



Matters of Principal

"The arts are not a way to make a living. They are a very human way of making life more bearable."
— Kurt Vonnegut

This Saturday our campus will come alive with the excitement of the Badger Bonanza. It promises to be a special day filled with fun, activities, and community spirit where families, pupils, and friends of the school can all join in.

There will be plenty happening across the day. On the main oval we will be busy with cricket, while at the same time our mountain bikers will be in Polokwane enjoying the trails and showing off their skills. It's a chance for everyone to enjoy time together, catch up with friends, and celebrate the wonderful spirit of our school.

We encourage families to support the food stalls and refreshments on campus, which will keep the energy high and add to the festive atmosphere. I invite all our parents to come along and be part of the fun as your support means so much to our pupils and helps make days like this truly special. A very big thank you must also go to our Parents' Association, who have worked tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure the Badger Bonanza is a highlight on our calendar. We are deeply grateful for all they do for our school.

At the same time, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all our pupils, alumni, and staff members who took part in this past weekend's Adventure Race. Competing in both the 120km and 250km events is no small feat, and each of them showed remarkable grit, determination, and courage throughout the challenge. We are extremely proud of the way they represented our school community not only through their endurance and strength, but also through their teamwork and spirit.

To our Matrics currently writing prelims, keep focused and keep giving your best each day. Take it one exam at a time, knowing that all the effort you have put in is preparing you well for the finals ahead. These prelims are an important stepping stone, and we are proud of the determination and hard work you continue to show. Stay positive, keep going, and remember—you've got this!

As we look ahead to Saturday's celebrations, let us carry that same spirit of joy, and togetherness into the Badger Bonanza. I look forward to seeing you all for what promises to be a truly memorable day.

Warm Regards

Dr. [Signature]



BADGER OF

THE WEEK

We couldn't decide this time... so it's a tie!

Joshua Doolabh was out there racking up 80 runs like he owned the pitch.

Meanwhile, Thatego Molokomme thought, "Why stop at batting?" and added 30 runs AND 5 wickets to his name.

Basically... Joshua brought the scoreboard, Thatego brought the chaos.
Together? Unstoppable.

Australian Kangaroo Math Olympiad



South African Mathematics Foundation

Several of our scholars took part in the prestigious Australian Kangaroo Math Olympiad. We are proud to share their achievements, with special congratulations to Yoshka MacMillan, who achieved a remarkable 100%.

Well done also to Zoe Trusler, Lulwando Bosch and Juliette Leher, who all scored above 50%.

A fantastic effort from all our participants!



SOCCER VS TOM NAUDE ←



Our School on the Go!

Life at Stanford Lake College is always buzzing with activities, and we're excited to share a new way for you to stay connected. We've added a dedicated photo portal on our website where you can keep up to date with all the special moments and events captured.

Explore the gallery here:
www.slc.co.za/photos



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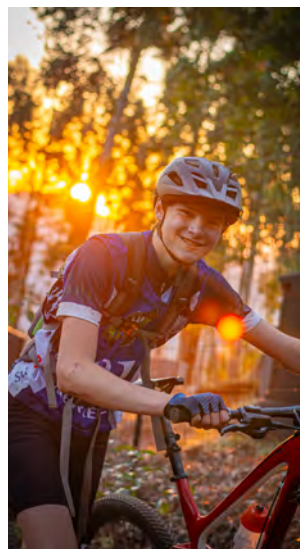
This past weekend we had the honour of being part of Expedition Africa Adventure Racing as a valuable transition station, hosted at the Dream an' Do Centre. Teams passed through here to switch between biking, canoeing, and running legs, and the 250km racers could also take well-needed rest breaks.

A special thanks goes to Mr Fullard, who skilfully managed the kloofing section (including zip-lining) for the 250km teams.

We are extremely proud of Team Red Ants, flying the Stanford flag high with our very own Steven Willson and alumnus Brian Gardner, who claimed a massive win!

In the 120km race, Grade 11 student Ilne Kotzé, her alumnus brother Benno, our marketer Caryn Rathmann, and local racer Kuno Venter narrowly missed first place, finishing in a brilliant second.

A special shout-out goes to our two-man team of scholars, Judar Leher and Ben Terblanche, who bravely took on the 120km event but, unfortunately, had to end their race early due to a bike mechanical problem.



MDDK Eisteddfod 2025



Instrumental Achievements

- Djembe Drums – 97%
- Senior Marimba – 92%
- Junior Marimba – 90%
- Lindeni (Piano) – 92%

Dance Performance

- Ilne Kotzé (Tap) – 76%
- Contemporary Group – 73%
- Student Choreography Group – 73%
- Traditional Dance Group – 76% (Category Winner)

Singing Highlights

- Mulaifa Mabuda – 83%
- Basani Msimeki – 95% (Category Winner)
- Ewetse Nkwada – 90%
- Lethabo Ramohlale – 95% (Category Winner)
- Ompha Phalandwa – 88%
- Bertsheba Makashe – 87%
- Kagiso Modiba – 87%
- Seni Myeni – 93%
- Masana Shiwundlana – 84%
- Krisha Kanyongolo – 95% (Category Winner)
- School Choir – 90% (Category Winner)

Singing Duet

- Siwe and Seni Myeni - 93% (Category Winners)

Drama

- Esther van Staden - 86% and 84%



Grade 8 & 9 Solo Singing

- Dimpho Ngoasheng – 88%
- Xiviko Sibisi – 90%
- Ntoto Mabunda – 92%
- Siwe Myeni – 94% (Category Winner)



TENNIS UNIVERSITY LEVEL

On Monday, 10 of our top tennis players took on the University of Limpopo. Despite facing older opposition, our team rose to the challenge and often dominated their games.

A special mention to Alistair Wiltshire, who won his match 7-0 against the University's top male player, and to Zaneera Modan for playing her first-ever competitive school match.

Final result: Stanford Lake College 15 – 10
University of Limpopo

CRICKET WICKETS



SOCCER VS MITCHELL

U15 Girls' Soccer Victory!
Our U15 girls' soccer team is on fire!
They faced Mitchell House and came out on top with a 3-0 win.
A fantastic performance from the team – well done, girls!





Stanford Lake College

BADGER BONANZA

Festival of Fun



PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

TIME	EVENT
10:00	Gates open to public
11:00	Dunk tank: Ian Houston - Unicorn Headmaster
11:30	Dunk tank: Mr M - Unicorn Primary
11:30	Pogo stick jumping competition
12:00	Dunk tank: Shane Friedrichs - Badger Boss
12:30	Bicycle track stand competition
12:30	Dunk tank: Kyla Hamer - Wild Card Badger
13:30	Dunk tank: Amy Taylor-Bennett - Bubbly Badger
14:00	Hula Hoop competition
14:00	Dunk tank: PJ Bouwer - Badger of Maps
14:30	Dunk tank: Tatenda Mabayah - Cool-as-a-Cucumber Badger
15:00	Limbo competition
15:30	Dunk Tank: Jan Pretorius - Merensky Head Boy 2026
16:00	Arm wrestling competition
17:00	Gate close to public
19:00	Last rounds at the bar
20:00	Venue closed

