



The Old Stanfordinian

The Official Newsletter of the Stanford Lake College Alumni Association

Farewell Mr & Mrs Jack

John Maxwell said: "Students don't care how much you know until they know how much you care" resonates with me when I think of this amazing couple. These two people have collectively dedicated more than 80 years to this most noble of professions. I cannot calculate the number of pupils who have passed through their caring hands. The impact that they have made on the lives of children is immeasurable and society owes these two master educators a debt of gratitude.

Denis has often said to me he wished he had written down just a few of the experiences that he has had and documented some of the characters who have crossed his path. Denis and Shirley have worked through a period in which education collectively has undergone the most dramatic changes seen in the profession in the last 200 years, from a time in the early 80's when producing notes was done on a Roneo machine, to an age of AI-generated notes and essays handed in compiled by chat GPT, Denis and Shirley have seen it all. Not many of us know that Shirley was driving a minibus full of children, towing a trailer on a relatively isolated road in central KZN, when she was hijacked at gunpoint. Naturally, her first concern was for the children in her care and (in particular) a young girl who was wheelchair-bound. At gunpoint, she managed to convince the thugs to gently take the girl out of the bus and leave her safely at the side of the road - all of this as the other pupils escaped into the bushes. In her humble manner, she tells me she was frustrated that she did not save the wheelchair too. This all in the days before cell phones!

Denis has worked at all levels in education. He was a headmaster at Ixopo High before coming to Stanford Lake College, choosing to work with children rather than as an administrator. Whenever I meet up with old Stanfordinians, inevitably the first question they ask is "How is Mr Jack and is he still teaching?" He is the Mr Chips of Stanford Lake College.

Both Denis and Shirley are excellent in the classroom but more importantly amazing outside of it, gently guiding, teaching and caring for other people's children whom they have treated as their own. They can now enjoy the peace of their retirement knowing that they have made the most amazing contribution to education and, in so many cases, literally changed people's lives.

We all wish Denis and Shirley a happy, healthy, long retirement and will welcome them on our campus with open arms whenever they feel the need to visit.



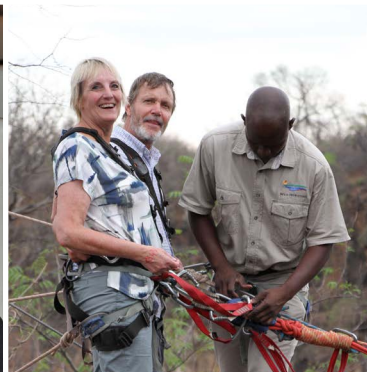
EVENTS

27 JANUARY 2024
Interhouse Athletics

17 MARCH 2024
The Wik Triathlon

17 - 18 MAY 2024
Penryn Derby (Home)

24 - 25 MAY 2024
Beaulieu Derby (Away)



WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING?

Stanfordians excel



OLYMPIAD NEWS

Twenty-one Geography students recently participated in the Geography Olympiad. There were 2544 pupils in South Africa who took part and Stanford achieved the highest result in Limpopo with Luke Fairhead achieving 6th place overall, after making it through to the second round. Other achievers were Gordan Noel with a top 5% and a Gold certificate, Ryno Schultz in the top 10% and a Silver certificate and Keegan Neves achieved a Bronze certificate for being in the top 15% of the candidates.



GOLD
Luke Fairhead



SILVER
Gordon Noel



SILVER
Ryno Schultz



BRONZE
Keegan Neves

The Senior Afrikaans Olympiad was administered and assessed by the ATKV. More than 50 schools and 3451 pupils took part in the Olympiad nationally. Elziné Kotzé and Ryno Schultz were placed in the Top 100 achievers nationally. Elziné obtained first place in Limpopo with 87,69% and received prize money as well as book prizes for her achievement. Ryno came second in the province with 84,62%. The third spot in Limpopo went to Morné Lindeque (80,00%). Out of the top 20 provincial results, we obtained 19 places. Twenty-four of our students took part in the Olympiad. In the Junior Afrikaans Olympiad, Ilne Kotzé was placed first in Limpopo with 80%.



FIRST
Elziné Kotzé



SECOND
Ryno Schultz

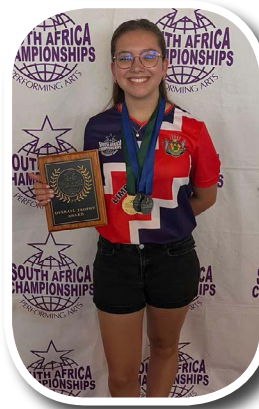


THIRD
Morné Lindeque



FIRST
Ilne Kotzé

ZOE SINGS HER WAY TO L.A.



Zoë Koster, Grade 12, recently spent 10 days competing in the South African Competition of Performing Arts. She won gold for contemporary and pop and silver for Broadway and variety. She also won the overall award for the age 16 - 24. This achievement is remarkable but what is even more exciting is that she has won a place in the team to represent South Africa at the World Competition in Los Angeles next year, with an opportunity of being signed by a record label there!

KING CONSTANTINE AWARDED

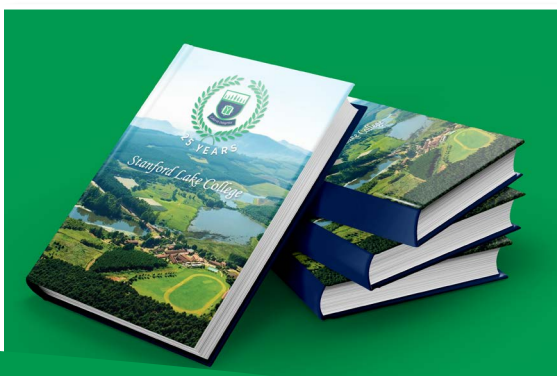
After almost 26 years of service to Stanford Lake College, Mr Piet Prinsloo resigned from the Board of Governors earlier this year. He is the longest serving Board member at Stanford Lake College and during a special assembly, was awarded the King Constantine medal for his service to the school. Piet, we do hope that you will spend many hours in the future, ruminating over a glass of whiskey, about your years at Stanford Lake College, how you were so integral to this school for an incredible 26 years, and how you watched a dream become a reality, and an extremely successful academic institution. This is success! Stanford Lake College is indebted to you. To you we extend our deepest gratitude for your dedication to our school for two and a half decades.



HOT OFF THE PRESS

The 25-year publication is available to purchase! The hardcover coffee table book details the history of Stanford Lake College and is a must have for any old Stanfordian. To purchase your copy (R460.00), please email:

marketing@slc.co.za



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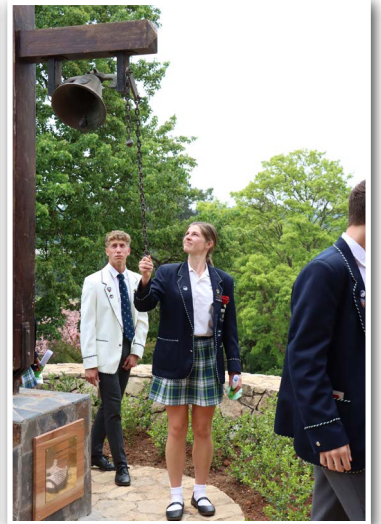
MEMORIAL FOUNTAIN UNVEILED



The Memorial Fountain was officially unveiled on Friday, 13th October, as part of the Valediction celebrations. The fountain was officially opened by our Board Chairperson, Jane Allison, and a dedication was delivered by Pastor Jonathan Meintjes.

COVID-19 had a devastating impact on our world. Lives were lost and lives were changed. In the face of global, national and regional adversity, our little school stood strong. This fountain marks the foresight of our financial planners, the wisdom of our leadership, the support of our parents and the fortitude of our pupils. A place of beauty and of fellowship has come out of those dark years and the fountain reminds us today and in the days that will follow when we are gone, that we not only survived, we flourished.

The old school bell was also reinstated close to the fountain and each pupil of the Matric Class of 2023 rang the bell as they made their way down to their Valediction and prize-giving ceremony.



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WOLKBERG TRAIL RUN

We hosted a very successful Wolkberg Trail Run back in August! This was the first time since 2019 that we hosted the event and we were unsure of what the outcome would be. With that said, we were blessed with 226 participants on the second day of the event and wonderful weather! We had 43 entries for the full two-day stage race of 65km (40km and 25km). All the participants raved about the routes and the area and said they will definitely be back next year. The photos of the event are a true testament that this is a family event – like we planned it in 2014 when the event started. Well done to all the participants that competed and finished the event. A special mention to athlete, Remaketse Lekaka, who completed the two-day stage race (a total of 65km) in a combined time of 5 hours and 39 minutes across the two days - an absolutely exceptional performance.



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VALEDICTION



Zoë Burman **Scholefield Shield** DUX Scholar 2022
 Kian Noné **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
 Marc Day **Stephan le Roux Trophy** for the Best Senior Boy Hockey Player
 Diego Vieira **Stirling Trophy** for the Best Senior Rugby Player
 David Mulder **Friedrichs Trophy** - Awarded to a Matric student who has showed exceptional commitment and dedication to Cricket
 Tristan Brett **Adventurer of the Year** - Awarded to a student who showed exceptional commitment and dedication to all forms of Adventure
 Kwena Makweya **Certificate of excellence** - Awarded to a Matric student who has showed exceptional commitment and dedication to Netball
 Diego Vieira **Certificate of excellence** - Awarded to a Matric student who has showed exceptional commitment and dedication to Soccer
 Tukisho Ramohlale **Ross van Eetveldt Trophy** - Culture
 Zoë Koster **Zach Schuurs Trophy** - Service to Culture
 Layla de Bruyn **Zach Schuurs Trophy** - Drama
 Zaara Turk **Art of Dance Trophy**
 Tukisho Ramohlale and Zoë Koster **Zach Schuurs Trophy** - Music
FENWICK **Stranack Inter-House Trophy**: Overall Winner of All Inter-House Competitions
 Rajveer Gohil **Ken Shuter Trophy**: English Home Language Prize
 Magdelie Els **Fenske Trophy**: Afrikaans First Additional Language Prize
 Magdelie Els **Kromberg Trophy**: Proficiency in English and Afrikaans
 Ashley Mhelembe **D'Arcy Herrman Trophy**: Accounting Prize
 Elektra Gelletich **"La Trofia Madera del Arte"**: Visual Arts Prize
 Layla De Bruyn **Thompson Trophy**: Outstanding Artist
 Rajveer Gohil **Morris Trophy**: Life Science Prize
 Marc Day **CAT08KAT Trophy**: Computer Application Technology Prize
 Rajveer Gohil **Information Technology Trophy**
 Kian Noné and Maki Inama Life Orientation Prize
 Luke Schoeman and Joel Mushambavanhu **Kenney Brokers Trophy**: Business Studies Prize
 Luke Fairhead **Jack Trophy**: Geography Prize
 Luke Schoeman **Waller Trophy**: History Prize
 Mitch Williamson Mathematical Literacy Prize
 Rajveer Gohil and Kian Noné **Calculus Trophy**: Mathematics Prize
 Rajveer Gohil **Cassim Trophy**: Further Studies Mathematics Prize
 Rajveer Gohil **Einstein Trophy**: Physical Science Prize
 Sithembiso Bosch and Jordan Skordi **Marco Visser Trophy**:
 Exceptional Academic Improvement in Grade 12
 Kian Noné **Da Silva Trophy**: Consistent Academic Excellence throughout High School
 Rajveer Gohil **Coach House Trophy**: Best Results in Preliminary Examinations
 Nanaki Kgopong **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
 Lungile Sithole-Wiltshire **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
 Marc Day **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
 Lungile Sithole-Wiltshire **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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PUPIL LEADERSHIP 2024



BUILDING *your* LEADERSHIP TEAM 2024

Just as a puzzle's integrity relies on each part fitting seamlessly, effective leadership harmonises diverse talents and ideas, shaping them into a cohesive and successful whole. We wish our Leadership Team every success as they lead the school in 2024.



HEAD BOY
Thato Moleya



HEAD GIRL
Nanaki Kgopong



DEPUTY HEAD BOY
Dylan Turner



DEPUTY HEAD GIRL
Jenny Zhang



HEAD OF FOUNDERS NORTH
Travis Hudson



HEAD OF FOUNDERS SOUTH
Finn Straughan



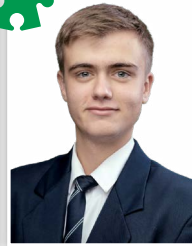
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HEAD OF LAKESIDE
Rachel Netshikulwe



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Jenna Gardiner



HEAD OF DAY SCHOLARS
Ryno Schultz



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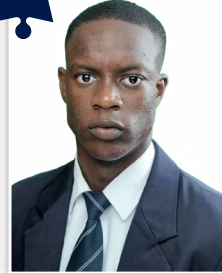
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Nanaki Kgopong



HEAD OF ORVIS
Mokgale Mamabolo



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Isabella Alcock



ALUMNI ACHIEVERS

BUSINESS AND SPORT



JARROD ZAMPARINI

A big congratulations to Jarrod Zamparini (Head Boy of 2006) who was recently named as one of the Mail & Guardian's 200 Young South Africans for 2023. Each year, the Mail & Guardian singles out visionary young South Africans excelling in their careers and having a positive effect on their respective sectors and communities. Jarrod is one such visionary who has dedicated his career to pioneering an obstetric medicine unit at Charlotte Maxeke Johannesburg Academic Hospital, the first and only unit of its kind in SA. Follow the link to read more about Jarrod's influences and achievements.

<https://mg.co.za/200YoungSouthA.../2023/dr-jarrold-zamparini/>

One childhood memory that has spurred you to such levels of achievement?

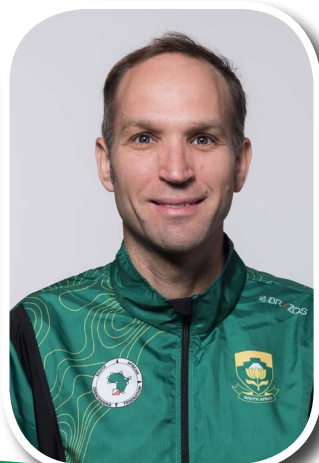
In high school a teacher, now a mentor and friend, helped me overcome my fear of "rolling" in a kayak (capsizing and then righting yourself). The constant encouragement to overcome my fear and work under pressure taught me the value of perseverance — sometimes you have to take the risk of capsizing to get the reward!

Mail & Guardian
200 YOUNG
SOUTH AFRICANS



BRIAN GARDNER

Brian Gardner (Head Boy of 2002), was selected with three others, Carl Holmes, Michael Crone and Sarah Wimberley to represent South Africa at the World Orienteering Championships held in Flims Laax, Switzerland in July 2023. Brian is the current South African Orienteering Champion in the Long Distance category. The World Championships drew teams from 44 countries around the world. The teams from specifically Scandinavia and host country Switzerland showed they were top professionals in a class of their own, in tackling the very tough and technical challenges of the difficult terrain of the Alps. Brian says, "Our team came away having learnt many valuable lessons. I was proud and privileged to be chosen to represent South Africa and it was the experience of a lifetime!"



ALI CONN

Congratulations to Ali Conn (Class of 2007) for winning the prestigious Forty Under 40 award under the category 'Philanthropy and Charity'. The purpose of the award is to recognise and celebrate 40 emerging leaders under the age of 40 who demonstrate or impact the world personally or professionally through their exceptional leadership. Further, he was also nominated as GQ's humanitarian of the year.

Ali is recognised for his work with SA Harvest, an organisation committed to helping vulnerable people by delivering delicious, nutritious food to organisations across South Africa that feed those in need.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOVE IS IN THE AIR



**Emma Melville
(Class of 2019)**

Emma Melville and Michiel Brand tied the knot on the 15th of July, exchanging vows at the picturesque Nooitgedacht Wine Estate in Stellenbosch.



**Tristan Oliff
(Class of 2013)**

Congratulations to Tristan Oliff who recently married Danielle Legault. The wedding took place on a perfect summer day in Quebec, Canada.



**Kim Human
(Class of 2011)**

Congratulations to Kim Human who got married to John Greyling on the 1st of July at the Grincourt Nature Reserve in Polokwane.



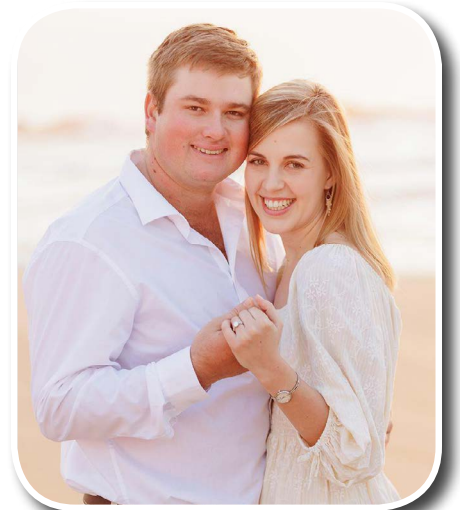
**Alex McDonald
(Class of 2009)**

Congratulations to Alex McDonald Jr on his engagement to Daniëlle Lemmer, which took place on the 12th of August at the Adventure with Elephants reserve in Bela Bela.



**Anel Schoeman
(Class of 2009)**

Congratulations to Anel Schoeman on her engagement to Darryn Berry. Darryn proposed to Anel in a beautiful redwood forest on her family farm near Haenertsburg.



**Cules Kloppers (Class of 2015)
and Elané Maritz (Class of
2018)**

Congratulations to Cules Kloppers and Elané Maritz on their engagement, celebrated on the 10th of August in Margate. Cules and Elané first connected in 2014 while studying at Stanford.



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LOVE IS IN THE AIR



Greg Reynolds
(Class of 2008)

Congratulations to Greg Mark-Anthony Reynolds on his engagement to Kath Valkenburg, which took place on the 3rd of November.



Michael Pirie
(Class of 2011)

Congratulations to Michael Pirie on his engagement to Chantelle Wilson! On the 12th of July, Mike chose the beautiful setting of Mozambique to pop the question.



Marli Maree
(Class of 2014)

Congratulations to Marli Maree on her engagement to Jean-Henri Render! The lovely proposal took place at the picturesque Dunkeld Estate in Dullstroom.

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BIRTHS



Byron Stroud
(Class of 2004)

Congratulations to Byron Stroud and his wife Beth on the birth of their son, Sunny Gold Forrest Stroud. Sunny was born on the 8th of August in the safety and warmth of their own home.



Talana Torre-Simões
(Class of 2007)

Congratulations to Talana Torre-Simões and her husband, Carlos Simões, on the birth of their son, Teodor Nicolau Torre-Simões. Teodor was born on the 25th of June at Oxford Midwifery Clinic, very healthy and weighing 3.54kg.



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We continue to compile an Alumni Business Directory that is currently LIVE on the Stanford website. Click **HERE** to view.

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