



From the Academic Desk

Ubuntu: “I am because we are.”

The Power of Teamwork: Living the Spirit of Ubuntu

Teamwork determines how far we go; as individuals, as a school, and as a nation. No one succeeds alone. Behind every goal scored, every song released, and every dream achieved, there's a team making it happen. That is the essence of Ubuntu: “I am because we are.” Our greatness is intertwined; my success is linked to yours, and yours to mine.

There's an African proverb that says, “If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together.” Ubuntu is about going far... together. When Siya Kolisi lifted the Rugby World Cup trophy, he spoke not about himself but about unity and the power of the team. That's teamwork in action.

The Bible paints the same picture in 1 Corinthians 12:12–27, where Paul reminds us that the body has many parts, each with a unique role, yet all essential to the whole. The same applies to us: each person; whether organiser, encourager, or leader; matters to the team's success.

Archbishop Desmond Tutu described Ubuntu beautifully: “My humanity is bound up in yours, for we can only be human together.” This spirit is alive in South Africa; from neighbours helping each other in hard times to young artists like Tyla and Uncle Waffles, who celebrate their teams and communities behind their global success. Their stories show that no one rises alone.

Teamwork is not only for sports or entertainment - it's everywhere. Trevor Noah credits his mentors and writers, and business leaders like Patrice Motsepe and Wendy Luhabe build companies through people who share a vision. Teamwork multiplies strength and turns individual effort into shared victory.

The Bible reminds us in Ecclesiastes 4:9–10, “Two are better than one... If either falls, one can help the other up.” Jesus Himself worked through a team; His disciples; showing that love and service are the heart of true collaboration.

When South Africa wins on any stage, the whole nation celebrates. Teamwork turns “I” into “we.” It builds legacy and shared pride. As you go through the week, remember you don't need to outshine everyone; you need to shine together. Your success grows richer when others rise with you.

Let's live Ubuntu daily: help your class, your team, your family.
Encourage someone. Lift others as you climb.
Because success built on ego fades, but success built on faith,
compassion, and teamwork lasts forever.

Together, we rise. Under God's guidance, as one body, one nation, one team.

God Bless,
Theresa Nel



PAGE TURNERS & UPDATES

Term 3 Top Readers

17 Books

Alwande Khanyi | Khutso Madia

11 Books

Nkateko Mathebula

9 Books

Holly McHugh | Marlow Fehnert

7 Books

Juliette Leher | Inbar Cohen



12 Books

Ru Ngwarai | Sasha Boyum

10 Books

Bertsheba Makashe

8 Books

Teya Zanetic



SHOOTING HOOPS

Netball Coaches Attend Shooting Clinic

On Thursday, 28 October, our Netball coaches — Tommie Potgieter, Kyla Hamer, and Simone Steenkamp — attended a Shooting Clinic hosted by former Protea player and Head Coach, Elize Kotze.

It was an inspiring and insightful session, offering valuable skills and techniques to enhance our players' performance.

We're excited and looking forward to an outstanding 2026 Netball season!





Adventure isn't always about white-water rafting or rope climbing! Sometimes it's about problem-solving, creative thinking, and teamwork. Our Grade 8s took on the misty weather and built their very own Barking Dog!



AUSTRALIA

Exchange Chronicles Episode One

Coming to Australia for my exchange has really been an exciting and eye-opening experience so far. I arrived in Sydney, a busy city full of life, and after spending some time there, we drove to Armidale through the countryside, which was so different from what I'm used to in South Africa. There are so many open spaces and farms everywhere, and I am very grateful to have had the chance to see a part of Australia that many tourists do not get to experience.

At The Armidale School (TAS), I quickly felt welcomed. The campus is beautiful, with buildings over 130 years old, and everyone has been so kind and friendly, which made settling in much easier. The school days are quite full, but I'm enjoying the different subjects and the strong sense of community here. I've joined in some of the school's activities, such as cooking classes and the wellbeing programme (pilates and yoga), which has helped me make new friends and experience Australian school life more deeply.

Recently, we walked 19 km to raise money for cancer, which was challenging but very rewarding, and I also helped with lamb marking on a farm, which was something completely new and interesting. One of my favourite parts of my exchange so far has been living in the boarding house—it's such a fun, lively place where I've met people from all over Australia. Being here has made me appreciate both the similarities and differences between South Africa and Australia, and I'm learning so much about myself and the world through this exchange.

I feel incredibly blessed for this experience and look forward to the rest of my time here at TAS, making even more memories and friendships along the way.

—Carmen Van Der Merwe



SANGO Success for Stanford Lake College!

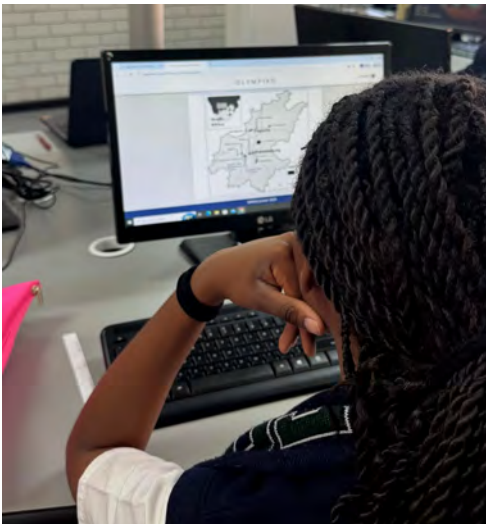
Stanford Lake College has once again excelled on the national stage, being named the Top School in Limpopo at the 2025 Junior Southern African National Geography Olympiad (SANGO).

We are incredibly proud of our top achievers:

Platinum	Yoshka MacMillan (Top 1% in South Africa, Joint 19th nationally)
Gold	Thatego Molokomme (Top 5%)
Silver	Rotlhe Ngwako (Top 10%)
Bronze	Tadhg Egan (Top 15%)

A total of 16 Stanford Lake College students participated this year, showcasing exceptional commitment and passion for Geography. Congratulations to all our young geographers — you've made us incredibly proud!

- Ms K Hamer



BADGER OF

THE WEEK

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Congratulations to Lupita

Malesa for her great

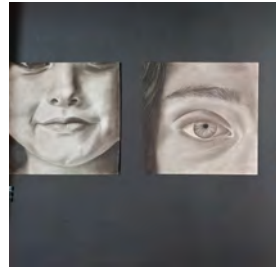
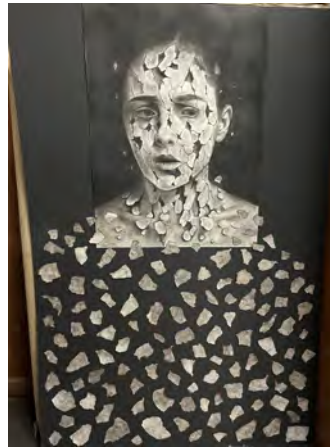
performance at the Interhouse
Netball games, scoring the most
goals of the day.

Way to go, Lupita!

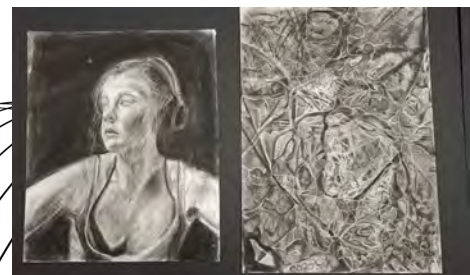
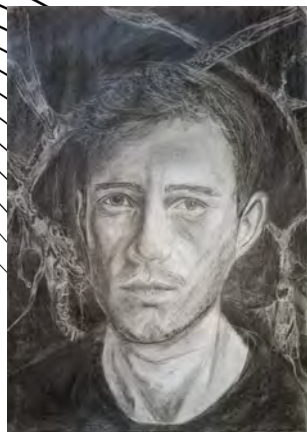


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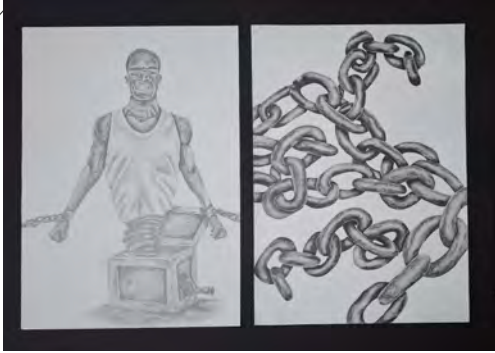
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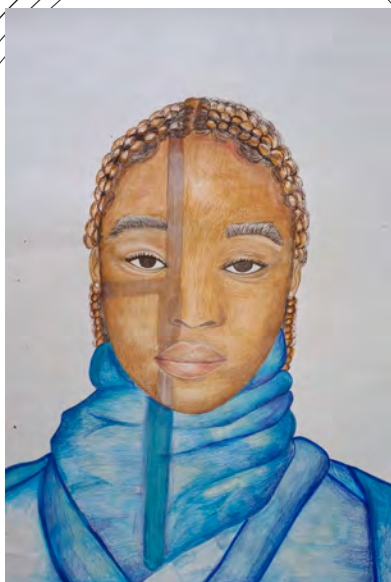
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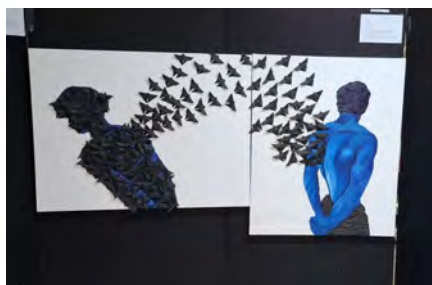


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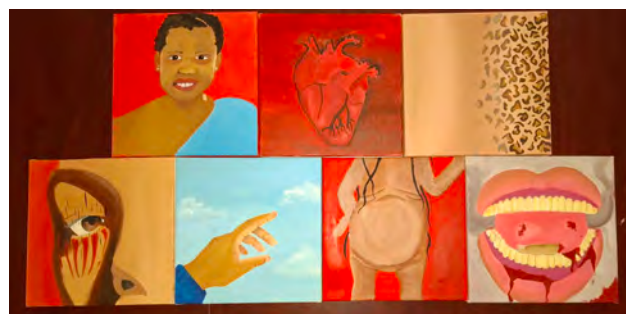
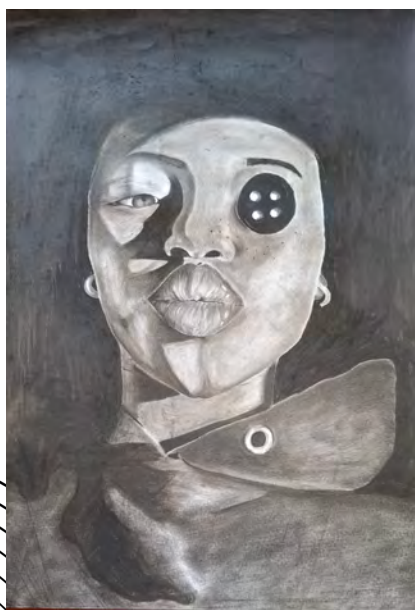




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