



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 11 April 2025

**‘Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today’
Malcolm X**

Message from the Junior School HOD

Dear parents/guardians and boys

Welcome back to Term 2, which is an Academic Term! The High School boys write their June exams and Grade 4 - 7 boys have an Assessment Week towards the end of term.

Graeme College obtained its best academic results of the last decade in 2024. This included a 98% pass rate and a 75% Bachelor’s pass rate. However, we are not satisfied with this. We firmly believe that Graeme College should be a 100% pass rate school and that, in time, this should not be a special occasion. Boys must know that if they walk through the doors of the College, they have to work, simple as that. We are a high performance school. We are not willing to tolerate slackness and mediocrity from our leopards. The main reason for this is that we want our boys to have as many options as possible open to them when they leave Grade 12. Excellent results in matric open doors in life, it’s quite straight forward.

How can you assist us as parents and guardians? Mainly by connecting with your leopard around his academics. We trust that you had a meaningful discussion with him about his Term 1 report. If you didn’t, that is a problem - as it sends a message to your boy that you are not interested in his academics and that he is on his own. Please make sure that he is doing high quality homework. If he says that he has got no homework to do, then insist that he does revision - don’t debate it with him. In the high school, he should be doing at least an hour and a half’s homework daily. In the junior school, he should be doing at least an hour’s work daily,

except for Friday and the weekend. If he is not doing this he will under-perform and doors will start closing on his future.

Excellence in academics is a team-effort and it does not start 2 weeks before exams at the end of the year. It is a year-round project and your son’s outcomes in life depend on it. Let’s go!

Virtute et Opera
Mr Swift (Junior School HOD)

Academics

📢 IMPORTANT NOTICE: PARENT MEETINGS NEXT WEEK 📢

Please take note that parent meetings will be held next week from 17h30 to 19h00 in Templeton Hall as follows:

- Tuesday, 15 April – Grade 8–10 Parent Meeting
- Wednesday, 16 April – Grade 11 & 12 Parent Meeting

Your attendance is highly encouraged. We look forward to your participation and support.

GRADE 10 “A” Club			
Mathematics	History	Life Sciences	Accounting
Ruben Bodenstein Joshua Danilatos Mbulelo Gama Lervano Gill Luphawulwethu Madolo Salizwa Makhalima Kits McConnell Ahlumile Sideba Buhle Tyali Hunta van Zyl Jedd Youthed	Jaydon Assumption Nhlahleni Citwa Xabiso Gedze Zotha Ngqoyiya Morgan Prevec Connor Richardson Junaid Thomas <i>Visual Art</i> Michael Pretorius	Liphumile Apleni Nicholas Cock Joshua Danilatos Luphawulwethu Madolo Kits McConnell Jedd Youthed	Ruben Bodenstein Ethan de Wet Mbulelo Gama Luphawulwethu Madolo Salizwa Makhalima Yandisa Sitsila
Physical Sciences	Geography	Computer Applications Technology	Journalism
Joshua Danilatos Kits McConnell Michael Pretorius Jedd Youthed	Joshua Danilatos Callum de Vos Ayala Dyasi Kits McConnell	Tristan Boy C-Jay Jeggels Michael Pretorius Morgan Prevec	Lervano Gill Tshepiso Klaas Kyle Pearson Hunta van Zyl
Afrikaans	English	Business Studies	Music
Ethan de Wet Salizwa Makhalima Kits McConnell	Joshua Danilatos Michael Pretorius Morgan Prevec	Mbulelo Gama Luphawulwethu Madolo	Mbulelo Gama

Introduction of the “A” Club
The Academic Portfolio Committee are very excited to launch their “A” Club. This celebrates all Grade 10, 11 and 12 learners who got over 80% for any of their subjects last term. The committee would like to challenge their peers to try and get as many subjects as possible above 80%!

GRADE 11 “A” Club			
Journalism	Afrikaans	Accounting	Mathematics
Ryno Benn Avuyonke Katshwa Ohawe Mbelani Ethan Mostert Goinikhaya Mtse Erin Nelson Inika Pantasi Luniko Oove Jovan Radovic Keanu-Josh Rooi Logan Strauss	Donnelle Abdul Leroy Adriaan Cairis Appollis Heinrich Bouwer Jayden Brits Giano Fourie Cian Keulder Andrew Muir Keanu-Josh Rooi	Jayden Brits Likhona Cakata Harnish Haakonsen Dingelhle Lento Liyema Menle Lubabalo Yardeu-Yombi	Leroy Adriaan Jayden Brits Likhona Cakata Larson McKaiser Andrew Muir Eli Wood
Visual Arts	Business Studies	Geography	History
Likhona Cakata Liyema Menle Mihlali Ngqinzi Imange Sergeant	Dingelhle Lento Yakha Mketso Lubabalo Yardeu-Yombi	Leroy Adriaan Andrew Muir	Liam Bodill Mihlali Ngqinzi
Music	Physical Sciences	Computer Applications Technology	
Leroy Adriaan Cairis Appollis	Jayden Brits	Crispin Lackay	

GRADE 12
"A" Club

<i>History</i> Lwandle Dlamini Lutwe Kobese Okuhle Madinda Jesse McConnachie Nicholas McKeown Lihlombe Mkaza Leon Mwepu Inathi Planga Noah Tabensky	<i>Afrikaans</i> Cullen Goliath Lutwe Kobese Leon Mwepu Jaycie Prieterse Roman Prevec Hershelle September Noah Tabensky Jethro Visagie	<i>Mathematics</i> Ayamila Bill Cullen Goliath Lutwe Kobese Jesse McConnachie Imiso Mpalala Leon Mwepu Jonathan Pretorius Noah Tabensky	<i>Computer Applications Technology</i> Jesse McConnachie Nicholas McKeown Christopher McLean Imiso Mpalala Joy Mukenge Noah Tabensky
<i>Physical Sciences</i> Jesse McConnachie Nicholas McKeown Imiso Mpalala Noah Tabensky	<i>isiXhosa</i> Ayamila Bill Dinlesizwe Mjuku Khaka Tapu	<i>Life Sciences</i> Ayamila Bill Cullen Goliath Ali Rizvi	<i>English</i> Leon Mwepu Noah Tabensky
<i>Business Studies</i> Lesedi Mothibe	<i>Geography</i> Jaycie Prieterse	<i>Music</i> Amyoli Songongo	

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	2:00 - 2:45	1:30 - 2:45	1:30 - 2:45	1:30 - 2:45
	11	2:00-2:45	1:30 - 2:45	1:30 - 2:45	1:30 - 2:45
	12	2:00 - 2:45	1:30 - 2:45	1:30 - 2:45	1:30 - 2:45
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	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 FSS in the coming week:

Physical Science	10	Circuits
	11	Electromagnetism
	12	Work, energy, power

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.



Miss Cannon, a fourth-year Rhodes University student, has joined the Grade 2 class this term for her practical teaching. Today, she led a wonderful Autumn-themed art lesson. The boys began with an exciting walk around the school grounds to collect fallen leaves. Back in the classroom, they explored warm and cool colours before using their leaf collections to create beautiful Autumn trees. It was a fun and creative way to welcome the new season and consolidate what they are learning about in Life Skills.



Community Engagement

Community Outreach Portfolio supports Food for Futures.

A beautiful collaboration between Community Outreach Portfolio and Food for Futures has been established this year.

Our learners spent the afternoon at Pick 'n Pay shaking tins. The money from today's efforts will be used to buy blankets towards their winter drive.

Food for Futures have a goal of collecting 250 blankets!

We look forward to supporting this cause. Our learners were brilliant ambassadors for their school and engaged well with the public. Well done boys!



Community Outreach Portfolio supports Ikhaya Losizo Cluster Foster Home

Giles Griffin and Jedd Youthed gave up their last day of holidays to begin the long-awaited upliftment of the playground at Ikhaya Losizo. The morning was spent planning what would be required to repair the various playground facilities. Then a trip to Buco to order and purchase paint, varnish, wood, screws, rope, chains etc. Giles and Jedd were given the responsibility to measure and order products under the guidance of Ms White. Life experiences gained from this portfolio are invaluable to the boys.

Thank you to Giles and Jedd. Hard work in the heat of the day! We are so 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 Rhodes University Graduation garden parties on Wednesday 2 April and Thursday 3 April.



The steelband continued their holiday performances by bringing lively music to the annual Bathurst Show!



Graeme versus Hilton at the Grey Rugby Festival. Hilton won 27-17. Thank you to Grey for a wonderful festival!



Grey Rugby Festival: The U15 A team faced a tough challenge at the Grey Rugby Festival, falling 7-15 to Rondebosch. Although we were down, the boys never gave up. They displayed incredible grit and determination, fighting until the final whistle. Their effort and resilience were commendable, showcasing the true spirit of the game.



Jeppie Rugby Festival Update

Graeme College took part in the annual Jeppie Rugby Festival, delivering two contrasting performances over the first two days of the tournament.

Day 1:

Graeme faced a tough challenge against a well-drilled Pretoria Boys' High School side, suffering an 18–38 loss. Despite a competitive first half, a series of penalties and unforced errors in the second half allowed Pretoria to pull away on the scoreboard.

Day 2:

The team bounced back with an impressive 38–6 victory over St David's. The performance was marked by greater accuracy and intensity across the full 60 minutes. Despite dealing with multiple injuries that disrupted combinations, the boys showed excellent composure and adaptability to dominate proceedings.

Well done to the team and coaching staff on the improved performance and strong response to adversity. We look forward to seeing continued growth and resilience as the festival progresses.



Rugby

Alden Walters kicks an outstanding 8/9 to win this week's Friday Kicking Competition. Clear evidence of boys working on their kicking game - well done leopards, all the best for your matches against Port Rex.



Squash

Graeme College sent two U13 squash teams to compete at St Stithians in Johannesburg during the April holidays, and the boys delivered a commendable performance.

Results:

- U13A – Won 4, Lost 1
- U13B – Won 1, Lost 4

A special congratulations to Morné Bodenstein, who remained unbeaten throughout the tournament as the U13A No.1 player—an outstanding achievement!

Well done to all the boys for their effort, sportsmanship, and team spirit. You represented Graeme College with pride and did us all proud.



Squash



Ashton Burger took part in the U15 Division of the Growthpoint Regionals Squash Tournament that was hosted across the country on the 28th to 30th March 2025. Ashton played 3 pool games topping his pool, going through to the semi final and then final, which he won convincingly. Having won the Gqeberha region, he now qualifies to play in the Growthpoint Waterfront Finals. This takes place in Cape Town from the 28-30 August 2025, on a full glass court. This is a huge achievement, he is committed and excited to compete for the title in Cape Town.

Ashton will participate in the SA School Closed Qualifier this coming weekend from 11-13 April 2025 in Johannesburg. We wish him all the best.

Cricket

Congratulations to two talented Graeme College cricketers who have been invited to attend the CSA U17 Regional Camp in Cape Town from April 12th to 14th, 2025.

We are incredibly proud of Corbin Tidbury and Zuko Pontshi for this well-deserved opportunity. Their consistent hard work, passion for the game, and impressive performances on the field have earned them recognition at a national level.

This camp not only offers them a chance to develop their skills alongside some of the country's best young cricketers but also serves as a stepping stone toward even greater achievements in the sport.

Both Corbin and Zuko have shown immense potential, and we have no doubt they will thrive in this competitive and inspiring environment. Make the most of every moment—soak up the experience, learn, grow, and represent Graeme with pride.

Well done, and enjoy the journey ahead!



Swimming

Level 2 Swimming Gala

Christopher McLean qualified for and participated in the national Level 2 Swimming Gala hosted at the Joan Harrison Pool in East London during the April school holidays. He has trained tirelessly to achieve the fantastic results that he achieved over the course of the competition. Perhaps, the most outstanding achievement of Christopher's was that while competing at the Level 2 Gala, he swam qualifying times for the Level 3 Gala. This places Christopher amongst the top swimmers in South Africa. Christopher achieved the following results at the Level 2 gala:

Day 1:

- 100 free - Silver
- 200IM - Silver
- 50 back - Gold

Day 2:

- 4×50 medley relay - Gold
- 200 free - Bronze
- 50 fly - Silver
- 4×100 freestyle relay - Gold

Day 3:

- 50 free - Silver
- 4×50 freestyle relay - Gold

Christopher has had a remarkable Swimming season!
Congratulations, Christopher. We are proud of you, Son of the Leopard.



Hockey

Well done to our 1st team hockey who won 7-0 against Port Rex on Friday afternoon.



1st team hockey tour to Michaelhouse: 28-31 March

After a full pre-season, the Graeme first team hockey headed to KZN to participate in the Michaelhouse Hockey Festival.

It was a great experience for everyone involved. Thank you to Michaelhouse for hosting us.

Results:

GC 2 - 1St David's Marist

GC 1 - 0 Ferrum

GC 0 - 1 Dinamika

GC 1 - 0 Middelburg

**4th game cancelled due to lightning
Won 3, lost 1.**



**Club Champs
2025**

**DE WET
VAN DEVENTER**

**RUNNER UP
B DIVISION**

**GROSS
183**

Congratulations to De Wet van Deventer, who finished as Runner-Up in the B Division at the Club Champs 2025!

De Wet delivered a strong performance over the course of the tournament, finishing with an impressive gross score of 183. His consistent play and determination throughout the event earned him a well-deserved spot on the podium.

Well done, De Wet! A fantastic achievement—your hard work and commitment to the game are paying off. We look forward to seeing your continued growth on the golf course.

A huge congratulations to Kits McConacchie for his outstanding performance at the Belmont Club Championships! He secured an impressive second place in the A Men's section with a gross score of 164, missing out by one point. Not only did he achieve the overall best net score, but he was also recognised as the best ISP for Saturday and the overall best ISP. We are incredibly proud of you, Kits – your hard work and dedication truly paid off! Keep shining! The Belmont Golf Club wrote “Kits lowest round will now be recorded as 76 after his phenomenal round on Saturday during the Champs! Congratulations Kits! Your golf was impressive to watch!”



Sponsor appreciation

SHOPPING! It's definitely a different experience compared to shopping in Makhanda Our U16 A-boys are having a blast enjoying a well-deserved day off at the largest mall in South Africa. With the help of some amazing fundraising efforts, they've each got a player's allowance to make the most of their time here! It's not just about the shopping – it's about creating memories!



U16As wearing their stunning tour jerseys - our thanks to sponsors Summerpride and Muir Transport.
[#muirtrans](#)



Parent appreciation

A very BIG thank you to Mr De Wet (parent of Ethan Gr 10) of Tahoe Spur Steak Ranch in Port Alfred for spoiling The U16A team with two Spur meals during our stay in Gauteng. We really appreciate the support and kindness!



Parents who care! A very BIG thank you to the van Zyl family for our breakfast boxes before our U16A flight this morning - what a great way to start the day!



Spur Voucher

A sweet celebration: Our local Redwood Spur Steak Ranch is excited to offer a complimentary Chico the Clown dessert to celebrate our rugby season. Enjoy! Voucher code below. It is still valid until the 31 July 2025.

COMPLIMENTARY CHICO THE CLOWN

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



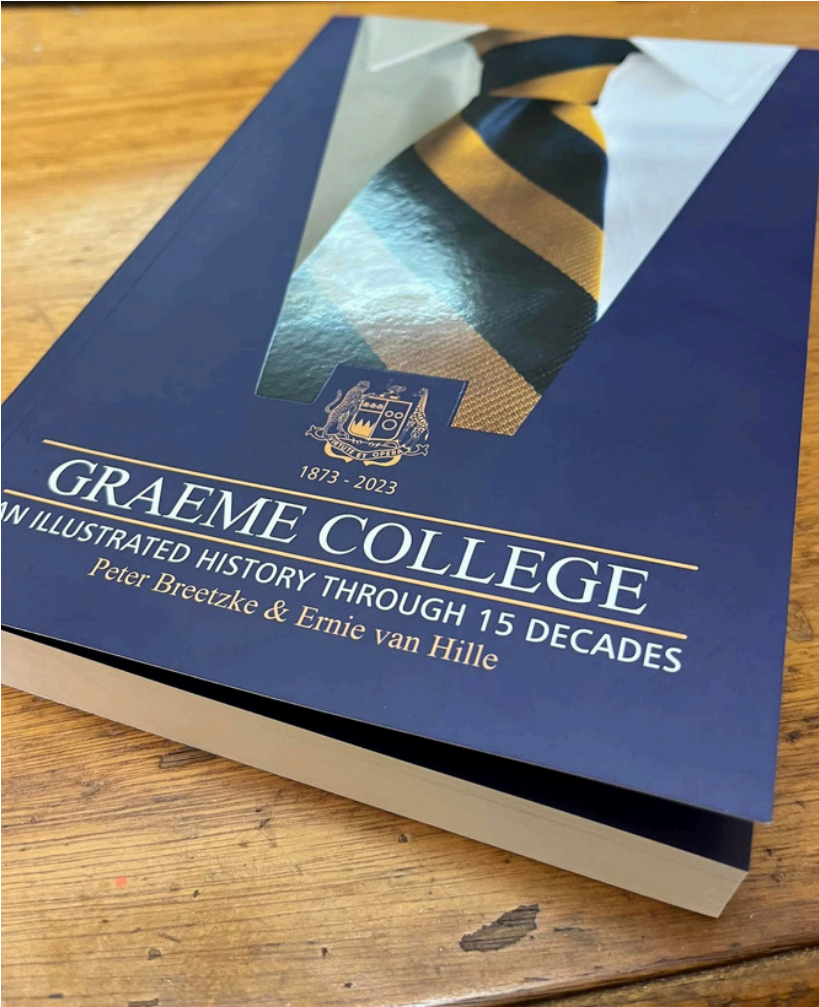
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STEAK RANCHES

150 year book

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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.

 **150**
GRAEME COLLEGE
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#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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Pricing is as follows:

- A6 - R1000 per month
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- 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>

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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: Two Oceans Half Marathon:
Mrs Nicole Hobson recently completed the Two Oceans Half Marathon in Cape Town. She found the experience tough but satisfying! Congratulations!