HEADMASTER'S

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NEWSLETTER



GREY JUNIOR SCHOOL

— Tria Juncta in Uno —

TOP 5

Congratulations to our Academic Top 5 in each Grade.

GRADE 4: Alexander de Villiers, Ephraim du Toit, Alexander Haripershad, Evan Haripershad, Ethan Tutton.

GRADE 5: Adam Kruger, Luke Myburgh, Christopher Raubenheimer, Rupert Schoeman, Dylan Wood.

GRADE 6: Judah du Toit, Oliver Ellis, Jacques Hedderwick, Ryle Nortier, Johannes (Tink) Strydom.

GRADE 7: Harrison McLoughlin, Nicholas Nel, Levi Peters, Sion Schoeman, Harry Watson.

"AND OUR FLAG SHALL ANSWER TO THE BREEZE"

One of my favourtie lines of our school song, "The Grey", is "*...and our flag shall answer to the breeze*".

You need to appreciate the line in the context of "*with its face to the southern seas*" and "*for the south-east gales will blow*".

The South-Easterly is a miserable wind and the southern seas can be wild and unpredictable; even dangerous.

And yet, no matter what the dangers or headwinds Grey boys may face, they respond like a flag stating, "These are my colours! I am not daunted and I am not afraid!"

Consider the part that Riley van Eck's played in helping the SPCA in Uitenhage raise money towards their new premises. Think of Lichumile Mpeta who stepped up to the mic and challenged Metro FM to come and broadcast from our school. What about Thomas Fick and Alex Mostert hauling in the medals at Athletics, not to mention every other Grey boy who grabbed opportunity with both hands, no matter how challenging.

This Term 1 newsletter celebrates all of those - boys, teachers, parents, sponsors - who fly the Grey flag high and show what we are made of.

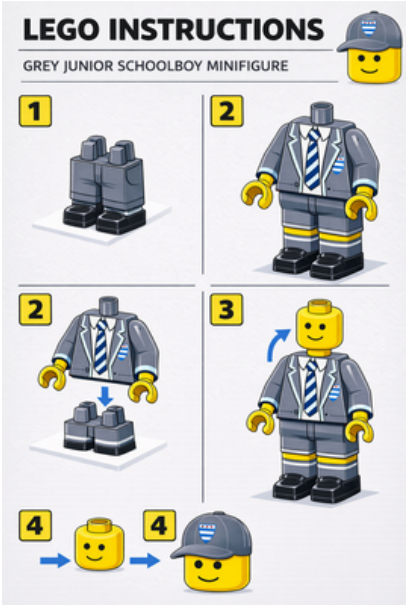


The Blueprint for Building Good Humans

Our theme for 2026 is "Blueprint: Building a Grey Boy" and focusses on essential building blocks

This is based on our belief that every Grey boy has a blueprint - a unique design built on strong foundations of character, courage, and curiosity.

In 2026, we celebrate the building blocks that shape a Grey boy: every lesson, challenge, and act of kindness adds a block to his blueprint, helping him grow into a confident, resilient, and thoughtful young man.





Above are two familiar faces at our tuck shop, whether on a random afternoon or at Derby Days. For no other reason than the impulse to serve, Grey boys can be found volunteering their time to help others.

Service, after all, is an expression of character and selflessness.

Mountain Biking Parents: We Couldn't Do It Without You!



We are deeply grateful to our mountain biking parents, especially Hein and Kim van Rooyen, for ensuring our Grey Junior boys travel safely and arrive well prepared for their races. Recently, 22 boys and their families journeyed to Graaff-Reinet for the first Inter-schools race of the year and competed in the Bay by Bike event. This sport depends heavily on strong parental support, and we are truly fortunate to have such dedicated involvement.

Celebrating Our School Community

Speak to any past parent and there is a good chance that they will tell you that they miss the days when they felt connected to our community by more than the simple fact that their son attended the school and played sport and/or music, here.

"It's the level of family involvement," said one mom recently, "the opportunity to serve and contribute."

No better way to do that than through the Grey Junes! We are glad to introduce the 2026 Junes' Committee to you and would encourage every mom to volunteer whenever appeals for support are extended.

Portfolio	Committee Member
Chairlady	Carla Simmons
Vice Chairlady	Nora Jones
Secretary	Lara Schoeman
Assistant Secretary	Lauren de Villiers
Treasurer	Terry White
Assistant Treasurer	Peteka van Straaten
Décor Convenor	Gita van Rensburg
Décor Co Convenor	Sue King
Flowers Convenor	Amore Du Toit
Flowers Co Convenor	Tsidi Ngxukumeshe
Gardening Convenor	Inge Tee
Gardening Co Convenor	Tarryn Hoy
Catering Convenor	Lu-Ann Moffett
Catering Co Convenor	Sandy van der Walt
Hospitality Convenor	Vernique Roberts
Hospitality Co Convenor	Attilia Mulder
Book Covering Convenor	Lindsay Dillon
Book Covering Co Convenor	Lisl Wait
Lost Property Convenor	Joslyn Lake
Lost Property Co Convenor	Sam Sethosa
Grade 1 Rep	Anzelle Kunhardt
Grade 2 Rep	Tammy Rathbone-Swartz
Grade 3 Rep	Zandi Daniels-Mpengesi
Grade 4 Rep	Celesté Gillson
Grade 5 Rep	Jess Reeves
Grade 6 Rep	Ashleigh van Niekerk
Grade 7 Rep	Shirley Ogden

Fond Farewells and Warm Welcomes at the Heart of the School



Since July 2016, Mrs Cheryl Joyce has been the steady, caring presence at the heart of Grey as the Headmaster's PA. We are so very grateful to Mrs Joyce for nearly a decade of dedication. Thank you for everything, Cheryl. You will always be part of the Grey family. At the same time, we're excited to warmly welcome Mrs Jen Sainsbury who has already stepped into this important role.



Grey Families Open Homes and Hearts

The Grey Junior Water Polo Tournament is one of the biggest primary school polo events in the country. As the annual hosts, we appeal to our Grey families to open their homes to boys from around the country and we have become known for our warm hospitality. Unbelievably, we were able to extend our famous hospitality to 140 water polo players who travelled to compete.





Our U13A rugby boys received their kit at Assembly. Thanks to our generous sponsors, they are looking the part as they head to the DHS Rugby Festival over the Easter holidays. We are incredibly grateful to Southsure Brokers, Infiniti Insurance, Sygnia and Tavcor Suzuki for sponsoring the match kit for the season, and to Red Alert Service Solutions and FreshCo Citrus for the boys' warm-up tops and tour backpacks.
Thank you all for backing our team so generously.

Through the generosity of the Grey Family, we collected 7 309 Easter eggs and 455 packets of soup. These will be distributed by Captain Sandra Janse van Rensburg (SAPS) across 18 districts in Gqeberha, bringing a little extra joy to many children this Easter. Our sincere thanks to Mrs Knott and Mrs Mintoor for the care, time and heart they put into organising this collection each year.





The World is Your Stage: Be Heard

The Music Department has made a strong and encouraging start to the year, with over 40 new boys joining the programme. Their enthusiasm and commitment have already been evident as they begin developing their musical skills.

Our Concert Band recently enjoyed a successful Training Camp at school, where boys worked on new repertoire for the year ahead. Beyond musical growth, the camp reinforced the importance of teamwork and collaboration in achieving a unified sound.

Throughout the term, all ensembles performed in assemblies, showcasing both their progress and the perseverance required to perform at a high level. A highlight was a symphony outing on 22 March, where 23 boys attended an amazing concert featuring Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 5. Our young musicians gained valuable exposure to professional music-making.

We are deeply grateful to our dedicated staff and supportive parents, whose encouragement makes this journey possible. Learning to play an instrument requires patience, patience and discipline (and even a little grit) . The rewards, however, are long lasting. Let's continue building a vibrant music culture grounded in gratitude, hard work, and collaboration.

"Don't practice until you get it right. Practice until you can't get it wrong."

