

SNAP SHOT

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Matters of Principal

The second term has come and gone in a flash! Looking back it is difficult to discern exactly what happened and when it happened. Our Staff and pupils have been nothing short of amazing. I have a strong sense that this has been one of the most successful terms at Stanford since I arrived. You may ask how do I measure that success? In my mind, there are many markers that we could use. The academic programme this term has been comprehensive, staff have worked hard to inspire our pupils, ignite a passion for learning and create a stimulating learning environment, the junior examinations have run flawlessly and the Grade 11 and 12 consolidation time has proven invaluable. The pupil-run academic assist programme has been well attended and of great use to those who have attended. On a pastoral front, the wellness programme is growing and our pupils are more mindful of controlling their own wellbeing. It has been fantastic seeing our pupils walking around school knitting scarves for the pupils at Appel school, the 'Read with me' outreach initiative has also gained momentum with multiple pupils enjoying the opportunity to work with the pupils from one of our community schools. Our choir is growing from strength to strength and performed superbly at the Ben Vorster choir and dance evening. We have several pupils preparing for the Merensky Eisteddfod next term. The Speakers Society remains a space in which our senior pupils can sharpen their oratory skills and share some of their deepest emotions. Our sportsmen and women have performed admirably. Maybe the results did not always go our way but the attitude exhibited by our pupils never left me in doubt as to their commitment and the fact that sport continues to play a central role in the education of our children. Another important marker for me is that of discipline. On this front our pupils generally continue to do us proud, they know right from wrong and mostly make good decisions.

To me the greatest marker of success this term has been the general feeling in the school and the positive attitude of the staff and pupils - it has been incredible! The senior pupils have set an amazing tone and the juniors have followed with enthusiasm. It is a happy school and a space in which the majority of our pupils feel comfortable. In the world of Positive Psychology, many of the experts talk about achieving flow, I believe that this term we have come as close to this state as possible in an or-

"There are five important things for living a successful and fulfilling life: never stop dreaming, never stop believing, never give up, never stop trying, and never stop learning."

Roy T. Bennett

ganisation with as many moving parts as we have. Our challenge now remains replicating this environment term after term – an enormous test but one that we take on with enthusiasm.

At this time of year it is strange to say goodbye to staff. We have two leaving! Two people who have made an enormous impact on our school and who will be missed. Beth Coetzee our Director of Marketing is once again returning to her happy space – "The Bush", where she will be working in the marketing field. Over the past 5 years, Beth has done an incredible job. She has done so much more than fulfilling the role of the Director of Marketing, she completely immersed herself in the school and became an amazing schoolmistress to the pupils and a valued friend and colleague to so many staff. Beth will leave a big gap.

They say the most important person on any school staff is the headmaster's personal assistant. In Mrs Mignonne Banks' case that certainly rings true. She has worked as the Stanford Heads PA for the past 11 and a half years. She has done so much more than simply look after the head. She has managed admissions, the front office and many more essential tasks that allow a school to function effectively. From a personal point of view, she has been a friend and a pillar of support, highly professional and always willing to go the extra mile. She has skillfully navigated the choppy waters that characterise a school front office with incensed parents on the phone, rude children, frustrated staff, and angry neighbours (one of whom arrived on a wet and rainy day and removed his mud-laden boots at the front door before charging into my office in his socks to berate me about a tree which has fallen on the power line). I will be eternally indebted to Mignonne for all she has done. I wish both Beth and Mignonne all the very best in their future endeavours.

It has been a busy term and our children are exhausted, I wish all of you a restful, safe, happy three weeks with your children.

God Bless.

WELL PLAYED, GIANO

Giano October participated in the Limpopo Junior Championships Squash tournament in Polokwane on Saturday 8 June. He played very well and won his pool as well as playoffs to move into the next pool. Giano, also won the Most Improved Male player of the tournament and is currently ranked number two in Limpopo in the U/19 category.



Dario Wasley participated in the first Age Group Gala of the season on Saturday, held at Stanford Lake College. Dario swam in U/15 age group in the following events: 50m, 100m and 200m breaststroke; 200m individual medley and 200m freestyle. He secured excellent first places in all his events except his individual medley where he came second.

NEWS IN BRIEF

NETBALL

This past weekend, the U/14 and U/16 netball girls participated in their playoffs, showcasing their skills and determination. The U/14 team faced a challenging set of matches. They lost three games, drew one, and won one. Despite the mixed results, this experience provided excellent exposure for the girls, helping them to grow and develop as a team. Their resilience and effort throughout the games were commendable, setting a solid foundation for future competitions. The U/16 girls had a more successful run, losing only one game and winning four. Their impressive performance earned them a spot in the quarter-finals, a significant achievement for the team. In the quarter-finals, they faced a tough opponent, Ben Vorster. The match was intense, with the girls trailing by only two goals at halftime. Unfortunately, despite their best efforts, they were unable to secure a win, concluding the game with a loss. However, their journey to the quarter-finals was an invaluable experience, highlighting their potential and growth. The U/16 team's accomplishment of reaching the quarter-finals marks them as the first Stanford Lake College team of the year to achieve this milestone. Their determination and hard work paid off, earning them a place among the top teams in the province, finishing between 5th and 8th. This success is a testament to their dedication and teamwork, and it sets a high standard for future teams. Overall, both the U/14 and U/16 teams displayed admirable spirit and progress. The playoffs were a significant learning experience, contributing to their development as athletes. The future looks bright for these talented girls, and we are proud of their achievements and the way they represented our school. Well done to all the players!

SPEAKERS SOCIETY

On Monday, the Speakers Society held its final meeting for Term two. The gathering, set against the warm ambiance of Blueberry Heights' fireplace, saw the Matric students relaxed and eager for the evening's events. The second round of impromptu speeches featured prominently, with students overcoming their nerves to deliver commendable performances. Public speaking is challenging, and they can take pride in their efforts. Congratulations to Jenny Zhang and Chelsy Mathebula, who shared the title of Best Impromptu Speaker of the evening.

The prepared speeches maintained their usual high standard, taking the audience on an emotional journey. The adjudication process continues to become more thorough with each meeting. Amber McHugh was voted Best Prepared Speaker, while Sophia Leher earned the distinction of Best Adjudicator.

We eagerly anticipate our next meeting in the upcoming term.

ROUND SQUARE EXCHANGE

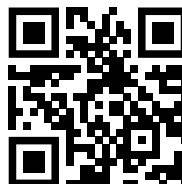
Hello, my name is Ben I come from the UK from a place called the Lake District where I go to school at Windermere School. I think my favourite part of my exchange was when the Leher family and I hiked the Otter Trail in George. It was such a nice way to explore South Africa to its fullest, and get to know my host family better. I loved the trees and the views but the place where I saw the most wildlife was in Kruger National Park. I loved seeing all the game and taking a little break off school before I went home. I absolutely loved seeing how different life and school is like in South Africa. I always enjoyed visiting all the nearby towns like Polokwane and the cities like Johannesburg. Hopefully the next time I come to South Africa it will be with my parents and sisters, and I'll show them all the beautiful things about it. I just want to say thank you to Stanford Lake College and the Leher family for giving me this amazing experience.



HOCKEY PLAY-OFFS

The U/14 boys had an eventful Saturday in Polokwane, vying for the league's top position. Despite a 3-0 loss to Merensky, they showcased significant improvements from their previous encounter. In the subsequent match for the 3rd/4th place, they faced Ben Vorster and clinched a well-deserved 3-1 victory, earning a bronze medal in the league. This marks a fantastic conclusion to the season for a team that continues to grow and improve! The U/16 boy's hockey team faced a mammoth task on Saturday, considering the short notice of their fixtures, as well as playing with a reduced squad. Despite the fact that they had no bench and had to play both full games with 11 players exactly, their performances were extraordinary and they played some of the best hockey they've played all season. In their match against Merensky they created many chances but simply could not find the back of the net, and unfortunately lost 4-2, buying them in the 3rd/4th playoff match against Ben Vorster. Even though the boys were clearly tired they approached that game with a true Badger attitude and once they wrestle ahead one could see the determination not to let this one slip, and deservedly won the match 2-1. Congratulations to the boys and well done for fighting hard right until the final whistle.

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ART CORNER

The Grade 11s completed their art practical pieces under the theme Intertwined, Interwoven



Sarah Collins



Isabella Dando



Abigail Fair



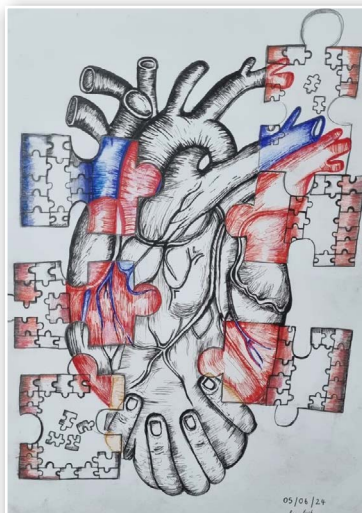
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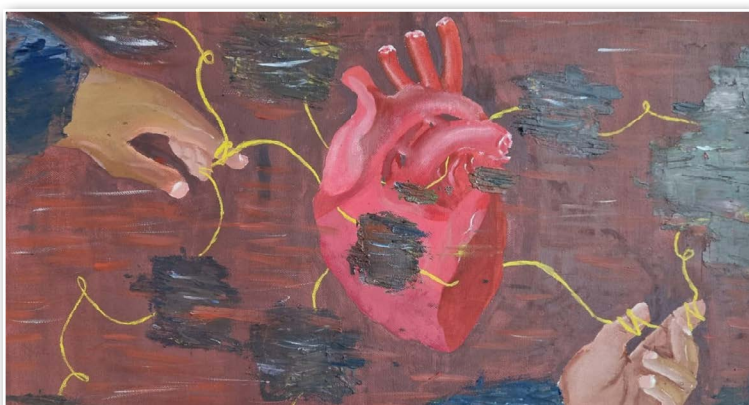
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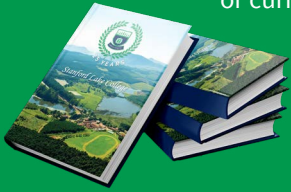
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IRON CROWN ESCAPEDE



Our Grade 8s got their outdoor equipment ready for their maiden expedition this year! Despite the morning chill, their commitment, bravery and dedication to completing the course showed through as they reached the highest peak in Limpopo on Wednesday – the Iron Crown. Yesterday, they arrived safely back on campus. Full report in the next edition!



GRADE 9 WEEK IN REVIEW

Our Grade 9s had a busy week this week which saw them tackling subject choices, Theatre Sport featuring their very own choreography in groups and if that wasn't enough a Master Chef contest that involved setting a table correctly, preparing a salad and a food quiz. Well done to all our Grade 9s your team work and interest in being active co-creators of your future is inspiring! Keep it up.

Photo Day



The following photos will be taken:



Individual head & shoulders shots
Grade Photos
Boarding House Photos
Maths Olympiad Juniors
Maths Olympiad Seniors
History Olympiad
Afrikaans Olympiad Seniors
Chess
Debating
Marimba Band
Djembe Band
Fly Fishing
Speakers Society
Sound Crew
Choir
Sophia Town Cast
Dance
Athletics (in full team kit)
Golf (in full team kit)
Tennis (in full team kit)
Hockey (in full team kit)
Rugby (in full team kit)
Netball (in full team kit)



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LIMPOPO CAPTAINS

Congratulations to our Champions who have been named Captains and Vice Captains for Limpopo Hockey!

Vice Captains



Charlie Worthington
U/14B



Lefa Mamabolo
U/16A

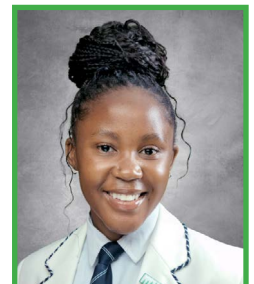


Lerato Mokgoatsane
U/16B

Captains



Travis Hudson
U/18A



Nanaki Kgopong
U/18A

Have a wonderful holiday! See you next term.