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Matters of Principal

"In every kind of endeavour, there are ample opportunities for extra effort. Grab those opportunities, embrace that extra effort and transform ordinary mediocrity into bright and shining excellence."
- **Ralph Marston**

The 4th term most certainly launched everyone into a very busy start, the excitement on the faces of the cross border pupils when they arrived back at school on Saturday 26 September was tangible. The peaceful quiet which had descended onto the campus over the short holiday break was shattered as the campus sprung back into life, magnificently dressed in her spring finery, a sense of rebirth and new beginnings after a long cold winter. On Sunday the matrics arrived back at school nervously excited that the end is within touching distance. During the first week of term we ran the matric revision camp along with a number of excellent enrichment activities for pupils in Grades 8.0 – 11. It is the first time we have run a week of this nature and I think it was a wonderful innovation which we will most certainly develop in years to come. The week also served as a celebration of our matric class as they embarked on their last few official academic school days. I must sincerely compliment the group on the dignified manner in which they celebrated this momentous occasion.

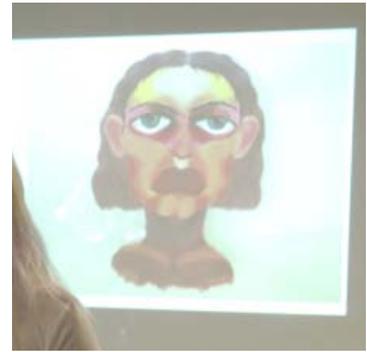
On Friday, we paid tribute to the Class of 2020 and their achievements over the past years during our Valediction service. Our guest speaker, Ms Sonja Kruse, left our pupils with a beautiful message of hope and our Head Girl and Head Boy did us proud as they addressed their peers. This group of young Stanfordinians can look back over the past years confident in the knowledge that they have made a positive impact on our beautiful school.

Saturday evening presented our matrics with the opportunity to dress up, process in fancy cars and formally celebrate the past few years as a matric class. The venue in the amphitheatre was beautiful, the girls looked stunning in their matric dance dresses, the boys dashing in their colourful suits. The photographs and snacks served down at the lake was an opportunity for parents to share in the occasion. The cars and processions that preceded the arrival of our matrics under the clock tower were all a fitting tribute and excellent culmination of what has been a very tough year for this group of young adults. I thank all of those who made this possible.

Having been a part of the wonderful celebrations I know that this school is in a very healthy space and that despite all that has been thrown at us this year as a community, we are stronger and will continue to thrive in what is not an easy time. The future is bright.



This year's Matric Exhibition was a wonderful success. We are so proud of this class and the work they have put in. They have shown dedication, creativity and bravery in personal interpretations of the theme: 2020 Vision. The theme was centered around hindsight and what we have learnt over the years. The ladies each interpreted it with individual flair, and with grace. Thank you so much to all the students, parents and teachers for their support. We wish these pupils all the best as they venture off into the world. Stanford is proud to have had the chance to have these students in our school. We look forward to many more exhibitions in the future.



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TIKTOK TIKTOK, THE RACE IS ON!

As part of their Leadership Camp, the Grade 11s took part in the 'Amazing Dash' last week. They were divided into five groups and completed a number of activities to earn food items for a meal that was then prepared on Thursday.

They started off with a riddle to tell them what the first activity was. They then received an envelope with a clue and instructions to the next part of the challenge, a problem-solving activity. After this, they got tied up with a knot problem and then they were off to the "shooting range". The pupils used a slingshot or "kettie" to shoot for a meat item. It took longer than expected as their kettie skills need a little work. Once they had their meat item they had to run to the 'View' where they made TikTok style dance videos. After that, it was back down to the climbing tower, where three members of each team had to climb to a spot on the tower. The last person had to get the next clue from the bucket at the spot!

Safely on the ground, the group had to go the bottom astro to decipher their next instructions via Morse code! The Morse code told them to replicate a marshmallow model that was in the dad Centre. The first group to finish had first option of two veggies and a starch.

On Wednesday, the groups had to decipher another code to get their instructions. They had to run to a point to collect tennis balls, build a raft and paddle to the marked spot in the lake, throw the tennis balls into the floating kayak and paddle back. The first team back won 500 SLC bucks, second team 400 bucks and so on! This money was then used in the auction where they had to buy their cooking method and some other items for their meal.

The groups had to prepare a meal with the food items that they won. The groups were then judged on their meal, creativity, presentation and their TikTok video. Well done to the Grade for the effort and spirit in completing the activities in such fun weather!



Thomas Mayes (Class of 2019) donated his signed SA Colts shirt to the school. It will be framed and mounted in the HPC. Thomas is pictured above with Mr Pretorius and Mr Friedrichs.

OLYMPIAD NEWS

Regardless of the pandemic, some extramural activities have still managed to take place this year. The Programming Olympiad took place on 28 July 2020 with a few Stanford IT pupils taking part. It is a National Olympiad and over 93 schools participated. The students were graded in the following manner:

- Bronze: If the learner scored higher than 50% of all participants country wide.
- Silver: If the learner scored higher than 79% of all participants country wide.
- Gold: If the learner scored higher than 93% of all participants country wide.

The following pupils took part and achieved the following gradings:

- Bronze: Zoë Burman, Michael Scriven, Owen Venter
- Silver: Stefan Otto
- Gold: Danica Altenroxel, Muaz Bhyat

All the silver and gold participants also went through the second round. Congratulations to all who participated in this challenge.



From left to right: Stefan Otto, Zoë Burman and Michael Scriven.



From left to right: Muaz Bhyat, Owen Venter and Danica Altenroxel.

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The Class of 2020 students enjoyed their official last day of school on Friday, 9th October. The day was a rollercoaster of emotions as they enjoyed the last day traditions, albeit a little differently from the years before them. The ceremony was live-streamed for parents and family members to view from the comfort of their own homes and was watched by over 180 people. The matric class gathered at the Barnyard for the Valediction and Prize Giving Ceremony, where they heard stories of Ubuntu and hope from guest speaker, Sonja Kruse as well as great speeches from Mr Redfern and the Head Boy and Head Girl. Many students received trophies for their contributions to the school (full list below) and the formalities were followed by the ceremonious throwing of coloured paint and, of course, jumping in the lake!



- Malaika Mohlaba..... **Blight Trophy** for English Public Speaing
- LOOMIS **Gardner Trophy** for Inter-House Public Speaking
- Akila Ramdharie..... **Ross van Eetveldt Trophy:** Culture
- Lia Revelas & Rofhiwa Nevhutalu..... **Vanner Trophy** - *Awarded to a Matric Pupil who, on the sports field, has shown the qualities of commitment, determination and sportsmanship*
- LOOMIS **Stranack Inter-House Trophy:** Overall Winner of All Inter-House Competitions
- Danica Altenroxel & Malaika Mohlaba..... **Ken Shuter Trophy:** English Home Language Prize
- Malaika Mohlaba **CJ Cassim Trophy:** Advanced Programme English Prize
- Lia Revelas & Danica Altenroxel..... **Fenske Trophy:** Afrikaans First Additional Language Prize
- Danica Altenroxel..... **Kromberg Trophy:** Proficiency in English and Afrikaans
- Danica Altenroxel..... **D’Arcy Herrman Trophy:** Accounting Prize
- Jamie de Witt..... **“La Trofia Madera del Arte”:** Visual Arts Prize
- Jamie de Witt..... **Thompson Trophy:** Outstanding Artist
- Faaria Rhemtula..... **Morris Trophy:** Life Science Prize
- Owen Venter..... **CAT08KAT Trophy:** Computer Application Technology Prize
- Danica Altenroxel..... **Information Technology Trophy**
- Danica Altenroxel..... Life Orientation Prize
- Husnaa Dada..... **Kenney Brokers Trophy:** Business Studies Prize
- Lia Revelas..... **Jack Trophy:** Geography Prize
- Malaika Mohlaba..... **Waller Trophy:** History Prize
- Jamie de Witt..... Mathematical Literacy Prize
- Danica Altenroxel..... **Calculus Trophy:** Mathematics Prize
- Danica Altenroxel..... **Cassim Trophy:** Advanced Programme Mathematics Prize
- Danica Altenroxel..... **Einstein Trophy:** Physical Science Prize
- Sumehra de Bruyn..... **Marco Visser Trophy:** Exceptional Academic Improvement in Grade 12
- Faaria Rhemtula..... **Da Silva Trophy:** Consistent Academic Excellence throughout High School
- Danica Altenroxel..... **Coach House Trophy:** Best Results in 2019 Preliminary Examinations
- Oratile Cheou..... **Ubuntu Trophy** - *For exceptional service to the Community*
- Mrs Freestone & Akila Ramdharie..... **King Constantine Medal**
- Danica Altenroxel..... **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*
- Danica Altenroxel..... **Geldenhuis Trophy** - *Awarded to a MATRIC PUPIL who has achieved excellence in all spheres of school life – academic, sport & cultural activities*
- Danica Altenroxel..... **Jarrood 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*
- Malaika Mohlaba..... **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*
- Malaika Mohlaba..... **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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A NIGHT AT THE OSCARS

The Class of 2020 enjoyed their Matric Dance on Saturday, 10th October. As Mr Redfern mentioned in his introduction to this edition of Snapshot, it was an opportunity for the matric class to don their best attire and take a walk down the red carpet, being snapped by the paparazzi on the way - a live stream being fed to over 800 people watching from their homes. It also gave the matrics a chance to really relax and unwind as they reminisced about memories and stories over the past five years.

