

GRACE VINE

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2025



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FROM THE HEADMASTER'S DESK

Dear Grace College Community

I have heard so often that people say they can not believe that February has come and gone and that we find ourselves in March of 2025. This is testimony to the busy lives we lead and the many different challenges that need to be overcome. More and more the focus for the youth is on building resilience, being able to problem solve and think outside the box. In his book, *The Anxious Generation*, Jonathan Haidt explains that we are dealing with new challenges in an era that requires a lot more navigation than ever before. Mental wellness amongst teens is on the decline due to the "rewiring" of the teenage brain when it comes to smartphones, social media, and expectations from the youth. We have all heard this before and it continues to be a hot topic of discussion, especially in educational circles. I do feel that we as adults, showcase and are the example for the youth and teenagers and a lot of responsibility lies with us to help navigate the youth in these changing times. It is mainly in the simple things that make us Christian humans that we need to treasure and cultivate and pass onto the next generation. I find that the Bible gives such clear and concise guidelines and direction for life, and that the salvation that Christ gives, brings peace and calm.

February has been busy on all fronts. The weather of late has caused many cancellations of sporting fixtures and practices. Although this is frustrating, we know that there is little that can be changed about the weather conditions. The transition to winter sports will take place soon, while there are still some of the summer sports finishing off their fixtures. While many summer sporting codes rely on favourable conditions, the weather is generally more forgiving in the winter sports season, which means that practices and fixtures will most likely continue, unless it is deemed unsafe. Many lessons are learnt whilst on the sports field and it is important that learners have the opportunity to be part of the camaraderie in sports.

On the cultural side of the school, we look forward to the main showcases in the month ahead. The school production is taking place early in March; the cast is very busy preparing for this show and I look forward to seeing it on stage. The Hamburg Girls' Choir from Germany will perform with the KZN Youth Choir and Laddsworth Choir at our school later in March. This also promises to be quite the choral experience and we are fortunate to have these choirs performing on our campus.

I would like to thank the PA for their initiative and drive in raising funds through the Midmar Mile Tog-bag service. It was wonderful to see the parents pulling together and making a success of this fundraising event once again. Thank you to all the parents who organised and gave their time for this event.

The Mi7 Group has been a great addition to Grace College. I would like to thank them for their great support and initiative regarding the safety of vehicles on the campus through the addition of community cameras on our premises.

John 1:4 - In Him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Blessings,

Mr Jansen
Headmaster



WHAT'S

HAPPENING?

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

**10
MAR**
PHOTO
DAY

**12-13
MARCH**

DRAMATIC DIVERSITY
SCHOOL PRODUCTION

Learners and parents please buy your
tickets on the Karri App

**20
MAR**

HAMBURG
GIRLS' CHOIR

**21
MAR**

HUMAN
RIGHTS DAY

**28
MAR**

FINAL
AWARDS
ASSEMBLY

GRACE LEARNERS ONLY

**28
MAR**

GRACE COLLEGE
WELLNESS DAY

**29 MAR
- 21 APR**

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

INTER-HOUSE GALA



Our Inter-House Gala on February 21st was a thrilling showcase of talent, determination, and team spirit! A huge round of applause goes to all the swimmers who gave their all in every race.



GRADE 9 CAMP



We had the chance to catch up with our Grade 9s during their week-long Grace Trek camp at Nyala Pans! From adventure to teamwork, it was an incredible experience. Here are some highlights from the week!



GRADE 8 CAMP



What an amazing experience for our Grade 8s at Camp El Olam! From conquering challenges to forming new friendships, they truly made the most of every moment!



LEARNER ACHIEVEMENTS

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



EDUFLEEK

Congratulations to the following learners on their outstanding performance in the Edufleek Quiz! Maria Bruce (left) earned 19 points, securing the Bronze Winner title and advancing to the Grade 9 National Finals. Benjamin Penderis (right) achieved 20 points, making him the Silver Winner and qualifying for the Grade 11 National Finals. Joshua Klopper (centre) excelled with 23 points, earning the Gold Winner title and moving on to the Grade 12 National Finals. Well done to all!



SWIMMING

Our swimming team did exceptionally well at a recent co-ed gala placing 4th overall with 3 of our swimmers winning age group champion. Congratulations to Kiara Sierra, Michael Radnitz and Dané Meintjes for this outstanding achievement.



Brynn Butlin
placed 1st
overall in the
recent WESSA
6km trail run



Tahir Naidoo
placed 3rd in
the KZN Gravity
Downhill
Mountain Bike
race at Giba
Gorge.



Kiara Sierra
was selected to
represent KZN
at the 2025 SA
Biathlon
Championship
in Oudtshoorn
later this month.



INTER-HOUSE GALA

Junior Girls Victrix
Ludorum
Klara Sierra

Junior Boys Victor
Ludorum
Nkosinhle Mlambo

Senior Girls Victrix
Ludorum
Dané Meintjes

Senior Boys Victor
Ludorum
Lorenzo Dolphin



CRICKET

Congratulations to Thomas Prentice who scored a brilliant 122 runs in a cricket match vs Northdale Hub.

CULTURE

Grace College Cultural Activities Report – February 2025

As we begin to wind down the first term of 2025, we reflect on the cultural events that have brought our community together and look forward to the enriching activities ahead.

Grace College Social – 14th February 2025

The highlight of the past month was the Grace College Social, held on Valentine's Day. This event was met with great enthusiasm, providing learners with a safe and engaging environment to socialise, dance, and create lasting memories with their peers. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all who contributed to making this event a resounding success.

Dramatic Diversity – Production Preparations Underway

Excitement is building as preparations for our much-anticipated production, Dramatic Diversity, progress steadily. Rehearsals, costume design, and set construction are well underway to ensure a captivating performance for all attendees. The production will take place on the 12th and 13th of March, and we are pleased to offer special ticket pricing as a token of appreciation for our Grace College community. Tickets are available at R60 per adult and R40 per child aged 12 years and under. We encourage everyone to secure their tickets soon and support our talented learners.

Upcoming Choir Performance – 20th March 2025

We are thrilled to announce that Grace College will be hosting a touring choir from Hamburg on the 20th of March. This exceptional event will also feature performances from the KwaZulu Natal Midlands Youth Choir and the Laddsworth Choirs, promising a remarkable evening of musical excellence. We urge all community members to save the date and join us in celebrating this cultural exchange through music.

As we approach the end of the first term, we look forward to another month of vibrant cultural activities at Grace College and appreciate the ongoing support from our learners, staff, and community members.

Mrs Heidi Ainsworth
Head of Culture



DRAMATIC DIVERSITY

AN EVENING OF
AFRICAN THEATRE

BAOBAB
AFRICA'S TREE OF LIFE

TORTOISE'S DREAM

WOZA ALBERT

IpiN'tombi

CURL UP
& DYE

12 & 13
MARCH 18H30
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VOICE VOYAGE

**From
Hamburg
to Hilton**

STARRING THE HAMBURG GIRLS CHOIR

Featuring the Midlands Youth
Choir and the Laddsworth Primary
School Choir

**20 MARCH
GRACE COLLEGE
18H30 | R50**

One Night Only



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MÄDCHENCHOR
HAMBURG



SPORTS

February was a thrilling month for Grace College sports, with our learners giving their all across the courts, fields, and pools. From hard-fought matches to standout individual achievements, our teams showed incredible spirit, determination, and resilience.

Our Tennis players kicked things off with the Girls' 1st Team battling St. John's to a 3-3 draw. We also participated in a Mixed Doubles Triangular Tournament at Wembley, where our players put in a great effort and did the school proud.

In Swimming, Grace College had a fantastic showing. At the Howick High Invitational Gala, our team placed 6th overall, a solid achievement in a competitive field.

We also had several swimmers take on the legendary Midmar Mile, an open-water swim that requires true grit. Well done to all who completed the challenge!

Our Inter-House Gala on February 21st was packed with excitement and fierce competition. A huge congratulations to our individual champions: Kiara Sierra (Junior Girls' Victrix Ludorum), Nkosinhle Mlambo (Junior Boys' Victor Ludorum), Dané Meintjes (Senior Girls' Victrix Ludorum), and Lorenzo Dolphin (Senior Boys' Victor Ludorum). And, of course, a big shout-out to Sinai, who took home the overall trophy!

The success continued at last week's Co-Ed Gala, where Grace finished 4th overall, with Dané Meintjes, Michael Radnitz, and Kiara Sierra being crowned Age Group Champions.

Our Cricket team had a mixed bag of results, but there were plenty of highlights. In our match against Northdale Hub, we put up a massive total of 297 runs, thanks to an incredible 122 off 74 balls from Tom Prentice and 98 off 83 from Michael Roberts. Unfortunately, our game against Hilton College was a tough one, ending in a 10-wicket loss.

The Squash team put up a solid fight against Epworth but came up short, losing 3-12.

Over on the Basketball court, our teams faced some tough competition. The 1st Team had a rough run with losses to Treverton (29-63), Curro (8-20), and MCS (7-15), but the U16 team came through with a great 31-21 win against Wartburg, with Lusanda scoring 12 points. The 1st Team also put up a strong performance against Wartburg, ending in a 23-23 draw, with Ayanda Mchunu scoring 11 points.

Our Netball teams showed some great determination as well. The 1st Team lost to Wartburg, but the 2nd Team claimed victory. Against TWC and Wartburg, our Senior Team lost to TWC's 1st Team (46-5) but bounced back with a close 11-9 win against Wartburg. Our U15 team dominated Wartburg (6-0), while the U14 team shut out TWC (4-0), with all goals scored by Owami Shoji—an incredible performance!

Beyond school matches, some of our athletes shone in individual competitions. Brynn Butlin took 1st place in the WESSA 6km Trail Run, while Tahir Naidoo placed 3rd in the KZN Gravity Downhill Mountain Bike Race at Giba Gorge. A special congratulations to Kiara Sierra, who has been selected to represent KZN at the 2025 SA Biathlon Championship in Oudtshoorn later this month. And finally, Dané Meintjes, Michael Radnitz, and Kiara Sierra all put in stellar performances at the Umgungundlovu Swimming Championship, achieving excellent results in their respective races.

A huge well done to all our athletes for their dedication and effort this month! Whether it was a win, a personal best, or simply pushing through a tough match, your hard work doesn't go unnoticed. Here's to another exciting month of sport at Grace College—keep giving it your best!

Mrs Faye Coverdale
Head of Sport



NEWS WORTHY



MIDMAR MILE TOG BAG SERVICE

A heartfelt thank you to the Parents' Association for organizing the successful Togbag Service fundraiser! Your hard work is truly appreciated. A special thank you to Mi7 National Group for their generous sponsorship of T-shirts, golf shirts, signage, and various other items that helped make this event possible.



STAFF DEVELOPMENT

We've had an inspiring start to our staff development! We attended an insightful talk by Psychologist, Naomi Holdt, titled Heart-Led Education and another by Psychiatrist, Vidette Juby, which focused on anxiety. Both sessions were highly informative and provided valuable perspectives.



We had the pleasure of welcoming Mayor Chris Pappas to Grace College! He began his visit with our Senior Management team, joined our staff for morning devotion, and then spoke to our learners during a special assembly.

Thank you, Mayor Pappas, for visiting our school and for your continued support of education in our community!



A plaque for our late Grounds Staff member, Patrick Morobe, was placed on the memorial wall during a memorial service on Friday, 28th February.