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Tuesday dawned on the mountain. The Magoebaskloof woke to a stunning summer's day as the evening rains had cleared the dust out of the air. As I looked out over my veranda, as I so often do, I could only but marvel at the majestic beauty of God's creation. As I sipped on my morning cup of coffee, I had a sense that this new dawn was hopefully symbolic of what lies ahead of us this year. We have endured two incredibly difficult years and I know that we are all hopeful that 2022 will be more normal.

No doubt it won't all be plain sailing this year and we will have to remain agile and adaptable as we navigate our path, but we are good at this and our pupils continue to amaze me with their ability to make the most of every situation and show resilience.

It gave me great pleasure mingling with our new pupils and parents at the Dream an' Do Centre on Tuesday morning. They are a wonder"Life is a bowl of cherries. Some cherries are rotten while others are good; it's your job to throw out the rotten ones and forget about them while you enjoy eating the ones that are good! There are two kinds of people: those who choose to throw out the good cherries and wallow in all the rotten ones, and those who choose to throw out all the rotten ones and savour all the good ones."

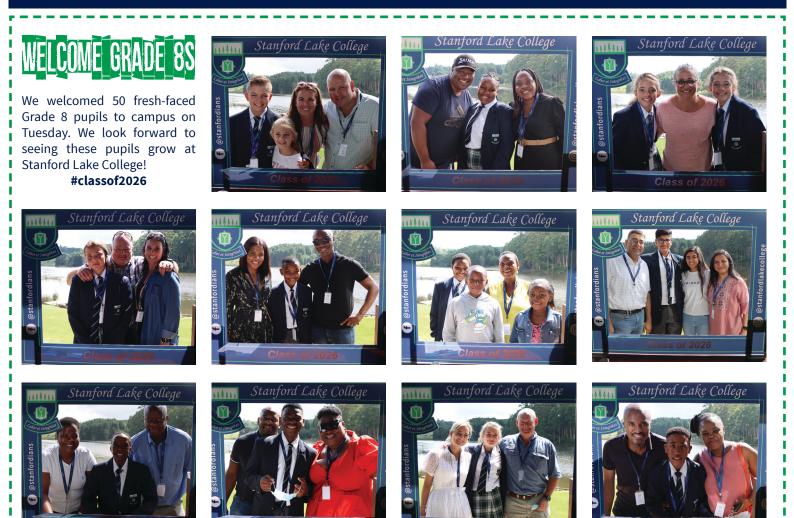
– C. JoyBell

fully diverse group of young men and women, each unique and each ready to make a positive impact on this wonderful place of learning. The confidence and enthusiasm with which the matrics greeted and interacted with them gave me immense confidence and a sense that the senior leadership of 2022 are ready to leave a mark on the history of this school.

A wonderfully busy (at times hectic) year lies ahead of us. To find that rhythm again after a long holiday will not be easy but I am confident that we are all ready for whatever it is that 2022 has to throw at us. I am optimistic that this will be a good one.

God Bless





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It is with great sadness that we have recently been informed of the tragic passing of a number of pupils' parents over the last few months. Our thoughts and prayers are with all members of our community who have been affected by loss.

# **2021 AWARDS**

Congratulations to the following pupils who received academic and sports awards during the final assembly of 2021:

## ACADEMIC AWARDS

#### **BRAINS BAR**

Isabella Alcock Layla Fairhead Nanaki Kgopong Relotilwe Sekhula Dimpho Thobane Jenny Zhang

## HONOURS



Zoë Burman (re-award) Rachel Thompson

#### SPORTS AWARDS

#### HALF COLOURS

Peter Pratt - Cricket Doug Moorcroft - Cricket Travis Hudson - Cricket Benno Kotzé - Adventure Racing

### FULL COLOURS

HALF COLOURS

**Skylar Stevens** 

Koni Fobbe

**Christian Krüger** 

Jacinta Kubayi

Azania Mangena (re-award)

Emmana Mohlaba Tanatswa Murasiranwa

Michael Scriven Cara Prinsloo (re-award) Lulu Cooper Micaela Wight

Anika Willemse

Heidi Katzke - Adventure Racing Kade Thompson - Fly fishing Luke Fairhead - Fly fishing Lwazi Motumi - Soccer Christian Krüger - Soccer



Congratulations to Head Girl, Tanatswa Murasiranwa, and Layla de Bruyn (Grade 11) who helped their teammates bring home the winners trophy for the U/18 Girls at the PSI Indoor Hockey Tournament in December.



A huge congratulations to Benno Kotzé who participated in the A1 "WCAD Hessequa Region" Adventure Race in Riversdale at the beginning of the Christmas holidays. BENNO

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The A1 series is designed to be a true physical and endurance test at every turn and Benno worked through the challenges adapting to this bigger stage with maturity and resilience.

Benno jumped in as a last minute replacement and joined three adults in the team, "No Frills. No Fuss." Benno's team was one of only three teams to finish and he was the only school (or University) aged participant who managed to cross the finish line.

Benno has been much talked about on the adventure racing cicuit since, everyone impressed by his tenacity! Well done, Benno! We can't wait to see what you achieve this year.











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