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COLLEGE

WELCOME TO 2025

MATTHEW 5:14



FROM THE HEADMASTER'S DESK

Dear Grace College Community

2025 has officially kicked off and it is hard to believe that we are already at the end of the first month of this year. This is a good indication of a jam-packed year full of activities. 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 sleepover in the school hall as part of their 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 and their families too. It is wonderful to see the campus busy with sports kicking off in full swing, activities like choir and debating taking place, and the academic classrooms taking off in full flight.

I am extremely honored to have new staff join us this year. They have slotted into our systems with ease and are making an impact in the classrooms, on the sports fields, and on the stages as they settle into their new environment.

I was exceptionally proud of the Matric class of 2024 and the results they achieved. Another year of a 100% pass rate and an 89% Bachelor Degree pass was achieved by the learners. We are very proud of each one that 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.

During the holidays, several projects were undertaken at school. The addition of a new Quantum, and wrapping our buses in their new branding, brings a fresh appearance to the transport we have available at Grace College. The stage in the hall was upgraded to provide a better surface area for school productions and general purposes. We would like to thank Steve Von Steen for the construction of the stage. Quite a few maintenance additions were acquired that will bolster the upkeep of the grounds. This is apparent in the fresh look of the Cricket fields and, to top that off, the 1st Cricket Team received a new T20 kit sponsored by Spur. The Ronnie Davel race was hosted by the Harriers Club on our premises and there were close to 800 runners that participated in this event.

Looking at the term ahead, it is very apparent that the calendar is filled 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.

Matthew 5:14

*"You are the light of the world.
A city on a hill can not be hidden."*

Mr Jansen
Headmaster



2025

THEME FOR THE YEAR



CITY ON A HILL

"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

MATTHEW 5:14

WHAT'S

HAPPENING?

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

8 & 9 FEB

MIDMAR MILE TOG BAG SERVICE

10-14 FEB

GRADE 9 CAMP

11-13 FEB

GRADE 8 CAMP

12 FEB

GRADE 10 KARKLOOF CANOPY TOURS

GRACE LEARNERS ONLY

14 FEB

GRACE COLLEGE SOCIAL

GRACE LEARNERS ONLY

21 FEB

INTER-HOUSE GALA

Parents are welcome to attend the Gala at the St Annes Swimming Pool

24 FEB

MID TERM BREAK

4 MAR

PA MEETING

GRADE 8 ORIENTATION



At the start of each year, we have the joy of welcoming our new Grade 8 learners for their Orientation Weekend. This special event is designed to help them settle in, build connections, and feel at home in the Grace College family.

Our prefects go above and beyond to create a weekend filled with fun, laughter, and meaningful interactions. From exciting activities to informative sessions, every moment is focused on making the transition to high school a smooth and enjoyable experience.

It's always inspiring to see the friendships forming and the enthusiasm our newest learners bring. We look forward to watching the Grade 8s grow, thrive, and make their mark on Grace College in the years to come!



MOMS' TEA



A big thank you to all the Grace College moms who joined us for the Moms' Tea. It's always such a joy to see everyone come together and share in this special time of laughter, inspiration, and amazing food. We're so grateful to have shared it with you.

Thank you to all the moms, who hosted a table and provided eats for the tea.



LEARNER ACHIEVEMENTS

Please send any learner achievements to
info@gracecollege.co.za

DANCING

Congratulations to Amy Goddard who has successfully auditioned for the KZN Midlands Youth Ballet Company's 2025 production of Thumbelina!

She has been selected for the roles of Mrs. Toad, Flower, Ice Fairy (en pointe), and Jitterbug— a fantastic achievement! The production will take place on the 2-4 May at the Hilton College Theatre

Grace College Alumni and current Intern, Chizelle Wentzel, will also be performing in the production.



SINCLAIR TROPHY

congratulations goes to our Dux learner and recipient of the Sinclair Trophy for the top Grace College learner in the IEB examinations, Reilly Shuttleworth, who achieved an exceptional 86.66% aggregate.



MIDLANDS BASKETBALL

Congratulations to Camron Venter, Owen Ndlovu and Mpho Mholomi for being selected to represent the Midlands U18 Basketball team and Ntobeko Mbhele and Nkosi Mlambo for being selected for the Midlands U15 Basketball team.



ATHLETICS

Congratulations to Josh Kopper for placing 3rd overall in the 1500m at the KZN Athletics League 1 and placing 4th overall in the KZN Athletics League 2 1500m



FGASA

Junior FGASA, an initiative established by The Field Guides Association of Southern Africa, has been created for young nature lovers who want to learn about and experience our wonderful natural world. All Junior FGASA courses are accredited through FGASA and they pave the way for a future career in nature guiding. The Nature Ambassador Course covers topics such as the water cycle, the food chain, and the importance of biodiversity.

Grace College facilitates FGASA accredited courses through the Eco-Club in Term 2 and 3. 12 learners successfully earned their certificates and badges in 2024!



Congratulations to Emily Thorpe who played in the Ultimate Frizbee Nationals competition in Cape Town at the end of last year. Her team was placed 4th overall in their division.

WELL DONE CLASS OF 2024!



MATRIC RESULTS

CLASS OF 2024

100% PASS RATE 89% BACHELOR DEGREE PASS	69 SUBJECT A's 71 SUBJECT B's
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GRACE COLLEGE CELEBRATES THE OUTSTANDING MATRIC CLASS OF 2024

Grace College is overjoyed to celebrate the remarkable success of our Matric Class of 2024, who achieved a 100% pass rate in the IEB examinations. Even more impressive, 89% of the class earned Bachelor's Degree passes—an outstanding achievement that reflects their determination, hard work, and perseverance.

A special congratulations goes to our Dux learner and recipient of the Sinclair Trophy for the top Grace College learner in the IEB examinations, Reilly Shuttleworth, who achieved an exceptional 86.66% aggregate. We're also incredibly proud to highlight our Top 5 achievers: Reilly Shuttleworth, Abhay Ghoorah, Carlene Burgess, Mandisa Kunene, and Ewan Du Plooy.

Among the many highlights, a number of learners achieved multiple subject distinctions. Reilly Shuttleworth and Abhay Ghoorah both earned an impressive seven distinctions each, while Carlene Burgess, Nirav Dhanesar, and Kimi-Anne Wilson achieved five distinctions each.

To the Class of 2024, we are beyond proud of all you've accomplished and excited for what the future holds for each of you. As you step into this next chapter, we encourage you to continue striving for excellence and to live out our school's motto, "My utmost for His Highest." May God guide and bless you as you pursue your dreams—you've inspired us all, and we know you'll continue to do amazing things!



A AGGREGATE LEARNERS

 <p>REILLY SHUTTLEWORTH</p> <p>7 SUBJECT A's</p>	 <p>ABHAY GHOORAH</p> <p>7 SUBJECT A's</p>	 <p>CARLENE BURGESS</p> <p>5 SUBJECT A's</p>	 <p>MANDISA KUNENE</p> <p>3 SUBJECT A's</p>	 <p>EWAN DU PLOOY</p> <p>4 SUBJECT A's</p>
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PASTORAL

Welcome back to a new year at Grace College! As we step into 2025, I want to encourage each of you with the theme for this year, taken from Matthew 5:14: "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden." No matter where you are in your journey, remember that you have a light to shine, and this year is full of opportunities to do just that.

One of the best parts of life at Grace is the way we grow together. Christian Forums give us the chance to engage in really meaningful conversations about faith, while the SCA Camp promises a time of fun, connection, and spiritual growth. If you've never been before, why don't you try it this year? It will be an experience that enriches and stays with you.

Our Friday Mentor Groups are another highlight of our community. These small groups offer regular opportunities to build real friendships, have open conversations, and be encouraged in a space where you truly belong. I also encourage you to check out SCA on Thursdays— it's a great midweek reminder of what really matters and a chance to worship together.

Let's step into this year ready to grow, support one another, and let our light shine in all that we do

Mrs Frances Stimson
Head of Pastoral



JOIN THE SCA

Come join us at SCA as we share a time of fellowship together! Every Thursday at first break, learners gather to pray, worship, and learn more about Jesus. SCA is a learner-led group under the guidance of the school's pastoral team. What's truly encouraging is seeing learner share their faith with one another. At SCA, our hope is to continue meeting together, shining Christ's light and love to our school and our community. P.S. Don't miss out on our exciting events like the annual SCA Camp! We'd love to see you there!

A TRIBUTE TO PATRICK MOEREBE



It is with great sadness that we share the passing of Patrick, a valued member of our grounds team, who sadly passed away over the holiday break. Patrick's dedication to his work and his ever-present smile will always be remembered on campus. He was a friendly, hard-working member of our team.

As we reflect on his life, we are reminded to live each day to the fullest, as tomorrow is not guaranteed.

In honour of his service, a plaque will be placed on our memorial wall in a separate ceremony. Our thoughts and prayers are with Patrick's family during this time, and we are forever grateful for the time he shared with the Grace College Community.

Mr Jansen
Headmaster

CULTURE

Culture at Grace College is flourishing, and we are thrilled to see so many of our learners embracing the creative and intellectual opportunities available this year!

This term, we introduced Chess Club, and it has been fantastic to see learners sharpening their strategic thinking while enjoying the camaraderie of this classic game. Additionally, we have placed a special focus on our School Choir, working to develop and showcase the incredible musical talent within our community. The dedication and enthusiasm from our learners have been truly inspiring!

During our culture periods, Grade Tutors have been guiding learners through the Grace Journey, focusing on the unique themes assigned to each grade. These sessions are an important part of our school's vision, helping learners grow in character, leadership, and personal development. Looking ahead to Term 2, we are excited to welcome back our clubs and societies, offering even more opportunities for learners to explore their passions and develop new skills. But the biggest highlight of this term is undoubtedly our Major Production! This year, we are embracing a uniquely African twist, and we cannot wait to share more details with you soon. Stay tuned for updates on the show and how you can secure your tickets—this is one event you won't want to miss!

Culture is a vital part of the Grace College experience, and we encourage all our learners to get involved, try something new, and let their talents shine. Here's to an exciting and enriching year ahead!

Mrs Heidi Ainsworth
Head of Culture



STAGE UPGRADE

The December holidays marked the completion of Stage 1 of our stage upgrade. The expanded surface area has been designed to enhance performances and other cultural events. We look forward to showcasing this exciting improvement at the upcoming Major Production of the year!

CHESS CLUB

Grace College is excited to introduce Chess Club as part of its extramural activities. Meeting every Wednesday during break, the club offers learners a chance to engage in strategic play, sharpen their skills, and enjoy the game in a relaxed setting.



CHOIR

Grace College is pleased to welcome Mrs. Jansen, who is now leading our choir on Monday afternoons. Following auditions, a talented group of learners has been selected to form the school choir. We look forward to seeing them grow and perform in the near future.



PRODUCTION AUDITIONS

January was an exciting time at Grace College as learners took to the stage for auditions for this year's Major Production. After some incredible performances, the cast has been chosen, and rehearsals will be starting soon. We can't wait to see them bring this uniquely African story to life on March 12 and 13!



LOOK OUT FOR TICKET INFORMATION

GRADE 8

INDUCTION SERVICE



The Grade 8 Induction Service is a cherished tradition at Grace College, marking the official beginning of our new learners' high school journey. Each learner has the honour of ringing the school bell before entering Dümmer Hall, symbolising this important milestone.

During the ceremony, learners receive a Bible and take part in a communal candle-lighting. This meaningful act represents the individuality of each learner while highlighting their unity in a shared purpose, guided by the school's strong Biblical foundation.



SPORTS

Grace College has kicked off the 2025 sporting year with a strong start across multiple disciplines. Our athletes have already delivered impressive performances, setting the stage for a competitive season ahead.

On the Athletics front, Joshua Klopper put in an excellent effort at the KZN Athletics League 1, finishing 3rd overall in the 1500m at Kings Park. He followed this up with a 4th place finish in League 2, showing great consistency and determination.

The Basketball teams have also had a promising start. The U16 Boys secured a 13-5 win against Hermannsburg, with Lusanda Shozi scoring 9 points. The 1st Team took a 28-16 victory over Howick High, with Fanele leading the charge with 7 points, 5 rebounds, and 6 steals. Congratulations to Camron Venter, Owen Ndlovu, and Mpho Mhloni for being selected for the Midlands U18 Basketball Team, as well as Ntobeko Mbele and Nkosi Mlambo, who made the Midlands U15 team.

Our Tennis teams started strong, with the Boys' team securing a 19-13 win against Riverwood and the Girls' team defeating St. Anne's 5-1. The Junior Netball team also had a solid 10-1 win over St. John's and Epworth, while the Seniors fought hard in an 8-28 loss.

This year, our Squash players are competing in the league for the first time, taking on strong opponents as they gain valuable match experience. They faced Howick High in their opening fixture and, despite a 5-19 loss, showed great potential for growth in the season ahead.

The Cricket teams have been busy, with matches against Northdale HUB (called off due to lightning) and Wembley, where they put in a strong performance. A big thank you to Misty Mountain Spur for sponsoring the new T20 First Team Cricket Kit—the team looked sharp on the field, and we're excited to see what they can do this season.

The Grace College swimming squad has been putting in the hard work. They competed in their first co-ed gala of the season this last week, finishing in 6th place, just two points behind 5th. It was a great effort from the team.

With a promising start to the year, Grace College's teams have shown grit, skill, and teamwork. We look forward to seeing them build on these performances as the season progresses.

Faye Coverdale
Head of Sport



**THANK YOU MISTY
MOUNTAIN SPUR FOR THE
SPONSORSHIP OF OUR NEW
FIRST TEAM T20 KIT!**

NEWS WORTHY



NEW STAFF

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.

My first few weeks at Grace College have been absolutely incredible. In many ways, I've felt like a new Grade 8 learner - asking a million questions, getting lost, and carrying around an enormous bag! But just like the Grade 8s, I have been warmly welcomed, guided, and embraced by this amazing community. The kindness and support from both staff and learners have made all the difference. I know I can speak for all the newbies when I say that we already feel like part of the Grace College family. Thank you to the Lord for leading us all to Grace.

Mrs Grobler



LOOKING SHARP

Have you spotted our newly branded buses around town? Two of our buses have recently been wrapped to reflect the updated Grace College branding, giving our teams a bold and recognizable presence on the road!

In addition, we now have a brand-new supporters' tent that takes its place on the sidelines of the sports fields, providing a strong and visible presence at our games. Keep an eye out for these exciting updates as we show our school spirit!



WEATHER STATION

In collaboration with the University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN), a weather station has been installed on the Grace College campus. This station will be monitored by UKZN as part of their research initiatives, while Grace College also has access to the real-time data it provides. This valuable resource offers an exciting opportunity to enhance classroom learning by providing learners with real-world examples of weather patterns and climate analysis.