HEADMASTER'S NEWSLETTER

TERM 2



GREY JUNIOR SCHOOL

– Tria Juncta in Uno –

Congratulations to our Academic Top 5 in each Grade, listed below alphabetically.

GRADE 4:
Ephraim du Toit, Evan Haripershad, Joel Krige, Ethan Tutton, Richard Wilson.

GRADE 5:
Nathan Dillon, Ande Magagamela, Luke Myburgh, Christopher Raubenheimer, Rupert Schoeman.

GRADE 6:
Keagan Cyrolies, Oliver Ellis, Ryle Nortier, Johannes (Tink) Strydom, DeWet van Eeden.

GRADE 7:
David Castelyn, Aidan Gallagher, Ross Muller, Noah Rentzke, Sion Schoeman.

RACING TO THE FINISH LINE OF A BUSY TERM 2

A twelve-week term was always going to test us, and we knew from the outset that it would be jam-packed with activity, starting with our mass exodus to Wynberg and the Band Tour, before culminating in a hugely successful Golf Day and Fun Day. Yet few could have predicted that we would be forced to close the school over Reunion Weekend and cancel all sport against Queens because of torrential rain and widespread flooding.

As we skid over the finish line of Term 2, our Under 9A rugby side are playing in the Pirtek Rugby Tournament at Sunridge and our U13 Bulldogs head off to the Union Festival in Graaff Reinet.

THE MEMORIAL QUAD

The plaque in the Memorial Quad reads: "A place of peace for those who love the spirit that is The Grey". We recognise that not all boys like the noise and energy of the playgrounds at breaktime and that peace and quiet is what they need. Therefore, we have decided to allow boys to utilise the Memorial Quad - previously out of bounds - on condition that they observe its solemnity. They may eat their lunch or read a book, but it remains a peaceful place.



New(ish) Faces at GJS



Mrs Leanie Strydom

Known in the staffroom as our "super-sub", Mrs Strydom quickly proved confident and capable to handle any Grade and any Subject when she first made herself available as a substitute teacher at Grey Junior. Having previously taught at Barkly East Primary School and at Collegiate Junior, Mrs Strydom says of herself, "As a teacher and a parent of two Grey boys, I appreciate the unique environment of an all-boys school and am eager to maintain the exceptional academic and holistic development of boys that Grey is known for."



Mrs Lauren Mather

Mrs Mather is best known at Grey Junior for having been last year's Grey Junes' Chairlady. (The foyer upgrade was done under her creative leadership!) Newly qualified, Mrs Mather has all the qualities of an outstanding educator: a compassionate and dedicated professional committed to fostering student success, academic growth and a lifelong love of learning



Mrs Megan Tregoning

Mrs Tregoning joins the Grade 3 team from International School Utrecht in the Netherlands, where she taught across Grades 1-4 as a classroom teacher, designed and implemented inclusive classroom practices, created and supported school-wide initiatives in learning space design, and acted as mentor to colleagues and shared best practice, co-authoring a chapter in Teaching and Learning in International Schools



Mr Neal Green

Mr Green is a teacher, performer, facilitator, conductor and proud Old Grey. During his teaching career in both strings and brass, he gained experience in a variety of environments from private schools to outreach. He has a solid reputation for helping build good foundations for young strings players and has worked with string ensembles, wind bands and full orchestras, including the Eastern Cape Philharmonic Youth Orchestra.



Mr Nick Richards

Mr Richards joins Grey Junior from Parsons Hill Primary where he has taught since 2013, first as a Grade 7 teacher and later as Head of IT. His experience and leadership in the exciting field of Coding & Robotics was what first attracted our keen attention. Mr Richards is a mentor, coach and judge for the First Lego League, and participated as a judge in the World Robot Olympiad in 2024. He is involved in Coding through Tangible Africa where he has led teams locally and internationally.

A HOME AWAY FROM HOME

Warring Lodge offers something new!

WEEKLY & TERMLY BOARDING OPTIONS
Warring Lodge is the dedicated weekly boarding establishment for Grey Boys' Primary School, catering for up to 35 boys from Grades 1 to 7.

Designed to feel like a home-away-from-home, the hostel is grounded in strong family values and a rich tradition of excellence, ensuring every boy feels supported and encouraged to reach his full potential.

From Term 3, 2026, Warring Lodge will offer the option of termly boarding in order to accommodate those families who travel from afar.





EVER WONDER WHAT IT WOULD BE LIKE TO BE A HOSTEL BOY?

Grey Junior School invites a limited number of day boys to apply for the opportunity to spend a term as a boarder at Warring Lodge. Discover the unique experience of living in a close-knit community where friendships are strengthened, independence is developed, and every day is filled with opportunities to learn, grow and belong. Come and experience the camaraderie, character-building and traditions that make Warring Lodge so special. Places are limited and will be offered through an application and selection process.
Contact crawfordlynne@greyjunior.com for more information.



TRIPLE GOLD!

The Grey Junior Concert Band enjoyed an unforgettable three-day tour to Cape Town, filled with inspiring performances and musical collaboration from 13 – 16 May. Highlights included a combined concert at Edgemead Primary School, a Cultural Evening with Wynberg Boys' Junior School, and the opportunity to perform in an 80-member combined band with SACS High School under the baton of Mr Etienne Mecloen.



The tour concluded at the prestigious WindWorx Fanfare at Durbanville High School. The WindWorx Fanfare is a prestigious non-competitive festival that brings together school concert bands and jazz bands from across South Africa to perform in a supportive environment. Rather than competing against one another, bands are assessed by accredited adjudicators who provide valuable educational feedback and award diplomas based on the standard of performance.

We are incredibly proud that the Grey Junior Concert Band was awarded a Triple Gold Diploma (Highest Honours) for their outstanding performance, an exceptional achievement that reflects the boys' commitment, discipline, and passion for music.

Show Jumping for Joy

Cody Boyers loves horses; he grew up around them. When his mom asked us to consider registering with SANESA (South African National Equestrian Schools Association), we had to ask what it was and why we should affiliate. In short, SANESA is the schools league of horse riding and Cody now rides for Grey Junior. We think that that's very cool.

If you look closely at the photograph of Cody on his pony, Toulouse (aka Lou Lou), you will notice that our badge is proudly displayed on his numnah - that's a saddle pad - and that Cody is wearing his school tie.



Grey Junior boys enjoyed a busy and highly successful sporting period, with strong performances across a wide range of disciplines. Rugby teams excelled at the Clarendon Park Festival, the Dale Derby and the Wynberg fixture, while the midweek rugby programme produced an impressive overall record of 80 wins from 111 matches (72% win rate).

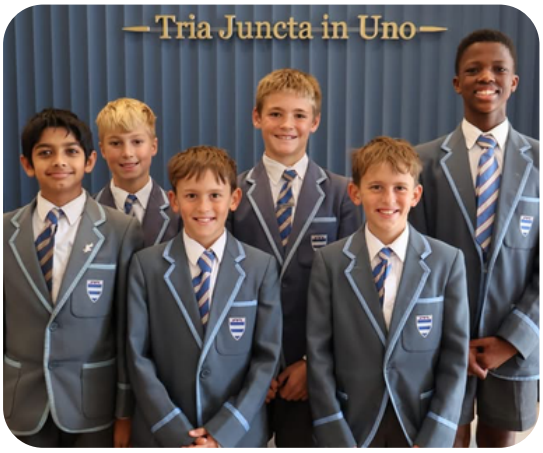
Hockey teams also recorded encouraging results at the Grey Junior Hockey Festival and in fixtures against Graeme College, St Andrew's and Kingswood.



Individual achievements included Benn Webb, who represented Eastern Province at the SALTBAA fishing Nationals and earned two silver medals after finishing second in both the U16 individual and team events.

RJ van Eyk represented Eastern Province at the U14 Indoor Cricket Nationals and helped his team secure first place; and Ross van Rooyen, the youngest competitor ever to complete the Merrell Mammoth Woodridge Adventure Race.

Provincial honours were awarded to Keegan Shapiro (Eastern Province Lifesaving) and to Jesse Freeman (Eastern Province U11 Biathlon). Our hockey boys also featured prominently in the provincial teams: Ethan Egling, Carter Simmons and Noah Rentzke (Eastern Province U13A Hockey), and Tyler Meyer, RJ van Eyk and Callum Abrahams (Eastern Province U13B Hockey).



Adam Packery, Nicholas Bornman and Keena Headbush (Eastern Province U13A Squash), Levi Schnablegger (Eastern Province U11A Squash), Jesse Schnablegger, Luke Loyson and Daniel Loyson (Eastern Province U11B Squash).

Special recognition is also due to Liam Louw, who was named Summerstrand Lifesaving Club's U9/10 Nipper of the Year and recipient of the prestigious Cocks Award, and to Dean Purdon, who achieved third place in a junior bouldering competition in Cape Town.

As the busy term draws to an end and our provincial representatives head off in different directions to play in the various National tournaments, our U13 Bulldogs travel to Graaff Reinet to participate in the 25th edition of the Anne Beagley Junior Rugby Festival.

Our U9Bs competed in the Herbert Hurd U9 Youth Day Rugby Festival and our U9As are currently competing in the Pirtek Rugby Tournament hosted by Sunridge Park Primary.

Our Golf Championships were held on Monday 22 June and Liam van der Hoogen won Division 1.



