



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 28 March 2025

“You will never find time for anything. If you want time you must make it.” – Charles Buxton

Message from the Deputy Headmaster

A stunning aerial view of Somerset Field reveals the build up for last weekend’s 2025 Rugby Festival.

As we wrap up an incredibly busy and demanding term, we take a moment to reflect on all that has been achieved. It has been a hectic few months, packed with academic, cultural, and sporting commitments. Many of our sports teams now turn their focus to various festivals, both now and over the holidays – we wish them the best of luck! We hope they make life-long friends and thoroughly enjoy the experience.

A heartfelt thank you goes to our staff for their dedication and tireless efforts throughout the term. Their commitment ensures that every event, lesson, and game runs smoothly. To our parents, your unwavering support has been nothing short of incredible, and we truly appreciate the role you play in the success of our boys and the school.

A highlight of the term was undoubtedly our Rugby Festival, which, despite several challenges beyond our control, saw record-breaking attendance. This is a testament to the strength of our Graeme community. We remain immensely proud that we can host this event without charging our learners to participate, despite the significant costs involved. This is only possible due to the generosity of our sponsors and local businesses, whose support is invaluable – thank you!

A special mention must go to our staff, who work relentlessly behind the scenes, sacrificing time (including a public holiday and an entire Saturday) to make this festival a resounding success. By Sunday, exhaustion sets in, but the sense of achievement is undeniable.

This term has been anything but easy, yet through it all, we have been fortunate to be guided by the leadership and experience of our headmaster, Mr. Watson. We are grateful for his unwavering commitment and hope he, too, can find a moment to put his feet up and enjoy a well-earned, yet short, break. To our entire Graeme family – thank you for another remarkable term. Enjoy the short rest, and we look forward to seeing everyone refreshed and ready for the next chapter!

Mr van Molendorff

Reading this holiday

Dear Parents

Upcoming holidays and reading:

Please read through this information carefully - as a parent it contains some pertinent and important information for you and your son for the holiday ahead. Children and teens that do not read during the April holidays, can lose gains they have made during their academic year. We encourage our parents to take note, educate oneself and encourage reading during the holidays. It is **IMPORTANT** for your young Leopard.



Read!

Boys **MUST** read during the holidays!

As a parent, are you aware of the phenomenon called the 'Summer Slide'? If not, it is critical that you take note, educate yourself and read through to the end of this message.

The 'Summer Slide' refers to the loss of academic skills that occurs when children are on holiday and which is attributed largely to the lack of reading. Children and teens who don't read much over the long December holidays can lose gains they've made in their reading levels and fluency over the year. When children are involved in holiday reading, the loss in academic development, including their reading ability, is less. One researcher compares reading to exercise. She encourages students to read in an effort to strengthen their reading skills. Just like exercising keeps muscles in shape, reading keeps the brain in shape. If you don't exercise, you lose muscle, and if you don't read, you will lose literacy skills.

Extensive research has shown that children regress (go backwards) by 3 months in their reading ability if they do not read during the holiday. Graemians are also under greater pressure than many learners around the world as they have to write their Grade 12 exams in a second or third-language, which is English. Put simply, the evidence is clear. **YOUR LEOPARD MUST READ DURING THE HOLIDAYS** (and some of that reading should be in English)!

If your Leopard loves reading, your problem is solved – just keep on encouraging him and make sure that he has enough enjoyable books to read during the holidays. If your Leopard does not enjoy reading, or refuses to read, then you have a problem and you have a **CRITICAL** role to play as a parent. You will need to insist that he reads and you will need to read with him.

Here is a list of helpful hints to ensure that he reads:

- Minimum of 10 minutes per day, 4 days per week
- Use of a mix of reading out loud and reading in silence
- Find reading material that he enjoys reading (eg a soccer magazine, an age-appropriate action book etc)
- Go to the Makhanda Public Library (45 Hill Street) to select books together – there is no charge to take out books
- Buy books for him as a Christmas present
- Swap books with other Graeme families (share information with each other about which books your boys have enjoyed reading)
- Introduce a rule at home of 'No reading, no screens'. In other words, he may only use screens (cell phone, TV, tablet etc) once he has done his reading for the day. Or 'No reading, no games' – he may only go outside and play with his friends once he has done his reading
- Reward him with treats (eg pocket money) once he has done his reading for the week properly
- Participate in the reading process with him. This will greatly encourage him. Read to him, as well as getting him to read to you

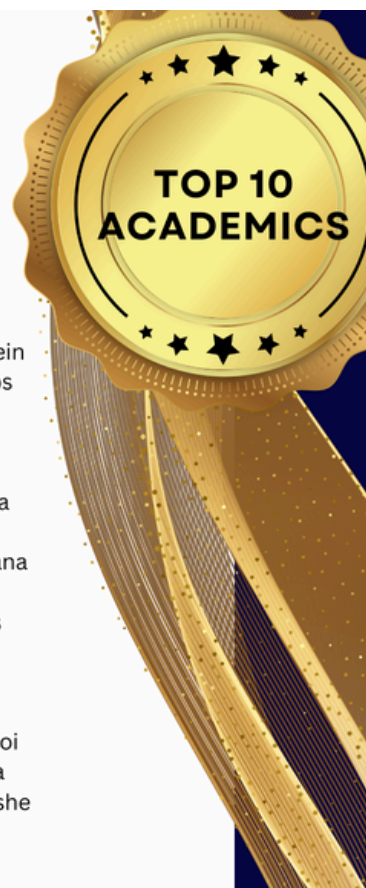
For further information go to:
NCCAT website, study.com, scholastic.com, National Library of New Zealand website.



Well done Junior school boys!



TOP 10 ACADEMICS, TERM 1 GRADE 4-7



Grade 4 Top 10

1. Frederik Tladi
2. Darian Smuts
3. Tendai Nyakotyo
4. Tavonga Madimu
5. Owen O'linsky
6. Lyall Goldschagg
7. Evan Brauteseth
7. Matthew Webber
9. Luminathi Mkalipi
10. Isiphile Gadu

Top 5 Best Effort

1. Luna Manyati
2. Busanda Nelana
3. Ongako Budaza
4. Oswald le Roux
5. Luyakha Matshaya

Grade 5 Top 10

1. Daniel Loest
2. Josh Potts
3. Live Solani
4. Jadon Byron
5. Amogelang Kulati
6. Liam Brooks
7. Ayavuya Geelbooi
8. Swazi Sodo/Ciarin Du Plessis
10. Linamandla Mbhadeko

Top 5 Best Effort

1. James Catto
2. Bilaal Motara
3. Patrick Bosman-Wisch
4. Lulo Mbambo
5. Daniel Burger

Grade 6 Top 10

1. Gustav Jordan
2. Benjamin Shaw
3. Callen Steele
4. Liam Viedge
5. Baxter Robertson
6. Oliver Hart
7. Kazimla Kili
8. Alexander Goldschagg
9. Amzolele Gongqobe
10. Tayo Ndulelisa

Top 5 Best Effort

1. Daniel Coetsee
2. Ongezile Nongauza
3. Linathi Ntabeni
4. Damon Isaacs
5. Gerrit Cloete

Grade 7 Top 10

1. Morné Bodenstein
2. Gabriel Danilatos
3. Joel Chitsike
4. Eric Griffin
5. Lunje Manyati
5. Uthmaan Motara
7. Carlon Brown
8. Iyanda Nodolwana
9. Mason de Vos
9. Jonathan Harris

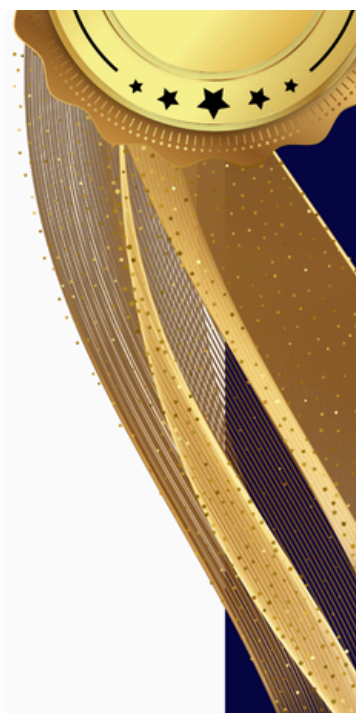
Top 5 Best Effort

1. Othandwayo Boo
2. Samanga Bulana
3. Alupheli Dondashe
4. Mason Sias
5. Travis Jackson

Term 1 has been an action packed term. The term started off with the celebration of the 2024 Grade 12 results which were truly something to celebrate. Chulumanco Mashiqana obtained 7 marks at over 80% - truly something to applaud. This seemed to energise the high school learners and we wish to congratulate those boys who strove so hard to be in the Top 10 this term. Hopefully, the Graemians disappointed in their Term 1 results will turn these around in Term 2 and strive to do better. Education is the most important right that any one person can have. It is the one thing that no one can ever take away from you. It therefore needs to be nurtured, cultured and encouraged. It will be very interesting to see what fantastic results we will be able to celebrate this year.

TERM 1 2025

GRADE 12 TOP TEN	GRADE 11 TOP TEN	GRADE 10 TOP TEN
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Noah Tabensky2. Nicholas McKeown3. Imiso Mpalala4. Jesse McConnachie5. Leon Mwepu6. Cullen Goliath7. Ayamila Bill8. Lutwesiwe Kobese9. Ali Rizvi10. Roman Prevec	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Jayden Brits2. Leroy Adriaan3. Likhona Cakata4. Liyema Merile5. Andrew Muir6. Lubabalo Yamdeu-Youmbi7. Linamandla Lento8. Mhlali Ngqinzi9. Eli Wood10. Giano Fourie & Larson McKaiser	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Joshua Danilatos & Kits McConnachie2. Luphawulwethu Madolo3. Mbulelo Gama4. Jedd Youthed5. Salizwa Makhalima6. Ethan de Wet7. Michael Pretorius8. Nicholas Cock9. Ruben Bodenstein
GRADE 9 TOP TEN	GRADE 8 TOP TEN	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Gino O'Brien2. Anesipho Mraji3. Jayden Conroy4. Kungawo Tali5. Okuhle Gongqa6. Likhanye Ndevu7. Iyazi Zwedala8. Molemo Muroa9. Avuyisiwe Mnandi10. Asikelelwe Songongo	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Leo Murray2. Matthew Lamont3. Kenzo Prince4. Lorien Yazbek5. Kenzo Santos-Osman6. Tseliso Matsoso7. Alan King'oo8. Liyema Madiza9. Cwenga Ramokolo10. Usiphile Jadi	



Spur Fundraiser – the perfect holiday treat!

Exciting Fundraiser Alert: R1000 worth of Redwood Spur Steak Ranch vouchers for ONLY R100!

We are beyond thrilled to announce our Spur Fundraiser in support of the Foundation Phase Library! This is an incredible opportunity to help fund a wonderful cause at our school while enjoying discounted, mouth-watering meals at Spur. And that's not all—there's an exciting competition too! The class who sells the most booklets will win a special prize, so get ready to sell!

How it works:

R100 gets you R1000 worth of Spur vouchers!

Payments can be made in cash (addressed to Mrs Tidbury) or via EFT to the school, using the reference: Spur+ surname+Grade

Digital booklets are available now, and physical booklets will be available starting Term 2.

To order your booklet(s), simply WhatsApp Mrs Tidbury on 083 460 5963, indicating your name, grade, and the quantity of booklets you require.

Payment Details:

EFT Reference: SPUR + Surname + Grade.

Proof of payment must be sent to Mrs Tidbury.

Cash payments should be placed in a sealed envelope addressed to Mrs. Tidbury and can be made at the school reception.

Don't Miss Out!

This is not just about vouchers—this is about making a real difference in growing and enriching our Foundation Phase Library. Plus, there's a class competition! The class that sells the most booklets by the end of Term 2 will win an exciting prize!

Thank you for your generous support in helping us build a brighter future for our young learners. Let's make this fundraiser a huge success!

WhatsApp Mrs Tidbury now at 083 460 5963 to place your order.



Parent Thank you

A big shout out and thank you to the Weaver family (James, Grade R) for a fantastic donation of indigenous plants. We really appreciate it! They are being used to beautify the school campus.



Junior School

Abongwe Cekiso, Kuna Magadza and Liam Viedge are our Sportsmen of the Week and will be hosting Dapper the Leopard during the holidays. The three Grade 6 boys joined Ms and Dr Shaw's intermediate swimming group at the start of the term.

Initially they were chosen because they were not team swimmers but could just make it across the width of the pool. But none of them had ever completed a full 50m length.

They showed real determination and commitment on their swimming journey. They trained hard, swam in the rain and the cold and took on board the coaching advice they were given.

All three of these young leopards competed admirably, in multiple events, at the interhouse gala, not only making their houses proud, but making their school proud.

Well done boys! We are super proud of you - and you are great examples of true Graemians.



Junior School

Our 2025 Rugby Festival was a huge success - possibly our best ever. Part of the reason for this is the staff and boys make it work.

Our Graemians of the Week are all the boys who worked so impressively on the Somerset and Marais fields. The boys not only did the job, but did it super well - in tough conditions.

We absolutely loved their attitude and their willingness to serve their school. Well done you fine leopards - you really do rock and are all fully deserving of being Graemians of the Week!



Below: Well done to our Term 1 monitors on a job well done. The boys perform multiple tasks, which can be time-consuming and onerous. The boys make a proper contribution to school life. Well done boys!



Last week, the Grade 5 learners participated in a variety of fun and educational games, combining learning with interactive activities. It was a great opportunity for them to strengthen their skills in subjects like math, reading, and teamwork, all while having a good time.



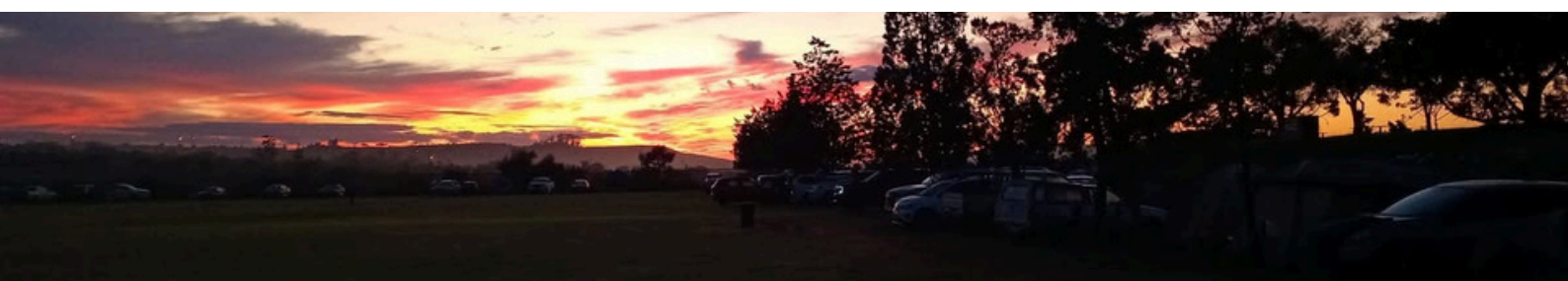
Left: This is the true spirit of being Graemian! These two wonderful young boys were tirelessly collecting every piece of litter at our festival yesterday, all on their own initiative—no one asked them to do it! Thanks boys!

Last week, we celebrated World Poetry Day with a special competition for two of our grades, and we were blown away by the incredible entries we received. The theme of the competition was "Poetry as a Bridge for Peace and Inclusion," and it inspired some truly beautiful and thought-provoking poems.

We are proud to announce the winners: Aiden Lockwood from Grade 2 and Tavonga Madimu from Grade 4. Congratulations to both of them for their fantastic work! A big thank you to Ms Tidbury for organising the event and for purchasing the prizes for our talented winners. We couldn't have done it without you!



Below: After postponing the Junior camp -out to a day later, Graeme College hosted another successful camp-out on Saturday 15 March, with close to 400 men and boys camping on the Junor field. It is such a special time where fathers/guardians bond with their boys. Some men coming all the way from Cape Town and Johannesburg to spend some time with their son. A huge thank you to Hi-Tec Security Makhanda Grahamstown who sponsored the guards for the evening. Also a big thank you to all the U13 squash parents who helped with braaiing and handing out the boerie rolls and drinks. A big thank you to Mr Bodenstein for arranging this event.



How bee-utiful! Mrs. de Lacy's class wrapped up the term with a delightful surprise party for her from her little honey bees, as her birthday falls during the holidays. A huge thank you to all the parents who helped plan this sweet surprise – it truly made the day extra special! Hap-bee early birthday Mrs de Lacy!



Below: Notch Kings of the week.



Foundation Phase

The Foundation Phase held a fun and successful “splash gala” this week to showcase their improved water confidence and new skills. The teachers and swimming coaches were so proud to see how far these boys have come over the few months. A huge thank you to all the parents and teachers from the junior and high school, that have been assisting with the coaching.



Grade 4

After receiving all of their well-deserved 'compliments' this term, the Grade 4 ND class was treated to a fun-filled movie day in their classroom. Not only did they enjoy a cozy film experience, but they were also spoiled with delicious treats. To make it even more special, each student brought in their favourite pillows, blankets, and snuggly toys, creating the perfect atmosphere for relaxation and enjoyment. It was a day full of laughter, comfort and gratitude for their hard work and achievements.

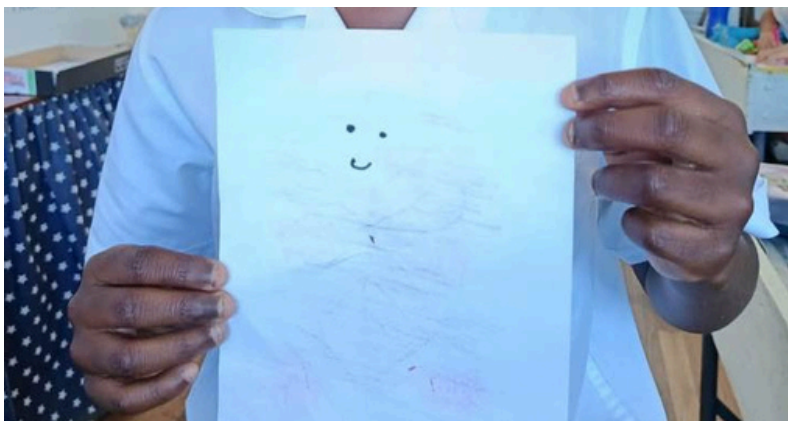


The Grade 4 MG class have worked incredibly hard to earn 10 shiny stars! As a well-deserved reward, they are treated to a fun movie and delicious snacks! Keep up the great work, everyone!



Larry the Leaf

The Grade 4s collected leaves to create "Larry the Leaf". We went back to class to make leaf rubbings of Larry! A fun way to learn about the food factories of the plant... Leaves are incredibly valuable and play a vital role in our ecosystem. They produce oxygen, support food chains, prevent soil erosion, regulate climate, provide medicinal properties, create habitats, regulate water cycles and add aesthetic value.





The members of the Community Outreach Portfolio raided their own cupboards at home to make a meaningful food donation towards Food for Futures. Mary and Felicia of Food for Futures spoke to the boys about the work that they do. An estimated R10 000 worth of food is handed out in a socially responsible manner each month by Food for Futures.

Mary and Felicia were touched that the boys themselves contributed towards their work.

This is a collaboration that began last year. We are proud to assist such vital work in our community.



Rubbish holders installed at Ikhaya Losizo Cluster Foster Home

Community Outreach Portfolio have kept their promise to improve the playground facility for the children at Ikhaya Losizo Cluster Foster Home!

After the success of the braai project, it was agreed that we would not pay for the braai but to use the money we did have to improve the playground facility for the children.

Step one in this direction was to provide rubbish holders to put the waste in a health conscious environment away from the playground.

Now we can focus on the playground itself. Repairs and upgrades will be decided on and implemented.

Watch this space!

RYLA Camp:

Jayden Brits had the absolute privilege of being chosen to attend the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards camp last weekend. The Rotary Club of Grahamstown sponsored Jayden to attend. There were over 60 learners from all over the Eastern Cape.

Learners sat in team building exercises, leadership exercises, hikes and solitaire.

Jayden said the camp was one of the best experiences of his life! He made friends from all walks of life and connections that he can use to network in the future.

Well done, Jayden! We are proud of you.





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

Below: The Graeme College Steelband performed at the Lawson Brown High School steelband concert on Thursday 27 March in Gqeberha. The concert also featured the Nelson Mandela University Steelband, the Lawson Brown Steelband, the Theodore Herzl Marimba band and also the Harvest Christian school Marimba band. The concert was filled with energy and lively music.



VP Performance and outing

Our Grade 4 boys had the exciting opportunity to attend the play *Mulan* at Victoria Primary, and it was absolutely incredible! The stunning costumes and flawless performances left everyone in awe. The boys thoroughly enjoyed the experience, and of course, the bus ride there was a highlight too! Excitement levels were high. To top it off, Tion Coetzee was pulled into the play for some audience participation—can you imagine the excitement of seeing their very own classmate up on stage? It was a moment the boys will never forget!



Big Walk

What an incredible Big Walk the Grade 4-7 boys participated in this week. We are so proud of them for their grit and determination to walk! The Grade 6 & 7s walked 20km and the Grade 4 and 5s walked 11 kms.



What a thrilling spectacle the Teachers' Relay Race was at this year's Swimming Gala! The atmosphere was electric as learners gathered at the poolside, eagerly anticipating the most anticipated event of the day – the ultimate showdown between our very own teachers and learners. The competition was fierce, and the teachers' relay race proved that age is just a number when it comes to school spirit and athleticism! The relay teams were as follows:

Team 1:

Kevin 'Phelps' Watson

Mike 'Walrus' Pretorius

Dylan 'Baby Daddy' Schneigansz

And subbed in last minute was grade 10 learner Kits McConnachie

Team 2:

Lawrence 'Flipper' Ferreira

Bongo 'Piranah' Draai

Nicholas 'Slim Shady' Dettmer

Jonty 'Farmer' vd Meulen

Team 3:

Andrew 'Coelocanth' Swift

Keagan 'Missile' Fischer

Lauren 'Dolphin' Shaw

Ryan 'Yster' Rowe

Team 4:

Giorgia 'Tuna' Duncan

Tjokkie 'Bloubul' Bodenstein

Kelson 'Kudu' Barber

Devon 'Zinchenko' Keys

What a fantastic way to end a day of unforgettable races amongst our GC boys. A big congratulations to all those who participated and made the event a massive success.



Swimming Gala

Here are some stunning visuals from our Gala this week. It is awesome to have this amazing pool in use again.



Squash

Here are the results of 4th league squash:

GCJ1 = 15

DSG3 = 4



Tennis

The U13A tennis boys went to the Cape Schools tennis tournament. This year it was hosted by Queen's College Junior. Three of the five fixtures were closely contested and the boys narrowly lost those three. The fixture against Grey PE were quite challenging for our boys, but the boys tried their best.

There were a few outstanding achievements from our boys. Morné Bodenstein coming back from 7-1 down, got it to 7-7, but unfortunately lost 12-9 in the tie-break. Amzo Gongqobe playing really well against Grey PE, but came just short. The GC player of the tournament was Travis Jackson, who played with great heart and determination and showed some great fight.

Results as follows in matches:

Lost to Rhondebosch 8-4

Lost to Grey PE 12-0

Lost to Queens 8-4

Lost to SACs 8-4

Lost to Selborne 7-5

Thank you to Queen's for making it a memorable tournament for the coaches and boys, it was an enjoyable experience.



Staff news

To celebrate the incredible effort put into the Rugby Festival, our staff gathered at Major Fraser's. As always, the food and atmosphere were fantastic, making it the perfect way to wrap up the festival. We're beyond grateful to Major Fraser's for their unwavering hospitality throughout the entire event and for being one of our main sponsors. Your support means so much, and we truly appreciate your continued collaboration with Graeme. What a wonderful way to finish off such a successful festival!



Rugby

FIXTURES

BROUGHT TO YOU BY

wednesday 2 April

COLLARD FIELD

10:00

St David's

vs

Brandwag

11:10

Pretoria Boys

vs

Graeme College

12:20

St John's

vs

Dale College

13:30

Middelburg

vs

Queen's College

14:40

Jeppe

vs

Nelspruit

WHITE FIELD

11:10

Golden Lions

vs

Randburg

12:20

Northcliff

vs

Kagiso

13:30

Die Anker

vs

Jeppe B

14:40

Parktown

vs

Landboudal

thursday 3 April

COLLARD FIELD

10:00

Nelspruit

vs

Pretoria Boys'

11:10

Die Anker

vs

Golden Lions

12:20

Kagiso

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WHITE FIELD

11:10

St John's

vs

Landboudal

12:20

Parktown

vs

Queen's College

13:30

Randburg

vs

Jeppe B

14:40

Graeme College

vs

St David's

saturday 5 April

COLLARD FIELD

08:00

Middelburg

vs

Nelspruit

09:10

Parktown

vs

Dale College

10:20

Jeppe B

vs

Kagiso

11:30

Golden Lions

vs

St John's

12:40

Jeppe

vs

Graeme College

WHITE FIELD

09:10

Randburg

vs

Die Anker

10:20

St David's

vs

Landboudal

11:30

Brandwag

vs

Northcliff

12:40

Pretoria Boys

vs

Queen's College

The next travelling adventure will be for our U16 boys who will travel to Johannesburg to Jeppe High School for the annual U16 Tony de Munnik Rugby Festival. Here are the fixtures.

Rugby Festival

**Results: Results: GC Festival 2025 Day 1 -
Thursday 21/03**

GC u14A 24 Brandwag u14A 7

GC u15A 27 Brandwag u15A 12

GC u16A 17 Brandwag u16A 17

GC 2nd XV 21 Brandwag 2nd XV 14

u14A Mary Waters 7 Cambridge u14A 39

u15A Mary Waters 17 Cambridge u15A 27

u16A Mary Waters 0 Cambridge u16A 50

u14A Dale 12 Pearson u14A 19

u15A Dale 7 Pearson u15A 5

u16A Dale 5 Pearson u16A 28

Port Alfred 1st 17 Mary Waters 1st 19

Muir 1st 26 Otto dP 1st 29

Cambridge 1st 21 St John's 1st 24

Hangklip 1st 15 Stirling 1st 38

Pearson 1st 20 Queen's 1st 17

GC 1st 31 Brandwag 1st 27



Above: Well done to the many Graemians who faithfully served their school this weekend. You are what makes Graeme College special. Well done and thank you - we appreciate you and we are proud of you.



Rugby Festival

Results: Day 2 results: GC Rugby Festival 2025

Queen's u14A 14 Nico Malan u14A 19

Queen's u15A 13 Nico Malan u15A 21

Queen's u16A 28 Nico Malan u16A 29

Selborne u14A 12 Marlow u14A 9

Selborne u15A 26 Marlow u15A 22

Selborne u16A 19 Marlow u16A 14

Union u14A 0 Port Rex u14A 48

Union u15A 3 Port Rex u15A 19

Union u16A 0 Port Rex u16A 5

Port Alfred u15A 7 Woodridge u15A 22

Port Alfred 2nds 5 Woodridge 2nds 10

Stirling u14A 5 Daniel Pienaar u14A 12

Stirling u15A 6 Daniel Pienaar u15A 19

Stirling u16A 12 Daniel Pienaar u16A 19

PJ Olivier 1st 11 Mzansi Academy 1st 19

Woodridge 1st 0 Port Rex 1st 77

Daniel Pienaar 1st 24 Union 1st 7

Grey 1st 45 Hudson Park 1st 34

Nico Malan 1st 24 Dale 1st 22

Marlow 1st 22 Selborne 1st 26

The energy and passion in our boys' war cries is truly a sight to behold. It's full of raw emotion!! They love their school and their teams. These boys will be at it again today, bringing that same fierce intensity and enthusiasm. It's hard not to get caught up in their excitement!



Rugby Festival

Results: GC Rugby Festival 2025 Day 3 22/3

PJ Olivier u13A 14 Gonubie u13B 0

Fort Beaufort u13A 22 Good Shepherd u13A 5

Graeme u13A 5 Gill u13A 8

Kenton u13A 22 Westering u13A 31

Selborne u13A 39 Sunridge u13A 12

St Mary's u13A 27 Beaconsburst u13A 12

Grey u13A 17 Gonubie u13A 0

St Andrew's u13A 5 Union u13A 52

Muir u13A 5 Queens u13A 52

Hangklip u13A 38 Herbert Hurd u13A 0

Cambridge 1st 24 Otto du Plessis 1st 21

Stirling 1st 26 Pearson 1st 38

Gill 1st 7 Muir 1st 50

Queens 1st 29 Brandwag 1st 15

St Andrew's 1st 46 Framesby 1st 17

Graeme 1st 39 St John's 1st 24

Below: A huge thank you to the true servants of the game - the referees. Well done and thank you, a job well done.



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U11 Rugby

It was a challenging match for our U11 A team, as they fought hard but ultimately lost 0-5 to Lilyfontein at the Clarendon Park U11 Rugby Festival. Despite their efforts, the team showed great resilience and determination throughout the game, demonstrating a lot of heart and sportsmanship.



Well done U11A. Here are some pics from their exciting day! Our first rugby match at the Clarendon Park U11 Rugby Festival, and we came out on top with a solid win, beating Union 33-5. The team played brilliantly, showing incredible skill and teamwork. Here's to many more victories ahead!





All the way from Australia, these four proud Graemians came together to watch our Rugby Festival! How special is this! They streamed it from the other side of the Southern Hemisphere. From left to right: Brad Strydom (OG '94), Ryan Graham (OG '97), Guy Harwood (OG '93), and Mark Harwood (OG '93). Get ready, because you'll surely hear our war cries all the way from our small town of Makhanda!

Our U16A team receive a burger from their sponsor Tahoe Spur Steak Ranch at Rugby Festival.



A massive thank you to our major sponsors for their incredible support of the Rugby Festival. The Graeme College Rugby Festival has become a highlight of our school's calendar, and we are thrilled to host the 26th edition in 2025. This event would not be possible without the generosity and support of our key sponsors. Your contribution makes all the difference, and we are truly grateful. Thank you for helping make this event a reality!

**GBS Mutual Bank
BUCO Grahamstown
Daisy Business Solutions
Major Frasers
Pick n Pay Grahamstown Family
Thirsti Water**

A big thank you to our local business owners who specifically placed adverts in our digital programme for the Rugby Festival:

**137 High Street Guesthouse
Salt Bath•Body•Refillery
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The Oyster Collection
Pothole and Donkey
The Washing Well
Graham Hotel
Champs Action Bar
Waters Chartered Accountants
The Barista
Lolas Dessert Bar
The Barista
Major Fraser's
De Jager Lordan
Redwood Spur Steak Ranch
Revelations Coffee Shop
Wisteria Lane**

A huge thank you to our incredible sponsors for their unwavering support! Your contributions play a vital role in helping us create a successful rugby festival. Thank you to:

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Legends Cash Store
Jacks Bagels Grahamstown
Rhino Rugby South Africa
Thirsti Water
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Pothole and Donkey
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Graham Hotel
CHIP 'n DIP- VDW Brands

Cricket

How amazing was this experience for young Corbin Tidbury! Scary thing is we see these types of photos so often, and 10 years later, the person is on the other side of the photo. Watch this space! Corbin has just been invited to a National u17 camp, along with Zuko Pontshi in Cape Town during April. Incredible for him to catch up Schools SA20 young guns if the game, as well as some legends of the game! Just so amazing. The fire is lit! Schools SA20
Corbin was called up on stage to discuss his half century on Day 1.



A sweet celebration: In honour of next week's Rugby Festival, our local Redwood Spur Steak Ranch is excited to offer a complimentary Chico the Clown dessert to celebrate the occasion! Enjoy! Voucher code below.

COMPLIMENTARY CHICO THE CLOWN

to celebrate the
2025 Graeme Rugby Festival!



VOUCHER CODE:
CHICO

EXPIRY DATE:
31 JULY '25

Ts & Cs | Exclusive to Redwood Spur | Download
The HowZat Locals App to redeem | One voucher
per bill | Minimum Spend R100 | Original voucher
must be presented

WhatsApp "HowZat" to **046 622 2629**

**Redwood Spur | Peppergrove Mall,
Allen Street, Makhanda**

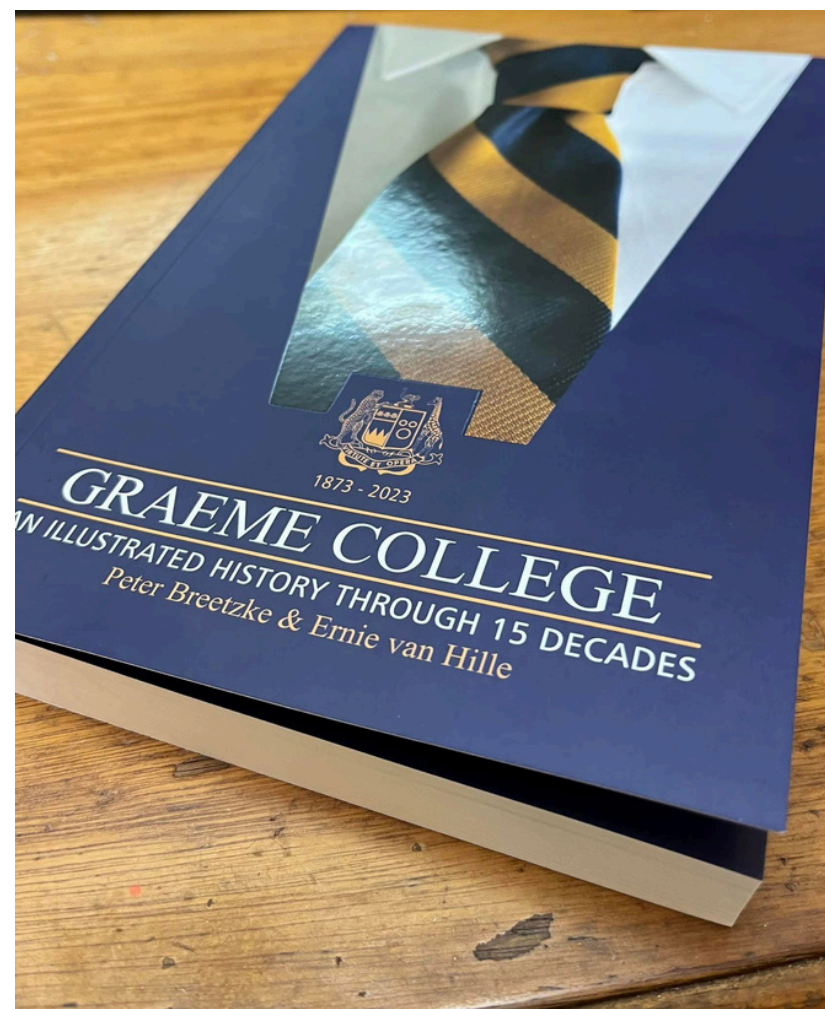


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NEW AREA**



SPUR
STEAK RANCHES

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.

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 - 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** 

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
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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>

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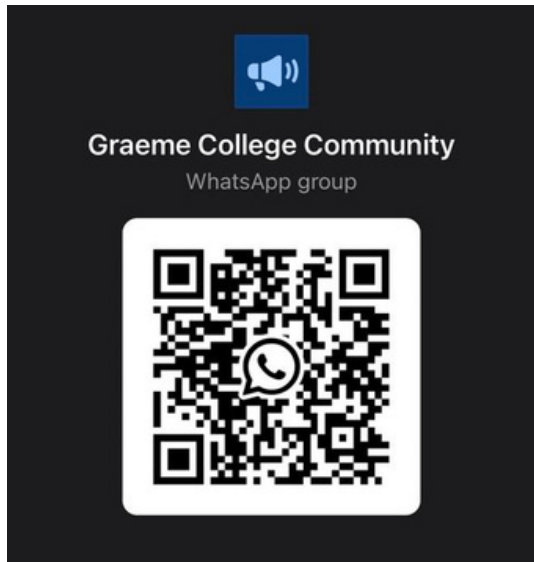
Awsum App

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

Facebook:

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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: Mr Tidbury pictured at the Rugby Festival. He left his farm at 02h00am to be at our fields to help! We speak about parents at Graeme, but this human is in a different league! Thank you Mr Tidbury!