

# SNAP SHOT

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## Matters of Principal

On Wednesday most of our Matrics (our two Art students only finish today) wrote their final matric examination and completed what has been a magical 12-year journey. After a particularly stressful few months for them, there were screams of joy and tears of relief when the chief examiner uttered the words they had all been waiting to hear: "Thank you, matrics. Stop writing ... you are done!" Finally, it was all over. This marks a momentous day in their lives and a time to begin not a new chapter, but a new book. This sense of an ending paralleled by a beginning was all the more real for me as I have just returned from a whirlwind three-day trip to the Eastern Cape where I collected my son from St Andrew's College as he finished his final examinations, packed up his room and left the school that has been his home for 5 years.

With this new found freedom comes a whole new set of challenges, along with a new level of responsibility. Driving cars without us. Holidays without us. Decisions made without us... yet I am confident that over the past twelve years these young adults have learnt the skills and internalised the values that will prepare them for life

*"No, this is not the beginning of a new chapter in my life; this is the beginning of a new book! That first book is already closed, ended, and tossed into the seas; this new book is newly opened, has just begun! Look, it is the first page! And it is a beautiful one!"*

**- C. JoyBell C.**

after school. The next few weeks and months are going to be filled with excitement and fun. I pray that all matrics across our country have a wonderful time; I pray that they are sensible and safe and - most of all - I wish them everything of the best in the years to come. They are ready to fly. I leave our matrics with the words of Guillaume Apollinaire:

*"Come to the edge," he said.*

*"We can't, we're afraid!" they responded.*

*"Come to the edge," he said.*

*"We can't, We will fall!" they responded.*

*"Come to the edge," he said.*

*And so they came.*

*And he pushed them.*

*And they flew."*

God Bless.

## WELCOME ON BOARD

Congratulations to the following parents who have been elected onto the Letaba Educational Trust for 2022. Lina Noel has been elected as the Debenture Holder Representative whilst Dr Patrick Sithole has been elected as the Parent Representative. Click the following link to the school's website to read their CV's.



[Click HERE for website link](#)



## CYCLING NEWS

Congratulations to Isabella Dando who rode the "94.7 Ride Joburg Cycle Challenge" last weekend. She rode in support of the Tzaneen Cancer Care Group and completed the distance of 97km in 3hrs 56min. Well done, Isabella.

A number of Stanfordinians also participated in the ATKV Eiland Spa MTB Race recently. Gunther Katzke competed in the 60km and came in second place overall. In the 30km race, Gordon Noel finished in second place overall in a very fast time of 1hr13min. He came first in the Sub-Junior Men Category. Ruben le Roux finished in second place among the Youth Men. Heidi Katzke finished first among the Youth Women.



**HANDS**



**FACE**



**SPACE**

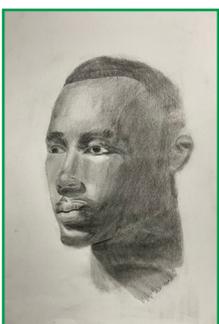
**STAY ALERT**  
**CONTROL THE VIRUS**  
**SAVE LIVES**

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## GRADE 9 SELF PORTRAITS



Congratulations to Georgina Smit, Head Girl of 2000, who has been nominated for the Mail & Guardian Greening the Future 2021 Award. Georgina is a technical specialist, market transformation strategist and head of training, certification and research at Green Building Council South Africa (GBCSA) and is determined to transform South Africa's built environment into a place where people and the planet thrive. You can read more about her nomination and GBCSA via the following link:

[Click HERE](#)



## THREE CHOSEN FOR PROTEA TRIALS



Congratulations to three Stanfordinians; Jason Freestone, Kade Thompson and Luke Fairhead, who have been chosen to attend the Protea Youth Team Trials for fly fishing in January. The trials will take place from 14 – 16 January 2022 and the boys will be assessed on their skills on the river e.g. dry fly technique, nymphing, approaching and assessing their beat etc. Fly tying will also be assessed as well as tackle and kit inspected during the course of the trials. Based on the skills shown by the anglers, the selection panel are looking to choose a team to represent South Africa at the FIPS MOUCHE Youth World Championship to be held in Italy from 18 – 24 July 2022. Good luck, lads!



Mr Bennett was recently involved in coaching the Limpopo Hockey ladies during the Elite Indoor Hockey Challenge, which was held on the 18 - 21 of November. This was the first time the Limpopo Senior Ladies were involved in Indoor Hockey. The tournament was a success for Limpopo and they narrowly missed the bronze medal, finishing in fourth place. The team put up some good performances against the Titan Champs (who won the tournament) as well as Black Mambas (who finished in second place). The team made improvements as the tournament went on - the future looks good for Limpopo hockey!