



SNAPSHOT

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Matters of Principal

“Great things are done by a series of small things brought together.”
- Vincent Van Gogh

A few weeks ago, the Environmental Committee asked us all to take part in a challenge to collect plastic tags and bottle tops, with the intention of collecting enough to get a wheelchair for someone in need.

I wonder how many of us took any notice of that challenge? For some, they may have considered the challenge too small to make any difference to the global pollution crisis. Perhaps it won't. But every time we collect a bottle top or plastic tag, it's a prick of conscience. A reminder that we need to do more. And do better.

And does that mind set not need to apply in all that we do - be it preparing a lesson, playing a game of hockey, spending more quality time with our children? There's something to be said for the little disciplines leading to success, be it making one's bed in the morning or sticking to an exercise routine or committing to collecting those

bottle tops. Our pupils sometimes need reminders of what this means at Stanford. It means committing to your extra mural activity... it means doing a proper job of being a mentor...taking up the challenge of a Trek.

How can each of us do better... do more? Perhaps it starts with our school pulling together to collect enough bottle tops and to get that wheelchair and change someone's life. Let's be the change in this world by doing our little bit!

We have a busy weekend ahead I trust it will be a blessed one for all of you.



1st Game a win for 1st Team Girls

On Tuesday, 7th March, the 1st Team Hockey girls played a pre-season friendly match against the University of Limpopo. The game started with Stanford pressing forward, trying to dominate the opposition's half and managing to create goal scoring opportunities within the first two minutes. However, the university ladies showed great resilience in defending and putting all ten of their field players behind the ball, preventing the Stanfords from scoring even after a couple of well executed penalty corners.

In the second quarter, Maki Inama broke the deadlock by converting a penalty stroke. A few phases later she managed to double the score ending the second quarter at 2 - 0 in favour of the Stanfords. The third quarter remained the same, with the Stanfords failing to convert clear cut chances. Nanaki Kgopong added to the tally through a well worked goal in the dying stages of the third quarter. The final quarter was a replica of the third quarter, this time Isabella Brett scoring the goal.

Overall, it was an exciting match with many highlights and moments of great skill and brilliance, the Stanford Lake College Girls deservedly claimed the 4 - 0 victory and their performance bodes well for their upcoming season. We wish them all the best.

LATEST FROM THE TRACK

On Saturday, 4th March, four of our athletes participated in the Limpopo Athletics Championship hosted at Peter Mokaba Stadium. Zayd Moosa was our first athlete to participate. He came fourth in javelin and won a bronze medal in shot put. Isabella Brett won two silver medals; one in shot put and the other in discus. Kian Noné finished third in high jump for boys U/19 with a height of 1.85m. Nanaki Kgopong finished third in her 200m heat for Girls U/17. Well done to these athletes who made it this far. Your hard work and determination were rewarded.

THINKING KIDS COURSE

Mrs Sunita Glanvill (B.Ed Honours Degree in Learner Support) will be running an Academic Assist and Learner Support Course, Thinking Kids, during next term. She is running it from after half term for 5 weeks. It is done in small groups of 5 - 7. If parents are interested, please contact Sunita Glanvill on sunita@thinkingkids.co.za or 0846203253



Sarah Collins



Isabella Dando



Nsovo Mabila



Khutso Mashego



Amon Negogogo



Seni Myeni



Ewetse Nkwada



Carmen Veldsman

GRADE 10 WATERCOLOUR LANDSCAPES

International **Writers'** Friday, 3rd March *Day*

25 words for 25 years

What does it mean to be a Stanfordian?

Being a Stanfordian is to push yourself to the fullest limits. To try your best and never give up. To try your best at everything.
- Michael Mentis

To be a Stanfordian is to wear the badge with pride and courage, and faith in our community and to believe in our family.
- Andreas Toulou

To me, being a Stanfordian means you try your best. Even if you don't get what you expect, everyone will be there cheering you on.
- Jessica Parker

Being a Stanfordian is about all being together as a family. We all have respect for one another. The seven values bring us all together. - Ethan Hirst

To me, being a Stanfordian means to have the badger spirit. Knowing that you are just one person but you can make a big change. - Dimpho Mangena

Being a Stanfordian means a lot. We are a family. We love each other. At Stanford, we have respect, courage and integrity. I love Stanford. - Ntwanano Mathye

The best from Grade 8.

More in next week's edition





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AN ALTERNATIVE EXPEDITION...

So, we could not go on the Olifants River this year due to very high water levels but we came up with an alternative one in our backyard! Day 1 took us from school up Mount Merrick to the tallest planted tree in the world. We had a beautiful campsite in one of the indigenous sections, or so we thought. That evening we got eaten alive by some small flying insects and we headed to our tents early, to seek some safety away from them.

Day 2 started with an uphill through one of the beautiful indigenous sections in the area on the way to World's View. It was a longer hike than on the first day, but not nearly as bad as the students expected. Camp 2 was at one of the first sawmills on the mountain that was built in 1913! With lush and soft kikuyu grass at our campsite, the pepper ticks were in abundance! Day 3 was a short but itchy hike to Dap Naude Dam where the group received a new challenge. They

had to build rafts to get the whole group across the dam en route to our campsite. We had a wonderful time on the dam with a lot of laughter and screaming. At the end of the paddle the group were reunited with their packs just to face a new challenge. They had to get across the 'flooded' Broederstroom using a 'two line bridge' and their backpacks were sent across the river on a zip line. What fun this was, for most. Some students faced their fears but all made it across safely. Camp was only a short hike away with a welcome swim to clean up afterwards.

Day 4 was a longer hike and took the group to Zwakala where we camped for the evening and once again faced another challenge. They received potjies with ingredients and had to prepare their own supper for the evening. There were some very nice pots but also some interesting ones. This was pure 'glamping' for the group. Our last day was a short hike of about two hours back to school. Well done to the group for a great attitude during this alternative expedition. Thank you to all the staff that came along as well. We are all looking forward to the Soutpansberg expedition in September!





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Apologies for last week's omissions with regards to pupils chosen to represent Limpopo in hockey. Here is the updated list. Well done to all.



Congratulations

The following pupils were selected to represent Limpopo in hockey...

 Marc Day U/18A	 Kgedi Manthata U/18A	 Kian Noné U/18A	 Travis Sithole U/18A	 Travis Hudson U/18B	 Dylan Turner U/18B
 Layla De Bruyn U/18A	 Maki Inama U/18A	 Nanaki Kgopong U/18A	 Zoë Koster U/18B	 Pelo Molepo U/16A	 Lefa Mamabolo U/16B
 Isabella Brett U/16A	 Nsovo Mabila U/16A	 Basani Msimeki U/16A	 Carmen Veldsman U/16A	 Elia Jones U/16B	 Lefa Mashego U/16B
 Renewa Matodzi U/16B	 Sefularo Masedi U/14A	 Molewa Molewa U/14A	 Andreas Toulou U/14A	 Nick Dando U/14B	 Reza Moosa U/14B
 Dario Wasley U/14B	 Aila Tshehla U/14A				

NON-TRAVELLING RESERVES

Ru Ngwarai (U/14 Girls), Robbie Noel (U/14 Boys), Mika Jones (U/16 Girls), Michaela Alcock (U/16 Girls), Iggy Lindeque (U/18 Boys)