

FROM THE HEADMASTER'S DESK

Dear Grace College Community

The start of the year has certainly been a busy one and, as everyone finds their feet after a well-deserved holiday, it is good to see the year kick off in the way it did. I am always happy to see new faces join us at Grace College at the beginning of the year. The Grade 8 learners have enjoyed a somewhat warm sleepover in the school hall as part of the orientation program. This resulted in them feeling more at ease when they started their first school day. We have seen several new learners enrolling in the higher grades, and we extend a welcome to them too. It is wonderful to see the campus busy with sports kicking off in full swing, house play auditions taking place, and the academic classrooms taking off in full flight.

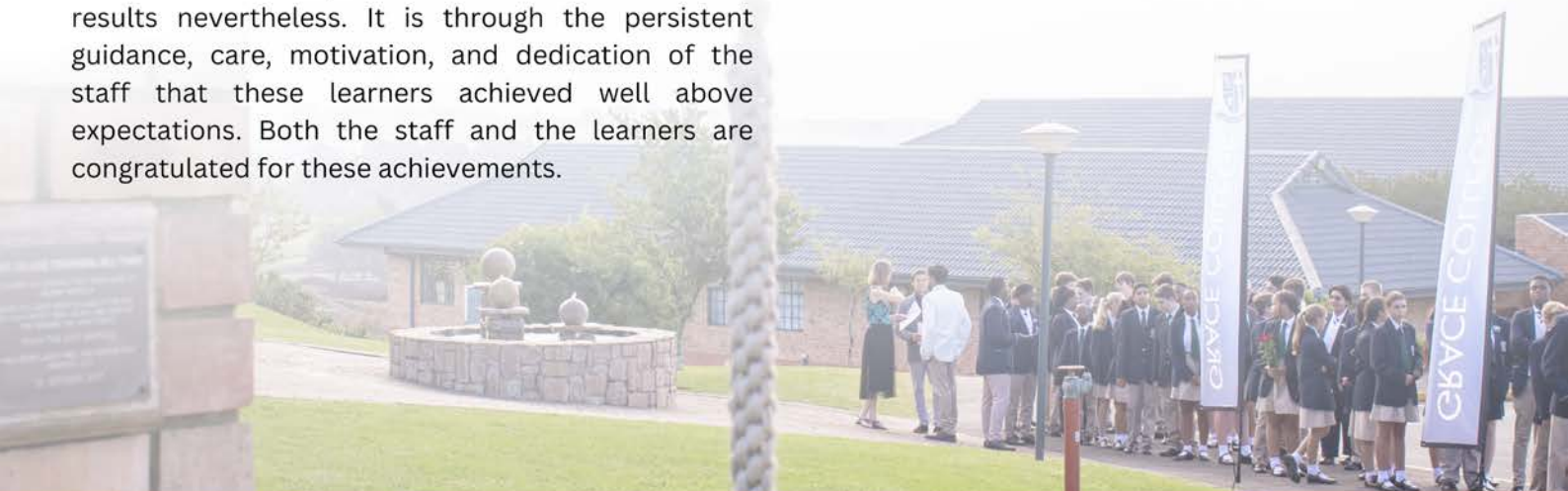
I am extremely honored to have new staff join us this year. Some joined us from other parts of the country, while others were more local. They have slotted into our systems and are making an impact in the classrooms, on the sports fields, and on the stages as they settle into their new environment. They are all welcomed into this school family, and our prayer is that they will be blessed in their time at Grace College.

I was exceptionally proud of the Matric class of 2023 and the results they achieved. Another year of a 100% pass rate and an 88% Bachelor Degree pass was achieved. We are very proud of each of the learners who achieved their academic goals and it was wonderful to see learners achieving A-aggregates. There are, however, stories of learners who might not have been 'classified' as traditional academic students, but who achieved incredible results nevertheless. It is through the persistent guidance, care, motivation, and dedication of the staff that these learners achieved well above expectations. Both the staff and the learners are congratulated for these achievements.

Looking at the term ahead, it is very apparent that the calendar is jam-packed with happenings. This means a busy time for the staff, learners, and families alike. I would like to acknowledge the sacrifices that parents make to support the school program. We acknowledge that life, in general, is busy and that parents are trying their best to support their children in every way they can. We will continuously do our very best to support the learners whilst at school and while they are learning to take on more responsibilities for themselves. Thank you once again for your support of Grace College.

I read Psalm 127 at the Moms' Tea recently and thought I would share it with the Grace College family. The psalmist describes the futile pursuit of daily living matters if God is not central to our lives. He then jumps to the blessing that children are to parents and describes a parent as a warrior with a bow and that children are like arrows in their hands. I love this illustration of parents guiding, helping, pointing towards a direction and even putting a bit of strain on the arrow to be able to hit the bullseye. My hope and prayer is that we all point our children to God and to having a relationship with Him. Blessing to our all our families at Grace College as we start this year.

Mr Jansen



IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

15 FEB	INFORMATION EVENING An information evening for prospective families
16 FEB	INTER-HOUSE GALA Please refer to the D6 for arrangements
21 FEB	GRADE 8 CAMP
26 FEB	MID-TERM BREAK
27 FEB	HOCKEY TOUR SPUR EVENING FUNDRAISER
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JOIN US AT THE INTER-HOUSE GALA

16 FEB



HOCKEY TOUR SPUR FUNDRAISER

27 FEB
CASCADES SPUR
19h00



THE HONOUR CODE

After thoughtful consideration and extensive revision, the Strategic Committee has redefined the Grace College Honour Code. This updated code is designed to unify the commitment of all learners at Grace College. **With a renewed focus on Christian values, the revised Honour Code aims to imbue every aspect with a Christ-centered perspective, reflecting the core ethos of Grace College.**

As young men and women of Grace College,

we will always strive to conduct ourselves
in a Christ-like manner,
with integrity and mutual consideration.
We will at all times show respect for our school
and all it stands for;
we will treat each other with the
utmost courtesy and dignity;
we will always seek to embrace pride
and spirit in our school;
we will do our best and never give up;
we will show compassion
and cultivate humility in all situations;
we will forgive others
as we have been forgiven;
we will be grateful and thankful
for all our blessings.
We will honour God, our fellow
human beings and our school.



LEARNER ACHIEVEMENTS

TENNIS

Congratulations to Jodi Moreno who participated in the Provincial Tennis tournament up in Johannesburg during the holidays. KZN A were placed 1st overall and the B team were placed 8th out of 16 provinces

Robyn Walters, Jodi and Tessa Moreno participated in the 1st round of the Umgungundlovu Tennis trials this weekend. Congratulations to both of them for going through to the final knock out round.

ATHLETICS

Congratulations to Joshua Kloppe for participating in the League 2 KZNA athletics event. Joshua was placed 3rd overall and received a bronze medal. Well done Josh!



The Sinclair Trophy for Academic Excellence was awarded to **ROWAN MACK**, Grace College's top learner in the Final IEB Exams in 2023



NEW STAFF AT GRACE COLLEGE

We're thrilled to welcome a fantastic lineup of new staff members to our growing Grace family this year!

Mrs. Jessica Lowe: English
Mr. Marnus Nolte: Business Studies
Mrs. Tarryn MacDougall: English and Afrikaans
Mr. Duncan Buwalda: Head of History
Mrs. Clarisa Smale: Business Manager
Ms. Zukiswa Stemele: Mathematics
Mrs. Malindi Duguid: Afrikaans
Ms. Nokhuthula Shange: isiZulu
Mr Dylan Lowe: Bible

GET TO KNOW THE GRACE COLLEGE FAMILY THROUGH WEEKLY INTRODUCTIONS ON OUR SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS. A NEW STAFF MEMBER IS INTRODUCED EACH FRIDAY



GRACE'S FACES

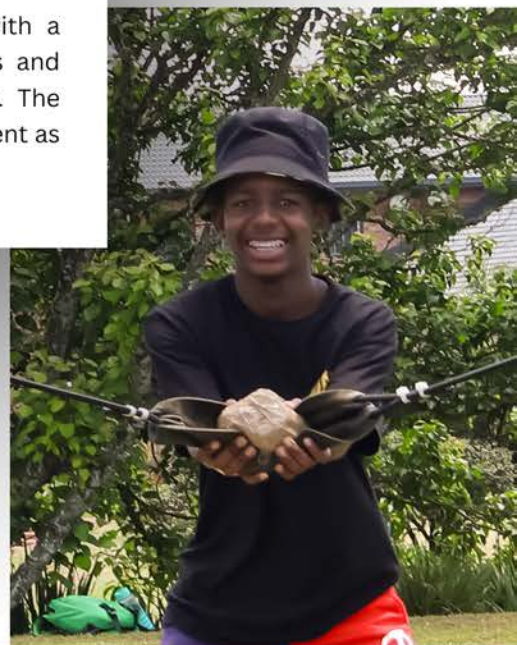
NOKHUTHULA SHANGE

ISIZULU EDUCATOR



GRADE 8 ORIENTATION

Grade 8 Orientation provides our new learners with a fantastic opportunity to connect with the prefects and their peers before the academic year commences. The start of the term was filled with laughter and enjoyment as everyone got to know each other better.





GRADE 8 INDUCTION SERVICE

Grade 8 learners were warmly welcomed into the Grace College family during the Grade 8 Induction Service. As a symbolic start to their journey at the school, all students in the grade rang the school bell before entering the Hall of Grace College. It was a truly special evening, and we eagerly anticipate watching these learners blossom into young adults, embodying 'The Grace Way'.



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REPRESENTATIVES

TERM ONE 2024

Heads of School



Sibusisiwe
Vilakazi



Reilly
Shuttleworth



Chizelle
Wentzel



Anikwa
Zondi

Grade Representatives

Matric Committee



Thegan
Narisimulu



Neliswa
Mchunu

Grade 11



Fanele
Mzangwe



Dru
Dawson

Grade 10



Nathan
Daniel



Sibahle
Maphanga

Grade 9



Uyanda
Caluza



Nakhane
Mgaga

Class Representatives

11M



Jishan
Pillay



Amy
Goddard

11N



Andisa
Mnguni



Emily
Napier

11P



Thandimpilo
Mgaga



Erin
Coverdale

10B



Thomas
Prentice



Kayleigh
Henderson

10M



Aarav
Pillay



Leill
Mutsata

9P



Lusanda
Shozi



Angela
Butler

9S



Mvelwenhle
Ntuli



Megan
Napier

SPORTS REPORT

As we reflect on the beginning of another exciting year in our sports program at Grace College, it's evident that enthusiasm and dedication are at an all-time high among our learners. With each passing match and meet, our athletes continue to showcase their talent and commitment. Let's dive into the highlights of our various sporting codes and celebrate the achievements of our Learners on the sports field.

CRICKET

The boy's Cricket Team has had a busy start to their season, facing off against tough opponents such as Riverwood, Maritzburg College, and Greytown. Their standout performance was undoubtedly their great victory against Greytown, winning with plenty of overs to spare. With more matches on the horizon, including hosting Christ Church for their cricket tour in March we look forward to the remainder of the season.

TENNIS

Both our Tennis boys and girls teams are enjoying a stellar season, competing against opponents such as Maritzburg College, Riverwood, St. Annes, and The Wykeham Collegiate. Special recognition goes to Robyn Walters, Jodi, and Tessa Moreno for their commendable performance in the 1st round of the Umgungundlovu Tennis trials, securing their spots in the final knockout round.

NETBALL

Our Netball girls continue to impress with their remarkable skill and teamwork on the court. Their season is off to a strong start, with victories against opponents such as St. Annes, Wartburg, and Etham College. As we look ahead, anticipation builds for the Epworth Tournament at the end of the term, where the girls will undoubtedly do us proud.

BASKETBALL

Basketball remains a cornerstone of our boy's sports program, with the team putting in tremendous effort and dedication during their training sessions. Their hard work is paying off, evident in their recent clean sweep against Howick High. Standout performances include Mpho Mohlomi's impressive 14-point contribution in the U15 match.

SWIMMING

Our Swimming squad continues to make waves, both figuratively and literally, with a significant increase in participation and impressive results. At the recent Howick High Gala, Grace College clinched 5th place out of 8 participating schools. Special congratulations to Fyn Clulow for his outstanding performance winning both of his races, including breaking a record.

We invite parents to join us at our Inter-house Gala on the 16th of February.

CROSS-COUNTRY

While there are no Cross-Country meets scheduled for this term, our running teams remain dedicated to their training. It is always great to see our runners out in our adjacent plantations getting ready for the season ahead.

SQUASH

It is great to see Squash matches return to our sports programme, with Rowan Mauck-Chadwick securing a victory against Howick High. A Special thank you goes to Mrs Moreno who has come on board to assist with coaching our Squash Team



SPORTS RESULTS

NETBALL

Girls netball vs Etham College & Injoloba	Won 1 and lost 1
Jnr Netball vs St. Anne's	Won 14-0
Jnr Netball vs Wartburg	Won 16 - 8
Snr Netball vs St. Anne's	Lost 14-10
Snr Netball vs Wartburg	Won 14 - 9

CRICKET

1st vs Voortrekker:	Lost by 8 wickets.
2nd vs Maritzburg College	Lost by 5 wickets
1st vs Greytown	Won by 6 wickets
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Junior cricket vs Riverwood	Lost by 8 wickets

TENNIS

Boys tennis vs Riverwood	Won 9 - 3
Girls tennis vs St. Anne's 2nd	Drew 3 - 3

SQUASH

Grace vs Howick High	lost 14 - 4
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BASKETBALL

Grace vs Howick High

u15	Won 18 - 12: Top Scorer and MVP 14 points Mpho Mohlomi
u16	Won 15 -11: Top Scorer Owen 8 points
2nd Team	Won 12 -7
1st Team	Won 23-9

SWIMMING

Howick High Gala	Grace came 5th overall out of 8 schools Fyn Clulow winning 2 of his races with a broken record.
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**SPORTS
HIGHLIGHTS**

