



# SNAPSHOT

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## Matters of Principal

There is something very special about the first week in the first term of any school year. It is a time of hope and optimism, a time for new beginnings! So far 2023 has certainly delivered. There has been a mad scramble to get the campus ready for the new year as well as a sense of mild panic when, by the 3rd of January, many of us feared there was no chance of the Founders Boarding House being anywhere near presentable for the new school year. Thankfully, by 8 am on New Pupils Day, most things were in place!

This year we have adopted a theme of "Back to Basics": a focus on getting the small things right; a focus on our value system and paying attention to the things that make this such a special place as we celebrate our 25th year of existence as a school. I spoke to the staff and pupils yesterday about the origins of our school and in preparing my presentation, it became abundantly obvious that this school was founded by a visionary group of parents who were deeply invested in this community and in their vision to start an independent, English medium, secondary school that would serve pupils in Limpopo. It was a courageous leap of faith. They worked tirelessly over a period of time on a task requiring personal sacrifice and commitment. They suffered setbacks but overcame them. They didn't always agree on the way forward but held respectful debates and discussions before settling on a decision that would best serve the community. And it was through the manner in which these extraordinary people conducted themselves and the work ethic they

*"There is no power for change greater than a community discovering what it cares about."*  
- Margaret J. Wheatley

showed that these founders of our school laid the foundations for our ethos. It is fitting that as we celebrate this milestone in our young school's life that we use these founders as an example of how to live our lives; that we remain true to the values they instilled and that we remember the spirit of the honey badger, our school mascot, in all that we do.

It was wonderful receiving our new pupils onto campus on Tuesday. We were blessed with a beautiful mountain day and our matrics did us proud as they welcomed parents and new pupils. The enormity of the responsibility that is placed on us as we commit to educating these young men and women does not escape me. As we head into 2023, I do so with a sense of optimism and excitement. I sense positive energy amongst the staff and pupils. The shackles of COVID are off and we look forward to an amazing year. My prayer for this year is that 2023 will be a happy year... a year in which talent is discovered and nurtured, dreams are realised and friendships forged. Let us do ourselves and our school proud in all that we undertake.

I wish you a wonderful year.

God Bless.



## INTER-HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY

In order to celebrate the school's 25th birthday, we are aiming to put on at least 25 events throughout the year. On Tuesday, we kicked off with our first event, Inter-house Cross Country, and the route was specifically chosen to be 2.5km. It was great to see all pupils and staff joining in. Well done to Marc Day (Grade 12) who took on four laps in the scorching heat. Loomis won the event with 296 points, followed by Fenwick (286) and Orvis (265).

### IMPORTANT INFO...



**Induction @ 13:30**  
COMPULSORY FOR ALL PUPILS. SCHOOL DAY ENDS AT 17:00

**Hatchery Play @ 17:00**

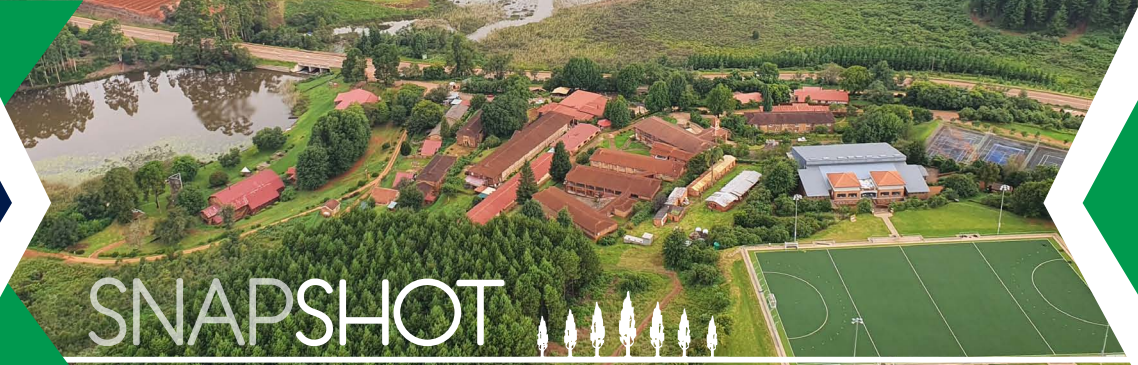


**Inter-House Athletics**  
COMPULSORY FOR ALL PUPILS. SCHOOL DAY ENDS AT 15:30



**The D6 rollover is in progress. Please bear with us as we do this.**





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## Welcome to Stanford Lake College...



**Miss Kerry Blandy**  
*Logistics Coordinator*



**Miss Katie Forrest**  
*English*



**Miss Thelma Hutamo**  
*Academic Intern*



**Miss Joblina Leso**  
*Academic Intern*



**Miss Cathrine Mathaba**  
*Print Room Operator*



**Mrs Jane Meintjes**  
*Librarian*



**Mrs Ncobile Nkosi**  
*HOD Life Sciences*



**Mrs Karin Obojkovits**  
*HOD Visual Arts*



**Mrs Delrine Pretorius**  
*Afrikaans, Assistant HM: Lakeside*



**Mrs Mokgaetjii Tlomatsana**  
*Sepedi*



**Mr Danie Vaughan**  
*Estates Manager*



**Miss Aeron Williams**  
*HOD Accounting*



**HAPPY Birthday**  
Stanford Lake College

**12<sup>th</sup> January**




Yesterday marked 25 years since the school opened its doors. We celebrated at tea time with some lovely birthday cupcakes and in the afternoon we headed to a special assembly to discuss the history of Stanford Lake College. The Spirit Committee then addressed the whole school about the importance of the Badger as the school's mascot and the whole school enjoyed a "Badger Birthday Braai".







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## WELCOME, BABY BADGERS....

