

# GRACE VINE

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# FROM THE HEADMASTER'S DESK

Dear Parents/Guardians

Welcome back to the Second Term of 2025. After returning from a three-week holiday, the stage is set to tackle the challenges of the term and the work that needs to be done. It is a privilege to have had three consecutive weeks off to rest and rejuvenate for the term ahead. The calendar is jam-packed with sporting events, cultural showcases, pastoral activities, and academic mastery. This means that all involved in the school will be busy at some point and that organising and planning will be key to the success of this term. We were quite busy during the holiday with enrolment interviews and some maintenance done on the campus. The hall has received a fresh coat of paint, while the bus stop waiting area was enclosed on its sides. There have been numerous meetings to appoint an Engineer, and interviews were held with Quantity Surveyors for the pool project. Interviews were also held with prospective staff who will be announced, and we have also advertised for a PR and Fundraising position in our Marketing Department to bolster this new chapter that we will embark on as a school, and which forms part of the school strategy.

There have been numerous achievements from the learners before and during the holidays. Two of our swimmers achieved several accolades in their Regional competition, while two Netball girls and 3 Rugby boys were selected for the respective Regional Teams. Our Debating teams hosted the fourth round of the Debating League, where two of our learners achieved 'best speaker' out of many schools that came to compete. The reason I am highlighting some of these achievements is because of the success achieved under healthy, competitive circumstances. We will continue to do our best in exposing the learners to top-level academics, sport and culture, but never at the cost of the learners. I know that our motto plays a major part in this success story, and each learner is encouraged to do their utmost for His highest. We constantly refer to our motto in assemblies and grade meetings, and I believe that this plays a big part in the healthy spirit in which we compete in all spheres at the school.

Thank you to the parents who joined the AGM at the end of last term. I think everyone present at the meeting got a good sense of the heart of the team that is leading the school from a Board perspective. It makes me proud to be affiliated with a team that is united in its vision and sets off on a mission to help the school achieve its goals and aims, while keeping focused on our ethos. I

addition, we always remind ourselves that the school is there to help the learners achieve their goals, while steering them from a moral compass perspective. I look forward to seeing the school strategy come to life with each passing year and to glorify our Father in Heaven in everything that we do.

Please save the date for our Founders' Day sports on Saturday, 31 May. We will be hosting several schools for the end of the Second Term sports, and there will be vendors and a fun run on the day. Bring the whole family and celebrate the Founders' Day of Grace College with us on this day. We also invite any Alumni, previous Board members, and ex-staff to join us on the day, and we look forward to seeing them again. Please note that the Founders' assembly will take place on Friday, 30 May, for any of the above-mentioned people who would like to join us.

This year will see efforts being made to help fundraise for our enclosed pool project, with multiple opportunities to donate towards this venture. This includes events like our Founders' Day Derby and our Golf Day at Boschoek on 6 June. There are already two prizes sponsored by Subaru for a hole in one and Geocon towards school fees for a hole in one. Apart from these events, there will be an opportunity for donations towards the pool project. If any parent, business, or Alumni is interested in donating towards the pool, please contact me directly at [head@gracecollege.co.za](mailto:head@gracecollege.co.za) to discuss the contribution. More details will be shared with the local community regarding the building of the pool as soon as the team has finalized the last of the plans and costing.

I end this letter to you reflecting on one portion of the scripture verses I read to the parents who attended the AGM, which came from the prophet Zachariah. He prophesied over Zerubabel, who was going to rebuild the temple, that God had said the following: "Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit will the temple be built".

Blessings

**Mr Jansen**  
Headmaster

WHAT'S

# HAPPENING?

For a full Calendar of events, please refer to the Grace College Calendar on the D6

**3 MAY**

WEMBLEY  
COLLEGE  
SPORTS DAY

**6 MAY**

ATKV  
APPLOUS

Tickets  
Available on  
Quicket



**9  
MAY**

2026  
PLACE OFFER  
DAY

**9 MAY**

GRADE 8  
EXPERIENTIAL  
LEARNING  
DAY

**13  
MAY**

ONLINE  
PA MEETING

**31 MAY**

FOUNDERS'  
DAY

**6 JUNE**

GOLF DAY

# LEARNER ACHIEVEMENTS

Please send any learner achievements to  
[info@gracecollege.co.za](mailto:info@gracecollege.co.za)



## Grace College Swimmers Shine at Level 2 Regional Championships

Grace College is incredibly proud to celebrate the outstanding achievements of Kiara Sierra and Nkosi Mlambo, who recently competed in the Level 2 Regional Champs swimming competition held in Richards Bay over the holidays. Kiara delivered an exceptional performance, earning a total of 10 medals—2 gold, 3 silver, and 2 bronze in her individual events, along with 2 gold and 1 silver in relay events. Nkosi also made waves at the competition, bringing home 9 medals in total—2 gold, 3 silver, and 1 bronze in his individual events, complemented by an impressive 3 gold medals in the relays. Congratulations, Kiara and Nkosi!



## Grace College Players Selected for Provincial Netball Trials

Congratulations to Mia Du Preez and Sarah Thorpe from Grace College, who were selected to represent our district at the Provincial All Ages Netball Trials recently. We wish them the best of luck as they showcase their talent at the provincial level!



## Grace College Rugby Players Selected for Midlands Squads

We're thrilled to share some exciting news from the rugby field— Three Grace College learners have been selected to represent the Midlands Rugby Squad teams! A big congratulations to Rohan Kingham and Fanele Mzangwe, who have both earned places in the U18/19 Midlands Rugby Squad, and to Henry Jansen, who has been selected for the U16 squad.



## Rugby: Country District U16 Squad

A big congratulations to Henry Jansen on his selection to the Inland Country District U16 Rugby Team. This is a fantastic achievement and a reflection of his skill, dedication, and hard work on the rugby field. Well done, Henry!

## Presidents Award

We're incredibly proud of Syon Mangray (Gold), Jishan Pillay (Gold), and Erin Coverdale (Silver) for achieving their President's Award. This is no small feat—it takes real commitment, perseverance, and a willingness to grow through service, leadership, and personal challenge. Their hard work and determination over many months have truly paid off



# CULTURE

## TERM 2 CULTURE

A heartfelt thank you to all the learners who took part in Term 1's cultural activities. It was encouraging to see such high levels of involvement, making it one of our busiest and most vibrant cultural terms yet.

Special congratulations go to Orin Mangray, Jishan Pillay, and Erin Coverdale, who received their President's Awards—a prestigious achievement that recognises commitment, service, and personal growth.

Looking ahead, we're excited to kick off Term 2's Cultural Clubs. Learners have already made their selections, and the variety of clubs on offer provides a fantastic opportunity to explore new interests and develop skills beyond the classroom.

### Cultural Clubs on Offer This Term:

- History in Motion
- Dance
- Eco-Club
- 3D Printing
- Canva Design
- Board Games
- Creationology
- Entrepreneurship

We also wish Chizelle Wentzel, Amy Goddard, and Hannah Meyer all the best as they perform in the KZN Youth Ballet Company's production of Thumbelina. This beautiful production is running at the Hilton College Theatre from 1–3 May, and it's a wonderful opportunity to see our learners shine on stage. Tickets are available on Quicket, and we encourage everyone to support them.

Lastly, we're proud to be hosting the ATKV Applous Choir Competition on 6 May, right here on campus. This event brings together some of the region's most talented choirs and is always a cultural highlight. Tickets are available on Quicket, and we encourage the Grace College community to attend and support this celebration of music and performance.

**Mrs Heidi Ainsworth**  
Head of Culture

**ATKV Applous**  
NATIONAL CHOIR COMPETITION | 2025

REGIONAL FESTIVAL

6 MAY 2025 | GRACE COLLEGE

**SESSION ONE**  
15H00 - 17H00

WELCOME  
RIVERWOOD COLLEGE SENIOR CHOIR  
LADDSWORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL SENIOR CHOIR  
PIETERMARITZBURG GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR  
GUEST ARTISTS MARITZBURG JUNIOR ENSEMBLE (MJE)  
JUDGES FEEDBACK

**SESSION TWO**  
18H00 - 20H00

WELCOME  
MICHAELHOUSE CHAPEL CHOIR  
ST CHARLES COLLEGE CHOIR  
ST JOHN'S DIOCESAN SCHOOL FOR GIRLS  
MARITZBURG COLLEGE CHOIR  
MICHAELHOUSE CHOIR  
GUEST ARTISTS MARITZBURG COLLEGE JAZZ BAND  
JUDGES FEEDBACK

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TICKETS ARE SOLD PER SESSION AND ARE ONLY VALID FOR THE SPECIFIC SESSION PURCHASED.



Hannah Meyer, Amy Goddard and Chizelle Wentzel  
KZN Youth Ballet Company's production of Thumbelina.

# NETBALL CLINIC



## AN UNFORGETTABLE AFTERNOON ON THE COURT

On Wednesday last week, we were fortunate to host a Netball clinic with none other than Ronel Veldsman, a former South African Action Netball player. Ronel brought a mix of skill, heart, and humour that had every player completely engaged. It was more than just a clinic – it was a chance for our players to learn from someone who's been at the top of the game, and who genuinely cares about helping the next generation grow. A huge thank you to Ronel, and to all the players who gave it their all. They loved every minute!



# SPORTS

## GRACE COLLEGE SPORTS REPORT WELCOME BACK TO TERM 2

Welcome back to Term 2! We are excited to share the impressive achievements of our Grace College learners in Swimming, Rugby, and Netball.

In Swimming, Kiara Sierra and Nkosi Mlambo competed in the Level 2 Regional Swimming Championships in Richards Bay. Kiara earned a total of 10 medals—2 gold, 3 silver, and 2 bronze in her individual events, and 2 gold and 1 silver in the relay events. Nkosi won 9 medals—2 gold, 3 silver, and 1 bronze in individual events, and 3 golds in the relays. We are incredibly proud of their outstanding performances.

In Netball, Mia Du Preez and Sarah Thorpe were selected to represent our district at the Provincial All Ages Netball Trials this past weekend. We were also fortunate to host a Netball Clinic with Ronel Veldsman, a former South African Action Netball player, who shared her knowledge and expertise with our learners. The clinic was a great success, and our players walked away with new skills and insights. In recent matches against St. Nicholas, the U14 team won 19–0, the U15 team won 17–1, and the Open team faced a tough match, losing 16–6.

In Rugby, we are proud to announce that Rohan Kingham and Fanele Mzangwe have been selected for the Midlands Rugby U18/19 squad, while Henry Jansen made the U16 squad. In addition, These learners recently participated in the second round of trials in Dundee. At these trials Henry was selected for the Inland Country District U16 Rugby Team.

Our Rugby teams had strong performances in recent matches against St. Nics. The U14 team won with a dominant 62–5 score, the U16 team secured a 17–12 victory, and the U19 team won 19–17 in a close match.

Looking ahead, we are excited for Founders' Day on 31 May, a highlight of the school year that brings the entire Grace College community together. This year's event will feature a full day of Hockey, Rugby, and Netball fixtures, along with food stalls, a 5km and 10km Fun Run, and various family-friendly activities. The Fun Run is always a popular event, encouraging both athletes and families to get active and enjoy the day. We also look forward to seeing learners, parents, and staff supporting our sports teams as they compete in the friendly but competitive environment. It's a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our school spirit, support our athletes, and connect as a community.

We congratulate all our learners on their fantastic achievements and wish them continued success in the upcoming events!

**Mrs Faye Coverdale**  
Head of Sport



**31  
MAY  
2025**

**FOUNDERS' DAY  
DERBY**

**RUGBY**      **HOCKEY**      **NETBALL**



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# GOLF DAY

6 JUNE 2025

BOSCH HOEK - SA'S NO.1 9-HOLE COURSE

**R2600 PER FOUR-BALL**

INCLUDING HALF WAY HOUSE AND AFTER GOLF MEAL

Hole sponsorship  
from R2500

Prize sponsorships  
Welcome



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contact Kevin: [marketing@gracecollege.co.za](mailto:marketing@gracecollege.co.za)