

Grade 4, 5 and 6
Information Session
30 January 2019



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WELCOME

- to all parents,
particularly those
new parents!





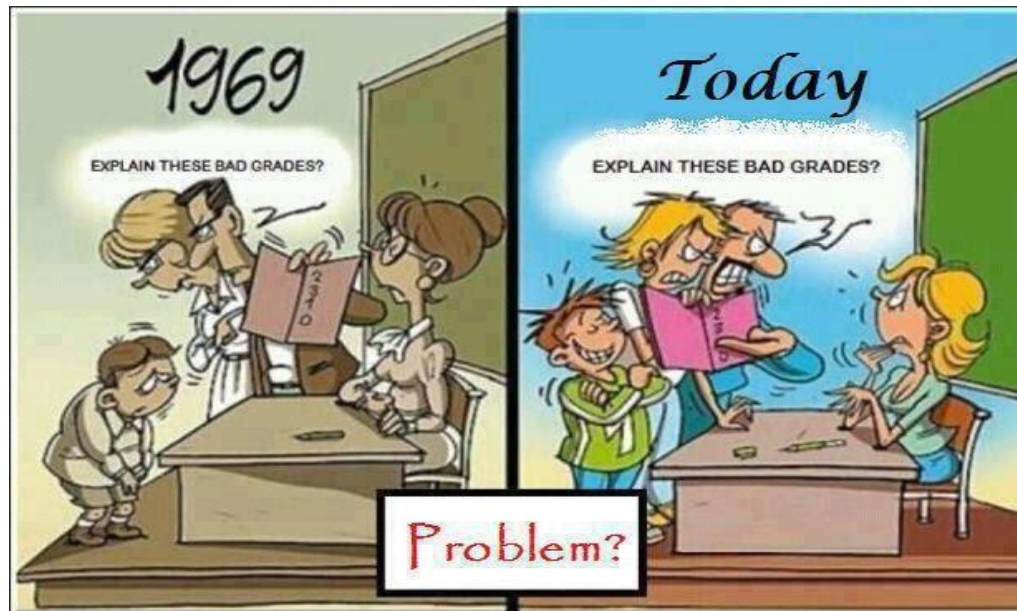
Introduction of staff

- Mrs Mariska Greyling (Grade 4)
- Mrs Candice van der Meulen (Grade 4)
- Mrs Sheryl Luden (Grade 5)
- Mr Tjokkie Bodenstein (Grade 5)
- Mr Alwyn Riddin (Grade 6)
- Mr Dylan Schneigansz (Grade 6)

Purpose of meeting



To ensure positive parent-teacher relationships which contribute to your child's school success.



GOALS FOR 2019

Virtute Et Opera – Courage and Toil

- To have the courage to work as a community
 - Toil = Hard work



SYLLABUS AND ASSESSMENT



- Graeme College follows the CAPS policy document both in terms of content and assessment.
- This shapes the school day:
 - * 10-day cycle
 - * 6 periods per day
 - * Beginning of school day: 07h30

Assessment continued...



- Teachers follow the CAPS documents which gives order to content covered.
- Specific tasks are set, either to form part of the SBA (Subject Based Assessment / Year Mark) or the final examination.
- The minimum number of these tasks is fixed, as is weighting .
- The SBA is roughly 75 % of the final mark.
- The November examination is 25 % of the final mark.

Academic expectations



- Mission Statement:

*“To strive to develop
all to their full potential”*

- Asking pertinent questions
- Visiting the library
- Doing homework properly

*Please encourage your child to
READ!*

Pass requirements



- It is compulsory to pass your Home Language (English) with at least 50%. If you do not get at least 50% for your Home Language, you will fail the grade.
- In addition:
- A minimum of 40% for both Mathematics and the First Additional Language (Afrikaans).
- A minimum of 3 subjects above 40%.

Channels for dealing with academic issues



Parents often stress about their son's academic performance. Teachers are often approached in the shops or the headmaster is phoned. To try and aid parents the following steps need to be adhered to:

- Contact the class teacher.
- Only in the most extreme cases will the Headmaster be involved.
- Phone the school when your son is absent.

Dress code



- A smart uniform signals a parent's pride and reinforces the school's standard.
- Blazers must be worn on Mondays and Fridays.
- Winter and Summer uniform.
- Rain-o-macs to be worn if it is raining.

Discipline



Discipline is the system of rules, and behavioural strategies appropriate to the regulation of learners and the maintenance of order in schools. Security cameras are installed in passages.

Graeme College is Governed by the School's Act and our School Code of conduct is aligned with the Act.

- Warning.
- Two warnings = detention Fri 2pm -3pm.
- If detention fails to have the desired effect.
- Weekly/Daily report.
- Interview with parents.



Positive Reinforcement

- Notches
- Assembly announcements
- Notch King
- Leopard certificates
- Annual Prize Giving

Sport and cultural activities



Sport and Culture are microcosms of life and it essential that your child participates in one winter and one summer activity.

Graeme offers a wide variety of sporting and cultural activities.

Fixtures and Events

Most if not all fixtures and events have been finalised so we are appealing to all parents to take note of these dates so that we are not faced with boys missing matches. Use the Graeme College Google public calendar.

General



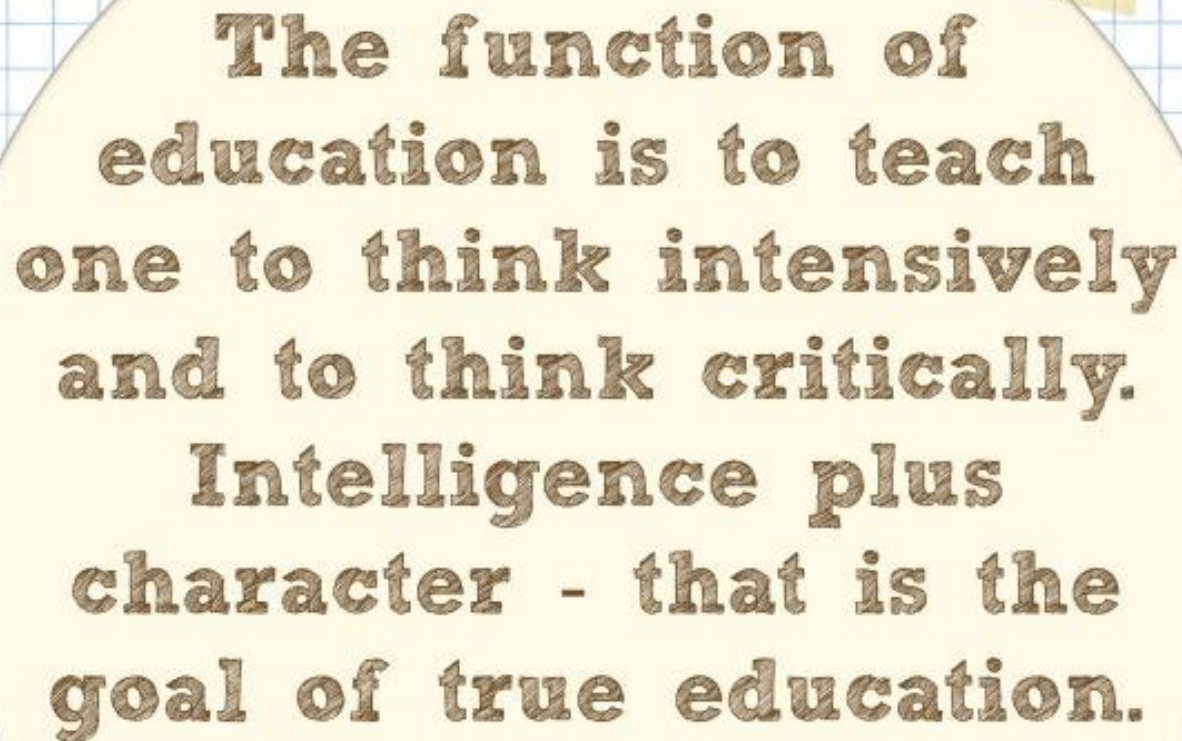
Communication:

- **Weekly newsletters**
- **SMSWEB System**
- **Emails**
- **Telephone / Cell phone**
- **Grade meetings**
- **Report feedback meetings**
- **Social media**

In Conclusion...

- Thank you for attending this information sharing evening. It is wonderful to have a platform to meet with the parents of the boys who are entrusted to our care.
- We would request that you introduce yourself to your son's teacher, if you need to do so. An appointment can be made if you have more detailed issues to discuss.





**The function of
education is to teach
one to think intensively
and to think critically.
Intelligence plus
character - that is the
goal of true education.**

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr