



# Matters of Principal

*"The most beautiful things are not associated with money; they are memories and moments. If you don't celebrate those, they can pass you by."*  
- Alek Wex

The school is back in full swing with an incredibly busy, exciting start to the term. We are 20 days into the new year already and two weeks into Term 1.

After a long and anxious wait, the 2022 Matric results were released earlier this week. We are beyond proud of the performance of our Matric class. Our Dux, Zoë Burman, excelled by attaining a full house of 9 A's. As you would have seen in the press release, we had a number of other top performers who, between them, achieved a total of 103 A's. Rightly so, these top academics deserve acclaim for their years of hard work and commitment. Our matric students took 441 subjects between them. 323 of these individual subject results (73%) were As, Bs or Cs, which is significant. We also acknowledge the symbol shifts of the often unsung achievers: the young man who attained his first English A in 4 years in his final examination; the pupil whose Maths mark improved by 15% over the course of the past year and the many pupils who converted high 50's into 60's and 60's into 70's. We are immensely proud of all of our Matrics. The hard work has paid off and the doors to the rest of their lives have been unlocked. I wish them all the best and also thank and congratulate the staff who worked tirelessly to ensure that our matric class was well-prepared. I know that over the past five years, the Class of 2022 received far more than an academic education: they received a holistic education focusing on attaining the 21st-century skills which will allow them to confidently face the challenges of a modern world.

Athletics which takes place this weekend. They have been through the Hatchery Programme and have worked hard at producing the Hatchery Play. They have ventured out into the deep, dark forests surrounding our campus for a night walk and sleep out in the forest. Overnight rain did very little to dampen their spirits as they arrived happy but exhausted back at school in time for breakfast on Wednesday morning. As a part of our 25-year celebrations, the Adventure Committee organised Stanford Day down at the lake on Wednesday. The Grade 8's chose "The Flintstones" as their designated 1990's cartoon theme. They built and decorated their raft before belting out a war cry and taking on the Ninja Turtles (Grade 12), Scooby-Doo (Grade 11), The Simpsons (Grade 10), and Sponge Bob (Grade 9) in a two-lap raft race around the course on the lake. Despite being the smallest, youngest team on the water, they displayed true Badger Spirit as they took on the older grades in the day's festivities.

Today the Hatchery process comes to an end with the Induction Service at 13h30 and the Hatchery Concert at 17h30 after which our 2023 Grade 8 class are full Stanfordians. As I look back over the past 10 days, I once again realise how much we have to be grateful for. We are privileged to educate these young men and women in such a beautiful environment.

I hope to see many of you over the course of the weekend as we host these events along with the Interhouse Athletics competition.

That same process is already underway for the Grade 8 class of 2023. Over the past 10 days, they have had a really good taste of what that education holds at our school. They have been immersed in the academic programme and been involved in preparation for Interhouse

Go Badgers!



## Where's our Academic Secretary?

You may pop on to campus and see that our Academic Secretary, Mrs Gardner, is no longer in her office space. Well, that's because she is working from home. She is fully rigged up and able to access her work PC from her laptop, whilst sitting in Haenertsburg. Apart from an office phone, she is working completely as normal and is only at the end of an email away. Mrs Gardner even put up her office sign and assures us she is sticking to the same tea break slots. We definitely all miss our staff room chats with her though!

We are collecting e-waste over the next week. If you have any electronic items that need to be disposed off safely, you are welcome to drop them at the back of the Print Room.







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# SNAPSHOT



## Stanford Lake College

### CLASS OF 2022 TOP ACHIEVERS



Zoë Burman  
**9 DISTINCTIONS**



Lulu Cooper  
**6 DISTINCTIONS**



Rachel Thompson  
**6 DISTINCTIONS**



Koni Fobbe  
**5 DISTINCTIONS**



Jemma Henning  
**5 DISTINCTIONS**



Heidi Katzke  
**5 DISTINCTIONS**



Jack Tasker  
**5 DISTINCTIONS**



Micaela Wight  
**5 DISTINCTIONS**



Anika Willemse  
**5 DISTINCTIONS**



Christian Krüger  
**4 DISTINCTIONS**



Asma Modan  
**4 DISTINCTIONS**



Emmana Mohlaba  
**4 DISTINCTIONS**



Tanatswa Murasiranwa  
**4 DISTINCTIONS**



Cara Prinsloo  
**4 DISTINCTIONS**



University  
exemption  
rate



Subject  
distinctions



## MEET THE CLASS OF 2023

### HEAD BOY - KIAN NONÉ

**1** What are your hopes for Stanford Lake College as you help to lead the school this year?

I hope for SLC to excel in sports, at Independent Schools' Athletics, winter sports derbies and tournaments, football matches as well as all the other sports for the year.

**2** What is your proudest accomplishment at Stanford Lake College?

One of my proudest moments was when I scored four goals against Curro Heuvelkruijn in my first season of playing for the First XI Hockey Boys last year.

**3** Share a memorable moment during your time at Stanford Lake College...

2019 - 40 days - It was my first, yet the most fun 40 days that I have experienced here at SLC.

**4** If you could share a meal with any 4 individuals, living or dead, who would they be?

Messi, Neymar Jr, Ronnie Coleman and Arnold Schwarzenegger

**5** If you had to describe yourself as an animal, which one would it be?

I would be a beaver because, I am a hard worker and dedicated to doing the right job.

**6** Where do you see yourself in five years?

I see myself almost finished with my degree and preparing to start my new life.



### HEAD GIRL - OLIVIA DREWETT

**1** What are your hopes for Stanford Lake College as you help to lead the school this year?

I hope to bring more positivity and unity to Stanford as I help lead this year, I would also hope that I can bring more of our badger spirit back again.

**2** What is your proudest accomplishment at Stanford Lake College?

Playing first team hockey and being selected to be Head Girl.

**3** Share a memorable moment during your time at Stanford Lake College...

Singing in the amphitheatre while it was pouring with rain but everyone was still joining in and peoples' spirits were so high and happy.

**4** If you could share a meal with any 4 individuals, living or dead, who would they be?

My Dad, Mom, sister and brother.

**5** If you had to describe yourself as an animal, which one would it be?

I think a squirrel.

**6** Where do you see yourself in five years?

Finishing off university and getting my life started







# SNAPSHOT

## Save the date!



**THE PPS LIMPOPO XCO #2**  
**@Stanford Lake College**  
**Haenertsburg**

**25 February 2023**



See you there!



## WE'RE BADGERS NOW!

- And so a wonderful Hatchery weekend took place last week. The
- Grade 8s had a jam-packed schedule doing different activities that
- align with the seven values of the school, practising their play,
- learning the school song, going on a night walk and jumping in the
- lake. They left exhausted and full of stories. Well done to our Mat-
- rics for facilitating such a great weekend.







# SNAPSHOT

## STANFORD DAY CELEBRATIONS

The pupils spent an afternoon at the lake celebrating “Stanford Day” on Wednesday. In more recent history, this day has been known as “Regatta Day”, but owing to the 25-year celebrations and in order to increase school spirit, we decided to rename it to Stanford Day.

As the school was founded in 1998, the dress-up themes for each grade were 90s cartoons. We had the Matrics as the Teenage Ninja Turtles, Grade 11s as Scooby Doo, Grade 10s as The Simpsons, Grade 9s as Spongebob Squarepants, and the Grade 8s as The Flintstones.

Each grade was scored according to their raft decorations, war cry, position in the raft race, and position in the tug of war. The Grade 12s came out victorious after placing 1st for their war cry, 2nd for their raft decorations, 2nd in the race, and winning the tug of war.

A great afternoon was had by all.

