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Matters of Principal

I trust that all of you have had a restful holiday break and are ready for what promises to be an activity-packed third term. It is an important academic term for our Matrics as they approach their trial examinations and their final preparation phase for their end-of-year matric examinations.

During the course of the holiday, a large number of our pupils did us proud in their respective provincial and national tournaments. Their performances are a testament to our pursuit of excellence. Our 1st XI cricket team had a successful Merensky cricket week and I thank all staff and pupils who contributed to this success.

This holiday has been an incredibly busy one for the estates and admin departments. As a school, we achieved a milestone we have been chasing for over 10 years when we finally got our Fire Rationale Plan signed off. That was followed by the issuing of Certificates of Compliance for our fire reticulation system and an Occupancy Certificate for the HPC. Many of you would have seen the trenches which have been dug around the campus over the past few months as we worked under the guidance of a fire engineer to upgrade our water reticulation system. When we put in the large reservoir and water reticulation system four years ago, we were given poor advice and have subsequently had to do an enormous amount of remedial work in order to get the certification. This has finally been achieved. The implications are enormous as we can now proceed with new building projects on the campus.

We have been hoping to proceed with the upgrade of the Dining hall, modernization of the Dry Fly facility, construction of a small Sanatorium and a flat for a full-time San Sister, a new clothing shop and an upgrade to the boarding reception. This project will also include extensive upgrades to Founders South and Founders North along with much-needed upgrades to the staff accommodation in the boarding house. These are exciting times for us. There will be some disruptions for the pupils but we will endeavor to keep this to a minimum. Once we have sorted out the final details

“Progress lies not in enhancing what is but in advancing toward what will be.”
- Khalil Gibran

with the contractor, I will share some of the plans with you through Snapshot and other communications.

Wishing everyone a very happy productive third term.

God Bless



SPEAKERS SOCIETY

The last meeting of the second term was held on the last night of term at the Magoebaskloof Mountain Café and Farmstall. It was an evening of excellent speeches, a warm fire and delicious pizza. In particular, I would like to single out Zayana Moosa for a superb Toast and Cara Prinsloo for an outstanding job as Topics Master. Best Impromptu for the night went to Anika Willemse, Best Evaluator to Thelma Mabuza and Best Speech to Tanatswa Murasiranwa.

- Mrs D. Redfern



Zayana Moosa
Toast Master



Cara Prinsloo
Topics Master



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OLYMPIAD NEWS

COMPUTER TALENT SEARCH

A number of CAT students participated in the 2022 National Computer Talent Search Olympiad. The contest requires the use of Computational Thinking – those skills that are also required for Mathematics, Science, IT and Computer Applications. The Talent Search identifies learners with the skills, but at the same time gives all an opportunity to develop these skills. Overall, Stanford Lake College was part of the top 1% of all participating schools countrywide. Thirteen students were awarded with certificates for their outstanding performances.

BRONZE



Munashe Machaka
Elite Division



Michael Pieters
Elite Division



Farai Munyenyiwa
Elite Division



Lana Otto
Senior Division



Lungile Sithole-Wiltshire
Senior Division



Marthinus Venter
Senior Division



Tanatswa Machaka
Senior Division



Ellain Chidavaenzi
Senior Division



Mieke van Wyngaardt
Senior Division



Layla Fairhead
Senior Division

SILVER



Chelsea Hudson
Elite Division



Christoff vd Westhuizen
Senior Division



Elziné Kotzé
Senior Division

GEOGRAPHY

A total of 30 Geography students participated in the National Geography Olympiad earlier last term, on the 17th May, competing against 2807 pupils nationwide. Stanford Lake College was the top school in Limpopo. Benno Kotzé achieved an outstanding 13th position in the Olympiad, being in the top 1% in the country and was awarded one of only 30 platinum certificates. Jared Taylor-Smith was also among the top 5% in the country and Jack Tasker among the top 10%.

The Royal Geographical Society (RGS) set a second section in the Olympiad, where 2310 pupils competed. Benno Kotzé was the top Limpopo pupil and achieved 16th position nationally. Jack Tasker was also in the top 1% in the country. Both boys achieved platinum certificates. A number of other pupils were ranked in the top 5% in the country for this section: Marc Day, Koni Fobbe and Luke Fairhead. In the top 10% in the country were Gracie Fisher-Bowie, Mitch Williamson and Stefan Hacker. Kade Thompson, Claire Klinkert, Grant Cooper, Safiyyah Modan and Thato Moleya all managed to rank in the top 15% in the country. Well done to all of these pupils!

The Junior Geography Olympiad for Grades 8 and 9, will be held on the 20 September 2022 and the Geography Department hopes that a lot of our pupils will participate.

RGS TOP RANKINGS



Benno Kotzé
Top 1%



Jack Tasker
Top 1%



Marc Day
Top 5%



Koni Fobbe
Top 5%



Luke Fairhead
Top 5%



Gracie Fisher-Bowie
Top 10%



Mitch Williamson
Top 10%



Stefan Hacker
Top 10%



Kade Thompson
Top 15%



Claire Klinkert
Top 15%



Grant Cooper
Top 15%



Safiyyah Modan
Top 15%



Thato Moleya
Top 15%

PROVINCIAL PLAYERS FLOURISH

RUGBY



During the holidays, Xilombe Ndlopfu (Grade 12) travelled to the Western Cape to represent the Limpopo Blue Bulls in the prestigious Craven Week rugby tournament. Xilombe had this to say about his experience:

Craven Week was an amazing experience and personal achievement of mine as I've never made a Craven Week team before, just always falling just a bit short and making the Academy Week team. The Craven Week tournament was a great experience, and getting to play against the best of the best from each province was quite nerve-wracking and tough. Although two of the three games didn't go our way, we definitely tried our best. It gave me a sense of what it would be like to play rugby at a professional level. Overall, I was very proud to go out on the field on national television and represent Limpopo Province and Stanford Lake College, and to showcase my skill.

Well done to Xilombe and his team for a very successful tournament.

NETBALL



Over the holidays, Nsovo Mabila (Grade 9) represented the Limpopo U/15 netball team at the All Ages National tournament that took place in Johannesburg. During the course of the tournament her team played a total of 11 matches and managed to come out on top in their Eastern Cape, Kwa-Zulu Natal, Northern Cape, Free State, Limpopo B and Mpumalanga encounters. Nsovo, along with her teammates, came 5th overall, out of 11 strong and competitive provincial teams. We would like to once again congratulate Nsovo for this amazing accomplishment.

HOCKEY

Over the holidays, 25 Stanfordinians were fortunate enough to represent Limpopo province in various hockey tournaments held around the country.

The U/14 Boys travelled to Kearsney for the Northern Region Tournament where they placed 12th out of 12 teams.

The U/14 Girls participate in the winter games held in Johannesburg, the team finished sixth out of nine teams.

The U/16 Boys travelled to Jeppe for the Northern Region Tournament. They unfortunately placed last.

The U/16 A girls participated in the National Interprovincial Tournament, they finished fourth out of twelve teams.

The U/18 A Boys participated in the National Interprovincial Tournament in Stellenbosch where they placed seventh out of the twelve teams in the B section.

The U/18 A Girls also participated in the National Interprovincial Tournament held in Stellenbosch. The girls did Limpopo proud finishing third, which is the highest Limpopo has ever finished at an Interprovincial Tournament. Congratulations to Tanatswa Murasiranwa who was named Player of the Match in their game against North West.

The U/18 B girls participated in the Northern Region Tournament held in Tzaneen. The girls finished fourth.

We are proud of all the Stanford pupils and we certainly look forward to seeing them bring back the experience they've gained.

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NO EL LIMITS

The South African Championship XCO Cycling event, presented by the Free State Cycling Federation, was held at Happy Valley Conservancy in Bloemfontein during the school holidays on the 2nd of July 2022. This event was the final in a series of four SA Cup events held across the country throughout this year.

Gordon Noel (Grade 9) participated in the Youth Men Category in one of the largest races of the day, with 44 boys on the start line. The track boasted features typical to XCO events with technical climbs, fast and tricky descents and obstacles along the route. The Youth Boys completed four laps of this extremely challenging course and Gordon finished in 12th position in a time of 1 hour 7 minutes and 23 seconds.

Term 3 holds in store the schools cycling XCO series and four races will be held in Limpopo. This series is great fun and an excellent introduction to the XCO format of cycling. It is also a fantastic opportunity to get involved and represent our school. SLC is hosting the 3rd event in the series and we would like to encourage as many children as possible to partake. The event dates follow below; entries and transport can be arranged through Mr Fullard. Let's keep the wheels turning!

23rd of July – Lephallale
6th of August – Louis Trichardt
27th of August – Stanford Lake College
17th of September – Merensky

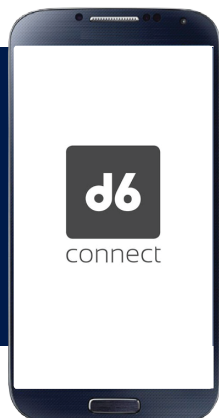


CZECH ADVENTURE FOR LUKE

Luke Fairhead (Grade 11) was recently selected to participate in the SASACC Youth Fly Fishing Team and headed to the Czech Republic during the holidays to compete. Here is what Luke had to say about his experience:

At the beginning of the holiday, the SASACC Youth Team departed for Czech Republic. We arrived on the 19th and did not waste any time as we were soon getting into some fish on the beautiful Vltava River. We stayed in the town of Vyssi Brod for the duration of the competition, as well as the five practice days beforehand, when we spent hours fishing with the Czech team, learning and refining the techniques they taught us. We were also treated to many new species of fish, such as Grayling, Perch, Chub, European Brown Trout and Brook Trout. We got to fish many beautiful rivers, and a section of the Vltava called Devils Stones, which many believe is one of the best trout fishing areas in the world due to its secluded nature and excellent fishing opportunities. We fished five competition sessions, all on various Czech rivers. My first session went very well, as I came second in my group with 20 fish in the first hour. I managed to keep the momentum throughout the two following competition days, ending off with a 2nd and a 3rd in my last sessions. This led to an individual placing of 8th overall at the closing ceremony. The SASACC boys did well, with our team coming 5th out of the many teams attending.

It was an enriching opportunity, competing in an amazing country, and making many new friends. I hope we have more Stanfordsians who get to experience this in the years to come. I owe a massive thank you to my family for making this trip possible, as well as the Limpopo Fly Fishing Association and Stanford Lake College, who I was proud to represent in this international competition.



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NEWS FROM THE CREASE

During the first week of the holiday, the 1st XI Cricket team participated in the 24th edition of the Merensky Cricket Week. This is the 17th time Stanford has participated in this week and it was a week like none before.

On Monday morning, the first team played against a highly spirited Hoërskool Bredasdorp. Stanford won the toss and elected to bat first. The openers had a great start but four quick wickets caused the Badgers to lose momentum. The score was 98 for 4 when rain interrupted play and forced an early end to the game. Ryno Schultz was outstanding with the bat and scored an unbeaten 38 for the first game. From there it became an interesting week with preparing fields and pitches. Unfortunately, Stanford didn't play a game on the Tuesday as it was scheduled for Duiwelskloof but they had too much rain for a game to take place.

On Wednesday morning, a fixture versus Hoërskool Randburg took place on Stanford's B-field. Randburg won the toss and sent the Badgers in to bat first. Stanford managed 96/6 in their allotted 20 overs. Randburg started well and from there it was impossible to stop the attack. Randburg won the game by 8 wickets. Tallen Smit and Devon Coad each took one wicket.

Late on Wednesday night, the fixture for Thursday was released and Stanford had two tough games drawn for the next day. The first against Hoërskool Garsfontein's 2nd XI in a 30-over match and the second vs Hoërskool Eldorainge 1st XI. Garsfontein won the toss and elected to bat first. Stanford made a solid start with the ball restricting Garsfontein to 167 in their allotted 30 overs. Kabelo Mathole (an invited player) was the pick of the bowlers taking 3 wickets and he was well supported by Devon Coad taking another two wickets. Stanford made a slow start with the bat only scoring 43 runs in 15 overs which meant they had to score 125 runs in 15 overs. It was a task which Shelton Ngobeni ("an invited player" 66 off 57 balls) and Zayd Moosa (57 (not out) off 26 balls) took on and they secured Stanford a 6-wicket victory.

The afternoon's game was a different story as the Badgers only scored 83 - 9 in their allotted 25 overs. Eldorainge took to the crease and made light work of the target chasing it within 10 overs.

On Friday, Stanford faced Hoërskool Dinamika in a pink ball T20 fixture. Stanford lost the toss and was sent in to bat first. Stanford scored a mere 104 runs before being bowled out. Dinamika won by 7 wickets in the end chasing it down in 15 overs.

It was a good week out on the cricket field for the boys. Some tough lessons were learned and it was valuable preparation for the season ahead. Thanks to all the boys who offered up their holiday to represent the school.

A NOTE FROM THE ART TEACHER

On Tuesday this week, the Art Department held its first big exhibition for the year of 2022. In 2020, when I joined Stanford Lake College, I had dreams of growing the art department into a top class, current department. In 2021, the school invested in two computers which had the necessary programs and specs to support digital art. In this global age, digital art is an important skill that our young artists need to master in order to be prepared to enter the global art world after school. A big thank you must be given to Mrs Obojkovits who ran the Art Department during my maternity absence. Her expertise in digital art was invaluable. The Grade 10s produced professional digital art portraits which were exhibited in this week's student exhibition.

Along with these works, the Grade 10 and 11 students presented various drawings, paintings and sculptures. The students put on a fantastic show. Their level of curating and presentation gets more professional with every show. I cannot wait to see how their art grows in the next couple of years.

Well done Stanford Art Students - a truly proud teacher.

