

*Dream* **BIG** *Dreams Graemians!*



## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 24 January 2025

"Overcoming poverty is not a gesture of charity. It is an act of justice." - Nelson Mandela.

### Message from the Junior School HOD

In a recent assembly, I shared with the boys my thoughts around an article that I read recently. The article concerned the annual salaries of the CEOs of South Africa's major banks (the information can be accessed from News24 or BusinessTech).

The annual packages of the CEOs are as follows:

- Investec R175 million (which equates to R470 000 per day)
- Nedbank R92.5 million
- Standard Bank R83.3 million
- Capitec R65.7 million
- ABSA R40 million
- FNB R31.9 million

My thoughts are twofold, and they might seem conflicting, but stay with me.

My first thought is that in a country where inequality and poverty are a primary challenge, it is immoral for one individual to earn this amount of money in a year. It is simply unjustifiable. Talk all you want to about skills and competence, it makes no difference. You cannot claim to be a part of building a just South Africa if you allow yourself to be paid this amount of money, even if you are doing the most important job in the land. My second thought is why should one of these CEOs not be a Graemian? We are challenging Graemians this year, in a deliberate way, to DREAM BIG DREAMS. We are challenging our Leopards to understand that, just like any other young South African, they have the right to dream to occupy the most significant positions in South African society. They must never allow anyone to look down upon them, or tell them that they cannot do it. If they are willing to work, sweat and toil they can achieve the seemingly impossible.

However, when these Graemians occupy these positions we expect them to lead in the way that they were taught while at the College. We trust that they will lead - whether in the fields of commerce, education, law, politics, arts, faith or sport - with kindness, fairness and integrity. So when a Graemian is leading a major South African bank one day, he will ask for a salary of R2 million a year - and he will ask for the salaries of the lowest paid workers in the company to increase and be at a level that reduces inequality and poverty and increases justice and equality.

Virtute et Opera  
Mr Swift  
HOD Junior School

## Smartphones Damage Children Campaign

We are thrilled to announce that Oatlands Preparatory School has officially signed our pledge and letter: SMARTPHONES DAMAGE CHILDREN. This decision was made by Mrs. A. Sonne and her staff. Mrs Sonne emphasised the importance of a united front, stating that "it really helps if we all speak with one voice" on this urgent issue.

With Oatlands Preparatory School now on board, we proudly have the support of:

- Victoria Primary School
- Graeme College
- Hoërskool P.J. Olivier - Grahamstad
- Oatlands Preparatory School

These are just the first of many schools we hope will join this movement!

The evidence is undeniable and continues to grow—smartphone use among children has reached a critical moment. We are witnessing firsthand the devastating impact on young people’s mental health. Mental health professionals widely acknowledge the direct link between excessive smartphone use and real-world harm. We urge parents, educators, and other schools to take a stand. Let’s work together to protect our children’s well-being. Join us in making this pledge and be part of the change!



**SMARTPHONES DAMAGE CHILDREN**

We, the undersigned, strongly believe that children under the age of 16 should not have access to smartphones. This belief is guided by emerging research, as well as common sense developed through our extensive time working with young people in schools.

Smartphones, with access to social media and the internet, are damaging young lives. The process is largely unseen and silent. However, its effects are potent and eventually manifest through any one or all of the following:

increased levels of anxiety, heightened levels of stress, depression, sleep disturbances, impaired communication skills, an inability to sustain healthy relationships both at home and at school, behavioral problems which may include aggression and hyperactivity, leisure boredom and generally inappropriate age-related behaviour.

Furthermore, early research suggests that habitual use of smartphones may have a negative and lasting impact on the ability to think, remember, pay attention and regulate emotions. As teachers, we observe all of the above in our classrooms on a daily basis.

These are the after-effects of access to online bullying, inappropriate social pressure and harmful content. Smartphones are exposing our children to social contexts that they are simply not mature enough to process – and as children, never will be.

With regards to technology, the world has changed beyond recognition – but our response as parents and care-givers to how it impacts children has been slow, bordering on negligent. We are generally very good at protecting our children from obviously visible threats – no decent parent would allow their children access to tobacco products, alcohol or drugs. However, we allow our children full access to the internet and social media, which can rewire their brains and cause great harm, because society has told us that technology is positive and desirable.

In the 1950s doctors used to prescribe smoking to assist patients with their respiratory systems. This was before smoking was shown, beyond any doubt, to cause cancer and related diseases. As teachers, from working with children, we have seen the impact that cellphones are having on young people and we know that – eventually – research will show that smartphones damage young lives. At which point governments will be forced to introduce legislation to protect young people from smartphones. But we would like to start a movement that recognizes the problem now and protects children now. We cannot wait for scientific research to prove what we, as teachers, already know to be true.

We are calling for parents and guardians to:

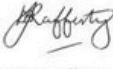
- 1) not purchase a smartphone for their child until they are 14
- 2) not allow their children access to social media until they are 16

This can be hard to do if you feel that you are alone. Your child might also manipulate you and say that they are the only ones without a phone. However, if we all do it together then it will become much easier to do. We want to make it 'normal' for children not to have access to a cellphone.


Proponents of cellphone use will say that children must have phones for their own safety. If this is one of the reasons that you buy your child a smartphone, then rather buy them a device that only has the capability to make calls and send texts.

We are not alone in this concern for children's wellbeing. A movement called *Smartphone Free Childhood*, founded in the U.K. in February to support parents who are refraining from giving their children smartphones has grown exponentially and has now spread to the USA, Canada and was recently launched in Cape Town.

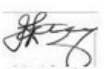
Please give this matter the time that it deserves. Your child's sound mental, emotional and social development is at stake.



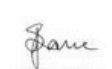
Mrs. M. Rafferty  
Victoria Primary School



Mr. A. Swift  
Graeme College



Mr. J. Retief  
P.J. Olivier Hoërskool



Mrs. A. Sonne  
Oatlands Preparatory

Term 1 Test Programme: Grade 8 and 9

Please find below the test programme for the term. Other tests and assignments will be allocated by subject teachers during the term. This list merely gives an opportunity for standardised tests to be written. Grade 8s and 9s will write scheduled tests as indicated below. These test results will comprise part of their SBA result.

DATE	GRADE 8 TEST	DATE	GRADE 9 TEST
21 January 2025 (Day 7)	English Baseline Test	21 January 2025 (Day 7)	English Baseline Test
27 January 2025 (Day 1)	Mathematics Baseline Test	29 January 2025 (Day 3)	Mathematics Baseline Test
4 February 2025 (Day 7)	Afrikaans/isiXhosa	4 February 2025 (Day 7)	Afrikaans/isiXhosa
10 February 2025 (Day 1)	NS	12 February 2025 (Day 3)	SS: History
18 February 2025 (Day 7)	EMS	18 February 2025 (Day 7)	EMS
24 February 2025 (Day 1)	SS: History	26 February 2025 (Day 3)	NS
4 March 2025 (Day 7)	SS: Geography	4 March 2025 (Day 7)	SS: Geography
10 March 2025 (Day 1)	Mathematics Test	12 March 2025 (Day 3)	Mathematics Test
18 March 2025 (Day 7)	Creative Arts	18 March 2025 (Day 7)	Life Orientation

The timetable for focussed study sessions offered in the high school this term is shown below:

Subject	Grade	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Maths	8			2:00 - 2:45	2:00 - 2:45
	9			2:45 - 3:30	2:45 - 3:30
	10			1:30 - 2:15	1:30 - 2:15
	11	2:45 - 3:30		1:30 - 2:15	
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	12		2:00 - 2:45		
Physical Science	10	2:30 - 3:15			2:00 - 2:45
	11	2:30 - 3:15			2:00 - 2:45
	12	2:00 - 3:15			1:30 - 2:45
Life Science	10		1:30 - 2:15	1:30 - 2:15	
	11		2:15 - 3:00	2:15 - 3:00	
	12		1:30 - 2:15	1:30 - 2:15	

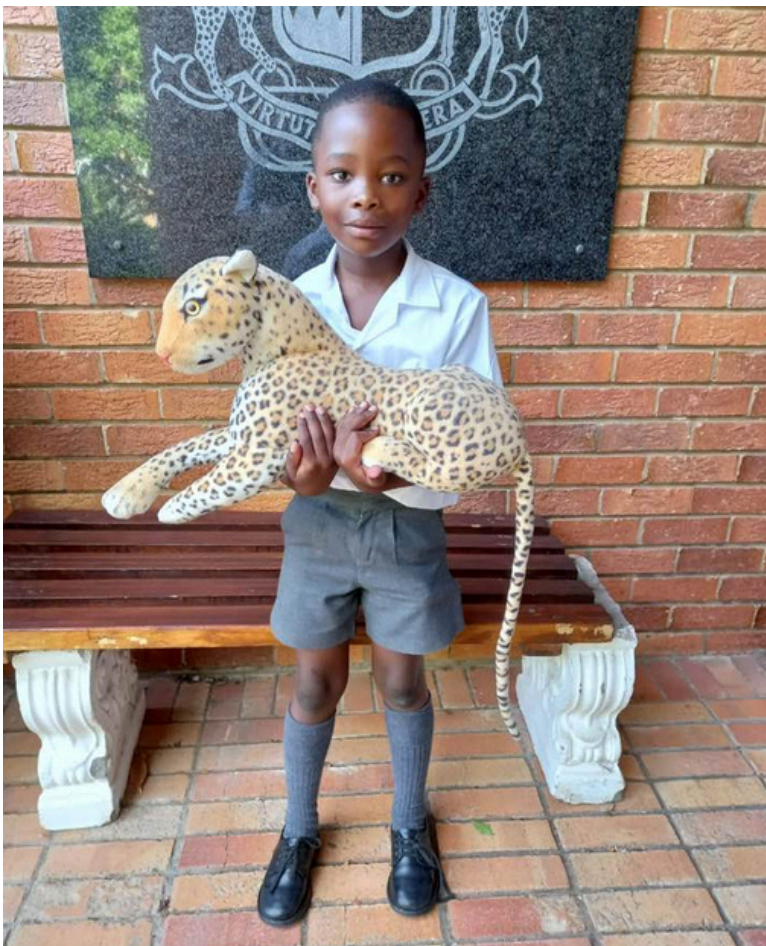
The physical science FSS will cover the following topics this week:

Physical Science	Week 3 (27/1)
10	Conversions and experimental design
11	Forces
12	Electrostatics





**Daniel Coetsee and Bukho Yolani received their Cricket Achiever Certificates for their exceptional performance against St George's. Daniel scored an impressive 58\* not out, while Bukho took a brilliant hat trick! Well done, boys!**



**Courage the Leopard's long and lonely holiday has come to an end! Courage will be going home with Alophela Jabavu in Grade 2. Alophela is our Graemian of the Week for showing kindness - one of our pillars in the Junior School. When a fellow peer fell off his chair, he immediately rushed to help him up and check if he was okay, while a few others simply laughed. This is a great example of a true Graemian. Well done Alophela, we are proud of you!**





We had some wonderful and helpful visitors in the Foundation Phase library during break time this week. A group of students from higher grades came to assist with organising books, tidying up the space and helping younger learners find their favourite stories. Their support made the library a more welcoming and efficient place for everyone and we are grateful for their kindness and enthusiasm. It was a great example of teamwork and community spirit.

This week during the Grade 2 Library lesson, we read a book from the “Let's Talk About” series titled “Let's Talk About Being Rude”. The story offered a valuable reminder about the importance of good manners and treating others with respect. We discussed how our words and actions can impact others, emphasising the golden rule: treat others the way we would like to be treated. It was a great opportunity to reinforce positive social behaviour and kindness in our daily interactions.





# Grade 00

The Grade 00 class is off to a fantastic start of the year! Settling into a new classroom and routine is such an exciting time for little ones and they're enjoying their explorations and forming new friendships. It's such a joy to watch them grow and learn in such a positive environment.





**So many exciting firsts for our little Grade 00 class this week! They had their very first rugby lesson, followed by their first tennis lesson. It was such a joy to see them try new things, full of energy and smiles! A day to remember for sure!**





### Marimba Band Rehearsals:

- Monday: 14:00 - 14:45 — Grade 6 & Grade 7 Group
- Wednesday: 13:45 - 14:30 — Grade 4 & Grade 5 Group

### Choir Rehearsals

- Tuesday: 13:30 - 14:15 — Junior Choir

### STEELBAND REHEARSALS

Monday: 14h00 - 14h30 Beginner Steelband

- 14h30 - 15h00 Intermediate Steelband

Tuesday: 13h30 - 14h15 Senior A Steelband

- 14h15 - 15h00 Senior B Steelband

Friday: 14h00 - 15h00 Senior A Steelband



Above: The littlest leopards had their first music lesson today. It was so much fun learning all about instruments and learning some new songs.

## Community Engagement

This term, we are collecting various items for community outreach—an immediate and tangible way to make a difference.

- Dog and cat food will be donated to the SPCA.
- Non-perishable food and winter blankets will support Food for Futures.
- Clothing and school shoes will be given to Child Welfare, Hospice, and the Curry Street Soup Kitchen.

Every contribution, big or small, makes a meaningful impact. We encourage our Graeme family to join us in supporting these worthy causes. Your generosity will go a long way in helping those in need.

Please hand donations in for the attention of Ms. White.

# DONATION DRIVE




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# Debating

## Debating Nationals (10-15 December 2024)

Every year the South African National Debating Championships sees Graemians leaving their mark, and this was no exception. Three Graemians were selected for the Provincial sides, with Noah Tabensky being selected for a fourth year running in the senior category, and Rory Robertson attending Nationals for his first time in the Junior (Grade 9 and under) category. Morgan Prevec was unfortunate to miss out on making his second Nationals appearance, after being selected for the Provincial side but being unavailable at the time of the tournament.

Both Noah and Rory will be somewhat disappointed with the way the tournament went, with Noah going out in the quarterfinals of the Plate category and both falling short of making a Gauteng-dominated South African side.

However, three more Graemians partnered with a Victoria High School girl to form part of the “Shadow” team, namely Lesedi Mothibe, Joy Mukenge and Liam Bodill. They gave an impressive display of themselves, including picking up an upset victory.

Last but not least, old Graemian and Honours-recipient Oyisa Katshaza had another impressive year as Head Coach for the Eastern Cape team. He, along with the Graeme boys, will be hoping their hard work turns into silverware at this year’s edition.





# Grade 4s

Playdough fun on the hot days this week as we dive into Natural Science and Technology with the Grade 4s. This week they were exploring one living and one non-living thing—getting creative with our playdough creations while learning all about the world around us!





# Grade 5s

The Grade 5 Natural Science classes are currently diving into the fascinating world of biodiversity. As part of their learning journey, they've been exploring various habitats around campus, uncovering some truly remarkable finds. Tye and Lina, for instance, stumbled upon a spekboom plant in full bloom, showcasing stunning pink flowers. Each of the boys made their own unique discoveries, contributing to the rich tapestry of life around them. These hands-on experiences have not only deepened their understanding of ecosystems, but also sparked their curiosity about the diverse plant and animal life right on their doorstep. Every discovery has been a special moment, highlighting the wonder of the natural world.

Josh Potts made an incredible discovery when he found an African Land Snail (invertebrate)! What a rare and exciting find! The students are learning firsthand about the diverse ecosystems around them.





## Life Science Laboratory: learning about some exceptional frogs!

A warm welcome to the new members of the Life Science class. Six platanna, otherwise known as African clawed frogs, arrived to take up residence in our tank this week. These frogs are far from ordinary! They do not have tongues or teeth but instead rely on their long front hands to grab food and push it into their mouths. As well as being adapted for swimming, their back legs have long toes whose sharp claws are used to cut up larger prey into bite-sized pieces.

Thank you to one of the youngest Graemians, Finn Pretorius for catching these creatures and donating them to the Life Science classroom.



The ability to convey information accurately and concisely is a valuable skill that is beneficial in many aspects of life and work. The ability to convey that information using graphs, is a crucial skill that is necessary and sought after in many different fields. The grade 10 physical science boys are starting to perfect these skills by generating data experimentally and using this data to construct accurate graphs that allow for meaningful interpretation of information.







**GRAEME COLLEGE**

**Venue: LIBRARY**

**Date: 28 JANUARY 2025**

**Times: 09h30 – 14h30**

sanbs.org.za

Toll free: 0800 11 90 31



Join us for our school blood drive! Last year, we achieved a record-breaking 45 units collected—our best drive ever. This year, let’s aim even higher and make an even bigger impact! Your donation can save lives.

Donating blood is incredibly important because it plays a direct role in saving lives. Here are just two key reasons why it matters:

1. **Life-saving for patients:** Blood is crucial for people undergoing surgery, cancer treatment, trauma victims, or those with certain medical conditions like anemia or blood disorders. Without regular blood donations, hospitals would struggle to meet the needs of these patients.
2. **No substitutes:** There is no real substitute for human blood. While researchers are working on artificial blood, it’s not yet a viable replacement for all the types and components needed for transfusions. Blood donations are the only way to keep hospitals stocked.

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# Graeme College Golf Day

1 March 2025

Format: Betterball Stableford

11h00 Shotgun Start

FIRST 24 FOURBALLS

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Save the Date! Graeme College Golf Day 2025  
Mark your calendars! The next Graeme College Golf Day is happening on Saturday, 1 March 2025. Join us for a fantastic day of fun, friendly competition, and community spirit at one of the most anticipated events of the year! Whether you're a seasoned golfer or just looking for a great time with friends and family, this is the perfect way to show your support for Graeme College.

For more details please email:  
s.killian@graemecollege.co.za.  
Let's make this event unforgettable!

## Cricket

It was game on at Junor C this week! The boys had a fun and friendly match between the U9s and U11s during practice this week. The younger players showed great energy and enthusiasm, while the older ones brought their experience to the game. It was a fantastic opportunity for both teams to develop their skills, build team spirit and enjoy some friendly competition. The smiles and laughter made it a memorable moment for all!





**Graeme opening bowler pictured getting some Masterclass tips from Shaun Pollock!**  
**The Graeme 1st XI went to the Sunrisers match to celebrate confirming their spot in the SA20 Finals.**  
**Jordan was loving the time with the Protea superstar!**



**Luphelo Mdyesha dominated with the ball and bat for the 1st XI game against Muir. He scored 138 and then finished with bowling figures of 7/17! Absolutely incredible! Corbin Tidbury also scored a 29 ball century for the u15A side. Well done boys.**



## Results:

**GC 3rds T20 vs SAC 6ths**

**SAC 6ths 105 all out.**

**Ibenathi Kondile 3/6.**

**GC 104 all out.**

**Ibenathi Kondile 35.**

**GC lost by 1 run.**

**There was a run out for the last wicket! The last batsman smashed it to mid-on and took off and fielder picked up and had a direct hit to win the game! Amazing!**

**The u14B and u15B struggled badly against the respective SAC teams, with SAC winning convincingly.**

**U14B lost by 10 wickets and u15B lost by 198 runs.**

## **Graeme u13B vs Muir (pictured below right)**

**Muir 28 all out**

**Keanu Goliath 4 for 3**

**Sim Mbuyephi 2 for 5**

**Iviwe Sitsila 2 for 9**

**Graeme 29/1**

**Christian Kemp 17 not out**

**Graeme won by 9 wickets**

**Graeme u13B vs Muir (T10)**

**Graeme 110-4**

**Amzo Gongqobe 30 not out**

**Samanga Bulana 17 not out**

**Muir 45/3**

**Keanu Goliath 1 for 5**

**Graeme won by 65 runs.**

## **U14A Vs Muir**

**GC 276/8**

**Daniel Hanlon 76**

**Jordan Du Plessis 58**

**Muir 11 all out**

**Imi Mali 6/10**

**Daniel Hanlon 3/1**

**GC won by 265.**

**U14A vs Muir are pictured below.**





# Woodridge T20 Festival

- Graeme College U13A shine at the Woodridge T20 Festival!

Our Graeme College U13A cricket team started the Woodridge T20 Festival on a high note with a fantastic 7-wicket victory over Woodridge U13A .

**Match Summary:**

**Woodridge U13A: 101-6**

**Morné Bodenstein - 2 wickets for 14 runs**

**Graeme College U13A: 105-3**

**Bukho Yolani - 43\***

**Linathi Ntabeni - 21\***

The boys showcased excellent teamwork and determination to secure this well-deserved win.

- Graeme College U13A dominates Day 2 of the Woodridge T20 Festival!

Our U13A cricket team continued their impressive form on Day 2 of the Woodridge T20 Festival, securing two commanding victories over Hangklip and St George's Preparatory.

**Match 1: Graeme U13A vs Hangklip U13A**

**Graeme: 106-9**

**Bukho Yolani - 42\***

**Hangklip: 68 all out**

**Julian Boy - 2-6**

**Qhama Picane - 2-9**

**Daniel Coetsee and Odwa Ndlazi were involved in 3 of the 4 run-outs!**

**Result: Graeme won by 38 runs**

**Match 2: Graeme U13A vs St George's Preparatory**

**Graeme: 164-5**

**Daniel Coetsee - 58\***

**Isenam Maswana - 32**

**St George's: 17 all out**

**Bukho Yolani - 3-2 (including a HAT-TRICK!)**

**Morné Bodenstein - 3-4**

**Lunje Manyati - 2-1**

**Result: Graeme won by a massive 147 runs**

A huge thank you to our team sponsors King Construction, Civils & Lawn for their incredible support of our young cricketers! Your backing ensures these boys have the opportunity to excel both on and off the field.





# Cricket

## **GC U15A vs Muir u15A**

**Muir College 69-10 (19 overs)**

**CALEB Jattiem 2-18**

**REVANIO Williams 2-18**

**LINDO Mhono 2-12**

**BUKHO Munyadzwe 2-12**

**GC U15A 388- 5 Dec (33 overs)**

**Corbin Tidbury 101(29)**

**Ashton Burger 64(46)**

**James Muir 53(29)**

**Avu Mnandi 38(44)**

**Caleb Jattiem 39(19)**

**Aiden Lensely 20\***

**Joshwin Burger 21\***

**Muir 2nd innings 0-5 wickets**

**Corbin Tidbury 0-3wickets**

**Iyazi Zwedala 0-2**

**GC won by an innings and 319 runs.**



## **Graeme u11A vs Muir**

**Muir 52 all out**

**Troy Smith 2/6**

**Matthew Weber 2/7**

**Graeme u11A 53/1**

**Live Solani 28**

**Graeme won by 9 wickets.**



## **GC 2s vs Muir 2s**

**GC 2s 166 all out**

**Aya Bill 36 not out**

**Olo Jaca 30**

**Muir 2s 72 all out**

**Ethan Bokbaard 5/4 (9 overs)**

**Malakiwe Nikelo 3/19 (5 overs)**

**Graeme won by 94 runs.**



## **Graeme College 1st XI vs Muir College 1st**

**Graeme College 1st XI 422/8 dec. (62 overs)**

**Luphelo Mdyesha 138**

**Ryan Stobbs 65**

**Zuko Pontshi 57**

**Andrew Muir 54**

**Muir College 1st XI**

**105 all out (39 overs)**

**Luphelo Mdyesha 7/17**

**Andrew Muir 2/16**

**Graeme College won by 317 runs.**



# Senior Tennis

The 1st team tennis played in the Settlers Cup on Sunday 19th January. It proved to be a thrilling and competitive day with our boys showing exceptional skill, determination and sportsmanship.

The results were as follows:

- Graeme College vs Union High: 64-15 in singles games and 32-7 in doubles.
- Graeme College vs St Andrews: 40-48 games in singles and 29-31 in doubles.
- Graeme College vs Kingswood: 51-42 in singles games and 26-23 in doubles.

Overall Graeme placed 2nd in the tournament. The boys showed great teamwork and can be proud of their performance.





Fixtures for the 1st XI team

**GRAEME COLLEGE**

# CRICKET

**1ST XI CRICKET FIXTURES**

**TERM 1**

25 JANUARY - PEARSON (AWAY)  
1 FEBRUARY - ST ANDREW'S (HOME)  
8 FEBRUARY - SELBORNE (HOME)  
15 FEBRUARY - KINGSWOOD (HOME)  
21-22 FEBRUARY - UNION (HOME)  
1 MARCH HUDSON (HOME)  
12-15 MARCH SA20 SCHOOLS IN PRETORIA



**MUIR TRANS**

PLEASE COME AND SUPPORT OUR BOYS!

Here are the 1st XI cricket fixtures for the term. Come support our boys as they take on tough competition. Most of the games will be played at home on Somerset Field, so we encourage our school community to come out in full force and cheer them on. Let's rally behind the team and make this a season to remember!

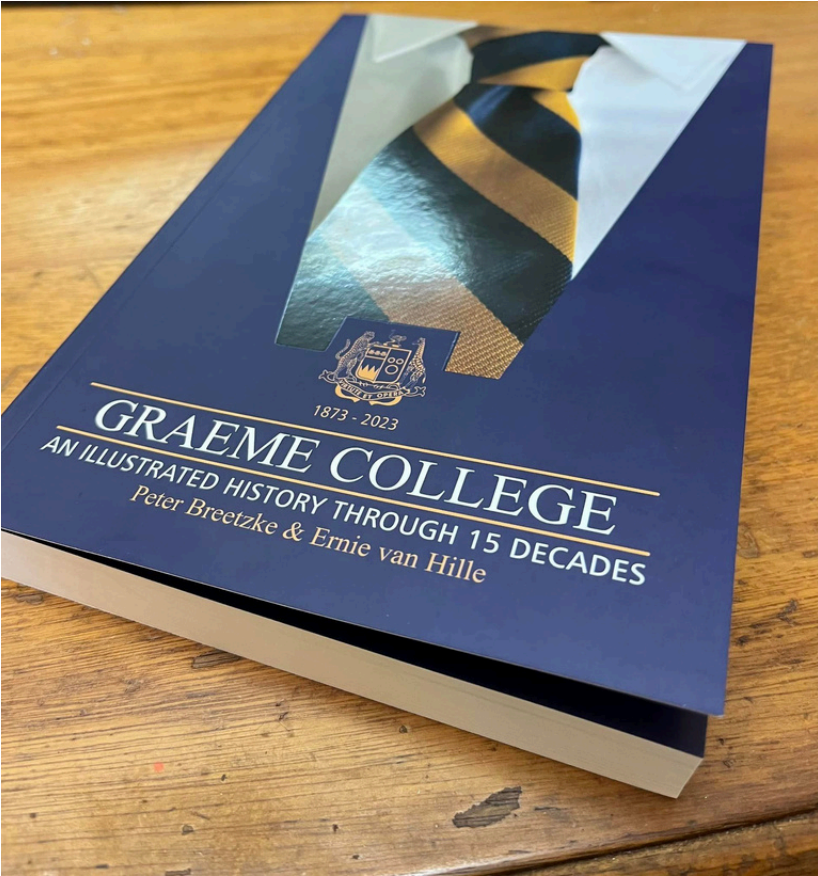
**MUIR TRANS**

## FUEL STOP & SHOP

Welcome, enjoy a refreshing and relaxing stop!



150 year book



If you're new to Graeme College and eager to explore its rich history, our book is a must-have! Take a journey through over 150 years of Graeme College's legacy, capturing the moments, milestones, and memories that have shaped our school.

This special edition, crafted through years of dedication by Peter Breetzke and Ernie van Hille, is still available for purchase. A treasured keepsake for alumni and history enthusiasts alike, it promises to be a valued addition to your collection.

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One of the highlights of the school’s rugby calendar is Rugby Day. Traditionally this one-day festival is held on the final Saturday of the first term. From humble beginnings in 1998 when 4 schools participated, it has grown into the most prestigious day of rugby in the Eastern Cape featuring no less than 16 schools and over 1200 players. Rugby Day is an opportunity for the whole Graeme Family and community to come together and a chance for players to enjoy the special camaraderie and fellowship that is evident in a sporting contest when played in the right spirit. Save the Date in your diary!



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March 2025

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Are you interested in advertising at the 2025 Rugby Festival? We offer exclusive VIP packages with a range of fantastic benefits for those looking to promote their brand. Don't miss out on this great opportunity!



Founders 2025

Graeme College will celebrate its 152nd anniversary this year. More significantly, 2025 marks the 50th anniversary of the relocation to its current campus, which began in 1975—a truly special milestone. To add to the excitement, the 1975 matric class, the first cohort to graduate from the new campus, will also be celebrating their 50th reunion. It's shaping up to be a year full of incredible celebrations and milestones!

Founders 2025

28 February – 1 March



Celebrating 100 Years

as an Old Boys Union


# Save the Date



**CALLING THE CLASSES OF**

2015 – 2010 – 2005 – 2000 – 1995 – 1990 – 1985 – 1980  
1975 – 1970 – 1965 – 1960 – 1955

**Your reunion awaits!**



**Virtute Et Opera**



Friday 28 February 2025

09h30	Assembly (Old Boys)	School Hall
10h30	Tea	Graemian Centre
11h00	Founders' Day Memorial Service	Somerset Field
12h15	Old Graemian Union AGM	Graemian Centre
12h30	Refreshments for Sale	Graemian Centre
13h00	1 <sup>st</sup> Team Tennis vs Old Boys	Tennis Courts
13h00	Squash vs Old Boys	Squash Courts
14h30	1 <sup>st</sup> Team T20 Cricket vs Old Boys	Somerset Field
18h00	Old Graemian Welcoming function	Graemian Centre

Saturday 01 March 2025

09h30	1 <sup>st</sup> XI Cricket vs Hudson Park High School	Somerset Field
09h30	U15A vs Hudson Park High School	Marais Field
10h00	Old Graemian Union Golf Day	Belmont Golf Club
11h00	Tour of the Old School(on 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
18h00	Old Graemian Spit Braai Evening (with Old VG Girls)	Somerset Field (Marquee)


Sunday 02 March 2025

09h00	Old Graemian Church Service	School Hall
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Founders 2025

28 February – 1 March



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Old Graemian Union


# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Notice & Invitation**  
**Friday, 28 February 2025**  
**12h15, Graemian Centre**

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Join us for the Old Graemian Union Annual General Meeting as part of our Founders Day Weekend celebrations. This is your chance to connect with fellow Old Graemians and honour 100 years unbroken of the OGU.

- When: Friday, 28 February 2025
- Time: 12h15
- Where: Graemian Centre

Be part of the conversations shaping the future of our Union and strengthening our legacy.



# Teen App

We are delighted to announce that Graeme College has purchased a full membership of the VIVE TEEN WELLNESS application, which will enable ALL our learners to have full access to the app. It is something that we have thoroughly investigated, and feel that this is a massive step in the right direction for the wellbeing of our all learners. We are excited that every learner will have safe space to learn more about mental wellness, and reach out for help if needed, in a number of ways.

VIVE TEEN WELLNESS is an Artificial Intelligence enabled digital platform and smartphone application that was built in South Africa. The first version was launched earlier in 2023, with several schools presently using the full suite of functionality. The schools and learners that have been using the platform in recent months have provided us with very valuable feedback that assisted us in planning the next phase of the roll-out.

During 2022 VIVE TEENS has been selected as a winner in the UpLink - World Economic Forum (WEF) Youth Mental Health Challenge where it has competed with over 120 other mental health companies from across the globe.

The platform is expected to launch internationally early in 2024, and as part of that process we are awarding South African schools the opportunity to gain from a locally built application and support the mental wellness of our children.

The Graeme College subscription starts from 1 September 2023, but we would like our learners to download the application in the meantime, and familiarise themselves with it by referring to the various videos and guides.

Here is a link to the video to understand what Vive is all about: <https://fb.watch/mcK3MzNNrn/>

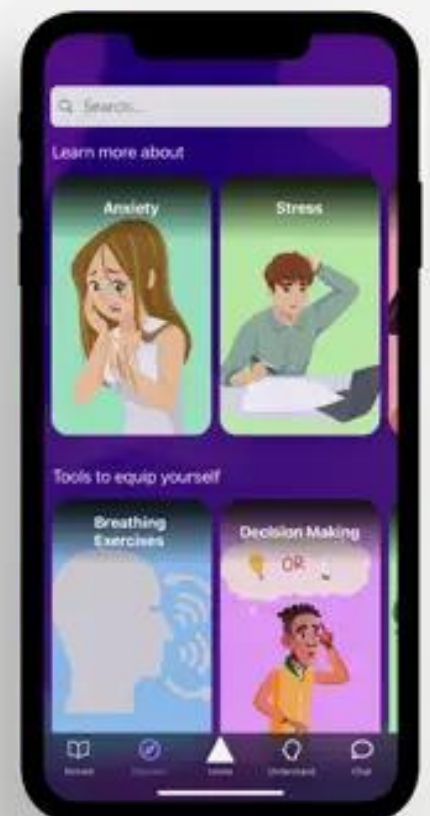


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that is AI-curated  
for you**





# Plaques for Indoor Sports Centre

Our commemorative plaques allow you to celebrate and appreciate the memories of your loved ones, honour someone special or distinguish your family.

Our granite plaques are enduring and timeless. They are a fitting tribute on our beautiful new Indoor Sports Centre and a valuable contribution to our school.

**ADD YOUR NAME INTO THE HISTORY OF THE GRAEME COLLEGE CAMPUS FOREVER:**

We are selling plaques to add to the new indoor centre... where you can add your name or family name into the history of the building. The idea is to sell 150 plaques only.

Email your request to [marketing@graemecollege.co.za](mailto:marketing@graemecollege.co.za) - we will send you more information re payment etc.

The plaques will be R5000 each and will be 270mm x 130mm. They are Rustenburg Granite - black/grey.

Lettering is 15mm in height. All funds raised will go into the extra building costs as well as equipping the facility with sports and gym equipment.

**“** *#GC150Plaques* **150** **GRAEME COLLEGE 1873 - 2023**

Would you like to honour someone special/loved ones or your family through our commemorative plaques? Our plaques at the new Indoor Sports Centre will be the mainstay for putting the finishing touch on a beautiful and historical great buildings at our school, thereby adding your name to the history of Graeme forever. Our commemorative plaques are a dignified and formal means of honouring someone truly special/or your family. **”**

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Our first few plaques are up!



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## Promote Your Business in Our School Newsletter!

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Contact: [marketing@graemecollege.co.za](mailto:marketing@graemecollege.co.za) or 071 687 4531.

Pricing is as follows:

- A6 - R1000 per month
- A5 - R1500 per month
- A4 - R2000 per month
- Page Footer - R400 per month

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# Library

## Library times

The library will be open at first break only, every day. If you would like your son to study in the library in the afternoons, you need to write a letter to the school to get permission. Thank you for your cooperation.

# 2nd Hand Clothing Shop

The Second Hand Clothing Shop: PLEASE NOTE DAYS HAVE CHANGED.

Time: Mondays and Wednesdays, between 13h00 and 14h00.

Please report to Reception for enquiries or contact e-mail ([info@graemecollege.co.za](mailto:info@graemecollege.co.za)).

# Google Calendar

Please click on the link below to be directed to the school Google Calendar. The link helps you subscribe to the school calendar which you can add to your phone, tablet or computer. Just click on the ‘plus sign’ at the bottom right hand corner of the calendar.

Click here for a link: <https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0/r?cid=public.calendar@graemecollege.co.za>

# Stay connected

Do you follow Graeme College on the following platforms?

Instagram:

@graemecollege

@graameboys

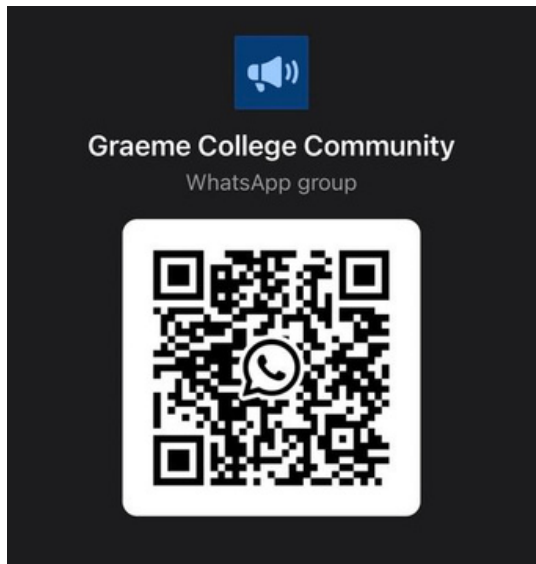
Awsum App

<https://www.awsum.co.za/download-the-awsum-app-for-schools>

Facebook:

Graeme College

If you aren't on the GC Community WhatsApp group - you can join by following the QR Code below or communicate with your Class Register Teacher or Mentor Teacher.



Right: Murphy, our school mascot cat, made an executive decision: no work will be happening for one of our teachers this week :)

