



Matters of Principal

"To everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven." – Ecclesiastes 3:1

I Value Quality – Igniting a Passion for Excellence

At Stanford Lake College, one of our most important values is Quality. It is a value that sits at the heart of everything we do, and over the past week, I was reminded of its significance in a truly inspiring way. I had the honour of conducting interviews for the Heads and Deputies of the school for 2026. Across 13 interviews, one of the central questions asked and discussed at great length was: What is your most important school value, and why is it important to you?

The discussions that followed were nothing short of exceptional. Time and again, the value that rose to the top was Quality. For our pupils, quality represents striving for the best version of themselves, whether in academics, sport, leadership, or character. They spoke about how quality is not simply about achieving high standards but also about consistency, discipline, and a deep pride in everything they do. Listening to them share their thoughts with such conviction was a remarkable experience.

The confidence, clarity, and maturity our pupils displayed throughout these interviews was something I will not forget. It was encouraging to see how thoughtfully they reflected on their journey at Stanford and the ways in which they hope to contribute to the school's future. I am proud to say that selecting the right candidates to lead this school next year will indeed be a challenging task, but it is a challenge we welcome with gratitude, because it shows the strength of leadership we are developing.

By the time you read this article, our Grade 8 pupils will be preparing to head into the mountains for their final trek of the year. This experience is one of the highlights of their Grade 8 journey and always provides valuable lessons in commitment, strength, courage, and teamwork. We wish them and the dedicated staff accompanying them all the best for what promises to be a memorable adventure filled with learning and growth.

In addition, if you are around Johannesburg this weekend, I encourage you to support our soccer teams as they participate in the St Peter's Festival. It is always wonderful to see our pupils compete with passion and pride, representing Stanford at such a high level.

As we move into the weeks ahead, may we all continue to embrace the value of quality in our work, our relationships, and our everyday lives. I wish you a restful and fulfilling weekend.

Warm Regards

Principal



BADGER OF

THE WEEK



Badger of the Week goes to:

Siblings Elia and Mika Jones, who proudly represented Limpopo at the South African Cross Country Championships in Middelburg on 6 September. Competing against 184 athletes from across the country, they stood out for their determination, discipline, and passion. Their achievement brings pride to their family and Stanford Lake College and serves as an inspiration to fellow young athletes. Well done, Elia and Mika!

U/15 CRICKET TOP OF LEAGUE

Our U15 cricket team has deservedly finished at the top of their league pool, securing a place in the semi-finals. Watching them play is a reminder of the elegance and tradition of a gentleman's sport. Beyond their skill on the field, these young men demonstrate a remarkable team spirit and camaraderie, creating a bond that is truly a pleasure to witness.



1ST TEAM GIRLS CRICKET STARS



HERITAGE MONTH: CELEBRATING TRANSFORMATION, EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY AT OUR SCHOOL

Did you know that our school has a dedicated committee committed to upholding the values of Transformation, Equality, and Diversity? Known as the TED Committee, this team ensures that our school community reflects the principles that have shaped South Africa's democratic journey. This September, as we mark Heritage Month, the TED Committee calls on all learners and staff to embrace the true spirit of the occasion. Heritage Month is not only about honouring our traditions, languages, and cultural expressions — it is about recognising that our diversity is the very foundation of our strength as a nation.

The work of TED connects closely with the legacy of Steve Biko, a leader who tirelessly championed Black Consciousness and the belief that every South African should be proud of their identity. Biko reminded us that “the most potent weapon in the hands of the oppressor is the mind of the oppressed.” His words encourage us to value who we are and to uplift one another in the face of division.

At school, this means:

- Transformation: creating spaces where all heritages are recognised and respected.
- Equality: ensuring that every learner has the same opportunity to celebrate and participate in cultural activities.
- Diversity: honouring the unique backgrounds and traditions that make our school community vibrant and united.

The TED Committee's vision is clear: to weave these values into the daily life of our school so that every learner feels empowered and included. This Heritage Month, we encourage you to reflect on your own heritage, share it with others, and take pride in the collective identity that makes us stronger together.

After all, celebrating heritage is not just about looking back — it is about building a future where diversity is not only accepted, but celebrated.

- Paityn Landsman



XCO #3

Stanford Lake College

XCO School Series #3 at Stanford Lake College

Stanford Lake College had the privilege of hosting the third leg of the XCO School Series, and our team did a fantastic job of showcasing our beautiful campus and everything that makes it special. Riders from across the province tackled the challenging course, filled with sharp U-bends and steep climbs that tested both skill and endurance.



A highlight of the day was Ilne Kotze's podium finish, a proud achievement for the College. Next up is Merenky #4 on 27 September, where our riders will once again take on the challenge with determination and spirit.



Maths Olympiad

Stanford Lake College students achieved excellent results at the recent Siyanqoba University of Limpopo Junior Mathematics Olympiad. Yoshka Macmillan placed 1st in the Junior group, while Juliette Leher secured a commendable 4th place. The questions posed a real challenge, and from the national scores observed, Yoshka is likely among the top candidates in the country.

In the overall team competition, our Junior team placed 18th out of 81 teams who submitted results. This achievement reflects the significant role our students played in the province's strong showing.

It was an honour for Stanford Lake College to participate in this event and to contribute to the growth and progress of the Mathematics Olympiad in our province. We look forward to building on this success in the years ahead.



MOPANI DISTRICT INTERHIGH GALA

Swim Squad at the Mopani District Interhigh Gala

The Stanford Lake College swim squad took part in the Mopani District Interhigh Gala hosted at PHS, where our swimmers showcased their skills and determination in the pool. The team achieved an impressive 4th place finish, continuing their steady improvement year on year.

Congratulations to our podium winners



It was a pleasure for our U15A Boys' and Girls' soccer teams to travel to Mpumalanga to play against Uplands College. Both teams showed fantastic commitment and grit throughout their matches. The boys put up a spirited fight but went down 5-1, while the girls gave their best efforts in a hard-fought 2-0 loss. Despite the results, the players displayed determination, teamwork, and resilience, making us proud both on and off the field.

Uplands Junior Soccer



Save the date!
Parents Association Meeting | T3
All SLC parents are welcome.

This is your chance to join the conversation, share your views and ask questions.

Date: 23 September 2025
Time: 5-6pm
Venue: Teams – online

Look out for the link coming soon.

Please share any items for discussion by direct message to Shirley: 082 653 8895 before 22 September.