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Fridays seem to be coming around rather rapidly and already I am writing my third Snapshot of the term. The past weekend was a celebration of everything that is good about our school. The Induction Service was excellent and our Head Girl and Head Boy both spoke passionately about our school, sharing their experiences and invaluable advice with the incoming Grade 8 pupils. The confidence with which our two senior prefects delivered their messages was impressive and an excellent example to all.

The Hatchery Concert was a thoroughly entertaining glimpse into the theatrical talents of our new Grade 8s and our Matrics. The concert was pulled together in a mere four hours and is a testimony to our growth in the cultural space. The work put in by the staff involved and cultural committee is greatly appreciated.

Our Interhouse Athletics was held on Friday and Saturday and we were blessed with stunning weather. The campus looked beautiful (thanks to Danie Vaughan and the Turf Tech team for the hard work they put into preparing the campus for the event). The standard of competition was extremely high with as many as 14 school records being broken. A big shout out to the sports department and the staff who assisted with the organisation and the smooth running of the event. It is not easy to coordinate an event of this nature and I think it is fair to say that they have raised that bar.

"In Africa there is a concept known as 'ubuntu' - the profound sense that we are human only through the humanity of others; that if we are to accomplish anything in this world it will in equal measure be due to the work and achievement of others."

– Nelson Mandela

Whilst the weather, the facilities, the level of organisation and the standard of both the athletics and the Hatchery Concert were amazing, to me the highlight was the sense of community that I felt as I sat in the Dream an' Do Centre on Friday evening with a crowd of supportive parents and then again as I walked around the sports fields on Saturday chatting to parents, alumni and guests on our campus. There was a wonderful feeling of goodwill and positivity - a feeling that, at long last, we could come together again as a community and celebrate. Along with the energy generated through the singing, dancing, war cries and cheering, it made for a wonderful weekend. One of our main aims this year is to further encourage our parents to be fully involved in school life...to take opportunities to come to the school and support their children, to assist in the smooth running of events and to help with the coordination of other functions. As I mentioned at that Athletics Day, we will be sending a letter out shortly asking for volunteers to assist with working in the tuck shop, helping to organise various events and assisting in putting together our 25-year celebration ball. In the name of Ubuntu, we will be calling on our community to come together in celebrating our school and one another.

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The competition started on Friday afternoon with the 3000m and long hurdles events. Many pupils really put themselves out there by taking part in events that they were not used to doing in the past, demonstrating a real Honey Badger attitude. Saturday was no different with the House Captains doing an excellent job at ensuring that nearly every single event was fully manned.

An incredible total of 14 records were broken over the two days. Most of these by dedicated pupils who had trained consistently over the December holidays. The fantastic spirit and energy shown by the pupils rubbed off on the spectators, with our alumni challenging parents, staff and the U/19 boys to a relay race, which was surprisingly competitive! Despite a full day of events in the scorching sun, the current matrics absolutely smoked everyone. The two male alumni teams crossed the line in second and third place. The staff came in 4th, the parents in 5th, and the girls' alumni in 6th. A big shout out to Dr Ndhlovu, Mr Dando, Mr Alcock and Mr Stewart for being such good sports and getting stuck in.

Despite all three Houses giving it their all, it was Orvis that won the overall competition, followed closely by Fenwick in second, and Loomis in third. A massive congratulations to all Badgers that took part and contributed to a successful 25th Interhouse Athletics.



























SNAPSHOT

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Vavasour Cup for Boys U/19 1500m - Iggy Lindeque



McGaffin Trust Trophy for the Top Sprinter - Nanaki Kgopong



McGaffin Trust Relay Trophy - ORVIS



Cheerio Trust Trophy – Best Senior Middle Distance Runner - Isabella Alcock



Kenney Trophy – Best Senior Boys Discus - Zayd Moosa



Kenney Trophy – Best Senior Girls Discus - Layla de Bruyn



Revelas Trophy - Best Boys Hurdler - Finn Straughan



Revelas Trophy - Best Girls Hurdler - Olivia Turner



Loubser Trophy – Junior Victor Ludorum - Matthew Scriven



Loubser Trophy – Junior Victrix Ludorum - Mika Jones



Loubser Trophy – Senior Victor Ludorum - Tristan Brett



Loubser Trophy - Senior Victrix Ludorum - Nanaki Kgopong



Stanford Lake College Spirit Trophy - ORVIS



The Zamparini Family Trophy -Winning House - ORVIS

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MEET THE CLASS OF 2023

DEPUTY HEAD BOY - MARC DAY

What are your hopes for Stanford Lake College as you help to lead the school this year?

My hopes are to make it the best year possible by insuring the Grade 8s understand the value of being a Stanfordian and the potential they have.

What is your proudest accomplishment at Stanford Lake College?

Being selected for the 1st Team Hockey side in Grade 10.

Share a memorable moment during your time at Stanford Lake College...

40 days in 2018 when I walked into the Dining Hall and had pink milk with my Rice Krispies for breakfast.

If you could share a meal with any 4 individuals, living or dead, who would they be?

Mustapha Cassiem, Jamie Dwyer, Sonny Bill Williams and Sam Ward.

If you had to describe yourself as an animal, which one would it be?

I would be a rabbit because I'm always curious and energised.

6 Where do you see yourself in five years?

I see myself working in the HVAC industry in Johannesburg.

DEPUTY HEAD GIRL - KWENA MAKWEYA

What are your hopes for Stanford Lake College as you help to lead the school this year?

To help elevate the Badger spirit, both on the court and as a supporter. This year has started at an amazing pace and I hope to continue at this pace for the rest of the year.

What is your proudest accomplishment at Stanford Lake College?

Being elected Deputy Head Girl of the school and being my grade's SRC representative.

Share a memorable moment during your time at Stanford Lake College...

2021- When I got chased up the Ken Shuter hill on my first day, it was an experience I'll never forget.

If you could share a meal with any 4 individuals, living or dead, who would they be?

Princess Diana, Oprah Winfrey, Billie Eilish and Michael Jackson.

If you had to describe yourself as an animal, which one would it be?

Like an elephant, I'm self-aware, I'm empathetic, I can stand my ground and I'm knowledgeable about a variety of topics.

6 Where do you see yourself in five years?

I see myself finishing off my degree and then working towards a pilot's licence.









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This past weekend was the first round of the Limpopo XCO Series in Louis Trichardt. It was a really nice track with a lot of climbing with some nice flowing descents. In the heat of the day, the Youth Boys Category started and Gordon Noel took the win with a commanding lead of over 2 minutes. We are all really looking forward to the next race in the series which will be held on home turf on the 25th February.



CEREMONY

Our official Induction Ceremony was held on Friday last week. The Grade 8s were finally able to ditch their signs, pine cones, and bricks and in return, received their Badger badges, signifying their induction as full Stanfordians. The Matric Leadership Committee were also formally inducted, receiving their leadership badges.























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