 4 March 2019. These matches will be played on the Junor fields at Graeme College and the matches start at 14h15.

Fixtures: Tuesday 5 March 2019

The U11Cs will play the U11A team of BEDFORD COUNTRY SCHOOL on Junor B at 14h15 11a on Tuesday 5 March 2019.

The U13C's will play the U13A team of Shaw Park Primary on Junor A at 14h15 on Tuesday 5 March 2019.

Fixtures vs St Andrew's Prep: 6 and 7 March 2019

All boys playing against St Andrew's Prep on the following days must attend school in their cricket kit and must leave school at 12h20:

6 March 2019

The U11A and U13A teams will play on Junor fields while the U11B, U13B and U13C teams will play at St Andrew's Prep. More details will follow.

7 March 2019

The U9A team plays St Andrew's Prep at 13h30 on Junor C field on Thursday 7 March 2019.

RUGBY

The list of rugby fixtures (senior and junior) can be found at the end of this Newsletter.

Andrew Rabie Rugby Festival: Saturday 2 March 2019

The following teams play in the above festival in Port Elizabeth:

13h00 U14A vs Framesby B Field

15h00 U15A vs Andrew Rabie B Field

16h00 U16A vs Andrew Rabie A Field

Players are only permitted to use Graeme College kit bags and must travel in FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM. The buses leave Grant House at 09h30 and travel arrangements are as follows:

Bus	Driver	Passengers
No. 4 (VW)	Mr N. van der Meulen (and Mr J. van der Meulen)	U14A x 20 players
No. 3 (VW)	Mr Mandla Ralo (and Mr B. Renni)	U15A x 2 players
No. 1 (Quantum)	Mr M. Pretorius	U16A x 19 players
Private transport	Craig Terblanche	U15A x 3 players
		U15A x 15 players

SWIMMING

Interhouse gala

The interhouse gala prize giving will take place in assembly on Monday 4 March 2019 at 13h30.

The official results will appear in the newsletter next week.



TENNIS

Senior Tennis

Results: Knowling Shield

Unfortunately the top eight lost 2 – 3 (in matches) to a very good St Andrew's College side.

Well done to Tiaan Labuschagne and Tristan Pullen for winning their match 2 – 1 after losing 0 – 6 in the first set and 0 – 4 in the second set! Once again, David Tyson and Tinashe Gomo did Graeme College proud with their high standard of play.

Results vs St Andrew's College: Friday 15 February 2019

An U14/U15 played a doubles match against St Andrew's College on Friday, and won the encounter 3 – 2.

Results vs Hoërskool Marlow: Monday 18 February 2019

Graeme College 1st team lost the singles 6-2 and the doubles 3-1.

Well done to Tinashe Gomo and David Tyson on winning both their singles' and doubles' matches.

The Graeme College U15 team lost the singles 6-2 and the doubles 4-0.

Well done to Ethan Beyleveld and Khaalid Ackerdien on winning their singles' matches.

Results vs Port Alfred High School: Monday, 18 February 2019

Graeme College 2nd team vs Port Alfred High 1st team won the singles 51-39 and the doubles 24-16.

Overall the Graemians won 75-55 in games.

Results vs Pearson High School: Wednesday 20 February 2019

Graeme College 1st team played Pearson High School and lost 4 – 11 in matches (4-1 in doubles and 7-3 in singles).

Fixture: Monday 4 March 2019

The top eight Open players play Kingswood College at Kingswood at 15h30.

The top eight U15 players play Kingswood College at Graeme College at 15h30.

Junior Tennis

Fixture vs Kingswood Junior: Friday 1 March 2019

The U11A team is playing a match against Kingswood Junior on the Wyvern courts at 14h00 this afternoon.

Fixture vs Kingswood Junior: Tuesday 5 March 2019

The U13A and B teams play Kingswood Junior at 14h00.

The A team plays at Graeme and the B team plays at Kingswood.

There will be NO tennis for Mrs Hobson's and Mrs Greyling's groups.

Thursday 7 March 2019

There will be normal tennis and professional coaching for all groups.

Grey Tennis Festival

The Top Seven U13 boys travel to Port Elizabeth after school on Thursday 7 March 2019 to participate in the Grey Tennis Festival where they will play matches on Friday, Saturday and Sunday (morning). The participating teams are Bishops and Rondebosch from Cape Town; Grey and Merrifield from PE and Selborne from East London. The following boys make up the Top Seven U13 Graeme College team: Murray Tyson, Rhys Wiblin, Tyenu-Josh Cannon, Cameron Doyle, Joey Matsoso, Andrew Muir and Jesse McConnachie. We wish them all the best as they fly the Graeme flag.

Albany Tennis

Albany tennis match vs Midlands

This match will take place on Wednesday 13 March 2019. Venues and times are still to be confirmed.

GENERAL NEWS

Founders' Weekend

Welcome to all Old Graemians that have come to the School for the annual celebrations! We wish you an amazing weekend of catching up with old friends, rekindling the camaraderie and a good few days of fun!

Herewith the programme for the annual Founders' Weekend:

Friday, 1 March	08h30	Assembly	School Hall
	09h15	Music concert	School Hall
	11h00	Tea	Graemian Centre
	12h00	Founders' Day memorial service	Somerset Field
	13h15	Old Graemian Union AGM	Graemian Centre
	13h30	Burgers for sale	Graemian Centre
	14h00	Tennis /Squash vs Old Boys	Graeme College Courts
Saturday, 2 March	19h00	Headmaster's cocktail function	Graemian Centre
	09h30	1st XI & 2nd XI Cricket vs Old Boys	Somerset & Marais Fields
	11h00	Tour of the Old School	by arrangement
	11h15	Tea	Graemian Centre
	12h00	Tour of New School	
	12h30	Lunch for Old Boys, cricket supporters and friends of the school	Graemian Centre
	15h30	Tea	Graemian Centre
	19h00	Old Graemian steak evening (with VG Old Girls)	Graemian Centre

Pick 'n Pay Pink Walk for Cancer

Date: Tuesday 12 March 2019

Where: Walk from VGHS to Graeme College, and back

Cost: R90 (R20 entry fee and R70 for a pink t-shirt)

All funds raised will be donated to CANSA. Please pay money to Ms Stamper. T-shirts will arrive after the final order has been placed. Anyone is welcome (adults and scholars) and dogs **on leashes** are also allowed.

Father and sons' camp night 2019

The annual Father and Sons' camp night is scheduled to take place on Tuesday 30 April 2019. For further information, please email Mr Tjokkie Bodenstein at j.bodenstein@graemecollege.co.za.

More details to follow soon.

Traffic control

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

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.

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).

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).

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GRAEME COLLEGE RUGBY FIXTURES 2019

2018	DATE	DAY	SENIOR FIXTURES	JUNIOR FIXTURES
March	2	Saturday	Founders Cricket (1 st and 2 nd)	Cricket
	2	Saturday	Andrew Rabie Rugby Festival (U14, U15 and U16)	
	9	Saturday	Despatch Rugby Festival (1 st , U16, U15, U14)	
	15	Friday	END OF TERM 1	
	16	Saturday	GRAEME COLLEGE RUGBY DAY -	
	21	Thursday	GREY RUGBY FESTIVAL vs St Albans (1 st , U16, U15, U14)	
	23	Saturday	1 st vs Marlow; U16, U15, U14 vs Parktown	
April	2	Tuesday	START OF TERM 2	
	6	Saturday	KINGSWOOD RUGBY FESTIVAL (05 – 10 April 2019) vs Clifton School, Durban	
	6	Saturday	Gill College (H)	Gill College (A)
	8	Monday	St George's	KINGSWOOD RUGBY FESTIVAL
	9	Tuesday	Kearsney College (U16, 2 nd)	
	10	Wednesday	Hilton College	KINGSWOOD RUGBY FESTIVAL
	13	Saturday	Cambridge (A)	Port Alfred (H)
	18	Thursday	EASTER WEEKEND	
	18	Thursday	1 st vs Windhoek 12h40	
	20	Saturday	1 st vs St Charles 09h25	
	22	Monday	FESTIVAL 1 st vs St David's 10h50	
	27	Saturday	FREEDOM DAY	
May	1	Wednesday	WORKERS' DAY	
	4	Saturday	Local Matches	Oatlands, St Mary's, Ntaba Maria (H)
	11	Saturday	St Andrew's College (H)	St Andrew's
	18	Saturday	Meyer Sauerman (vs Grey [A])	Lorraine Primary (H)
	22	Wednesday	Grey (1 st , U16) (A)	
	25	Saturday	Queens (H)	Grey (H)
June	1	Saturday	Southern Coastal Tournament	Westering (H)
	8	Saturday	UHS (A)	UHS (A)
	14	Friday	END OF TERM 2	
July	9	Monday	START OF TERM 3	
	13	Saturday	Pearson High School (H)	Summerwood (H)
	20	Saturday	Port Rex (H)	Herbert Hurd (H)
	27	Saturday	Kingswood (A)	Kingswood (A)
August	3	Saturday	Muir College (H)	Muir College (H)
	10	Saturday	Nico Malan (H)	