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Matters of Principal

"I dream of the realization of the unity of Africa, whereby its leaders combine in their efforts to solve the problems of this continent. I dream of our vast deserts, of our forests, of all our great wildernesses."

- Nelson Mandela

Over the past two days, I have had the privilege of hosting a Grade 11 Leadership workshop. I have presented many similar workshops but this one has been particularly engaging. The pupils have responded superbly: they have committed to the process, they have embraced the time, participated enthusiastically, contributed in all aspects and (I hope) will walk away richer for the experience. The programme has focused on our values and - in particular - servant-based leadership. The concept of not being "too big to do the small thing" has been at the centre of what we have discussed.

one where everyone feels welcome. They want to see our school doing things together but, more than that, they want to instill a sense of joy and pride in all that we do.

What has been the most gratifying part of the programme has been the manner in which they came together to workshop a mission statement. While we had discussions around all our core values, the one value that they focused on was Ubuntu. They spoke of unity and group cohesion too and their outstanding wish for next year is that they create a unified school: one where everyone is pulling in the same direction; one where every pupil feels a part of the whole;

As a group, they put this thinking into action immediately as they embarked on a Potjie MasterChef competition yesterday afternoon. They delegated duties, identified one another's strength and went about preparing 5 fantastic potjies and decorating their tables whilst also having an enormous amount of fun. They celebrated one another's successes and genuinely enjoyed one another's company. As we move into a period where we will identify pupils for formal leadership positions, I am confident that this Grade 11 class will lead as a collective. I look forward to them setting an excellent example and moving our school forward.

HONOURS AWARDS

A special awards assembly was held on Monday and a number of pupils were awarded for the excellence they have shown in different spheres of Stanford life. Congratulations to each person who received an award.

Six pupils received Honours for the ongoing commitment and achievements in sports, culture and academics. Both Marc Day and Travis Sithole received Honours for their commitment to hockey. Both boys have played Limpopo hockey since the U/14 squad and have played pivotal roles in both school teams and provincial teams.

Tukisho Ramohlale and Zoë Koster were awarded Honours for the commitment they have shown to Culture. Both girls have sung group songs and solos at numerous school events and productions as well as competing in Eisteddfods. Both girls hold the stage beautifully and have earned their white blazers through their commitment to culture within Stanford Lake College.

Nanaki Kgopong was reawarded Honours for Academics and Jenny Zhang received her second Honours for the school. This time for Academics and previously for swimming.





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NEWS IN BRIEF

CROSS COUNTRY



Congratulations to Tristan Brett who, through hard training and good results, has been selected to the Limpopo Cross Country team. He will represent LIMA at the National Cross Country Championships later this year. Well done and good luck, Tristan.

ASTRO BOARDS

We have a number of advertising boards available at our astro should you wish to advertise your business. During the hockey season, the astro is abuzz with fixtures. Not only for SLC but Limpopo Hockey too. Send an email to Mr Mabayah for more information: tmabayah@slc.co.za



APPEL SCHOOL

We recently donated ten PCs to Appel School. The PCs were rebuilt by our IT Technician, Mr Rachidi, from old parts and he then went through to Appel to set them up. We hope they will go a long way in teaching computer literacy to the Appel pupils.

TENNIS

The 1st Tennis Team has played two league matches over the past two weeks, both of which have been very successful. This is a very young team with most senior players now leaving us at the end of the year, and the youngsters have really stepped up and done Stanford proud. On Wednesday they took on Mitchell House against much older and more experienced opposition. However, all of our players won their games, including the doubles, and left the courts having done us really proud.



The weekend of 12 August was race #2 in the schools XCO series and at a new venue – Tom Naude Technical High School. Stanford had five riders competing; Gordon Noel, Robert Noel, Lungile Sithole-Wiltshire, Judah Leher and Matthew Pullinger (riding in his first ever mountain bike race). The track was flat and fast with a lot of short sharp turns. Some of those turns were loose and caught a lot of riders by surprise – even the likes of seasoned riders such as Lungile and Gordon! That fall unfortunately cost Gordon the 1st place. He fought back valiantly but just could not make up the lost ground and finished in 2nd place on the day. All the other riders bettered their placings from the first event! Well done to all the riders that competed and good luck with the next one in Louis Trichardt.

Spring Social

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NEWS AT THE CREASE

U/15 BOYS VS GIYANI

On Saturday, the U/15 cricket team played their first league match against Giyani, and it was an exceptional performance from the Baby Badgers, led by the captain, Josh Doolabh. Batting at number 3, Josh scored an incredible 152 not out. This is an excellent achievement at any level of cricket, and he saw the team score an impressive 345 declared. The boys took to the field with much enthusiasm, and managed to bowl Giyani out for 83, led by some fantastic bowling by Aryan Parekh and Dario Wasley, who took 3 wickets a piece. This is a brilliant start to the season for the U/15s and we look forward to many more.



1ST TEAM BOYS VS SOUTHERN CROSS

On Saturday 12 August, Stanford played against Southern Cross at home. Stanford lost the toss and was asked to bat first. The opening batsmen did a good job and saw off the new ball. Unfortunately, they both went out close to each other and this brought in Zayd Moosa who scored 37 runs off 18 balls. He lost his wicket and Finn Straughan continued the onslaught scoring 51 runs off 33 balls. Stanford was bowled out for 172 runs in 26 overs.

The bowlers started off well by keeping the field tight. Matthew Allison came into the attack in the 14th over and bowled an excellent spell taking 6 wickets for 44 runs in his allotted 10 overs. He was well supported by David Mulder who only conceded 26 runs in his 10 overs. The opposition on 66-5 then fought back and a couple of drop catches towards the end of the innings cost Stanford the game, with Stanford losing by 4 wickets.



GIRLS VS MERENSKY

On Monday, the 14th of August, the girls cricket team faced Merensky, opting to bat first after winning the toss. The decision to bat first seemed strategic, as they would leave Merensky in the Tzaneen sun for the earlier hours of the afternoon. However, as the innings unfolded, it became clear that the task wouldn't be as straightforward as hoped. The challenge began early on as the girls found it difficult to establish partnerships and momentum, with soft dismissals and unfortunate run outs being the tale of their innings, the Stanford Lake innings closed at 51 runs for the loss of all wickets in 16 overs.

The bowlers rose to the occasion with very few extras given, all players were fielding with determination as the girls tried to defend their total. While the challenge of defending 51 runs was formidable, the girls' spirited effort was evident. Unfortunately, the target was chased down in 10.2 overs, leading to a Merensky win. The journey of improvement continues and each match serves as a stepping stone towards being experienced all-rounded cricketers. Well done, girls!



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UPLANDS SOCCER TOUR

The Stanford football teams travelled to Uplands College last weekend for what has become an annual football festival. Four teams competed against Uplands College and Curro Nelspruit. Each team had three fixtures, a warm up game against an Uplands Mixed team, one against Curro Nelspruit and the final game against Uplands A-Team.

U/15 GIRLS

The U/15 Girls enjoyed the tournament as they started very strongly winning 8 - 0 against Curro Nelspruit. The momentum was taken into the second game where they beat the Uplands Mixed Team 2 - 1. In the last game, the girls played a tough game against Uplands U/15A and scored first. Due to not managing the game well, they conceded two goals and lost the match 2 - 1.

U/15 BOYS

The U/15 Boys started very slowly in their game against Curro Nelspruit and conceded three goals in the first 10 minutes of the game. They managed to create chances after that but could not score in the first half. In the second half, the boys came back stronger and managed to score three to equalise. They dominated the second half but made a silly mistake in the last few minutes which led to Curro scoring and winning the game. Going into the second game, they knew they had to play harder. This was a tough match against Uplands Mixed Team as the possession was shared between the teams. The Stanford boys managed to find a goal through a corner kick. They continued to defend well and managed to keep a clean sheet, winning the match 1 - 0. Going into the last match, they were determined to make an impact and win against the Uplands U/15A Boys. Unfortunately, they struggled to convert their chances. Uplands scored three goals before halftime. The boys came back with intent and managed to score a goal. The game ended 3 - 1 to Uplands.

1ST TEAM GIRLS

The 1st Team Girls started very well against Curro Nelspruit. They played nicely in the first half and managed to score two goals. In the second half, the girls continued to press with intensity. Due to an overlap, there was an error at the back that resulted in Curro scoring a goal. The girls held it tight until the end. The match ended 2 - 1 to Stanford. The second game was a tough one against Uplands Mixed Team. The Stanford team started positively and created many chances. They unfortunately could not convert their chances and were caught on numerous counter attacks. In the second half, they had a slow start and poor organisation at the back led to Uplands scoring a goal. The girls defended well to not concede another goal. The match ended 1 - 0 to Uplands Mixed Team. Going into the last game, the team were hungry for a win against Uplands 1st Team. This was a tough match as both sides played well and ball possession was evenly distributed. The girls were caught on two occasions and conceded two penalties, which were both saved. Stanford managed to defend until the end and the match ended 0 - 0.

1ST TEAM BOYS

Going to Uplands was going to be a challenge for the 1st Team Boys as most of the senior players could not go. The 2nd Team players stepped up and played very well for the school. The boys played their first match against Curro Nelspruit, creating many chances and managed to score two goals. With this cushion, the boys had to defend and they did that successfully to finish the game 2 - 0 to Stanford Lake. The boys played their second match against Uplands Mixed Team and were good in the first half. They played really nice football and managed to score two goals. Uplands scored one in the second and the game ended 2 - 1 to Stanford. Going into the third game against Uplands 1st Team, the boys were hungry for a win and wanted to finish the festival unbeaten. They began strongly but Uplands were up to their moves in the first half. The boys continued to be resilient but an error at the back led to Uplands scoring. The Stanford team came back forcefully in the second half and created many chances but struggled to find the back of the net despite continued attack. Towards the end of the second half, a good build-up led to Stanford getting the equaliser. The game ended 1 - 1.