

Matters of Principal

And when the night is cloudy, there is still a light, that shines on me, shine until tomorrow, let it be.

I wake up to the sound of music, Mother Mary comes to me, speaking words of wisdom, let it be.

- Sir Paul McCartney

I was sitting in my office yesterday morning. It was break time - usually very quiet as the staff and pupils are down at the dining hall having tea. The silence was broken by the most beautiful singing and I jumped out of my seat to investigate. Outside my office, a small group of pupils were preparing for their audition for the school variety concert (Stanford Stars) which takes to the stage on the 5th and 6th of May. We have been denied so many things over the past two years but our cultural pursuits have perhaps suffered most of all. The excitement that this variety concert has generated already is palpable. We have so many pupils offering such a broad variety of talents - talents that have not been displayed on stage for far too long. I am so looking forward to seeing our pupils strut their stuff, including many of our matrics who are putting on a fashion show within the variety show. Hard work lies ahead but I have no doubt we are in for a treat. Please see our D6 notice for booking details.

Yesterday was a busy one on many fronts. Four of our pupils participated in a Round Square initiative which looked at leadership lessons we could take from music, focusing on the role of the conductor and teamwork in order to create harmony; we

held a very successful debate workshop, hosted by the gentleman who is the President of the South African Schools Debating board, Mr Tlou Mashitisho. He worked with the Debate Club in the afternoon and then braved 30 eager juniors from 7.00 to 8.30 pm, teaching them the fundamentals of this form of public speaking. The pupils came away from both sessions having learned an enormous amount. The turnout last night surpassed our expectations with around 30 pupils arriving for the session. Our pupils were actively engaged and came away with a real taste for the cut-throat world of debating. We will certainly look to develop on this excellent initiative.

This weekend sees us take on Heuwelkruin in our first winter derby. We have a full weekend of sport and I look forward to welcoming our parents and guests to the campus.

Have a wonderful weekend.

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The Stanfordian hockey teams all travelled to Ben Vorster on Wednesday this week to mark the start of the long-awaited 2022 league season.

The U/14 girls pushed back first to start the day, also registering the first win. The final score was SLC 3 - Ben Vorster 1.

The U/14 boys had a tough day in the office as they faced the Ben Vorster U/15 boys, the final score was SLC 0 - Ben Vorster 9.

The U/16 girls and 2nd Team Girls played to 1- 1 and 0 – 0 draws respectively after two hard-fought games. The $1^{\rm st}$ Team Girls' game was unfortunately cut seven minutes short, after the Stanford Lake College Captain suffered a concussion. The first team regrettably went down 0 - 3.

In an intense nail biter, the 1^{st} Team Boys took to the turf in the last game of the day, both teams struggled to convert their chances which had SLC leading for 59 minutes of the game. However, in the last 30 seconds, the hosts managed to pull off a late equalizer ending the game in a 1-1 draw.

A great set of results from all teams but we are still hoping to better performances as the league progresses. We keep Tanatswa Murasiranwa in our thoughts and prayers as we wish her a speedy recovery from her concussion.





Congratulations to Lefa Mamabolo (Grade 8), who represented Limpopo in the U/15 Tennis South Africa Interprovincial Tournament. Lefa writes:

From the 17th March 2022, we arrived at Pretoria Tennis Club to practise and prepare for the games beginning on the 18th. The first game was against KZN. After a very close and intense game, I unfortunately lost. The second of my games was on the 20th against North West, which I won. On the 21st I played KZN again, which I lost. The last of my games was on the 22nd March against Eastern Cape. After playing for over 90 minutes, it eventually ended with a win in my favour.

My most recent tournament was played on 9th April 2022 at the Polokwane Tennis Club. I played a total of seven games, each 30 minutes long. With great confidence, I am proud to say I won all seven.



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GOING FOR GOLD

Zoë Burman, Grade 12, is currently working towards obtaining her Gold President's Award. She recently took part in a residential project. Zoë writes:

In the week of the 4th to 8th of April, I had the privilege of working on the Gold President's Award Residential Project. I travelled to Knysna to join the Edge of Africa team, a non-profit organisation that is involved in both community outreach and environmental projects in the area. I was joined by 3 girls from Crawford International in Joburg. Over the course of 5 days we cooked and served soup at a pop-up soup kitchen, conducted a tidal zone survey to aid a local researcher in assessing the biodiversity of the area, painted and renovated a soup kitchen, did a beach clean-up, an eco-brick project and organised a fun-day for the local pre-school. This was a truly fulfilling experience and I encourage everyone to follow through with the President's Award programme or simply to participate in community service.

"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."

~ Mahatma Gandhi





HEIDAL HEULIS

A large group of netball girls travelled to Phalaborwa to play their first league matches against Frans du Toit yesterday. It was a great opportunity for the girls to play again even though they did not get the results they had hoped for. The girls played really well overall, it was just a tough day in the office. The team of the day was the U/14A team.

Results were as follows:

U/14A lost 15 - 12

U/14B lost 23 - 4

U/15A lost 30 - 7

U/15B lost 25 - 2

2nd Team lost 30 - 1

1st Team lost 23 - 6



28 TO REPRESENT LIMPOPO

On Sunday the 10th of April, Limpopo Hockey held its last round of trials for all provincial age groups. We are delighted to announce that the following Stanfordians made the teams...

U/18 A





U/18 B









U/16 A













U/16 B







U/14 A









U/14 B











U/18 A: Marc Day, Lwazi Motumi, Travis Sithole, Jacinta Kubayi, Tanatswa Murasiranwa

U/18 B: Devon Coad, Vhukhudo Makhomu, Kian Noné, Claire Klinkert, Emmana Mohlaba

U/16 A: Amu Chauke, Travis Hudson, Maki Inama, Nanaki Kgopong, Nsovo Mabila, Basani Msimeki

U/16 B: Relotilwe Sekhula, Finn Straughn, Ruben Venter

U/14 A: Isabella Brett, Lefa Mashego, Ronewa Matodzi, Carmen Veldsman

U/14 B: Mfumo Ndhlovu, Nyiko Ngobeni, Moratiwa Inama, Julia Krüger, Tanya Raulinga

