



SNAPSHOT



Matters of Principal

"Any book that helps a child to form a habit of reading, to make reading one of his deep and continuing needs, is good for him."

- Maya Angelou

Today we celebrate World Literacy Day. As a part of our acknowledgment of the importance of this day, we have had a literacy focus week which will culminate in a reading lesson during tutor class today. The week was introduced to the school at Monday's assembly by the Head of English, Mrs Dionne Redfern and the Librarian Mrs Meintjes. I thought I would share with you what Dionne shared with the school.

"There was once a gardener, a very humble, timid man in his 60s, who went to buy a washing machine. The salesman at the furniture store managed to convince this old man that he needed a 14kg twin tub for R5 999. Then he got him to sign a contract fee, a delivery fee, a maintenance agreement, an interest fee, an insurance fee... and suddenly this old man, who earned a pittance to begin with, had signed himself into huge debt of R17 955. With the interest he would have to pay, he would be paying off that washing machine for YEARS... all on the salary of a gardener who owed R600 per month (two thirds of his salary) before he had bought a loaf of bread. This is hire purchase. You sign away your salary in exchange for some badly made, overpriced furniture. How does this happen to thousands of people every day?

They cannot read the contract.

Basic literacy skills (and that includes numerical literacy) allow individuals to transform their lives by improving their overall standard of living, and in turn improve the standard of living for the whole community. The highest illiteracy rate is observed in the Eastern Cape (15.2%) followed by Mpumalanga (14.7%) and Limpopo (14.1%). 78% of children in Grade 3 are unable to read. 3.7 million adults in South Africa are still illiterate.

Illiteracy ruins lives. It leads to poverty, unemployment, social exclusion, crime, depression and suicide. The literate hold a map to success in their hands, showing paths they can take to attain their goals. They can "read" the map to see the direction they must take and plan what they will need to navigate the terrain that leads to that success.

For the semi-literate or illiterate person, that map is a piece of paper. Nothing more. It makes as much sense as hieroglyphics.

3.7 million illiterate adults in our country. What a waste of potential!

Literacy can change everything in the life of a young person and provide a pathway to reach their full potential. Literacy is a human right and gives dignity."

The main cause of the low literacy levels in South Africa is the lack of reading materials. This week, we asked pupils to bring a reading book to school. These books will be distributed to schools that do not have what we have. Book marks were also made by the pupils and, as a result of our assembly on literacy, more pupils volunteered to join the regular group of pupils who visit Appel School each week to read to the learners. Each of us can do our part to improve literacy rates in our country.

Have a good weekend – GO BOKKE!



Stanford Lake College's Feedem team recently made it to the Top 11 of the National Culinary Skills Competition Inland District Semi Finals. Dianne Griffiths and Paul Lepatsi showed their worth by making it to the Top 2 teams in Limpopo and the Top 11 Teams in the Inland District which includes Gauteng, Bloemfontein, Northern Cape and Limpopo. The Inland Regional Finals will take place during September where the SLC Feedem Team will compete against 10 other teams for a spot at the national Finals to be held later this year in Cape Town.



JOIN THE SLC BOARD

(Two positions available)

A well functioning Board is vital to an effective organisation. We are looking for two parents to join the SLC Board. Do you have a specialist skill such as legal, financial, marketing, infrastructure maintenance or education?

Moreover, are you passionate, committed and available for quarterly meetings?

If so, we need you!

More details in next week's Snapshot.



We hosted a hugely successful XCO event on Saturday, with hundreds of school pupils whizzing around the campus on their bikes to compete in the final event of the Limpopo Schools' Series. Our usual cyclists took to the tracks as well as some unexpected but most welcomed cricket boys also giving it a go. Ilne Kotzé managed a podium position of 3rd among the Youth Girls which is very impressive as it was her first race since an operation on her hand. Rachel Göbel put in a great performance and finished 5th among the Junior Girls. Gordon Noel won the Youth Boys category and finished 1st in the series. He also received his Limpopo Colours and entry to the School Nationals in October. Among the Junior Boys, Tristan Brett pushed hard and crossed the line in 11th position whilst Lungile Sithole-Wiltshire, riding his last ever schools' race, finished in 18th – thanks so much for your commitment to the sport, Lungi! Adorning Hawaiian shorts, vest tops and carrying boom boxes in their bags, the cricket boys borrowed bikes in an attempt to earn valuable points for Stanford Lake College. Thanks to Finn Straughan, Connor Veldsman, Letsema White, Christoff van der Westhuizen and Andrew van den Heuvel for being such good sports and giving it a go. Well done also to Judah Leher, Ben Tasker, Connor Swatton and Steven Thompson who participated in their respective age categories and had a lot of fun on a challenging course.





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THROUGH THE GRADE 8S' LENS

Last week Mrs Obojkovits took the 8.1 class for a cover lesson and helped them explore photography, learning how to play with composition and create drama through light and dark.



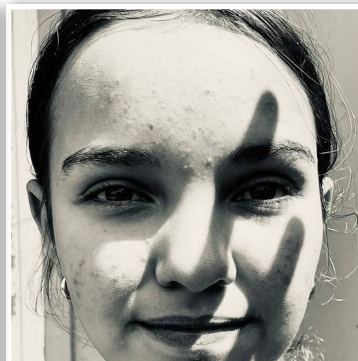
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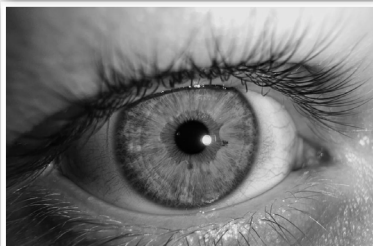
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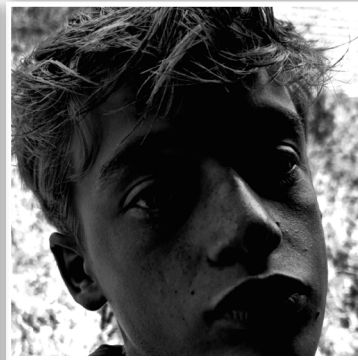
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21.10.2023 Stanford Lake College's
5KM COLOUR SPLASH R50 per person

Charity event raising money for the Round Square Committee's Swap Shop

Family Fun Day
Live Music
Food stalls
Raffle and prizes

ROUND SQUARE

We are super excited to announce that the 25-year publication will be available towards the end of the year. The hardcover coffee table book details the history of Stanford Lake College. You can pre-order your copy via the ALLXS system at the cost of R460.00

If you are unfamiliar with the ALLXS system and would still like to pre-order, please send an email to: marketing@slc.co.za



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IN OTHER NEWS

U/15 CRICKET BOYS

On Saturday a much depleted U/15 Cricket team drove down to Phalaborwa to play their league match against Frans du Toit. Many of the front line players were either sick or injured but luckily the rest of the team stepped up and delivered a thoroughly convincing win. After losing the toss and being asked to bowl first, Dario Wasley and Aryan Parekh took control of the match early with some exceptional bowling. Dario took 4 wickets for 16 runs, and Aryan again outshone the other bowlers, with an exceptional 5 wickets in 5 overs, for just 6 runs. After bowling Frans du Toit out for just 33 runs, it wasn't long before our top order batsmen finished off the game, with Reza Moosa scoring 14 not out. Thank you to all the parents who travelled so far to support the boys.

TENNIS

The future of tennis at Stanford is looking bright, thanks to our talented young players who are making waves in the 1st and 2nd Teams. Comprising mainly Grade 8s and 9s, with a sprinkling of Grade 10s, these teams are laying the foundation for sustained success that will benefit our school in the long run.

The success of both teams is palpable in their current standings. The 1st Team proudly occupies the 3rd place position, a testament to their dedication and talent. Meanwhile, the 2nd Team is holding strong in 5th place, demonstrating their potential for growth and improvement.

In summary, the future of tennis at SLC is exceptionally promising. With a mix of dedicated newcomers like Krish Pandya and Michaela Alcock, experienced players like Rachel Göbel and emerging talents like Katje and Britta Göbel, our tennis programme is on a steady upward trajectory.

THINKING KIDS COURSE

Sunita Glanvill, is running the final Academic Assist and Learner Support Course for the year. The course runs for five weeks and is done in small groups of 5 - 7.

Sunita has a B.Ed Honours Degree in Learner Support and she runs Thinking Kids Learning Centre in Tzaneen. Sunita offers our students courses in organisation, thinking skills, coping skills and stress management.

If any of the parents are interest to please contact Sunita Glanville on sunita@thinkingkids.co.za or 0846203253



ROUND SQUARE

On the Wednesday, five of our Round Square club members had the incredible opportunity to participate in a postcard event hosted by St Stithians. The theme of the postcard revolved around the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals and their connection to our individual countries and experiences. With over 100 attendees from 18 schools spanning seven countries, the event was a truly international gathering. Our Stanford learners stood out with their eloquent and thoughtful contributions to the discussions, showcasing not only their passion for the topic but also their ability to engage meaningfully with peers from diverse backgrounds. It was an enriching experience that allowed them to broaden their perspectives and contribute positively to the global conversation on sustainable development. Well done to Nanaki Kgopong, Munaka Ramunenyiwa, Keanya Randall, Pippa Wood and Carmen Veldsman for their outstanding contribution to the event.



by Ruben Venter

ADVENTURE RACING

Team 'Clueless but keen' participated in the Hessequa Adventure Race last weekend. Our adrenaline-filled adventure began bright and early on Saturday morning at 4am, setting the tone for a day filled with challenges and camaraderie. The race was a multi-discipline test of our endurance and navigation skills, comprising various legs that pushed our limits. Our first challenge was a 65km bike leg, where teamwork and determination were essential as we pedalled through diverse terrains. Following the bike leg, we transitioned into a 15km trek, which required careful navigation and physical stamina. The beautiful but rugged landscape added to the excitement of the race.

Next up was another 30km cycling segment, where we continued to push ourselves to maintain our momentum. The race took an aquatic turn as we ventured into a 15km kayak leg which had a 5km trek leg in between. We finished the second part of the kayak leg at night where we were cold and tired but we knew the finish line was within reach.

Our final push consisted of a 10km trek, where we drew upon every last ounce of energy to conquer the course. The support and encouragement from our teammates fuelled our determination. The race concluded with another gruelling bike leg, this time of 50km. We began the journey by transporting our bikes across the Goukou River using kayaks due to the high tide preventing us from walking through it. After leaving our bikes on the opposite shore, we had to paddle the kayaks back and swim across the river ourselves. The finish line was both a relief and a triumph.

In the end, it wasn't about winning or losing; it was about the shared experiences, the bonds formed, and the unforgettable adventure we embarked upon as a team.

STANFORD TAKE THE VOSSIE BULL BY THE HORNS



On Friday afternoon, Stanford 1st XI Cricket Team took on a mixed team from Ben Vorster, which consisted of 1st Team and U/15 players. Stanford won the toss and elected to bat first. Stanford started well with a 25-run opening partnership. Soon after, a mini collapse occurred and Stanford found themselves at 40 - 4 within 6 overs. An 85-run partnership for the fifth wicket between Travis Hudson and Finn Straughan steadied the ship before Finn fell victim soon after he reached his second half-century for the season. The seventh-wicket partnership of 78 runs between Travis Hudson and Connor Veldsman took the game away from the visitors. Stanford scored 210 for 7 in their allotted 20 overs. Travis Hudson scored 85 runs off 52 balls being well supported by Finn Straughan who scored 52 runs off 24 balls and Connor Veldsman contributed with a valuable 23 runs not out off 13 balls.

Stanford started the defence well having the visitors at 1 run for 2 wickets within three overs. A brilliant bowling display by Matthew

Allison (6 wickets for 20 runs in his 4 overs), took the game away from the opponents. Connor Veldsman took two wickets for 5 runs in his two overs and Tristan Brett also contributed with a wicket. The visitors being bowled out for 143, Stanford secured a 67-run victory.

The team then faced Ben Vorster's 2nd Team in a league match on Wednesday. The match was reduced to a T20 match with Ben Vorster winning the toss and asking us to bat first. We had a solid opening partnership which allowed our middle order to come in and express themselves with the bat, particularly Zayd Moosa who top scored with 79 off 34 balls. He was well supported by Ryno Schultz who batted through most of the innings and scored 39 runs. Stanford Lake College set Ben Vorster 192 runs to win. Our opponents managed 130 for 6 in their 20 overs and our bowlers had to work hard in the middle overs to keep the run rate down and keep the pressure on Ben Vorster. The pick of our bowlers were Tristan Brett with three wickets and Aiden Rosendorff with two wickets.

