



## Matters of Principal

This week, Grant Norton (our Deputy Headmaster Academics), hosted an assembly with an academic focus. As with so much in our school, it was wonderful to pause and acknowledge the achievements of so many of our pupils. The school also heard from our top academics about how they achieved success. The tried and tested techniques were listed: plan properly, prepare for assessments and assignments and not leaving academics to chance were points reiterated by all who spoke. The importance of making good use of classroom contact time, doing prep properly and creating a balance between academics, social time and extra-murals was also reinforced. Mr Norton added that pupils needed to take responsibility for their performance and be accountable for the quality of work produced. Another matter raised by Mr Norton was that of extra lessons. An extra lesson is not a replacement for the lesson at school but should serve to assist, support and reinforce when other avenues have been exhausted. Some of our pupils think that attending a few extra lessons will solve all problems and

*"Success is no accident. It is hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice and most of all, **love of what you are doing or learning to do.**"*  
— Pelé

this is not the case. Before seeking out a tutor, please remember that we offer an extra lesson programme led by several staff members in the afternoons as well as Academic Assist - a pupil-led initiative run by Rachel Thompson (Head of the Academic Committee). She too spoke in assembly about that programme. Finally, we celebrated our success in the Tritech Science Competition. We also had the pleasure of awarding Academic Colours to Lulu Cooper and acknowledged the pupils who achieved at the highest levels in the Grade 11 leBT examinations and the Junior Afrikaans Olympiad. Next week we host our first parents meet teachers meeting. This is an important opportunity for parents to gain some insight into the academic program and their child's progress. I urge you to attend.

I wish you all a happy weekend.

## IMPORTANT DATES



Stanford Lake College's Round Square Conference for 14 - 15 year olds. We look forward to welcoming pupils from 10 different schools to our campus.



Grade 8 Iron Crown Expedition. More details on our website under Resources for Parents > Adventure and Trek Information



Matric Dance! Time for the pupils to don their best suits and dresses and let their hair down for the evening.



Grade 9 "In The Footsteps of Legends" Expedition. More details on our website under Resources for Parents > Adventure and Trek Information



Open Weekend! Pupils from Grades 6 and 7 are invited to spend the night on campus and get a taste for life at Stanford Lake College!



The Wik Triathlon! Dust off the running tekkies and squeeze into that Speedo, it's time for the annual Wik Triathlon at SLC.

## ATHLETICS

On Wednesday, a number of Stanford's athletes participated in the Tzaneen Circuit Secondary competition. All our athletes placed first or second, which means they all qualify to participate in the Cluster Competition on Thursday 17 February. Well done to Thabang Shabangu, Ethen Mwesigwa, Fia Niemann, Isabella Dando, Zayd Moosa, Jenny Zhang, Isabella Alcock, Caitlin le Roux, David Ramalepe, Marc Day, Ashley Mhelembe, Kian Noné, Devon Coad, Kondwani Buliani and Lwazi Motumi. We wish these athletes all the best. The Hoërskool Louis Trichardt Athletics meeting's results will be in next week's edition.

The Grade 8s enjoyed a sleep out on the top field on Tuesday evening. It was a great opportunity for them to practise their tent erecting skills and cook on a gas stove. There were many mishaps, mistakes and learning curves, but thankfully this "dry run" will ensure that they are well prepared for the upcoming expedition to the Iron Crown.

The Grade 9s have been practising their paddling techniques on the river, in preparation for the upcoming expedition on the Olifants River.



## ADVENTURE

## ACADEMIC AWARDS

A number of academic awards were handed out at assembly on Monday.



During the Grade 11 leBT Mathematics exams in November 2021, Zoë Burman came in the top 1% in the country.



During the Grade 11 leBT Mathematics exams in November 2021, Jack Tasker came in the top 1% in the country.



Afrikaans Olympiad awards. From left to right: Morné Lindeque 3rd in Limpopo with 84%, Jana Prinsloo 2nd in Limpopo with 86% and 8th in South Africa, Mr Grant Norton, Elziné Kotzé 1st in Limpopo with 87% and 7th in SA and an outstanding achievement award to Marthinus Venter with 82%.



Full academic colours: Lulu Cooper

## LIFE: ONE BIG ADVENTURE

Over this past weekend, the first event of the Adventure racing Africa Series took place in Swellendam in the Cape. The race stretched over 120km through this beautiful area with amazing landscapes and views. Stanford Lake College was represented in three teams. Benno Kotzé and Ruben Venter raced in a "male pair" team, Die Akkedisse. Heidi Katzke and Jarryd Gosling, who matriculated last year, raced with two others in a "mixed four" team, Balega. SLC parents also represented with Zelda and Walt Katzke and Bertus and Daleen Venter racing in a "four mixed" team, K4. Team Balega gave it horns from start to finish, pushing through transitions and with on point navigation. They managed to complete the race in just over 15 hours, finishing in an amazing 4th place. Well done Heidi and Jarryd. Die Akkedisse pushed from the start as well, but got a bit lost in the middle legs. They managed to correct themselves and pushed through to finish in approximately 22 hours. They also managed a podium position, finishing 2nd in the Male Pair category. Team K4 also raced hard, really enjoying themselves and finished shortly after Die Akkedisse. Well done to the SLC parents for putting it out there and being the example. A very well done to all the Stanfords who participated.




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## LIFE: ONE BIG ADVENTURE

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COVID-19 NOTICE: We will continue to monitor COVID-19 regulations and advise on any changes by beginning March 2022.



OPEN WEEKEND  
11<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> MARCH  
2022

FOR GR 6&7'S

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college's seven moral principles

As the Open Weekend falls on the same weekend as The WIK Triathlon, we suggest parents make accommodation bookings as soon as possible via [Travelground](http://Travelground.co.za), [Booking.com](http://Booking.com) and [www.limpopo-bookings.co.za](http://www.limpopo-bookings.co.za). It's going to be a busy weekend on "the mountain".



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THE WIK  
MEMORIAL TRIATHLON

13 / 03 / 2022

The Wik will take place on 13 March 2022 at Stanford Lake College. The event is a tribute to former Stanford staff member, Wik van der Walt, and is a coming together of friends, family, athletes and sport lovers of all ages.

As the only Triathlon South Africa sanctioned race in the Limpopo province, the event's popularity has grown each year since its inception in 2013. It gives beginners and young enthusiasts, families and more seasoned athletes an opportunity to experience a multi-disciplinary event in a fun, scenic environment.

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