



Matters of Principal

The term is most certainly flying by, we are already one week into the Grade 8 – 11 exams and our Matric Academic Focus Programme. The week has gone off smoothly and thankfully we have had no further Covid infections related to the case encountered last week, although we have had to isolate one pupil as a result of a positive Covid test result in her immediate family. It was wonderful to note that on three days this week we had a one hundred percent school attendance. It is absolutely essential that we try and get to the end of the term without any further disruptions. With the third wave now upon us and the number of cases in Limpopo rising I implore all of us to continue to take all precautions necessary to protect our community.

Next week Wednesday we celebrate Youth Day in South Africa; it is a national public holiday which we will be observing. In order to ensure that we do our bit in keeping our pupils safe, the celebration will be a virtual one run by our senior pupils, who will be distributing a video that they have put together. I look forward to their production. Earlier today I was scrolling through a list of most influential young South Africans compiled by a media house. The list ranks individuals from diverse industries and sectors including activists, speakers, entrepreneurs, musicians, media personalities and politicians. It is a list to behold! The competence, energy and positivity that these young South Africans display in their fields of interest is heartening. There are many

"When I look back, I am so impressed again with the life-giving power of literature. If I were a young person today, trying to gain a sense of myself in the world, I would do that again by reading, just as I did when I was young."

- Maya Angelou

immediately recognisable personalities on the list like Caster Semenya, Trevor Noah, Siya Kolisi and Mbali Ntuli. The name that attracted my attention was that of a young girl by the name of Stacey Fru. Stacey is listed as a multiple award-winning 13-year-old author and activist, and is the youngest person on a list of the 100 most influential young South Africans. Stacey wrote her first book at the age of seven without telling her parents about her ambitions. In January last year she won a Global Child Prodigy Award in New Delhi, India, for her writing skills. Fru has written books including Smelly Cats, Bob and the Snake, Smelly Cats on Vacation, Where's Tammy and Tim's Answer.

As we focus on the remarkable achievements of our youth I draw your attention the article below acknowledging the fantastic achievements of Stanfordian alumnus Sarah Pogrand. We are extremely proud of Sarah and wish her all the best as she embarks on this wonderful journey.

Have a wonderful weekend.

God Bless.



ALUMNUS OFF TO OXFORD

We would like to congratulate Sarah Pogrand (Class of 2016), who recently got accepted at Oxford University to study a one-year Masters in Economics for Development. Sarah completed her undergraduate degree in Politics, Philosophy and Economics at the University of Cape Town in 2019. She continued with her Honours in Economics in 2020. Since then she has worked part-time here and there, but mentioned that she has been privileged to focus predominantly on her studies and enjoy university and all that comes with it. Below are a few questions we asked Sarah to answer:

When do you plan to start and why Oxford as opposed to some of the other highly ranked Universities in the world?

The course starts late September 2021 and I'll be affiliated at Lady Margaret Hall one of the constituent colleges of the University of Oxford in England. The classic PPE (Politics, Philosophy and Economics) originated from Oxford and so it has always been at the back of my mind as the top ranked Social Sciences University in the world. My privilege, education and supportive parents have afforded me this opportunity, and I feel compelled to use it for a positive impact.

What are you most excited and most nervous about?

I'm unbelievably excited to mingle with people and ideas from all over the world. Naturally, I'm nervous about setting up roots in a new place as well as the possibility of the pandemic potentially tampering with my experience.

What's the long-term goal once you have graduated from Oxford?

The goal is to be passionate about people and possible change. I think if you work hard and remain present in every job/moment/ stage of life, doors will open, and your 'long-term goal' will change and grow as you do. At this stage I'd like to work in economic development at an impactful multilateral institution or consultancy post graduating, and possibly return to academia to pursue a PhD or another skillset at some point.

How did your time at Stanford Lake College help to guide you to where you are now or shape you as a person?

At an impressionable age I was lucky enough to be exposed to daring adventures, warm friendships, and worldly experiences through SLC. I continue to cherish and chase these three things, and probably always will, thanks to my little mountain high school.

SNAP SHOT

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HAPPINESS IS... BLOWING BUBBLES

On Wednesday, 27th May, eight Stanford teams took part in the first round of the Tritech competition. Tritech tests a learner's ability to solve problems by using the scientific method. Due to COVID, the challenge was online this year.

The competition consisted of three parts. The first part was a quiz about the scientific method. Teams Technetium, Beauty with Brains and The Conquerors were our top teams in this challenge. The second part was a challenge in problem-solving. OTIS and Sciences Geniuses made their mark in this round. The last round was a practical where teams need to apply their scientific skills to find the best method to increase the number of bubbles on a group member's arm. This was great fun!

We entered eight teams and all of them are invited to the online regional round on 4th August 2021. Congratulations to all of them.

Team "Oestrogen Overload"

- Nanaki Kgopong, Isabella Alcock, Chelsy Mathebula, Makungu Shiwundlana, Omphile Masuluke and Safiyyah Modan.

Team "The Conquerors"

- Dylan Turner, Tristan Brett, Mickey Mkhabele, Debbie Maswanganyi, Caitlin le Roux and Mieke van Wyngaardt.

Team "Beauty with Brains"

- Isabella Dando, Jana Prinsloo, Nsovo Mabila and Krisha Kanyongolo.

Team "OTIS"

- Shriya Patel, Thato Moleya, Relotilwe Sekhula and Mokgale Mambolo.

Team "Science Gurus"

- Campbell McLean, Matt Ellis, Masana Shiwundlana and Kgotla Morake.

Team "Newtons"

- Thapelo Nare, Kaelo Manake, Lota Mashiane and Kim Ruwona.

Team "Technetium"

- Yash Kalan, Willem Vos, Ryno Schultz, Connor Veldsman, Finn Straughan and Sophia Leher.

Team "Science Geniuses"

- Wihan van Eeden, Nicholas Boyum, Krish Pandya and Steven Thompson.



STAFF PROFILES



Mrs Antoinette White

- 1 What subjects do you teach? **Business Studies (and from time to time Physical Sciences).**
- 2 What year did you start working at the school? **Middle of 2018.**
- 3 What type of music are you in to? **I enjoy all genres, but jazz, swing and the classics I find relaxing to listen to.**
- 4 Tell us something we don't know about you... **I am an open book, nothing special to tell.**
- 5 What's your favourite thing to do in downtime? **My hobbies – sewing, making crafts, playing the piano. Walking my dogs.**
- 6 Name one thing on your bucket list... **To fly in a hot air balloon.**
- 7 Does pineapple belong on pizza? **Absolutely!**
- 8 Tea  OR Coffee?  **Both.**
- 9 iOS OR **Android?**
- 10 **Melktart** OR Malva Pudding?
- 11 Cups in the cupboard: Right side up  OR **upside down?** 
- 12 **Beach**  OR **Mountains?** 
- 13 **Dogs**  OR **Cats?** 



CAMPBELL TO REPRESENT LIMPOPO

Congratulations to Campbell McLean who has been selected to represent Limpopo at a national public speaking competition after he scored 91% for a speech he conducted recently. Full story in last week's Snapshot.