



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 31 January 2025

“Never lose sight of the fact that the most important yardstick of your success will be how you treat other people.” – BARBARA BUSH

Message from the Deputy Headmaster

Everybody enjoys reading or watching Simon Sinek’s advice about creating positive space in the workplace, leading to more productive outcomes and a happy staff through a positive culture. At the start of the year, the Graeme College staff went through his lessons learnt from the SEAL teams, with regards to ‘trust’.

He starts off with discussing candidates that apply for SEAL teams, and then graphs two characteristics. On the vertical axis is ‘Performance’ and on the horizontal axis is ‘Trust’. He defines them as:

PERFORMANCE - on & off the battle field. Skills. In a School context - that means marking, learner results, ATPs, admin, punctuality, motivating learners, mentor role, portfolios role, etc. In your workplace it can be easily adapted. Being an efficient teacher.

TRUST - type of person outside the battle field. School context - relationships, role model, ethos, values, empathy, motivation, collegiality, support, etc. Being an effective teacher.

After in-depth conversations, he learnt a valuable lesson from the leaders of those teams. In the most elite/advanced group of people in the world - he learnt what their focus was actually:

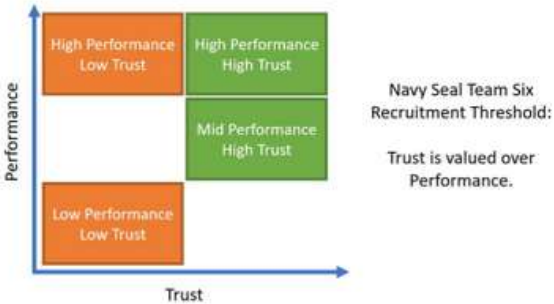
“The person to the left and right, are far more important than you alone.” And with that statement they continued to explain how so many business models get it horribly wrong. Well, so many organisations get it horribly wrong too. It depends on how they evaluate what is important to them. In the business world it is

easy to value performance too highly - most metrics revolve around performance evaluation. As a result - toxicity prevails. The organisation suffers. I won't digress now, but the recent conversation about various airlines in the USA is such a good example. In fact, Sinek alludes to them in other talks. Maybe I will refer to those at a different stage, but it all points to an unhealthy organisational culture.

Obviously everybody wants the high performer with high trust on the graph as an employee - but, the SEAL team leaders do NOT want a high performer with a low trust. In fact. They do the opposite - they would rather have a medium performer, who scores highly on trust. That's the point that Sinek focuses on - if the most elite group in the world focuses on trust, rather than performance, why would any other organisation do any different to that. As a staff, we then spoke about the importance of protecting relationships and always putting people first in our organisation.

The outcomes that we identified from that, for our learners were:

- Teaching about AI use - Performance vs Trust.
- Educate about toxicity as a team member
- Better team members, better humans, better society.



For the staff, it always highlights the importance of camaraderie, respect and our value system in the staff room. Our goal for learners and staff - are to to feel a sense of belonging to our school/ team, with a high level of trust, between everybody. That starts with how we treat each other. So we always want to develop that trust. If we do that, we create great Graemians that will play a positive and effective role within society.

G.van Molendorff

Farewell

Today, we bid a very fond farewell to Mrs. Sharon Kruger, who has dedicated 25 years of incredible service to our school. Her commitment and passion have left a lasting impact, and she will be deeply missed. We wish her all the best in her retirement.



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	
	12	2:00 - 2:45	1:30 - 2:15		
isiXhosa	8	2:30 - 3:30		2:00 - 3:00	
	9	2:30 - 3:30		2:00 - 3:00	
	10	2:30 - 3:30		2:00 - 3:00	
	11	2:30 - 3:30		2:00 - 3:00	
	12	2:30 - 3:30		2:00 - 3:00	
Afrikaans	8		2:00 - 2:45		
	9		2:00 - 2:45		
	10		2:00 - 2:45		
	11		2:00 - 2:45		
	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	

Planned content for the coming week:

Physical Science	Week 4 (3/02)
10	Waves
11	Newton's laws
12	Circuits

Summer Sun Fun Run

What an incredible day it was! Despite the heat, the energy and enthusiasm were unmatched, and it was amazing to see so many people come together in support. The event was thoroughly enjoyed by all, and we're thrilled to share some stunning visuals capturing the fun, laughter and determination on the track! Thank you too for everyone who supported our burger evening too. Some stunning aerial shots and drone footage of the Summer Fun Run was captured by Grade 8 student, Keagan Berriman.



Junior School Top Academics Camp

Camping is always an adventure, especially for young boys! It's a chance to explore, bond, and create unforgettable memories—whether it's setting up tents, cooking over a fire, or just sharing stories under the stars.

Every year, Graeme College Junior recognises and rewards the dedication and hard work our boys put into their academics. This year, the Top 10 boys were treated to an exciting camp-out at Beggars Bush—a well-deserved adventure! Despite the intense heat, the boys embraced every moment, enjoying the great outdoors, team activities, and the camaraderie of their peers. A heartfelt thank you to Mr. Bodenstein and Mr. Wille for their time and effort in making this experience possible. Your dedication to our boys' growth, both academically and personally, is truly appreciated!





Bukho Yolani is our sportsman of the week for his 43 not out vs Woodridge, 42 not out vs Hangklip and a hat-trick vs St George's. Excellent effort and well done Bukho.

Gardening Club

The Gardening Club did some fine work this week, working on the flower bed around the recently planted Ngwenya tree. They weeded and prepared the soil and then planted Wild Garlic. Stunning!



Craft Club

Craft Club today was a blast this week! The boys dove into the world of robotic hands, learning how to create one using simple materials like cardboard, straws, tape and string. The boys had a great time tracing, measuring, cutting, sticking, tying knots, and threading string. It was a hands-on activity that allowed them to practice a wide range of skills—from precision and problem-solving to fine motor coordination. Watching their creativity and teamwork unfold was truly awesome!



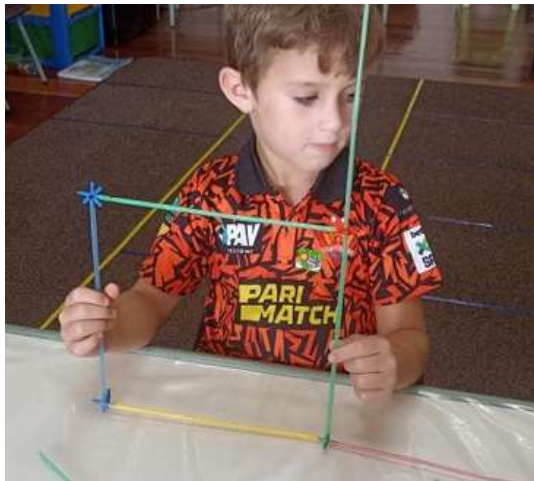
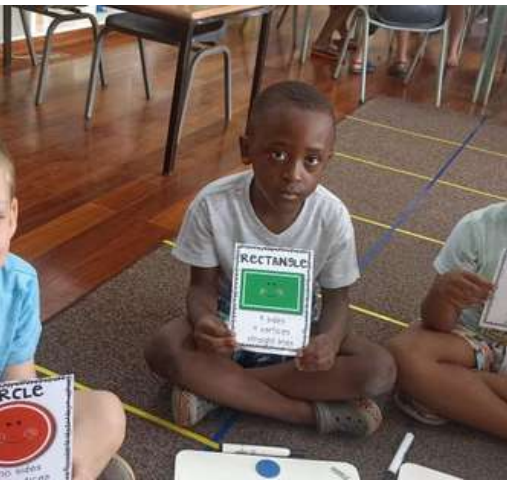
Beading Club

Introducing our very first Beading Club! Beading isn't just about creating beautiful jewellery; it offers a variety of benefits that go beyond the finished product. The process helps foster relaxation, reduce stress, and enhance focus, all while nurturing a sense of accomplishment. As you work with beads, you'll experience moments of joy and serenity, all while tapping into your creative spirit. This week the boys made bracelets for their moms- how special and sweet is that!



Grade Rs

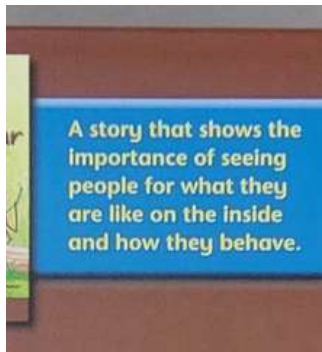
Our Grade R class of 2025 has had an amazing start to school, settling into their new routine and having a blast with a variety of activities. The excitement and enthusiasm in the classroom is contagious, and it's clear they're having fun while learning! The children have really tapped into their creativity. They enjoyed a range of art projects, from cutting and sticking to painting with earbuds, and even painting their teachers! Their fine motor skills were also strengthened through peg board play, threading, and counting exercises. They've been diving deep into their current theme, learning about shapes, and expressing their imagination through paper tearing. Alongside the creative activities, the children spent time with construction straws, building and imagining all sorts of structures. Quiet moments in the reading corner were a highlight, where they snuggled up with picture books, developing a love for stories while also enjoying some peaceful downtime. After such busy mornings of learning and playing, the children enjoy a lovely snack and some much-needed relaxation and deserved break. It's wonderful to see them balancing activity and rest so well. Our Grade R class are truly thriving, and it's exciting to watch them grow and enjoy their learning journey every day!



Grade 1s

Grade 1 Library Lesson: what a special one!

Last week the Grade 1s were read a story about the importance of not judging others based on how they look or how different they may seem from us. The message was clear: it's what's inside that truly counts. Afterwards, they did a butterfly craft activity to represent how we can all be unique and beautiful in our own special ways, no matter what we look like on the outside. Some beautiful life lessons were learnt.



Grade 3s

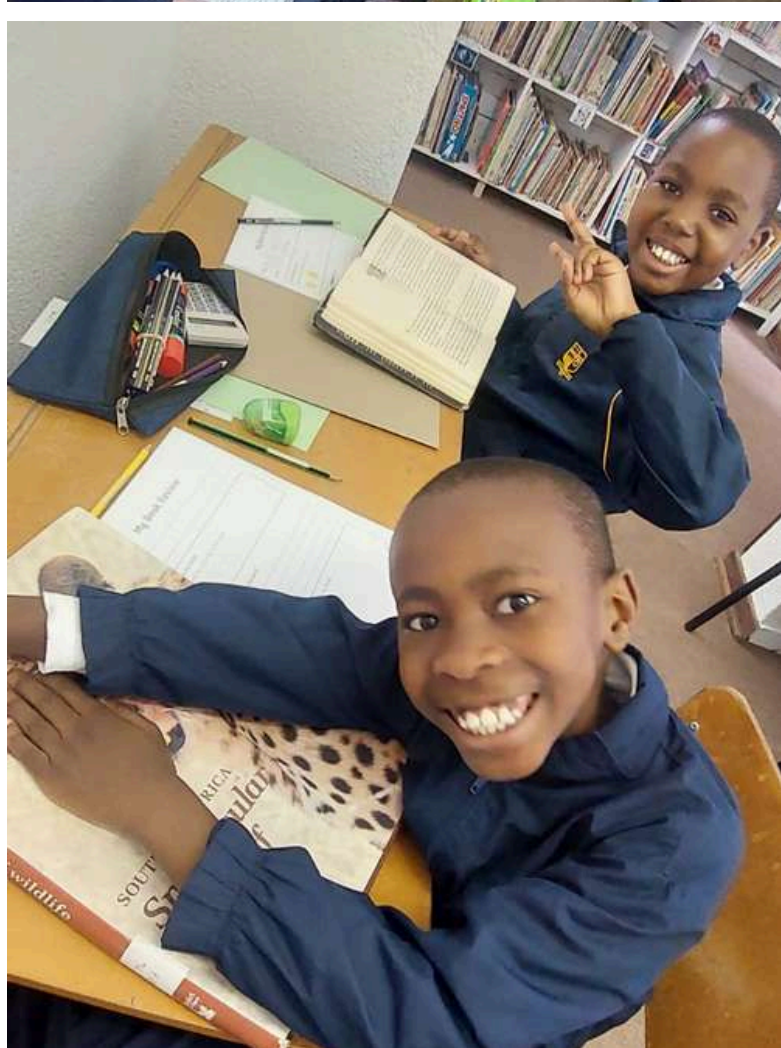
At this beginning stage of the year, the Grade 3 boys are revising their bonds learnt in Grade 2. They were tasked with creating a method of practicing their bonds creatively, which they shared with the class in a “show-and-tell”. Methods involved using dice, kites, pegs etc. Fun and educational!



Grade 4s

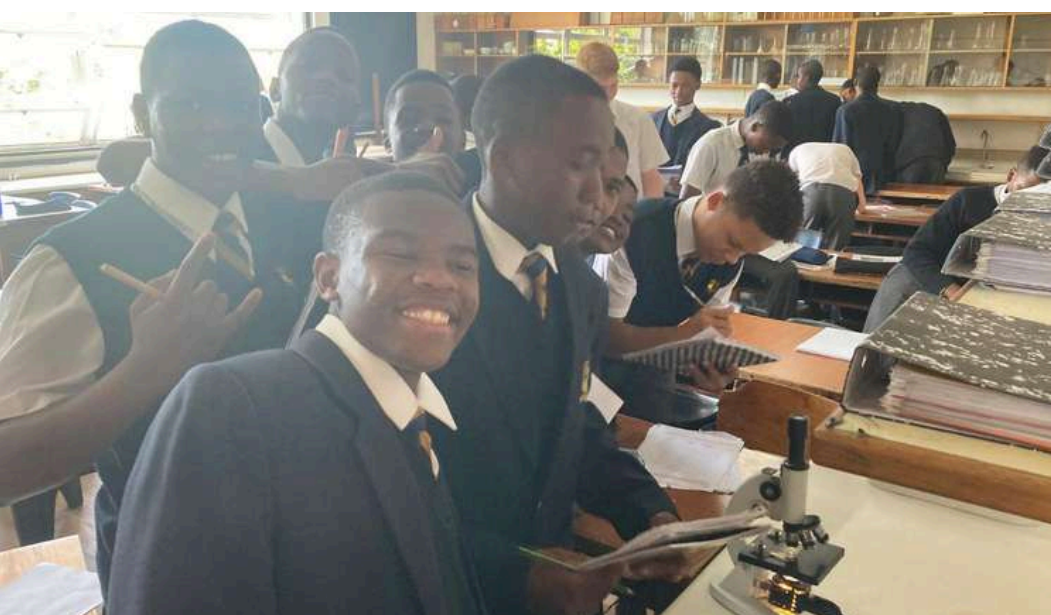
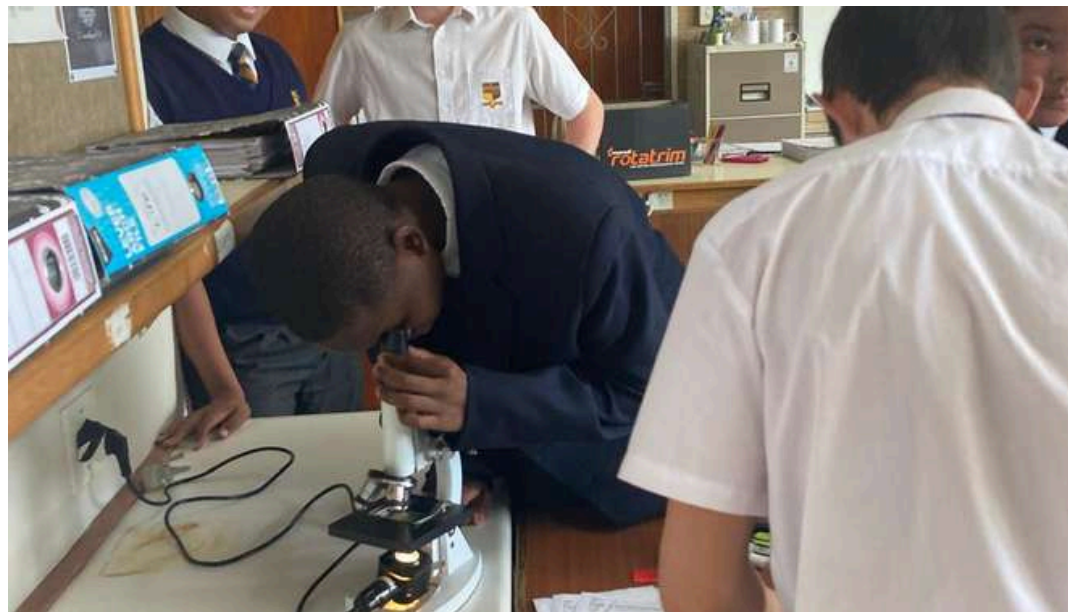
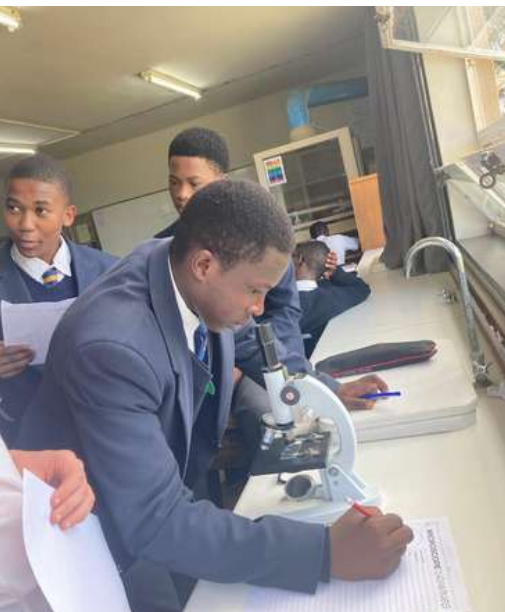
Grade 4MG's first book review and a musical twist!

This week the Grade 4MG class had their library lesson, where they worked on their very first book review! Despite the heat and having their lesson at the very end of the day, they powered through with enthusiasm. To keep everyone focused, Mrs. Tidbury put their concentration to the test—with a little help from some music! The students had a blast, combining learning with fun, making their first book review experience both engaging and memorable. Well done, Grade 4MG! We can't wait to see your reviews.



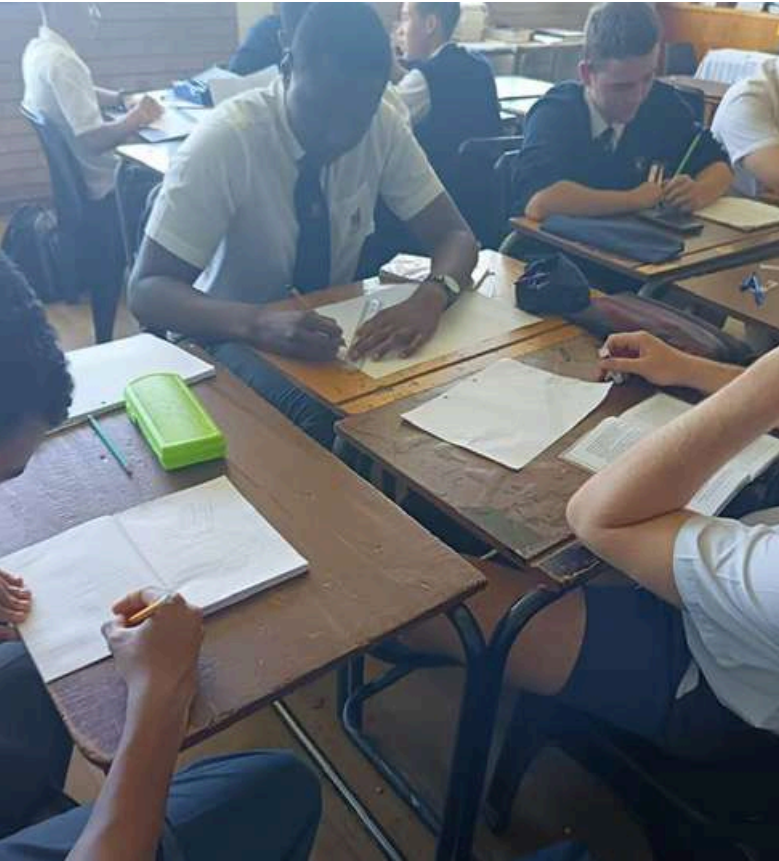
Grade 9s

The grade 9 boys are starting to explore the invisible world of cells, which can't be seen without using a microscope. This week they had the opportunity to visualise various cells and then accurately draw what they could see. For many of them, this was the first time using a microscope!



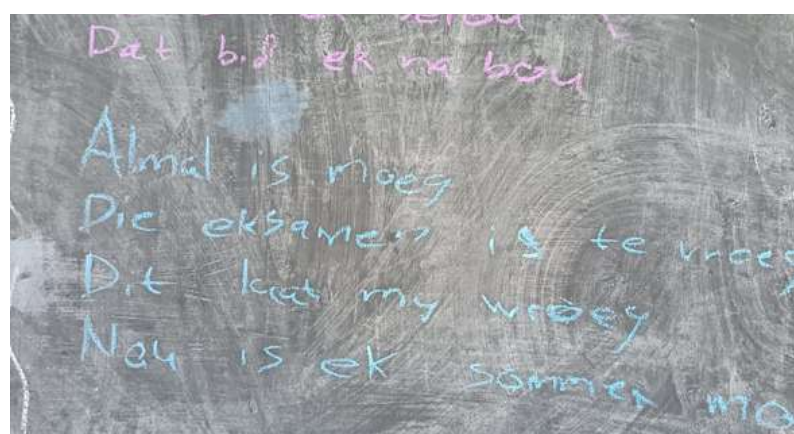
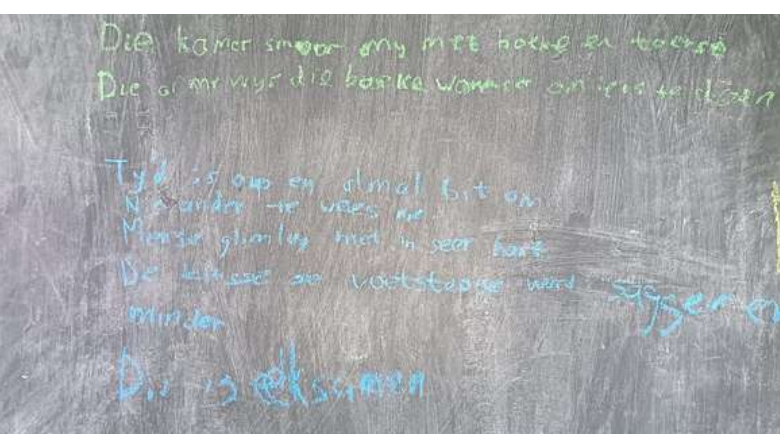
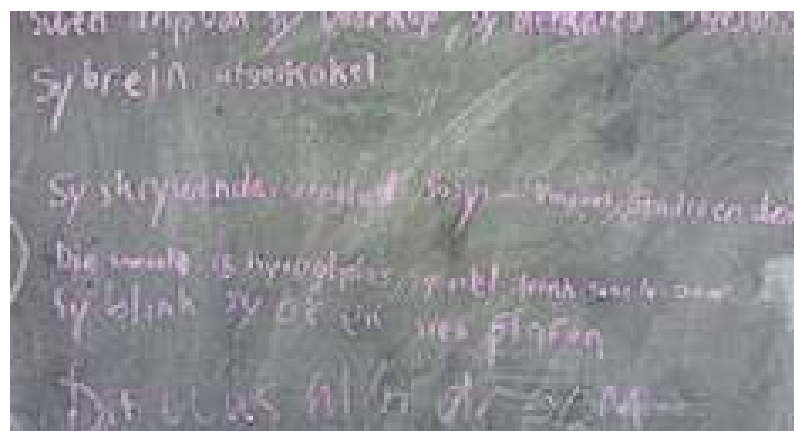
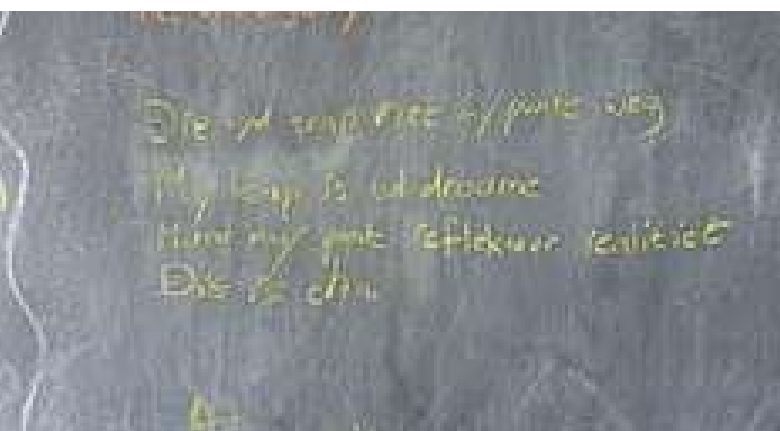
Grade 11

The Grade 11 Afrikaans group are currently working on a group project for our literature study of “Die laaste karretjie graf.” They are illustrating the introductory scene—showing what the audience would see on stage. This includes focusing on the characters, the setting, the mood and emotions, and the narrative context. They also need to label the scene in Afrikaans, making sure to highlight important details like the atmosphere, character actions, and key props, such as the "karretjie" and "graf." The labels help capture both the visual and emotional tone of the scene to give a clear understanding of its significance in the story.



Grade 12

The Grade 12 Afrikaans students wrote poetry today. In class, they discussed the poem "Eksamenlokaal", which served as inspiration. The students were then divided into groups and tasked with writing their own poems under the same title. After crafting their verses, each group presented their poem on the chalkboard. These poems will be read aloud to the entire class, and they'll be adjudicated to determine the best group. The winning team were rewarded with something sweet as a fun incentive!



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

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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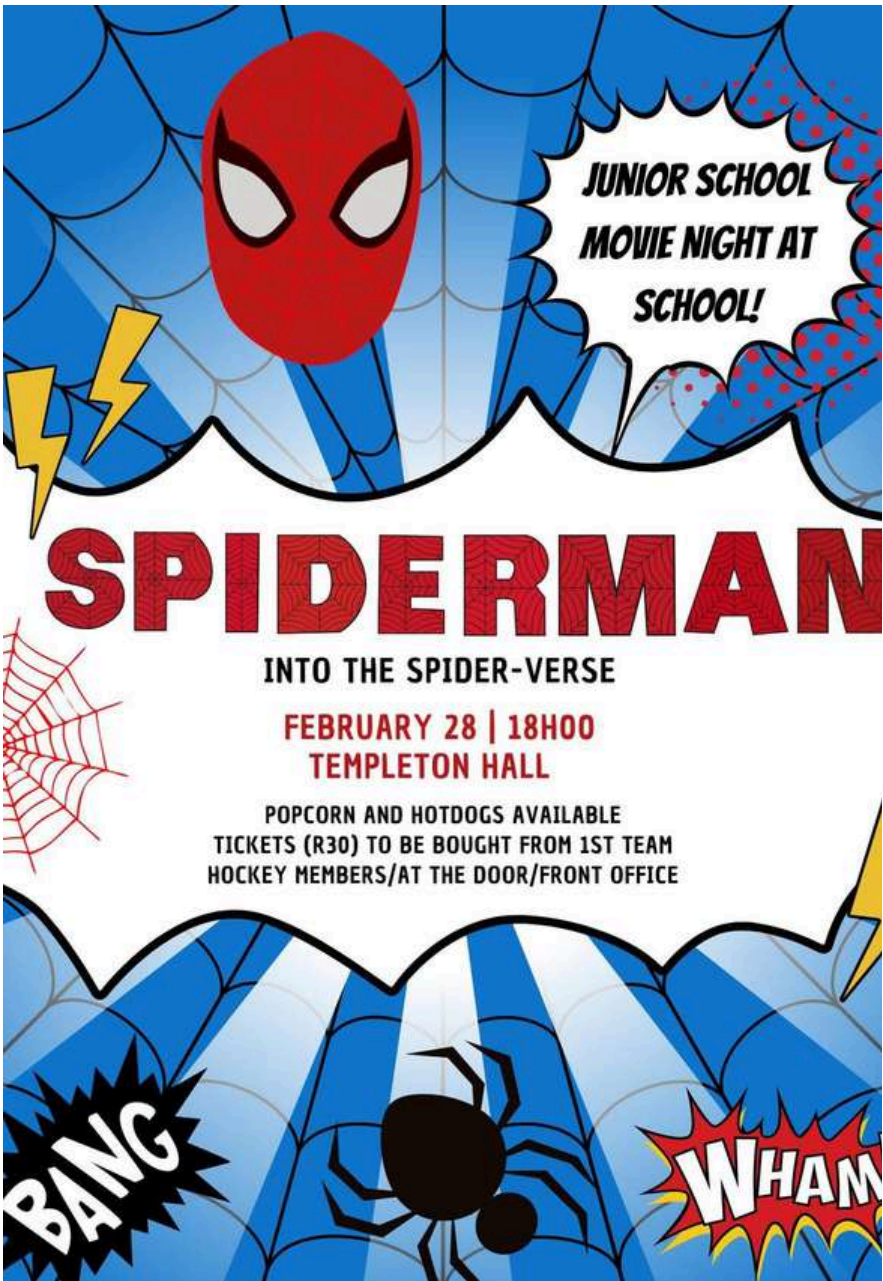
Blood Drive

We are beyond ecstatic to share that we broke the record this week with an incredible 48 units of blood collected! A huge thank you to everyone who came out to support this life-saving cause. Your generosity truly makes a difference!





TONIGHT: Graeme takes on St Andrew's College 1st XI this afternoon on Knowling Field at 17:15.



Join us for an exciting movie night in the school hall, exclusively for our GC Junior School students! We've got an exceptionally fun movie lined up, plus popcorn and hotdogs available to snack on. All proceeds from the night will go toward supporting the 1st XI Team hockey.

Graeme College Golf Day

1 March 2025

Format: Betterball Stableford

11h00 Shotgun Start

**R500 per Player or R2000 per Fourball
Includes Halfway House**

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Reference: Golf and Surname

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!

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**PRESENTS OUR 1ST XI
HOCKEY FUNDRAISER**

THE MAKHANDA NITE RACE

WEDNESDAY 5 MARCH 2025

SOMERSET FIELD, GRAEME COLLEGE

SPONSORED BY MAKANA BRICK

**TICKETS: R20
SCHOLARS
R30 ADULTS**

TICKETS AVAILABLE ON QUICKET

REGISTRATION STARTS 16:30

RACE BEGINS AT 17:30

RACE LENGTH: 8KM

FOOD & DRINKS AVAILABLE POST RACE

Graeme College Presents the Makhanda Nite Race!
Join us for an exciting evening of fitness, fun, and fundraising at the Makhanda Nite Race, in support of our 1st XI Hockey Team!

Date: Wednesday, 5 March 2025

Venue: Somerset Field, Graeme College

Proudly Sponsored by Makana Brick

Tickets:

R20 for Scholars

R30 for Adults

Event Highlights:

8km Race – A thrilling challenge under the night sky

Delicious Food & Refreshments – Available before and after the race

Exciting Prizes – Stand a chance to win big!

Registration starts at 16:30

Race begins at 17:30

Don't miss out on this fantastic community event! Come run, support, and enjoy a great evening with us.

**For more information, contact Mr Devon Keyes:
083 708 9968.**

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School events

Makana Meander Wine Tasting

Cheers for Charity!

Indulge in a selection of exquisite fine wines while making a meaningful difference! Makana Meander Wine Tasting in partnership with Graeme College Community Outreach, proudly supports Sibanye Special Day Care Centre.

Join us for an unforgettable evening filled with wine, generosity, and community spirit. Every sip brings us closer to creating a positive impact!

Delicious array of cheese from Just Milk

Wines from Meridian Wine Merchants, Iona Wines Elgin and The Taste Room. Please note there will also be non-alcoholic wines available to taste too!

- Date: 14 March 2025
- Time: 17h30
- Venue: Graemian Centre, Graeme College
- Live Music by Access Music Project
- Special Guest: A captivating talk and charity auction with the renowned Alan Weyer
- Tickets: R150 per person (includes a cheese platter and finger snacks)

Available on Quicket. Link: <https://www.quicket.co.za/.../299593-makana-meander-wine.../>

Come raise a glass for a great cause!



Wine Tasting



Cheers for Charity! Indulge in a selection of exquisite fine wines while making a meaningful difference! The Makana Meander, in partnership with Graeme College Community Outreach, is proud to support Sibanye Special Day Care Centre. Join us for an unforgettable evening of wine, generosity and community spirit. Every sip brings us closer to creating a positive impact!

 14 March 2025, 17h30

 Graemian Centre, Graeme College

Live music by Access Music Project.
Also featuring a captivating talk and charity auction with the renowned Alan Weyer.
R150 pp includes cheese platter finger snacks.



Just
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Tickets available from Quicket

Graeme College Valentine's Dance

8 February 2025
Templeton Hall
18h00 for 18h30
until 22h30
R150 per couple

2 BOEREWORS
ROLLS INCLUDED

Dress: Smart
No jackets required

TICKET NUMBER

Our upcoming Valentine's Dance for high school learners will be a night to look forward to! A night of fun, music and celebration!

Advertisement for the week

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Swimming

Representing Summerstrand Nippers, Benjamin Fox, a Grade 5 student, successfully completed his Level 1 test with Lifesaving South Africa. This achievement marks a significant milestone in his lifesaving journey, showcasing his dedication and commitment to mastering essential water safety skills.



Foundation Phase swimming underway in a big way! Thank you to all our champion teacher and parent swimming coaches. You guys rock!



Spectator code of conduct

Just a reminder of the Graeme College Spectator Code of Conduct.

We strongly encourage all spectators to adhere to these guidelines to ensure a positive and supportive environment for our players, coaches and fellow supporters. Your sportsmanship and respect for the game contribute to the spirit of Graeme College. Thank you for upholding our values!

GRAEME COLLEGE

SPECTATOR CODE OF CONDUCT

WE ARE DETERMINED TO SET THE BENCHMARK WITH REGARDS TO BEHAVIOUR AND SPORTSMANSHIP WHICH REQUIRES EVERYBODY TO SUPPORT US AND BUY INTO THIS PROCESS.


GRAEME COLLEGE STRONGLY ENCOURAGES ALL SPECTATORS TO ADHERE TO THE FOLLOWING:

DO:

- ENCOURAGE PLAYERS TO PLAY BY THE RULES AND ALWAYS SHOW SPORTSMANSHIP AND TO RESPECT THEIR OPPONENTS.
- ENCOURAGE AND APPLAUD GOOD PLAY FROM BOTH TEAMS.
- SUPPORT THE OFFICIALS IN CHARGE OF THE GAME.
- STAY OFF THE FIELD OF PLAY.
- ASSIST THE PLAYERS (OFF THE FIELD) WITH POSITIVE COMMENTS.
- BE POLITE AND RESPECTFUL OF OTHER SPECTATORS AND PLAYERS.

DON'T:

- QUESTION COACHES ABOUT SELECTION OR TACTICS.
- PROMOTE ANY CHEATING OR BENDING OF RULES.
- REPRIMAND PLAYERS FOR MISTAKES.
- PUBLICLY QUESTION REFEREE/ OFFICIAL DECISIONS.
- PROMOTE WINNING AT ALL COSTS.
- ABUSE OFFICIALS, COACHES, PLAYERS OR SPECTATORS.
- BRING ANY ALCOHOL/ CONSUME ALCOHOL AT ANY MATCH VENUES (HOME OR AWAY).
- SMOKE OR VAPE ON THE SCHOOL CAMPUS.



Cricket

The Leopards cricket team had an absolutely fantastic morning on the field! Our little leopards played with great enthusiasm and skill, making it a memorable session. A huge thank you to all the parents who brought their boys out this morning, and a special shout-out to those who helped out – your support made the day run smoothly and was much appreciated! As always a big thank you to Mr Lensley for organising.



Cricket

Results:

Graeme College 1st XI vs Pearson High school 1st

Graeme College 1st XI

140/10 all out 52 overs

Enrique Strydom 51

Kits McConnachie 30

Pearson 1st XI

154 all out 47.3 overs

Erin Nelson 4/4 in 1.3 overs (hatrick)

Luphelo Mdyesha 2/64 in (17 overs)

Jordan Damons 3/28 (8 overs)

2nd Innings

Graeme College 1st XI 35/5

Target 22

Pearson 22/1

Erin Nelson 1/11

Graeme College lost by 4 wickets.



Pearson 2s vs GC 2s

Pearson 113 all out 33 overs (1st innings)

Ethan Bokbaard 3/10

Alden Walters 3/35

GC 2s 185/7 dec 36 overs (1st innings)

Ibenathi Kondile 50 not out

Olo Jaca 37

Alden Walters 24 not out

Pearson 2s (2 innings) 113/3

Graeme won the first innings after a superb performance. Another impressive day for our 2s!



GC U15A vs Pearson u15A

GC 92-10 (21.5 overs)

Corbin Tidbury 48

Pearson 182- 10 (59overs)

Lead 90 runs

GC 2nd innings 126 - 5

Lead 36 runs

James Muir 40*

Caleb Jatiem 40

Pearson 2nd innings 24-1

GC lost on first innings score.



GC U14A Vs Pearson U14A GC 51/10
Pearson 234/4 declared
GC 21/5
GC lost by an innings and 163.

Graeme College u13a vs Grey u13a
Graeme 108 all out
Linathi Ntabeni 25
Grey 110-3
Graeme lost by 7 wickets.



Graeme College U13A took on a formidable Grey Junior U13A side in what proved to be an exciting junior cricket fixture.

Graeme won the toss and elected to bat first on a good-looking surface. Linathi Ntabeni showed grit and determination at the top of the order, playing positively for a well-crafted 25. However, Grey's spinners soon took control, ripping through the Graeme batting lineup. Despite this, Odwa Ndlazi and Qhama Picane displayed resilience with a valuable 35-run partnership for the final wicket, helping Graeme post a total of 108 runs. Defending a modest target, Graeme's opening bowlers (Bukho Yolani and Qhama Picane) started strongly, each claiming an early wicket to put Grey under pressure. A moment of brilliance in the field by Ndalo Ntlanjeni resulted in a sharp run-out, leaving Grey three wickets down for only 7 runs. However, the Grey batters responded with exceptional composure and skill, putting together a match-winning partnership to chase down the total comfortably and secure victory by 7 wickets. Although the result didn't go Graeme's way, the team showed moments of promise and resilience. Well done to Grey Junior on a great performance and thank you for an enjoyable match. Graeme will look to bounce back in their next fixture! #kingconstructioncivilsandlawns

Graeme u13B vs Grey
Grey 219/9
Christian Kemp 4 for 31
Keanu Goliath 3 for 39
Oliver Hart 1 for 29
Graeme 30 all out
Graeme lost by 188 runs.

Gc u11A vs Grey u11A
Grey 116/9 after 40
Liam Brooks 2/15
Frederik Tladi 2/18
Graeme 63 all out
Matthew Weber 13
Graeme lost by 53 runs.

Graeme u11b vs Grey
Graeme 43 all out
Grey 44-1
Graeme lost by 9 wickets.



Squash

The U11 and U13 squash boys kicked off their 2025 season with their first pre-trials in PE on Sunday, 26 January. The boys showed great determination and skill, with several players delivering outstanding performances. A few of our boys went unbeaten, winning all their matches. This promising start sets the tone for an exciting season ahead, and we look forward to seeing their continued growth and success on the court.



The Graeme team played against Queens and came out on top with a 4-2 win in games. Well done, boys! It was a fantastic display of camaraderie, and it's always great to watch these two schools compete. The sportsmanship and teamwork were top-notch from both sides, making it an exciting match to witness!

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!

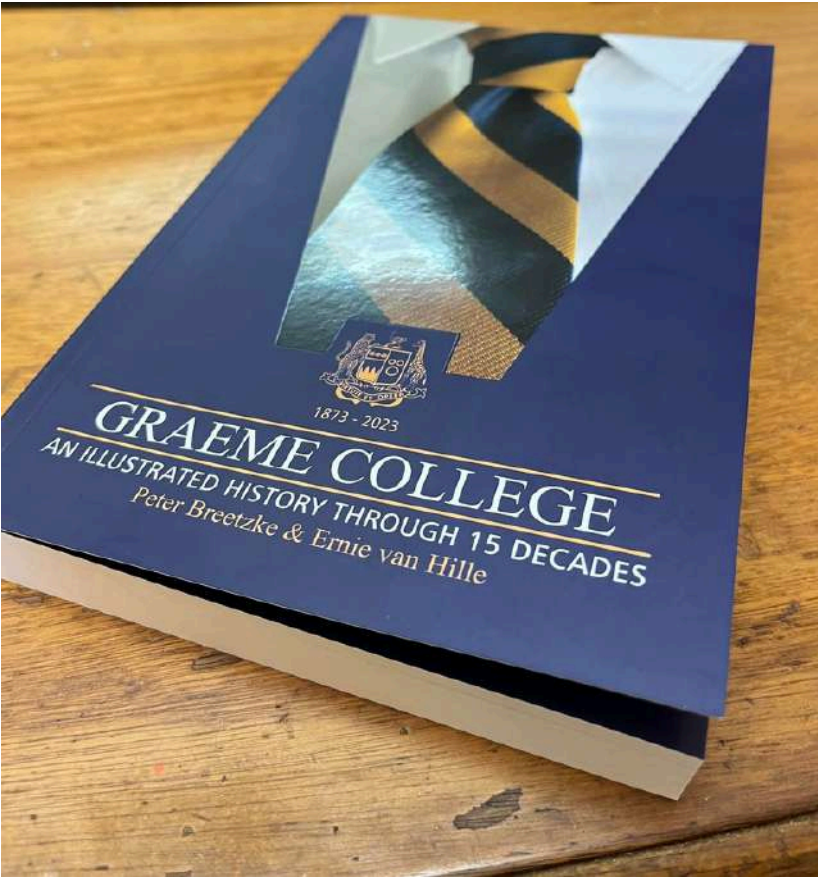
MUIR TRANS

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.

To order, contact Ms. Busi Stamper at b.stamper@graemecollege.co.za.

SAVE
THE DATE

GRAEME COLLEGE
RUGBY FESTIVAL
20-22 MARCH
2025



FOR MORE INFORMATION - CONTACT
MARKETING@GRAEMECOLLEGE.CO.ZA

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!



R5000
PACKAGE

GBS GRAEME COLLEGE
RUGBY FESTIVAL

March 2025

FOOT TRAFFIC

...more than ten thousand people passing through our gates

LIVE COVERAGE

The event is live-streamed which has tens of thousands of spectators!

MOST VIEWED

...most viewed rugby festival event in South Africa with 68 372 views

PACKAGE INCLUDES

✓ Festival Programme Advertising

✓ Banner advertising on field for 3 days

✓ Free entry, VIP seating & VIP parking

✓ Lunch for two (for 3 days)

✓ Social media advertising

For reservations of the sponsorship package & information call email marketing@graemecollege.co.za or call 071 687 4531

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 st Team Tennis vs Old Boys	Tennis Courts
13h00	Squash vs Old Boys	Squash Courts
14h30	1 st Team T20 Cricket vs Old Boys	Somerset Field
18h00	Old Graemian Welcoming function	Graemian Centre

Saturday 01 March 2025

09h30	1 st 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

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Old Graemian Union

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice & Invitation

Friday, 28 February 2025
12h15, Graemian Centre

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.

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Commemorative 100 YEARS OGU Neck Ties



**PRE-ORDER
NOW!**

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sean@capepointtrading.co.za | WhatsApp 083 300 2110

100 Years Unbroken –
Commemorative OGU Neck Ties
For a century, the Old Graemian Union has stood strong, unbroken, and united.

To celebrate this milestone, we're making exclusive commemorative neckties available for pre-order! They are R200 each.

Wear it with pride at Founders 2025. Pre-order now: Sean Wiblin – sean@capepointtrading.co.za
WhatsApp: +27 83 300 2110
Be part of history. Be Founders ready.

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Virtute Et Opera

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/>



Browse uplifting stories

Vive Teens
Your always-there
personal wellness
companion



**Discover content
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 - 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.

150
GRAEME COLLEGE
1873 - 2023

#GC150Plaques

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!

If you would like to promote your business or service in our school newsletter, please contact us for more details. This is a fantastic opportunity to reach our school community!
Contact: 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).

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, loos on as our cricketers took on Pearson last weekend.

