

Go make yourself a coffee and put aside some time, because this one's a whopper!..



Matters of Principal

“Everybody can be great because everybody can serve - Life’s most persistent and urgent question is: What are you doing for others?”

- Martin Luther King, Jr.

Last Friday, we celebrated our 2022 Valediction and final Matric dinner. It was a wonderful opportunity for us to acknowledge the Class of 2022. There have been some extraordinary achievements in all spheres of their school life... achievements that were the culmination of five years of hard work. Five years of living and learning on the stunning campus, five years of trying new things, failing occasionally, learning not to give up, and trying again. They celebrated success built on hard work and sacrifice and achievements we can all be proud of.

We were blessed to have alumni Ali Conn address us as our guest speaker. Ali is an amazing young man who has lived an extraordinary life. During his thoroughly engaging speech, he shared some of his life experiences with us. He spoke fondly of his time at Stanford and the lessons that he had learned, many of them being taught without him even knowing. He spoke of his own Valediction and how, during that ceremony, he made an active decision to not allow his disappointment at not being awarded the prize for “The student most likely to succeed in life” to get him down. To the contrary, he made a conscious decision at that point to prove a few people wrong. And he has done just that!

The lesson here for all of us is clear: we will be disappointed at times; we will not always get what we want in life; what is really important is how we react to these disappointments. The attitude that we adopt will go a long way to determining what we

achieve. I sincerely hope that, at Stanford, we create sufficient learning opportunities (both inside and outside the classroom) to ensure that our pupils have a broad range of experiences to draw on when they finally leave our school.

What I most enjoyed about Ali’s message to the pupils was his encouragement to trust our instincts. In his words: *“If I can offer you one tip - trust your intuition, or whatever you want to call it. Your conscience, your spirit, your genius, your instinct.”* He went on to speak about the need to be brave and take the opportunities that come one’s way. In his words: *“Sometimes, just wing it!”*

Ali has crammed an enormous amount into his 31 years. He has met superstars, traveled and lived an extraordinary life, but to me, his most incredible achievement is the work he has done with SA Harvest in redistributing in excess of 30 million meals to South Africans in need. He has remained humble and grounded in his community. Ali serves as an amazing example of how one person with drive and vision can make a real difference.

Have a fantastic weekend.

God Bless



HONOURS PUPILS AWARDED

Congratulations to Kade Thompson who was awarded Honours for Fly Fishing, and to Micaela Wight who was awarded Honours for Academics, during the Valediction and Prize giving Ceremony held last week.

Zoë Burman and Rachel Thompson were also re-awarded Academic Honours.



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Valediction 2022

Congratulations to the following recipients of awards:

Danish Saleem	Scholefield Shield DUX Scholar 2021
Tanatswa Murasiranwa and Devon Coad	Vanner Trophy - Awarded to a Matric Pupil who, on the sports field, has shown the qualities of commitment, determination and sportsmanship
Ruben le Roux	Wolff Trophy for the Best Senior Rider riding at a National Level
Gordon Noel	Colin Brent Trophy for Mountain Biking
Luke Fairhead	Aus-Am Trophy for Fly Fishing
Lwazi Motumi	Stephan le Roux Trophy for the Best Senior Boy Hockey Player
Xilombe Ndlopfu	Stirling Trophy for the Best Senior Rugby Player
Devon Coad	Friedrichs Trophy - Awarded to a Matric student who has showed exceptional commitment and dedication to Cricket
Heidi Katzke and Benno Kotzé	Adventurer of the Year - Awarded to a Matric student who showed exceptional commitment and dedication to all forms of Adventure
Tanatswa Murasiranwa	Certificate of excellence - Awarded to a Matric student who has showed exceptional commitment and dedication to Netball
Christian Krüger	Certificate of excellence - Awarded to a Matric student who has showed exceptional commitment and dedication to Soccer
Zayana Moosa	Blight Trophy - English Public Speaking
Tanatswa Murasiranwa	Zach Schuurs Trophy - Service to Culture
Layla de Bruyn	Zach Schuurs Trophy - Drama
Tukisho Ramohlale and Zoë Koster	Zach Schuurs Trophy - Music
FENWICK	Stranack Inter-House Trophy : Overall Winner of All Inter-House Competitions
Zoë Burman	Ken Shuter Trophy : English Home Language Prize
Rachel Thompson	CJ Cassim Trophy : Advanced Programme English Prize
Koni Fobbe	Fenske Trophy : Afrikaans First Additional Language Prize
Anika Willemse	Kromberg Trophy : Proficiency in English and Afrikaans
Jacinta Kubayi	D'Arcy Herrman Trophy : Accounting Prize
Cara Prinsloo	"La Trofia Madera del Arte" : Visual Arts Prize
Rachel Thompson	Thompson Trophy : Outstanding Artist
Zoë Burman	Morris Trophy : Life Science Prize
Michael Scriven	CAT08KAT Trophy : Computer Application Technology Prize
Zoë Burman	Information Technology Trophy
Zoë Burman	Life Orientation Prize
Jack Tasker	Kenney Brokers Trophy : Business Studies Prize
Jack Tasker	Jack Trophy : Geography Prize
Micaela Wight	Waller Trophy : History Prize
Heidi Katzke	Mathematical Literacy Prize
Zoë Burman	Calculus Trophy : Mathematics Prize
Zoë Burman	Cassim Trophy : Advanced Programme Mathematics Prize
Zoë Burman	Einstein Trophy : Physical Science Prize
Xilombe Ndlopfu	Marco Visser Trophy : Exceptional Academic Improvement in Grade 12
Rachel Thompson	Da Silva Trophy : Consistent Academic Excellence throughout High School
Zoë Burman	Coach House Trophy : Best Results in Preliminary Examinations
Zoë Burman	Ubuntu Trophy : Exceptional Service to the Community
Zoë Burman	Baleta Trophy (Voted for by the whole school) - Awarded to a pupil, from any grade, who is future-smart, who knows where they are going and how to get there
Tanatswa Murasiranwa	Geldenhuis Trophy - Awarded to a MATRIC PUPIL who has achieved excellence in all spheres of school life - academic, sport & cultural activities
Tanatswa Murasiranwa	Jarrod Zamparini Trophy - Awarded to a MATRIC PUPIL who has most used the opportunities offered to them and in so doing has exemplified the values of the College
Zoë Burman	Georgina Smit Trophy (Voted for by the Matrics) - Awarded to a MATRIC PUPIL, who by being pro-active & having the courage to stand up for what is right, made a positive contribution to the school
Tanatswa Murasiranwa	Amm Trophy (Voted for by the whole school) - Awarded to a MATRIC PUPIL who has best shown the qualities of care, compassion, honesty, integrity & understanding



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POOLSIDE NEWS

On the 24th of September, Jenny Zhang and Pearson Mumba participated in the Interprovincial Gala which took place at Stanford Lake College. The gala was hosted by Limpopo and Mpumalanga and Limpopo participated in the event. Jenny swam a total of four individual events including the 200m IM, 100m backstroke, 100m butterfly, 100m freestyle as well as 2 relays and received 4 gold medals for all her individual events as well as receiving first place for both of the relays that she participated in. Pearson got a Bronze medal for 100m Breaststroke, first position for 200m Freestyle relay and 200m IM relay.

On the 3rd of October, Jenny participated in the Sasolburg Swimming Club Invitational Gala which took place in Sasolburg, Free State. Swimmers from all over the country were invited to participate. This year was the gala's 50th anniversary and we sadly found out that this gala could potentially be one of the last Sasolburg galas but the gala ended off on a high note with Jenny swimming 9 events as well as receiving 9 medals consisting of 3 gold medals, 4 silver medals and 2 bronze medals.

Last weekend, the Stanford Swimming Team took part in the Limpopo Top 10 gala in Tzaneen. Unfortunately, due to other sports commitments, and the matrics celebrating their Valediction, it was a much depleted team which took on the always tough Top 10 gala. However, those who did swim gave it their best and there were some fantastic individual performances from Pearson Mumba, Carmen Veldsman and Jenny Zhang. Jenny won all of her events, breaking two Top 10 records in the process. She was also awarded Senior Victrix Ludorum for the day, an incredible achievement considering the competition.



ELZINE - MISS TEEN SA!

Congratulations to Elziné Kotzé, who recently attended the Miss Teen International SA 2022 competition that was hosted by Pageants SA on Saturday, 8th October. Contestants from all over the country attended. Elziné won the title Miss Teen SA International, in the category 15-16 years. There were 31 contestants in her category making it the biggest group of the day. The win entitles her to represent SA in Turkey in May next year at Miss Teen World. Well done, Elziné! She also competed in the Miss Letaba Show for 16 - 24 year olds on the 3rd September and was announced Best dressed and 2nd princess.



Carla Schulenburg, Grade 9, successfully completed the Unisa Grade five piano examination recently. This is an admirable achievement for someone her age. Before the end of this month, she will be writing the Unisa Grade four theory examination. We congratulate her on this accomplishment and wish her all the best for the upcoming theory examination.

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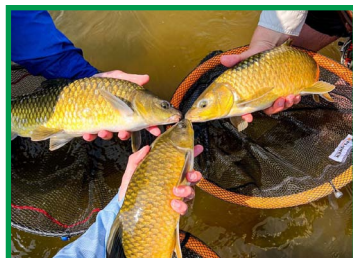
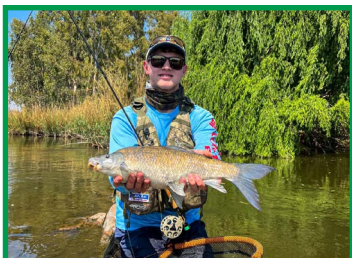
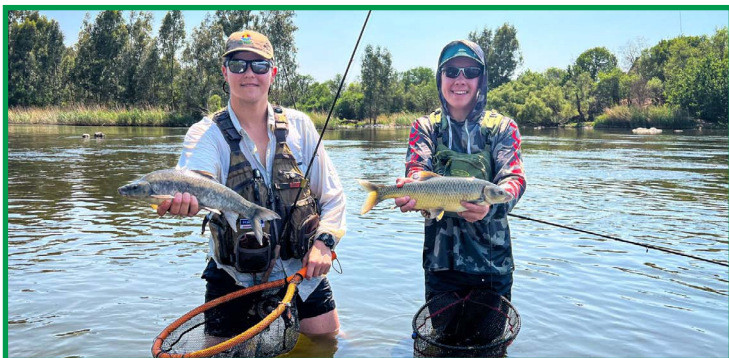
FLY FISHING NEWS

By Luke Fairhead

During the holiday, the Limpopo Youth Fly Fishing team went to Vaal de Sioleh to compete in the 2022 National Youth Fly Fishing Championships. Four of our six-man team were Stanfordians, including myself, Bodo Schulenburg, David Mulder and Kade Thompson.

We spent a full week on the Vaal river, practising for 4 days, refining techniques and selecting flies to use in the competition. We all caught great fish, with lots of Small Mouth Yellowfish over 60cm long being caught. The practice payed off, and Limpopo got its first team gold since the Youth Nationals first took place in 2004, beating Cape Winelands by just 6 placing points. Bodo placed 31st against older and more experienced anglers at his first nationals. Kade, David and myself placed 2nd, 9th and 6th respectively, with David also taking part in his first Nationals. We caught a total of 140 fish between us for the duration of the competition, with many more fish coming out during the practice days.

It was a tough competition, with tough wading, lots of stress, team chats and late night preparation, but persistence and dedication from the team and coach, Peter Schulenburg, bore fruit. We have already received dates for next year's Youth Nationals, and hope to keep the momentum going.



RUBEN MAKES HISTORY FOR SANESA LIMPOPO

Ruben le Roux was invited to represent SA in Mauritius from 19 - 27 September at Club Hippique de Maurice. On the Wednesday, a ceremony was held where the riders had to draw a name from a cup to see which horse they would participate on in the competition. Ruben drew a thoroughbred, City of Choice, from the local riding school. They had a few minutes to get to know the horse, and were allowed eight jumps on the horse.

On the Friday, they were back at the show venue for the first day of jumping. Ruben and City of Choice jumped in the 1m class. It was Ruben's first time jumping under spread lights - the show only started after 20:00! They jumped beautifully, though not clear, to end in 5th place.

On Saturday night, the final event was on, with a parade of the teams and horses, and then the jumping classes followed. This was a huge challenge as it was raining, muddy, wet and cold. The trainer in Mauritius' advice to Ruben before the class was, "Jump like a Mauritian - don't plan your strides like you are used to in SA. Just go!" So Ruben did. And they ended in third place! The SA flag came out, and the victory lap was very special for rider, horse and horse owner!

Three days after returning from Mauritius, Ruben was off to the SANESA National Championships in Kyalami. Ruben made history for SANESA Limpopo as a double championship winner! Ruben and Capital Clooney won the National Champs 130cm show jumping competition class (highest level at school level) and Ruben and TI Quinta won the open equitation class (also the highest level)! During the SANESA Limpopo Prize giving on the 8th October, Ruben was named as Equitation rider of the year 2022 and Showjumper of the year 2022.



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Christmas Carol Service 2022

Wednesday 30th November 6:30pm-7:30 pm

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through passport control, we could relax and officially get excited. We settled into our seats and started the 33-hour journey to Balliol College.

We arrived at Oxford and met with delegates from over 150 global member schools for a jam-packed 5 days of events. The previous RSIC that was held in the UK was opened by Her Majesty The Queen in 2012. The conference started with a bang as the Chair of Round Square opened by introducing all the attending schools. This exciting event was followed by several others including cultural events, ceilidh dancing, an Alice in Wonderland-themed adventure race through the city of Oxford, special guest speakers, talks from Alumni, interesting Baraza discussions, a theatre show, bus tours of Oxford, trinket shopping and of course, the inevitable hunt for Mr Moshia's Nando's.

After saying goodbye to our new lifelong friends from all over the globe, we headed north to Scotland for our post-conference tour. There, we met our tour guide in a kilt, who took us on a Harry Potter walk through Edinburgh. The post-conference was a cultural experience of a lifetime with visits to Sterling Castle, Inverness, a boat ride to see if we could spot Nessy (the imaginary Lochness Monster), a beautiful road trip through the Highlands to end our trip in the city of Glasgow.

It was a privilege to be able to represent our school in this way and we are looking forward to doing so again in 2023 at Brookhouse in Kenya.

A very British Adventure

The Round Square International Conference is an annual global event where Round Square member schools come together to network and discuss contemporary cultural topics. For the first time since the pandemic, the RSIC could take place and was held at Oxford University in the UK on the 19th of September. The seven student delegates who represented Stanford were Layla De Bruyn, Langa Sithole, David Mulder, Anointed Tshivhengwa, Lana Otto, Lungile Sithole-Wiltshire and Laura-Anne Muller; accompanied by Ms Izet Bredenhann and Mr Jack Moshia.

The nine of us set off on an adventure of a lifetime on the morning of the 18th September with much excitement! As soon as we got




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ST PETER'S SOCCER NEWS

At the start of the holidays, the 1st Team Soccer Boys travelled to Johannesburg to compete in the St Peter's Football festival. The festival had 32 teams invited including a few schools coming from our neighbouring countries. The festival was in knockout format. We were drawn with Prestige, St John's College and King's College in Pool B.

Upon arrival in Gauteng, the boys hit the ground running and played the first match of the Boys' Cup against Prestige. Due to a disorganised setup, we conceded a goal within the first 5 minutes. The boys fought hard and created many chances but, unfortunately, could not convert their chances. It was a rather frustrating afternoon for the boys and coaching staff. The match ended 1 - 0 to Prestige.

On the second day of the festival, Stanford played early against King's College. The boys were in high spirits and determined for a win. They started the match slowly and, unfortunately, conceded early. However, the boys stepped up to the challenge and started creating chances. At the stroke of half-time they managed to find an equaliser through Nkhensani Mashota. In the second half they were more dominant and had better control of the game. The boys created more chances and managed to gain the lead through a beautiful goal by Kondwani Buliani. The defenders played really well and avoided conceding a goal. The match ended 2 - 1 to Stanford.

In the afternoon match, the team was faced with the challenge of playing against a stronger St John's College side. The match was very physical and the boys gave their all to create chances but conceded first within the first half. They came back refreshed and managed to equalise through a beautiful header by Christian Krüger. The thrilling intensity of the game made it enjoyable and entertaining for the spectators. They unfortunately conceded 2 goals in the last few minutes and the game ended 3 - 1 to St John's College.

Due to failing to make it to first or second place in our group, the Stanford team was relegated to the Shield. They played a quarter final match against Enjabulweni from eSwatini. They had a dominant display in this match and managed to get an early lead through Kondwani Buliani. They created more chances and managed to get another goal through a beautiful scorpion kick by Lwazi Motumi. In the second half the boys continued creating more chances but could not convert. Having one foot in the semi's, they could not manage their game and conceded 2 goals within the last 10 minutes of the game. The game then went straight to a penalty shootout and Stanford lost 5 - 4. Due to that result, the Stanford team was eliminated from the festival and could not play any further. The tour was enjoyed by the boys and was instrumental in their learning journey.

Thanks to Mr Mpangeva, Mr Ngcelwane and Coach Gama for accompanying the boys. Thanks to the parents for their continued support and to everyone who contributed to making the tour a success. Well done, boys!



PUPILS SNATCH BACK THE CAROLAN CUP

On Tuesday, the 1st XI and the staff competed in the yearly staff vs 1st XI match. The staff won the toss and elected to bowl first. Mr Friedrichs produced a great spell at the start taking two wickets, he was followed closely by Mr Haarhoff also contributing with two wickets. Mr de Lange was the pick of the bowlers taking 6 wickets which included a hat-trick. Peter Pratt was the best batsman scoring 50 runs. The 1st XI posted a score of 114 runs.

The staff started their chase and weren't off to a great start as Devon Coad took three wickets in his second over. Connor Veldsman also took a couple of wickets. With the staff being on 80/9 Mr Mabayah scoring 38 runs and Mr Moshia nine runs brought the game alive again with the staff losing the game by 1 run. It was a fun day and enjoyed by all.



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FINAL INTER-HOUSE BASHES

On Wednesday of last week, all three houses took to the astro turf for inter-house hockey in the senior and junior age groups for both boys and girls. The first round of matches was met with a lot of enthusiasm as the pupils partook in some healthy competition. On the day, the best junior girls' team was Fenwick as they beat both Loomis and Orvis by one goal to nil. The best Junior boys' team was also Fenwick as they beat Orvis 4 - 3 and Loomis 6 - 0. The best senior girls' team was Fenwick who narrowly beat a fighting Loomis 4 - 3 and Orvis 4 - 0. The best senior boys' team was Loomis who beat Fenwick 4 - 3 and Orvis 3 - 2. Collectively, Fenwick won the inter-house hockey with 16 points, Loomis came second with 12 points and Orvis third with 9 points.

On Thursday, the three houses then battled it out on the cricket fields. The spirits were high and the boys were keen to get on the field and have a go at each other. The first match saw Orvis beating Loomis comfortably. Orvis bowled first and only conceded 52 runs in their five overs. Orvis chased this down within 2.3 overs to win the game by four wickets. The second match of the day saw Fenwick taking on Loomis. Fenwick batted first and scored 81 runs in their allotted overs. Loomis started their chase on the back foot but Aryan Ghelani took them close to the mark. Fenwick won the game by 13 runs. The last game of the day was Orvis vs Fenwick. Fenwick batted first and posted a mammoth total of 94 runs in their five overs. Orvis chased this target down with three balls to spare.

Peter Pratt was the batsman of the day, scoring 83 runs. Tallen Smit was the bowler of the day, taking 5 wickets for 23 runs.

Whilst the boys were busy at the crease, the girls battled it out on the netball courts. Their three month break from the game was evident with many uncharacteristic errors. However, it was a day filled with lots of laughter and some serious competition. The overall winners were the "Blue Army", Fenwick. They managed to secure a 9 - 3 victory against Loomis and 10 - 3 against Orvis. Loomis took second place as they were victorious in their encounter with Orvis, winning 5 - 2.

MATRICES TAKE TO THE CREASE ONE LAST TIME

On Saturday, 15th October the 1st XI travelled down the mountain to take on Merensky. Stanford won the toss and elected to bowl first. Devon Coad took three wickets for 37 runs in 7 overs and Connor Veldsman kept things very tight at the start, taking two wickets for 27 runs in six overs. Matt Allison bowled very well and added pressure from one end. He took two wickets for 34 runs in his allotted 10 overs. Merensky was 171 - 5 after 34 overs and went all out for 171 within 37 overs. Travis Hudson took two wickets for one run in two overs and Dylan Turner also contributed with a wicket.

Stanford started the chase well with a 31-run partnership for the first wicket, but just as with the rest of the season, one wicket brought a couple more and Stanford found themselves on 40 - 4. Stanford was eventually bowled out for 82 runs. Travis Hudson was the top scorer with 18 runs and Peter Pratt scoring 17 runs. It was an emotional day that saw the Matrics represent the school for the last time. Gentlemen, thanks for your service to cricket over the past five years.

The U/15 boys also played against Merensky. Stanford batted first and only managed to score 40 runs. The Merensky boys passed the total in quick time, only losing one wicket. Stanford lost by nine wickets.

