

# SNAP SHOT

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## Matters of Principal

On Monday I spoke to the school about the importance of the upcoming municipal election, the importance of a good democracy and the importance of good citizenship. Whilst it is certainly not my duty as the Headmaster (or ours as a staff) to discuss particular political ideologies and to promote party politics on this campus, it is our responsibility as educators to ensure that our pupils are aware of their democratic rights and the responsibility these rights carry. A need for them to understand party manifestos, to recognise the importance of good governance and be in a position to make informed decisions when it comes to deciding who they would like to give the responsibility of managing our country to.

We are proudly a Round Square school and use the IDEALS of the Round Square as a scaffolding for much of what we do here. As is stated on the Round Square website, democracy goes far deeper than simply casting a vote. I quote:

“Round Square schools promote freedom of thought and speech, and appropriate forums and channels of communication are set in place to encourage student voice and debate. We bring democratic principles into the classroom, engaging students as active participants in lessons, activities and discussion that explore and demonstrate both the values of democracy and the importance of participating in democratic processes.

“A person living out a spirit of democracy seeks to be well informed

“Round square schools encourage their students to develop a Spirit of Democracy: a sense of equality, fairness, justice, and a desire to do what is right for the greater good.”

- Round Square website

about her or his world and has an outward-looking disposition, engaging with the issues of the day, valuing the opportunity to be involved in making his or her society a better place, and expressing a sense of public duty. Understanding the needs of others and feeling empathy for them becomes a catalyst for action and prompts engagement in social service activity. A spirit of democracy also encompasses the development and application of appropriate social skills to interact respectfully with others in order to contribute as a positive and active member of the community.”

At Stanford we are doing all we can to ensure that our pupils internalise these essential principles of Democracy. Monday 1 November marks an important day in our country’s history as we once again go to the polls in an important set of municipal elections.

We will be open on Monday for a full teaching day and encourage all pupils to come to school. I have made it clear to all staff and pupils who are registered to vote that they are entitled to take as much time as is required to cast their votes and those with particular needs have been granted permission to take the day off. The support staff will be given time off to vote in their designated municipalities.

Have a great weekend.

## JUNIORS BITTEN BY ADVENTURE RACING BUG

by Benno Kotzé

This past weekend the school took three teams to Bronkhorstspruit for a 60km adventure race. We started the race with a 3km paddle which went by quickly as there was practically no wind. Then we moved on to a 3km run and back to a 5km paddle. We then did a 30km cycle, during which the wind started to pick up and the temperatures continued to climb. We then did a 13km run / hike before we started the final 12km cycle to the finish line. Overall Stanford did very well and the teams came in as follows:

**1 - Team Rafiki**  
(Mr. Fullard’s team)

**2 - Team Ubuntu**  
(Heidi Katzke, Benno Kotzé, Stefan Hacker and Michael Scriven)

**3 - Team Tshanduko**  
(Jethro Clowes, Olivia Drewett, Tristan Brett and Ruben Venter)

**4 - Team Badgers**  
(Isabella Dando, Finn Straughan, Lungile Sithole-Wiltshire and Max Drewett)

It was great to see so many new faces on the adventure racing circuit!



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## CRICKET NEWS

On Saturday, Stanford Lake College played cricket against Nkowankowa Hub. The U/15 game was unfortunately cancelled thus only the 1<sup>st</sup> XI played at Stanford. The home team won the toss and sent the visitors in to bat. The visitors started off well and a couple of drop catches didn't help Stanford. The bowlers recovered very well and at a stage had the visiting team at 115 - 7. One of their batsman came to their rescue with a good 50. Stanford eventually bowled out the visiting team for 222. The pick of the bowlers were Devon Coad and Tallen Smit who took three wickets each and the other bowlers each chipped in with a wicket or two.

The Stanford team started the chase well and had a 30 run partnership for the 1<sup>st</sup> wicket. However, the middle order unfortunately couldn't produce the goods as the last seven wickets fell for a mere 12 runs and SLC were bowled out for 102, losing the game by 120 runs. The pick of the batsmen was Devon Coad with a cool and calm 41 who was well supported by Peter Pratt with 28. This was also the 6<sup>th</sup> game for Travis Hudson and Doug Moorcroft who received their 1<sup>st</sup> XI Caps with their numbers on before the start of play.

Unfortunately, because of rain this week, the game vs Hoërskool Merensky was cancelled. The next fixture is next week when the 1<sup>st</sup> XI take on the staff, which is always a memorable game for all. The team has improved from the start of the season and we look forward to seeing them on the field again next year.



## DEBATING

On Wednesday, 27 October, the Junior Debating Team competed in the Polokwane Mayor's Cup second round. The team composed of Chelsy Mathebula as the 1<sup>st</sup> and reply speaker, Nanaki Kgopong as the second speaker and Omphile Masuluke as the 3<sup>rd</sup> speaker. Unfortunately, despite speaking well during the debate, the team lost to the proposition team, Capricorn High School with the motion, "The decision to not include Khelobedu as an official language is a counterproductive policy for a democratic country".

## HOCKEY

On Saturday, 23 October, our junior and senior Girls' Hockey Teams participated in the Limpopo Schools Hockey Tournament held at Merensky and Stanford Lake College. The juniors had an early start at Merensky as they prepared for a long day ahead - they played four games, lost three and drew one. They learnt a lot from the experience and had loads of fun. The senior girls kicked things off at Stanford, a day full of fun and learning saw the girls lose two and draw two matches. Well done to all the girls who participated. There were also a number of Stanfordinians representing their provincial sides, it was great to see them go head-to-head with their peers and enjoy the day.

## SPORTS AWARDS

During an assembly on Monday, two Stanfordinians were awarded Full Colours for their commitment to their chosen sports. Xilombe Ndlopfu received Full Colours for rugby as he was selected for the Grant Khomo side this year, which is a provincial selection. This is also the first provincial rugby selection we have had at Stanford since 2012.

Ruben le Roux received Full Colours for equestrian. Ruben has shown incredible commitment to his sport, attending every event in the past 12 months. So much so that Stanford Lake College was selected as the High School of the Year at the recent SANESA awards. Ruben was recently selected for the Limpopo Equestrian team (for various events), which qualifies him for Full Colours.



### REGISTRATION FOR COVID-19 VACCINATION NOW OPEN FOR 12 - 17 YEAR OLDS

Register on EVDS and go get jabbed!



Bring your proof of vaccination to either the Head Boy or Head Girl of 2022 and you will be entered into a prize draw!

#getSLCCOVIDFREE

Van Velden Hospital will be using the Haenertsburg Village Hall as a vaccination station on Thursday 4th November. The school will arrange to take your child there if you consent to this and complete and return the consent form sent to all parents.

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## REGATTA DAY 2021

by Heidi Katzke (Head of Adventure Committee)

As the winter settled down, spring arrived, not only bringing warm sunny days and fresh blossoms, but a new chapter for us as Stanfordians. A chapter filled with opportunities to bounce back and work towards creating a once again normal schooling environment.

On Friday, 22 October, Stanford celebrated our first Regatta Day since 2019 due to COVID-19 and we were honoured to continue our long-standing tradition this year. Although Regatta Day took place on Friday, the planning and preparation from the students began long before. Designing their outfits, war cries and strategising for the raft race.

Filled with anticipation, we all gathered at the lake with voices ready to sing, arms set to paddle, and of course, smiles. Little did everyone know that the teachers were part of the race this year. We kicked off the day with our war cries and to our surprise, the youngsters grabbed the prize, knocking all their competitors out of the field with their overpowering voices and an undeniable spirit.

Next up were the decorations. With the equipment provided, each

grade had to paint their flag and it was quite clear that some were not as artistically gifted as others, but that did not stop anyone. When the flags were completed and ready, we all hoisted them onto our decorated raft frames, and the judges decided to hand over the prize to the Grade 9s.

Lastly was what is considered the most important event of the day. Each team had to put forward their eight strongest men and four strongest women. We then participated in a relay rafting race against the other teams, around the blue beacon (which seemed as if it was drifting further away after every stroke). The school set us off with a very enthusiastic countdown ready to see us perform, every grade hoping that their participants would have what it takes to win the pizza. But in the end, the teachers came through and left us all in their waves!

We ended off the day with a prize-giving, and of course, everyone got something in the end.

Thanks to the Adventure Committee and all the students' cooperation and enthusiasm, the day turned out to be a huge success. Filled with pictures and lasting memories, Regatta Day 2021 will not be forgotten.

