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Matters of Principal

“Flowers are a proud assertion that a ray of beauty out values all the utilities in the world”

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

Following the wonderful Valediction Service held on Friday, Stanford Lake College hosted the first (of what I hope will be many) floral art shows. In theory, the concept is simple! Pick a theme (this year was a song with a colour in the title), get 10 incredibly talented floral artists to construct their flower arrangement linked to the theme of their song in the time it takes for their song to play (3-4 min) and ask 19 ladies from the local community to invite 10 friends to join them for high tea and champagne. They all spent a few happy hours socialising whilst raising money for three very worthy charities. In practice, it's not as easy as that. In order for something like this to succeed, a community needs to come together, individuals need to give of their time to plan and organise and one requires some highly talented artists who can work under pressure. What unfolded on Saturday was a lesson to all of us as to the value of community. I was privileged enough to stand at the back of the venue on Saturday and watch all of this unfold. Drawn together through the love of flowers and friends, 200 people simply enjoyed one another's company, the beauty of nature, and our stunning setting. In the process,

we raised a substantial amount of money for three worthy charities whilst having an enormous amount of fun. The Springbok catch phrase for this World Cup is “STRONGER TOGETHER”. This was certainly the case on Saturday. One of our core values at Stanford is UBUNTU and again, Saturday's function was this value in action. At a time when so much of the world is at war, this was a timely reminder that we need one another and that there is so much that is lovely in the world, if only we could put our many differences aside, respect one another and revel in the beauty of the people and places around us. I thank all of those involved in putting this wonderful morning together.

Have a wonderful weekend.

God Bless.



ROUND SQUARE CONFERENCE - KENYA

This year's Round Square International Conference was held in Nairobi, Kenya, where the school sent a delegation of four students, all of whom had an incredible experience. After adapting to the conference environment and its expectations, each delegate excelled in the international setting. They quickly formed friendships and were encouraged to step out of their comfort zones, participating in various activities. Guest of honour, Margaret Kenyatta spoke at the opening ceremony, amidst vibrant musical and dance performances. On days 3-5 of the Conference (Tuesday to Thursday), delegates split into three carousels which were spread across the two campuses, enabling students and adults to mix. Each carousel experienced the same three days in a different order: Democracy Day, on which they heard from guest panellists, keynote speakers, and participated in Baraza discussions before heading to their homestay

for a taste of Kenyan hospitality; Adventure Day, on which delegates ventured into Nairobi's National Park for a mini safari and overnight camp; and Service Day in which delegates worked at Brookhouse's community partner schools in the Nairobi area, refurbishing classrooms, gardening, and playing sports with the children and the day ended with enjoying cultural performances from many of the delegate schools. The Conference ended with a Keynote address by Paralympic Athlete Henry Wanyoike, followed by a Closing Ceremony, including student performances and a spectacular live performance from Kenyan chart-toppers Sauti Sol. Overall, the event was a resounding success, and our students will cherish their special memories from their time in Kenya.



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Valediction 2023

Congratulations to the following recipients of awards:



- Zoë Burman **Scholefield Shield** DUX Scholar 2022
- Kian Noné **Vanner Trophy** - Awarded to a Matric Pupil who, on the sports field, has shown the qualities of commitment, determination and sportsmanship
- Ruben le Roux **Wolff Trophy** for the Best Senior Rider riding at a National Level
- Gordon Noel **Colin Brent Trophy** for Mountain Biking
- Luke Fairhead **Aus-Am Trophy** for Fly Fishing
- Marc Day **Stephan le Roux Trophy** for the Best Senior Boy Hockey Player
- Diego Vieira **Stirling Trophy** for the Best Senior Rugby Player
- David Mulder **Friedrichs Trophy** - Awarded to a Matric student who has showed exceptional commitment and dedication to Cricket
- Tristan Brett **Adventurer of the Year** - Awarded to a student who showed exceptional commitment and dedication to all forms of Adventure
- Kwena Makweya **Certificate of excellence** - Awarded to a Matric student who has showed exceptional commitment and dedication to Netball
- Diego Vieira **Certificate of excellence** - Awarded to a Matric student who has showed exceptional commitment and dedication to Soccer
- Tukisho Ramohlale **Ross van Eetveldt Trophy** - Culture
- Zoë Koster **Zach Schuurs Trophy** - Service to Culture
- Layla de Bruyn **Zach Schuurs Trophy** - Drama
- Zaara Turk **Art of Dance Trophy**
- Tukisho Ramohlale and Zoë Koster **Zach Schuurs Trophy** - Music
- FENWICK **Stranack Inter-House Trophy**: Overall Winner of All Inter-House Competitions
- Rajveer Gohil **Ken Shuter Trophy**: English Home Language Prize
- Magdelie Els **Fenske Trophy**: Afrikaans First Additional Language Prize
- Magdelie Els **Kromberg Trophy**: Proficiency in English and Afrikaans
- Ashley Mhelembe **D’Arcy Herrman Trophy**: Accounting Prize
- Elektra Gelletich **“La Trofia Madera del Arte”**: Visual Arts Prize
- Layla De Bruyn **Thompson Trophy**: Outstanding Artist
- Rajveer Gohil **Morris Trophy**: Life Science Prize
- Marc Day **CAT08KAT Trophy**: Computer Application Technology Prize
- Rajveer Gohil **Information Technology Trophy**
- Kian Noné and Maki Inama Life Orientation Prize
- Luke Schoeman and Joel Mushambavanhu **Kenney Brokers Trophy**: Business Studies Prize
- Luke Fairhead **Jack Trophy**: Geography Prize
- Luke Schoeman **Waller Trophy**: History Prize
- Mitch Williamson Mathematical Literacy Prize
- Rajveer Gohil and Kian Noné **Calculus Trophy**: Mathematics Prize
- Rajveer Gohil **Cassim Trophy**: Further Studies Mathematics Prize
- Rajveer Gohil **Einstein Trophy**: Physical Science Prize
- Sithembiso Bosch and Jordan Skordi **Marco Visser Trophy**: Exceptional Academic Improvement in Grade 12
- Kian Noné **Da Silva Trophy**: Consistent Academic Excellence throughout High School
- Rajveer Gohil **Coach House Trophy**: Best Results in Preliminary Examinations
- Nanaki Kgopong **Baleta Trophy** (Voted for by the whole school) - Awarded to a pupil, from any grade, who is future-smart, who knows where they are going and how to get there
- Lungile Sithole-Wiltshire **Jarrod Zamparini Trophy** - Awarded to a MATRIC PUPIL who has most used the opportunities offered to them and in so doing has exemplified the values of the College
- Marc Day **Georgina Smit Trophy** (Voted for by the Matrics) - Awarded to a MATRIC PUPIL, who by being pro-active & having the courage to stand up for what is right, made a positive contribution to the school
- Lungile Sithole-Wiltshire **Amm Trophy** (Voted for by the whole school) - Awarded to a MATRIC PUPIL who has best shown the qualities of care, compassion, honesty, integrity & understanding



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FINAL INTER-HOUSE CLASHES



On Wednesday last week, we hosted an exciting Inter-house Netball event, featuring junior and senior teams from each house. The atmosphere was filled with enthusiasm as the girls took to the court and competed with fervour. In the junior and senior categories, every house secured at least one victory, highlighting the balanced competition. However, when the final scores were tallied, Fenwick House emerged as the overall winner of the day, displaying outstanding teamwork and sportsmanship.

That same afternoon, the boys took to the cricket pitch where Fenwick also came out victorious, followed by Loomis and then Orvis. On the astro, the hockey clashes were a thrilling spectacle, with an electric atmosphere enveloping the turf. The event showcased exceptional sportsmanship and competitive spirit among the participating houses. In the senior boys' section, Loomis reigned supreme, securing victory in all of their matches and Orvis displayed their strength by defeating Fenwick. In the senior girls' category, Fenwick was the dominant force, securing victory in all of their games. Loomis managed to beat Orvis in a closely contested match, adding to the excitement. Among the junior girls, Fenwick continued their impressive run, emerging victorious in all their games. Orvis managed to triumph over Loomis. In the junior boys' category, Orvis claimed the top spot, winning all their games. Fen-

wick and Loomis fought to a draw, creating a thrilling competition. Overall, in the aggregate results, Fenwick emerged as the champions, with Orvis securing the second position and Loomis finishing third.

On Thursday last week, the teams clashed on the soccer fields. Orvis took the win, followed by Fenwick and then Loomis.

On Thursday this week, the houses fought it out in Adventure Racing. Due to mountain bike limitations, there were only two mountain bikes per team. As the race started, two members had to cycle to a checkpoint before heading to the first transition. The other two members had to run, via a different route, to the same transition. Here they swapped – the cyclists ran back and the runners cycled back! Back at school, the teams had to paddle to a buoy with a kayak, with one member sitting in the kayak and one on top. At the buoy, the two had to swop places and paddle back. Once the whole team completed this task they had to run around the climbing tower with all their water equipment, put it back in the store-room and then run to the finish line. The first team in was Fenwick Senior 1 with Fenwick Senior 2 finishing a minute later, followed by Orvis Senior 1. Orvis were the overall winners of the day as they claimed many second places.

MEMORIAL FOUNTAIN UNVEILED

The Memorial Fountain was officially unveiled last Friday as part of the Valediction celebrations. The fountain was officially opened by our Chairperson, Jane Allison, and a dedication was delivered by Pastor Jonathan Meintjes.

COVID-19 had a devastating impact on our world. Lives were lost and lives were changed. In the face of global, national and regional adversity, our little school stood strong. This fountain marks the

foresight of our financial planners, the wisdom of our leadership, the support of our parents and the fortitude of our pupils. A place of beauty and of fellowship has come out of those dark years and the fountain reminds us today and in the days that will follow when we are gone, that we not only survived, we flourished.

The old school bell was also reinstated close to the fountain and each pupil of the Matric Class of 2023 rang the bell as they made their way down to their Valediction and prize-giving ceremony.



On Saturday morning, 19 tables were beautifully decorated by the hostesses of each table before their guests arrived to watch a “first of its kind” floral art show. Under the theme of colours, ten floral artists selected a song with a colour in the title. As their selected song began to play, they walked on stage with flowers and props and had the duration of that song to create a floral arrangement that visually represented the song. All one heard for almost an hour was music and all one saw was floral art being created.

It was the most beautiful morning that celebrated the beauty of flowers, the creativity of the floral artists, the company of friends and the coming together of a community. All funds raised will be shared between Noah’s Ark Children’s Home, Goue Jare Old Age Home and the SPCA. Special thanks to all our sponsors, especially Isis Décor and KVD Sound and Lighting who went out of their way to assist us.





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Go, Mr Fullard!

Mr Fullard is currently representing South Africa with Team Red Ants at the World Adventure Racing Championships in the Eastern Cape. The grueling event covers a whopping 700km. You can live track his team by clicking the picture...



NEWS FROM ST PETER'S FESTIVAL

During the holidays, the 1st Team Soccer boys travelled to Johannesburg to participate at the annual St Peter's College Football Festival. The tournament this year comprised of 43 teams. The boys were in what seemed to be a tough pool with St Peter's College, HeronBridge College and Penryn College. The team started their campaign very well on the first day, winning the first match 2 - 0 against Penryn College. It did not take too long until the boys had to be back on the pitch for their afternoon game against HeronBridge College. Spirits were high and the team displayed great dominance and managed to get away with a 3 - 0 win. In the second day of the tournament, the boys played their last pool match against the hosts, St Peter's College. This was a very difficult game as the sides were closely matched in their attributes. The boys played really well in this game but unfortunately conceded a goal in the last minute, losing the game 1 - 0.

Stanford finished second in Pool F, which meant we qualified for Round of 16 of the Cup, this was the first time a Stanford team had been in the SPC Cup knockout stage. In the Round of 16, we drew St Peter's College. The boys were ready for this match as they felt that they needed to fix the silly errors they made against them in the last pool match. The game started well and the team played their hearts out in what was probably their most difficult game of the season. They created many chances but unfortunately could not convert them. They again conceded in the last minute and lost 1 - 0 to St Peter's.

Losing in the Round of 16 meant the boys' cup dreams were over and they dropped off to the Shield. In the quarter final match against Norkem Park High, the team played hard and managed to create many chances, converting two to end the first half 2 - 0. Due to a few errors at the back, they then conceded two late goals and the match ended 2 - 2. The game went to penalties and Stanford took the win through Nakedi Makweya's heroics between the posts. On the last day, the boys played the semi-final match against Prestige College and unfortunately lost 2 - 0. The last game was for 3rd/4th play-off against Trinity House. The game started well and the boys managed to get ahead and led 2 - 0 by halftime. The defence then fell apart and Trinity House equalised, ending the match at 2 - 2. The game went to penalties, where Stanford unfortunately lost and Stanford team ended in 4th place in the Shield and in the Top 8 overall.

Thanks you to Mr Mpangeva, Coach Gama and Mr Molewa for accompanying the boys.

POOLSIDE NEWS

Despite the weather conditions on Saturday morning, our swimmers arrived at the Tzaneen Municipal pool bright and early, ready to showcase their abilities at the Top Schools Swimming Gala. The rain and mist did not deter their spirits, and they approached each race with determination and enthusiasm. In true Tzaneen and "mountain" weather, temperatures reached 30 degrees by 11 o'clock.

We are thrilled to announce that Stanford Lake College secured a well-deserved 5th place overall for the girls' team. Their outstanding performance, only nine points behind Ben Vorster, is a testament to their hard work and commitment. The boys' team also displayed great talent and placed 7th overall, contributing to the school's impressive 6th place finish overall.

Dario Wasley, the U/16 and Open Girls' Freestyle relay teams, and Jenny Zhang all performed exceptionally well at the gala. Jenny secured the Senior Victrix Ludorum and broke multiple records during the competition.

A huge thanks is extended to the staff members who dedicated their time and effort to support our swimmers at the gala. Special thanks go to Mr Whittington, Mr Willson, Mr Vollgraaff, Mr Mabayah, Ms Williams and Mrs Pretorius. Thanks also to Mrs Wasley and Mr Zhang for their assistance as officials at the event and to Mr Redfern for his presence and support on Saturday. It was wonderful to see so many parents at the side of the pool supporting their children at the gala. Their presence and encouragement made a significant difference!

