



## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 14 February 2025

**"It is not who is right, but what is right, that is of importance"- Thomas Huxley**

### Message from Mrs De Lacy

A stunning rainbow graced our campus this week, lighting up the sky after a scorching day. The heavy downpour that has followed is a welcome relief, bringing much-needed coolness and a sense of calm after the intense heat. How beautiful!

This week, Mrs De Lacy led a heartwarming assembly where she shared the story "Have You Filled A Bucket Today?" The story introduces the concept of "Bucket Fillers" and "Bucket Dippers." A bucket filler is someone who spreads kindness and love through words or actions that make others feel valued and special. On the other hand, a bucket dipper is someone whose unkind actions or words take away the positive energy from others, leaving them feeling empty or hurt.

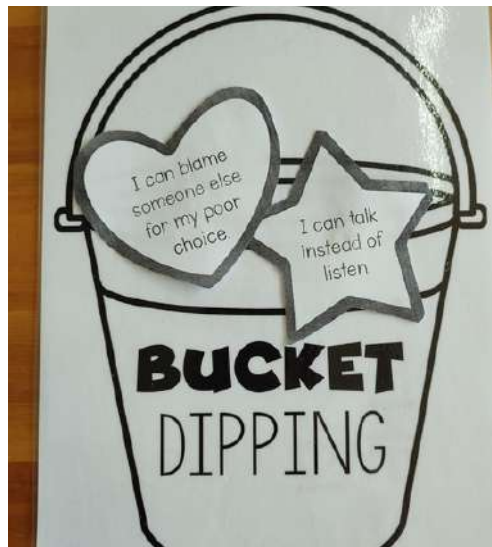
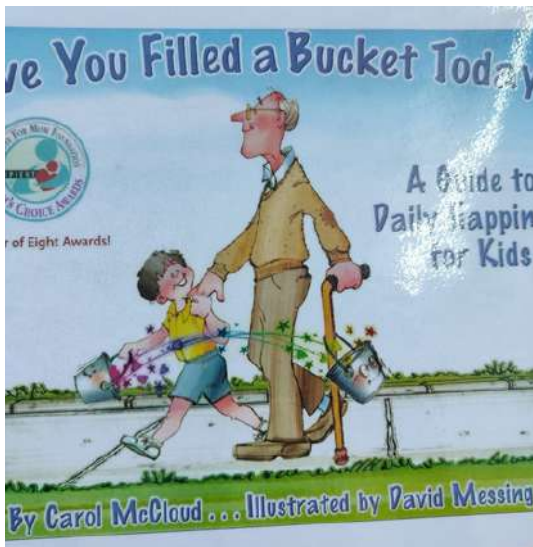
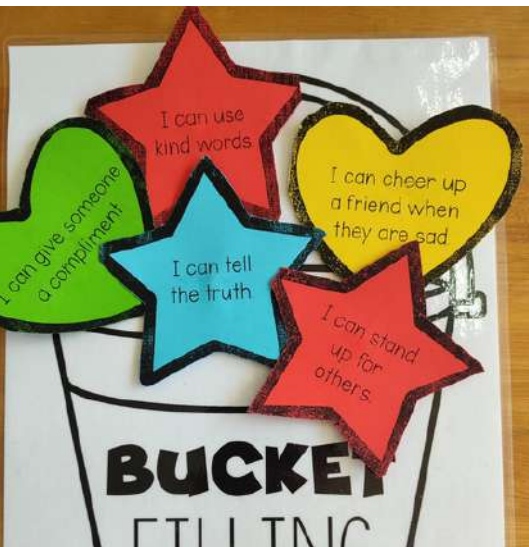
The story serves as a gentle reminder that we all carry an invisible bucket, which holds our positive thoughts and feelings about ourselves. It teaches us that the state of our bucket influences how we feel throughout the day—when it's full, we feel happy, confident, and positive. However, when it's empty, we can feel sad, discouraged, or upset.

What's truly important, as the story emphasises, is that we all have the power to fill each other's buckets. By being kind, compassionate, and thoughtful in our actions and words, we can lift one another up, making a positive impact on those around us. Every time we show kindness—whether through a compliment, a smile, or helping someone—we fill their bucket and, in turn, our own.

Mrs. De Lacy also encouraged us to reflect on how we can become more aware of our actions and words each day, ensuring that we are more intentional in filling not only our own buckets but also those of others. By choosing to be a bucket filler, we contribute to creating a school environment filled with love, support, and

positivity. The more we fill each other's buckets, the more our community grows stronger and happier. So, let's remember: small acts of kindness have a lasting impact, and every day is an opportunity to fill someone's bucket!

Mrs De Lacy, Grade 2 teacher



## Academics – Mathematics

### Mathematics 100 Club Induction

Noah Tabensky has been inducted into the 100 club for achieving 100% for his test on Sequences and Series. This is Noah's 6th Induction into the 100 club since it's inception. Well done, Noah!





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
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

Focussed study sessions schedule:

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	
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	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 6 (17/02)
10	EM radiation
11	Newton's laws
12	Momentum
Life Science	
10	Chemistry for life
11	Revision
12	Meiosis



## Some of our Notch Kings of the week.



**Joel 'Robocop' Chitsike is our Graemian of the Week. Joel has been a living, breathing example of the term 'grit'. After sustaining terrible burns, many would have stayed away from school. Joel was back at school a day later and getting stuck into every activity possible - including training for and participating in last week's gala. Well done Joel, you have displayed everything - and more - that we expect of Graemians. Courage and Toil!**





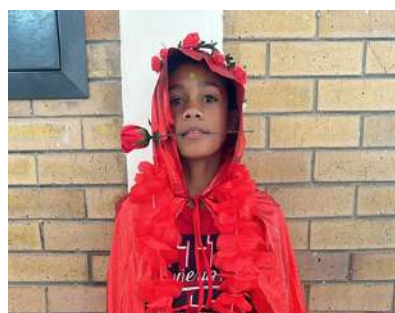
# Junior School

**Congratulations to all our Valentine's Day winners who impressed us with their fantastic outfits today!**

- Grade 5JB: Bulumko Nxele
- Grade 4MG: Mason Richter
- Grade 6KF: Callen Steele
- Grade 2: Michael Berriman
- Grade 6DS: Baxter Robertson
- Grade 00: Nate Rasmussen
- Grade R: Liam Boucher
- Grade 4ND: Troy Smith
- Grade 1: Luan van der Schyf
- Grade 3: Tyler Robertson
- Grade 7AS: Mason de Vos
- Grade 7OX: Eric Griffin
- Grade 5LM: James Catto

**Best teacher: Mrs Greyling**

**You all looked amazing, and we appreciate your effort in making this Valentine's Day extra special! Keep shining bright!**





# Grade 9s

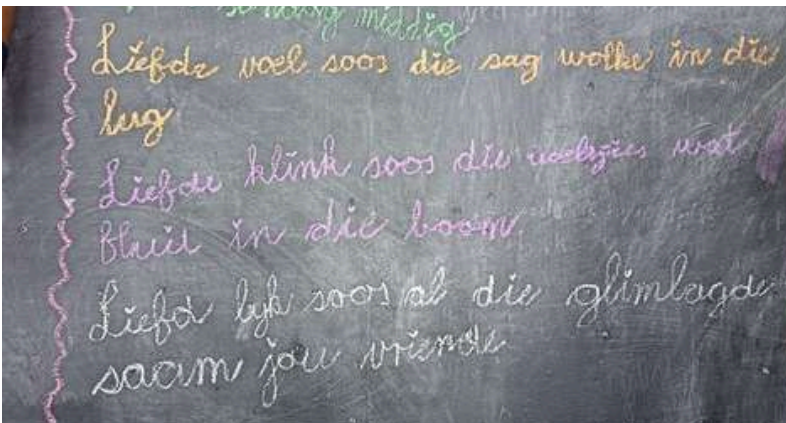
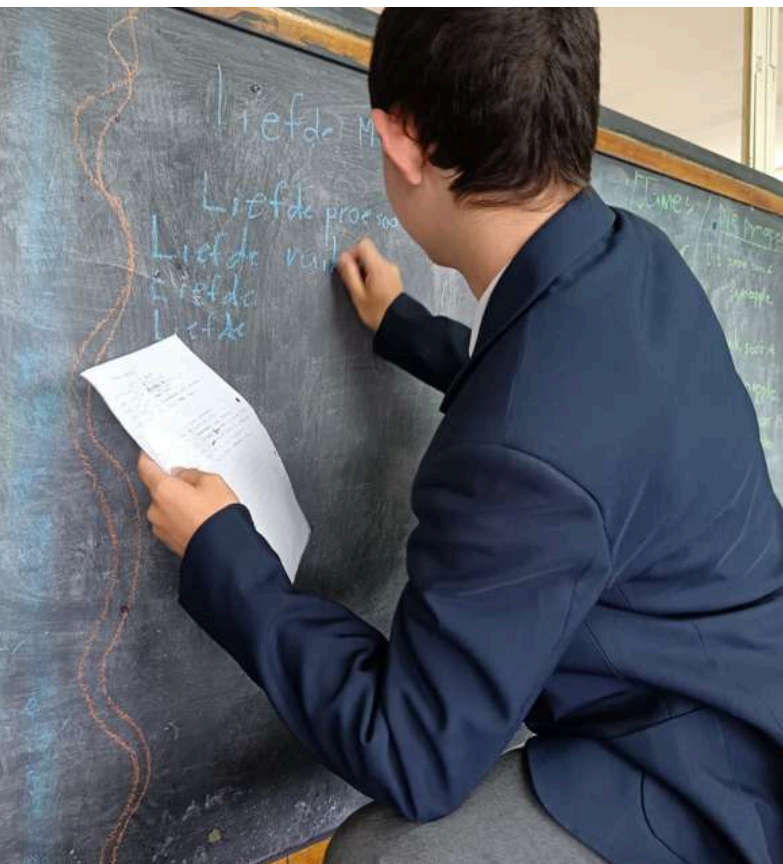
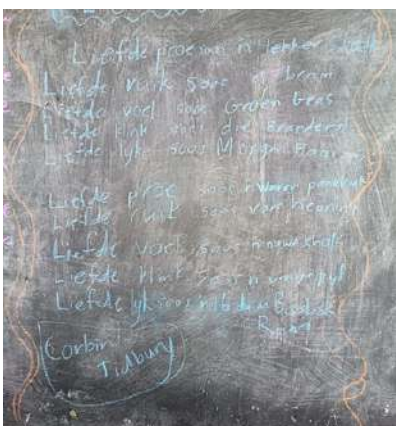
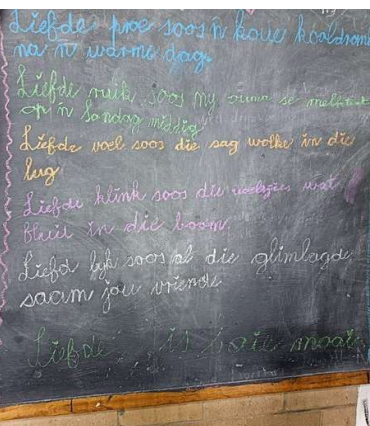
## Science: Grade 9s

Cells are considered the building blocks of all living things. Through the discovery and development of microscopes, scientists have described the different components within cells. The Grade 9s spent time constructing their own cells, in order to become familiar with all the components of plant and animal cells.





Today on Valentine's Day, the Grade 9 Afrikaans boys got creative by writing formula poems, exploring the theme of love in a unique way. They expressed their feelings with lines like "Liefde proe soos...," "Liefde ruik soos...," "Liefde voel soos...," "Liefde klink soos...," and "Liefde lyk soos..." Each student used their own words to capture the essence of love, combining sensory experiences and emotions to make the concept come alive. It was a fun and heartfelt activity, with the boys showing off their poetic flair and creativity in celebration of the day!





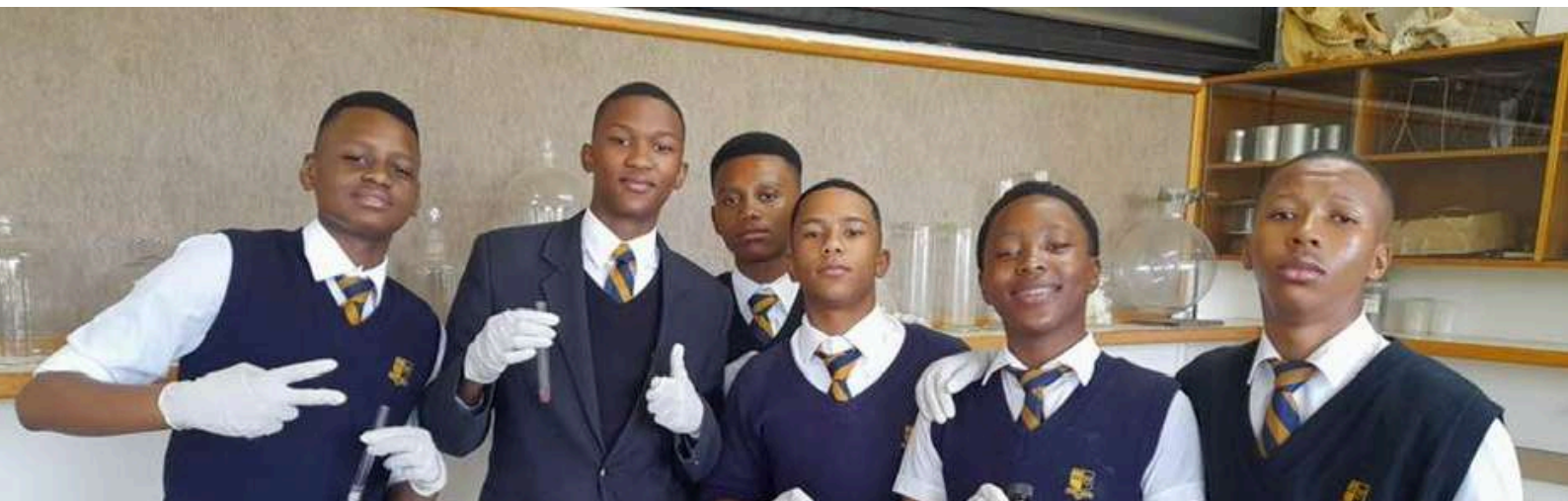
The Grade 10 class are currently busy rehearsing for a play generated by AI in Afrikaans. The play's theme revolves around a group of schoolboys who aspire to start a school band. Through their journey, they face various challenges, from finding the right instruments to overcoming doubts from their peers. Their bond and love for music drive them to pursue their dream despite the obstacles. The final performance will take place next week, and the learners are excited to showcase their hard work and creativity.





## Grade 10s

The Grade 10s had their first Life Science practical this week, diving into testing for organic compounds in various substances like potatoes, chicken livers, egg whites, and sugar. It was a hands-on learning experience, with everyone enjoying the chance to apply what they'd been learning in class. The experiments were a big hit, sparking curiosity and excitement as learners discovered how different foods contain different organic compounds. A fantastic start to their practical science journey!



## Grade 3s

**Sending love to you from the Grade 3 boys!**





# Grade 4s

## Magnetic Colour by Number Fun for Grade 4MG!

These small, colourful magnets are perfect for enhancing fine motor skills and hand-eye coordination. With each set, learners can engage in hours of creative, hands-on fun while improving focus and attention to detail. Plus, there's a huge variety of designs and vibrant colours to explore, ensuring there's something for everyone to enjoy! The Grade 4s loved it!



Below: On Valentine's Day the Grade 4MG boys wish you a happy day of love!





"Love is..."—a heartwarming question that got the Grade 2 class thinking! Here are a few of their sweet answers this morning:

- Sharing
- Giving your mom flowers
- When you are kind to someone
- When you help with chores
- When you hug your teacher
- The BEST thing in the world!

Their responses truly capture the pure, simple ways we show love in everyday life. It's amazing to see such big hearts in these little boys!





**Last week the preschool celebrated "Favourite Colour Day"!**  
The preschool children had a blast wearing their most-loved colours and sharing what makes them special. The day was filled with vibrant hues, creativity, and fun activities that highlighted the uniqueness of each child's favourite shade. It was a colourful and joyful celebration!





Love was definitely in the air at the Pre-School today! The Grade R and Grade 00 learners are all dressed in red, celebrating love and kindness in the most colourful way. They enjoyed a day filled with laughter, heartwarming moments, and plenty of hugs. Even the staff got into the spirit, donning festive outfits to join in on the fun. It was a day of spreading love and joy, as everyone came together to celebrate the importance of kindness and friendship!





**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

At Graeme College, we take our community engagement seriously, recognising our responsibility to support those in need within our local community. Giving back is at the heart of who we are, and we are committed to making a meaningful impact. We invite you to join us in supporting our various causes, as every contribution—big or small—helps create a better future for those who need it most. Together, we can make a difference. Please send in donations for the attention of Ms White.

# DONATION DRIVE



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.





# First Aid

Hard at work, the First Aid team kicked off their season last Friday afternoon by thoroughly spring cleaning the first aid room. This marks the beginning of their preparations for the upcoming season, with more organising, restocking and readiness tasks planned for the next two Friday afternoons. The team is committed to ensuring everything is in top shape to provide prompt and efficient care when needed.





Graeme College's first term is brimming with exciting events, offering a fantastic mix of fun, community engagement and school spirit. Here's what's coming up:

- 26 February – Cancer Walk (in partnership with Pick 'n Pay and Graeme); all of our community welcome.
- 28 February – Movie Night for our Junior School, the movie 'IF' will be screened (please note it has been changed from Superman to IF).
- 28 February-1 March - Founder's Weekend
- 1 March – Graeme College Golf Day
- 5 March – Makhandu Nite Race; all our community invited
- 14 March – Makana Meander Wine Tasting; all our community invited
- 14 March – GC Junior Camp Out - Grade 00-7
- 20-22 March – The Graeme College Rugby Festival; all of our community invited

With a jam-packed calendar of sports, entertainment, and social events, the first term promises excitement for learners, parents, and supporters alike. Get ready for an unforgettable season of camaraderie and school spirit!



# let's go CAMPING

## GC Junior Camp Out

Date: Friday 14 March

Grade 00 - Grade 7

Venue: Junor field

R80pp (includes a boerieroll and cooldrink)

EFT payments to school banking details, and POP to be sent to [j.bodenstein@graemecollege.co.za](mailto:j.bodenstein@graemecollege.co.za)

Tickets may also be bought at school reception.

This camp is for father/guardians/special male adult to accompany the boys. Males only.

We are so excited to host the very popular Graeme College GC Camp!

- Date: Friday, 14 March

Who: Boys from Grades 00 – 7 with their fathers, guardians, or a special male adult

- Venue: Junor Field
- Cost: R80 per person (includes a boerie roll and a cooldrink)

This is a special opportunity for dads, guardians, and male mentors to bond with their boys in a fun and memorable outdoor experience. Join us for an evening of connection, adventure, and great company! Males only event

Payments can be made to school and POP to be sent to

[j.bodenstein@graemecollege.co.za](mailto:j.bodenstein@graemecollege.co.za). Tickets may also be bought at school reception.

Don't miss out—secure your spot today!





**Junior School Movie Night – New Movie Announcement!**  
We're excited to announce a change in our movie lineup for the Junior School Movie Night! The film will now be IF, directed and written by John Krasinski. IF tells the story of a young girl who discovers she can see everyone's imaginary friends. With this extraordinary ability, she embarks on a heartwarming and magical adventure to reunite forgotten imaginary friends with their kids.

While parents enjoy time at the Gramian Centre, our junior school children will be watching this movie in the hall. Please note that the movie has now changed from Superman.

Enjoy a fun evening with delicious, fresh popcorn and hotdogs available.

- **Date:** February 28
- **Time:** 18:00
- **Venue:** Templeton Hall
- **Price:** R30 each
- Tickets can be purchased from your class teacher, the reception office, or at the door on the night of the event.
- Don't miss out on this fun and magical experience – we look forward to seeing you there!

## Graeme College Golf Day

**1 March 2025**

**Format: Betterball Stableford**

**11h00 Shotgun Start**

**FIRST 24 FOURBALLS  
WILL BE ENTERED!**

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

**Great Prizes !**

**Book your own cart through the Club.**

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**PAYMENT MUST BE MADE BEFORE ENTERING**

Payment to Graeme College

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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](mailto:s.killian@graemecollege.co.za).

**Let's make this event unforgettable!**



## School events

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! Book on the link: <https://www.quicket.co.za/events/300660-makhanda-nite-race/>

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.



**GRAEME COLLEGE**

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**

**DRINKS | DELICIOUS FOOD | PRIZES**



## 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 cheeses.

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**

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**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.

**10na** **MERIDIAN WINE MERCHANTS** **the TASTE ROOM**

**Tickets available from Quicket: <https://www.quicket.co.za/.../299593-makana-meander-wine.../>**



Pick n Pay

Pink Walk  
FOR CANSA  
2025

3.7K

STARTING POINT:  
GRAEME COLLEGE

Wednesday

26th February, 2025

Entry Fee

R20  
/ Participant

All proceeds go to Cansa

Registration

At the field from 4:30pm  
or during the week at PnP

Walk Starts At

5PM for 5:30 PM

PANCAKES SALE R5 | BOEREWORS ROLLS SALE R20

STEAK EVENING  
AFTER THE EVENT:  
WEIGH & PAY: R99 P/KG

Register Now!

Company teams welcome!



We are beyond excited to host the Pick n Pay CANSA Walk! It's always such a meaningful event, bringing together our community for a truly important cause. This walk not only raises awareness but also helps fund vital cancer research and support services. We can't wait to be a part of this incredible journey with all of you!

Advertisement for the week

FOR SALE

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GRAEME COLLEGE

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R990 000



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## RESULTS:

**Graeme College 1st XI vs Selborne College 1st XI**

**Declaration**

**Selborne College 1st XI**

**132 All out**

**Lisekho Zinyane 3/19**

**Luphelo Mdyesha 3/30**

**Graeme College 1st XI**

**205/9**

**Kits McConnachie 58**

**Ryan Stobbs 38**

**Andrew Muir 35**

**Graeme College won on first innings by 5 wickets.**

**GC 2s vs Selborne 2nds**

**GC 2s 202/5 40 overs**

**Olo Jaca 52**

**Iviwe Mshubeki 50**

**Selborne 2s 204//6 37 overs**

**Likhona Cakata 2/37**

**GC 2s lost by 4 wickets.**

**GC 3rds 92 for 6 in 15 overs (rain stopped play for a bit).**

**Callum de Vos 34**

**Tshepiso Klaas 21**

**Marlow 2nds 70 all out**

**Callum de Vos 5-12**

**GC won by 22 runs.**

**GC U15A vs Selborne U15A**

**GC 117 all out**

**Corbin Tidbury 44**

**Selborne 66 all out**

**GC were 51 runs ahead.**

**GC 2nd innings 110-4 (Dec)**

**CORBIN TIDBURY 101**

**Selborne 2nd innings 58-2**

**Match drawn/GC won on 1st innings.**

**GC U14A vs Selborne**

**Selborne 303/9 after 40**

**Abakhe 1-38 (8)**

**GC 63 all out**

**Iminathi Mali 25**

**GC lost by 240 runs.**



**GC 2s vs Marlow 1sts**  
**Marlow 56/8 14 overs**  
**Ibenathi Kondile 5/13**  
**Game called off due to rain and lightning**

**GC U15B v Marlow**  
**GC 15B 109/7 (20 overs)**  
**Marlow 15a 111/4 (18.4)**  
**GC lost by 6 wickets**

**GC 14Bs vs Port Alfred.**  
**GC 69-5 after 20 overs**  
**Maka Klaas 21 not out**  
**Port Alfred 14s 66-10**  
**Hlobanisa Msakanye 4/18**  
**Ondela Coto 3/16**  
**Kenzo Santos-Osman 3/20**  
**Graeme won by 3 runs.**

**GC 14B vs Marlow 14A**  
**Marlow 105/5**  
**Aqhama 3/9**  
**Kenzo 1/5**  
**Zimfefe 1/14**  
**GC 39/10**  
**Hlobanisa 8\***  
**GC lost by 66 runs.**

**Graeme U13A vs Queens U13A**  
**Graeme 70 all out**  
**Queens 71-2**  
**Graeme lost by 8 wickets.**

**Graeme U13B vs Queens U13B (T20)**  
**Queens 106/3**  
**Keanu Goliath 1 for 11**  
**Callum Cox 1 for 19**  
**Isenam Maswana 1 for 20**  
**Graeme 77/9**  
**Isenam Maswana 18**  
**Graeme lost by 29 runs.**



## **Graeme U13B vs Queens U13B (40 overs)**

**Queens 76 all out**

**Oliver Hart 4 for 11**

**Keanu Goliath 2 for 5**

**Sim Mbuyephi 1 for 3**

**Graeme 77/8**

**Callum Cox 18**

**Christian Titus 11**

**Graeme won by 2 wickets.**

## **GC U11A vs Queens U11A**

**GC 112/8**

**Daniel Burger 37\***

**Matthew Weber 16**

**Queens 42 all out**

**Matthew Weber 4/1**

**Josh Potts 2/2**

**Graeme won by 70 runs.**

## **Queens U10A vs Graeme U11B**

**Graeme 101/7**

**Lubambo Mabini 66**

**Queens 102/5**

**Jadon Byren 2 for 14**

**Liya Ntabeni 2 for 18**

**Lubambo Matshaya 1 for 15**

**Graeme lost by 5 wickets**

## **Queens U10A vs Graeme U11B (30 overs)**

**Queens 167/5**

**Liya Ntabeni 2 for 18**

**Lubambo Mabini 1 for 22**

**Graeme 88/10**

**Jaydon Byren 16**

**Graeme lost by 79 runs**

## **Graeme U9A vs Queens U9A**

**Graeme 116/0 (20)**

**Cody Oerson 21 not out**

**Jack Tidbury 18 not out**

**Juandre Knoetze 17 not out**

**Queens 29-9 (20)**

**Juandre Knoetze 4/4**

**Jack Tidbury 2/3**

**Corne Van Rooyen 2/5**

**Graeme won by 87 runs.**



# Cricket

## 11C and 13C results vs Kenton and Oatlands

### U11C

Graeme and Oatlands had a practice match on Junor B . 10 of the boys played their first match

Standout players for Graeme:

Luyakha Matshaya 2/11

Jayden Byren 18 not out

### U13C

Graeme 100 all out

Travis Jackson 20

Oatlands 53 all out

Iviwe Sitsila 5/4

### U13C vs Oatlands

Graeme 87/7

Kenton 76/5

Kholo Sam 2/6

Oluthando Magopeni 2/9





# Tennis

**Today our u11A tennis team played DSG Junior. There were some very closely contested matches and some incredible tennis played by both teams. The day ended in a 59-59 draw. Well done boys.**



**Below: Josh Potts, Ryan Stobbs, Jess and Kits McConnachie, will be heading off to Bloemfontein to represent EP Tennis in the prestigious Synergy Tournament. They are all eager to compete and showcase their skills on a larger stage. This tournament will be an exciting opportunity for them to not only challenge themselves but also to strengthen their tennis experience in high-level competition. They're looking forward to giving their best performance and making their region and Graeme College proud. Good luck boys! will be heading to Bloemfontein to represent EP Tennis in the prestigious Synergy Tournament. We wish him the best of luck!**



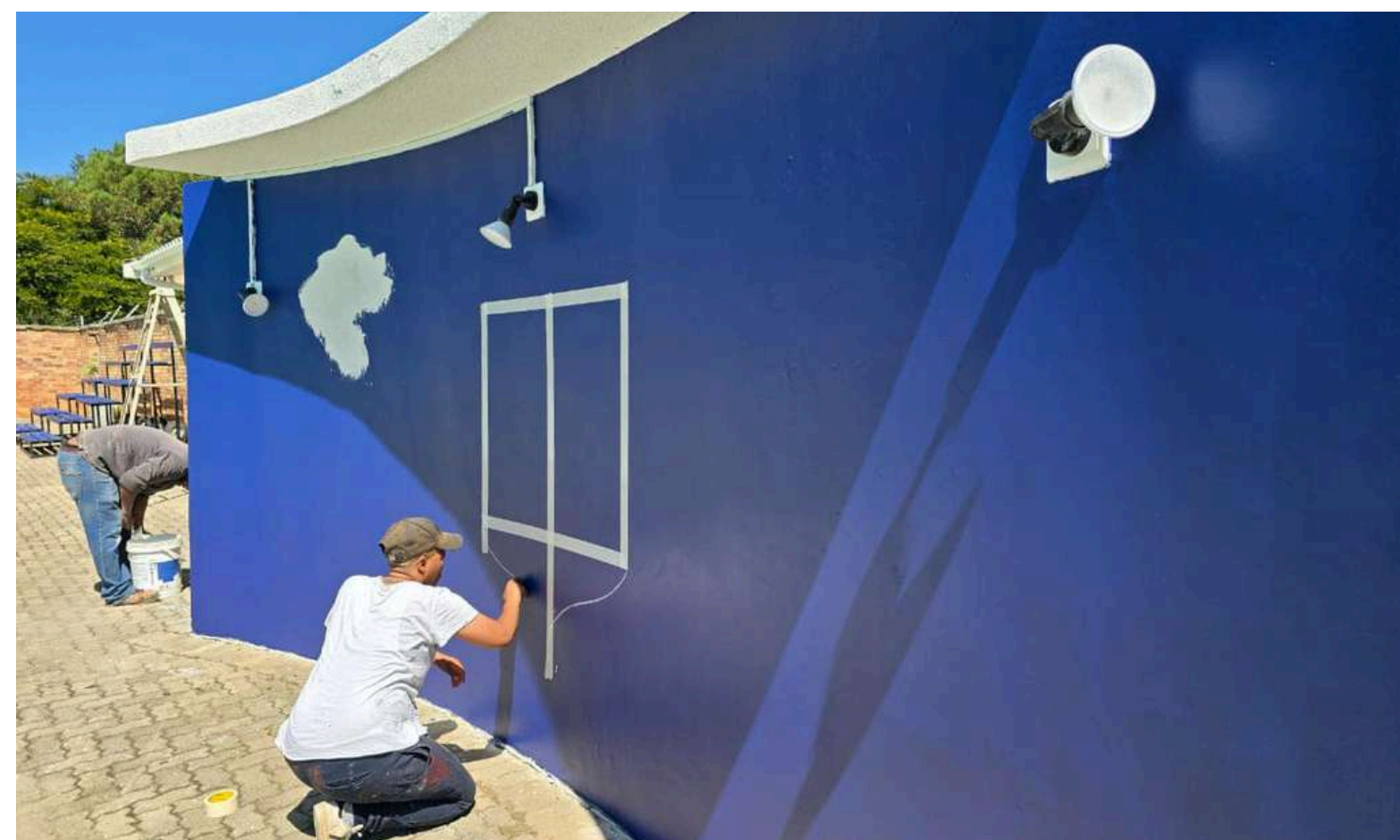


## Swimming

With the pool fixed, full and looking beautiful, junior swimming has been able to get going again. Three young leopards competed at the Kingswood short course gala in January - Troy Smith competed admirably in the under 10 age group, Benjamin Fox in the under 11 age group, where he placed second in the 50m freestyle event, and Benjamin Shaw in the under 12 age group and placed second in the 50m breaststroke race. Graeme was delighted to host the Albany Junior Relay gala last Friday where the school entered a team. Well done to the boys that swam!



Watch this space...things are happening at the pool!





# Squash

The Graeme College 1st Squash Team took part in the St Andrew's Standard Bank Squash Festival over the weekend, in Bloemfontein. This is the first time that Graeme has attended the festival. Results from the festival:

- vs Michaelhouse B won 6-0
- vs Paul Roos Gimnasium won 5-1
- vs St John's B won 6-0
- vs Glenwood won 5-1
- vs Kearsney won 4-2

Well done to all the boys for these outstanding results. Special mention must be made of Ashton Burger, the Graeme number 1, who did not drop a game the whole festival.

Thank you to St Andrew's School for a great weekend of squash and new friendships. The boys also did some padel at the padel courts in Bloemfontein as a treat!





# Waterpolo

**A very excited 1st water polo team received their kit at assembly this past week for the Oakhill Chukka Festival which started on Thursday and continues to Sunday this week.**

**Our sincere thanks to Mr and Mrs Pieterse (our main sponsors) and Mr and Mrs Cock, who sponsored the kit for the boys. The Pieterse's and Cock's are examples of what makes Graeme College special - our parents who always go the extra mile. An enormous thank you to you.**

**From left to right: Mr Swift, Ahlumile Maqungu, Okuhle Madinda, Connor Haakonsen, Athi Bonga, Jaycie Pieterse, Noah Tabensky, Hamish Haakonsen, Blake de la Mare, Nicholas Cock, Ethan de Wet, Michael Pretorius, Hunta van Zyl, Mr Rowe, Mrs Wendy Cock.**



**The Graeme 1st Water Polo team departed from Grahamstown/Makhanda for the annual Knysna Oakhill Chukka Festival this week. They made a stop at the famous Bloukraans Bridge where the boys got to watch two individuals take the leap of faith at the face adrenaline buncy jump. The boys arrived safely in Knysna where they faced Paarl Boys at 15h25. The boys played a solid match. They were down 3 - 1 after the second chukka. The boys unfortunately went down 10 - 1 at the end of the fourth chukka. The boys displayed great skill and determination.**





Waterpolo





**GRAEME COLLEGE**

# CRICKET

**1ST XI CRICKET FIXTURES**

**TERM 1**

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!

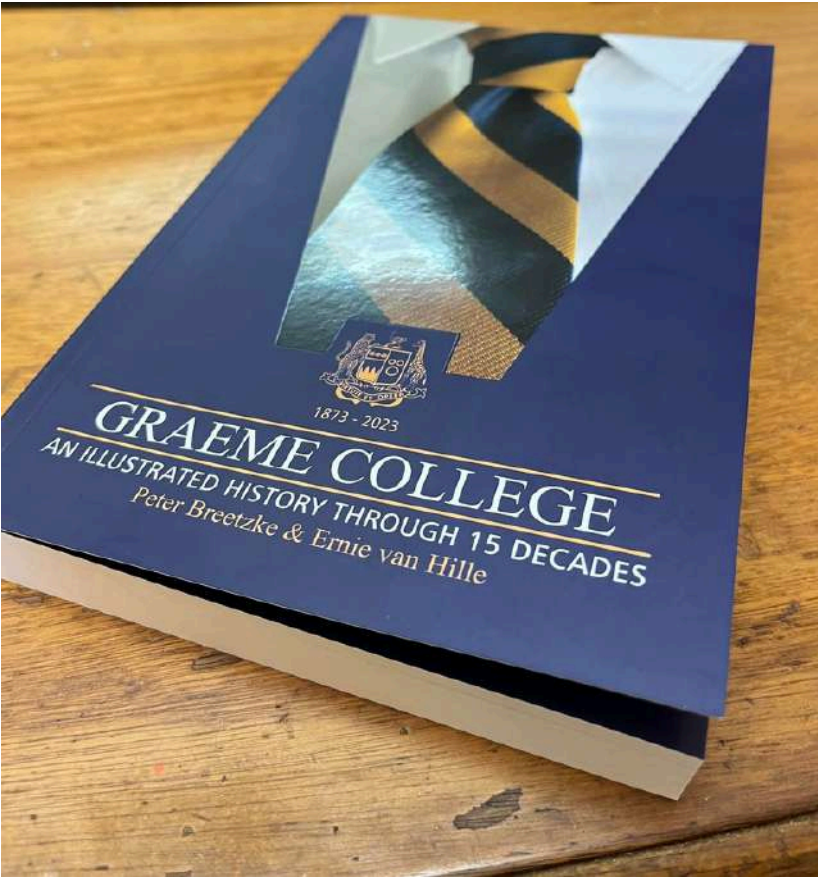
# MUIR TRANS

## 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](mailto: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!



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

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✓ 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](mailto: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



**CALLING THE CLASSES OF**  
2015 – 2010 – 2005 – 2000 – 1995 – 1990 – 1985 – 1980 – 1975 – 1970 – 1965 – 1960 – 1955  
**Your reunion awaits!**

## Founders' Weekend 2025 Programme

Date	Time	Event	Location
Fri 28 Feb	09h00	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	1st Team Tennis vs Old Boys	Tennis Courts
	13h00	Squash vs Old Boys	Squash Courts
	14h30	T20 Cricket vs Old Boys	Somerset Field
	18h00	Old Graemian Welcoming function	Graemian Centre
Sat 01 Mar	09h30	1st XI Cricket vs Hudson Park High School	Somerset Field
	09h30	U15A Cricket vs Hudson Park High School	Marais Field
	11h00	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 & Friends	Graemian Centre
	15h30	Tea	Graemian Centre
	18h00	Old Graemian Evening (with Old VG Girls)	Somerset Field (Marquee)
Sun 02 Mar	09h00	Old Graemian Church Service	School Hall





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28 February – 1 March



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Friday, 28 February 2025  
13h00

1 st Team Tennis  
vs Old Boys  
Tennis Courts

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Saturday, 1 March 2025  
11h00 Tee-Off

Belmont Golf Club

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Squash vs Old Boys  
Squash Courts

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Somerset Field

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Old Graemian Bowls  
Saturday, 1 March 2025  
13h30 for 14h00

Grahamstown  
Bowling Club

Book your spot!  
Kenny May: 083 260 3513 or Mike Ryan: 072 278 2079

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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



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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.  
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# 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 launched early in 2024 internationally. Graeme College subscribed to the app in 2023 and we encourage our learners to continue using the app or sign up to find out more.

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

**Vive Teens**  
Your always-there  
personal wellness  
companion

Discover content  
that is AI-curated  
for you

**Browse uplifting  
stories**

Winner of  
Youth Mental  
Health  
Challenge  
**WORLD  
ECONOMIC  
FORUM**



# 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 TO 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 to the history of the building. The idea is to sell only 150 plaques.

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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# 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  
@graemeboys

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.



Left: Family day out on Somerset, Graeme style!