

NEWS IN BRIEF

KARATE

Congratulations to Rhain and Jordan Skordi, who took part in the Limpopo Shukukai Championships on Saturday, July 13. Rhain won a silver medal in kata and a silver medal in kumite, whilst Jordan won gold in kata.

CYCLING

Three Stanfordinians took part in the SA XCO National Championships at Thaba Trails last weekend. Unfortunately, Lianke Fourie took a fall off of her bike during the practice on the Friday and was unable to compete on the Saturday. Gunther Katzke finished in 13th position in the Youth Boys category and Herman finished in 10th. These are fantastic results!

DEBATING

Stanford Lake College, along with Mitchell House, Eagles Nest and PEPPS took part in a debating competition during the Winter Sports Festival on Saturday, 20th July.

During the first round, SLC were the proposition side against Eagles Nest and debated the motion "This house would remove all tax exemptions from Public Benefit Organizations (e.g. churches, charities, non-governmental organizations)". Tshosa Setlalekgosi was the Chairperson and the adjudicators were very impressed with the way Tshosa managed to keep the debate in order. Megan Joynt was the first speaker, followed by Zoë Burman and Llewellyn Rogers. Llewellyn was awarded best speaker and Eagles Nest won the first round of the debate.

During the second round, SLC took on Mitchell House and were the proposition side for the motion, "This house would allow the police to use entrapment". Emmana Mohlaba was Chairperson, with Zoë Burman as first speaker and Malai-ka Mohlaba and Llewellyn Rogers as second and third speakers respectively. Malai-ka Mohlaba was awarded best speaker and Stanford Lake College won the second round.

SLC took third position overall.



Matters of Principal

"Have confidence in the young people, give them a chance, and they will surprise you."

– Kofi Atta Annan

Having successfully run the IQAA Parent, Pupil and Staff surveys a few months ago we have received constructive, informative feedback and are now in the process of consulting with our stakeholders.

On Monday, we ran numerous focus groups with both senior and junior pupils. The sessions were facilitated by staff and focussed on four main topics: Academics, Boarding, Sport and Transformation & Diversity.

Whilst the IQAA process is always a good one in that we get invaluable feedback from all sectors of our communities, one of the unintended and heartening consequences has been the wonderful reminder to us (as teachers) of the capabilities of our pupils. Staff facilitating the focus groups have been enormously impressed not only by the feedback itself, but by the maturity and insights shown by our pupils during these discussions. Whilst a process such as this runs the risk of becoming an opportunity for negativity and complaining, it has unfolded in exactly the opposite fashion. Pupils discussed and debated challenges facing our school in an enlightening and considered manner. They were respectful of the input and opinions of others and made some very

sensible comments and suggestions. A real sense of collegiality emanated from these meetings, with the key focus being on how we work collectively to take our wonderful school to the next level. While there is always room for improvement, there was also much to celebrate and an acknowledgment that we are getting so much right. The greatest indicator of this was displayed right in front of us as we watched our pupils engage with this process, showing a maturity and insight beyond their tender years.

We can be very proud of all those who contributed.

We look forward to hosting Mrs Mary Williams from the IQAA Head Office on Sunday evening, Monday and Tuesday as we begin to finalise this very affirming process. I look forward to what lies ahead.

Have an excellent weekend.

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CRICKET SEASON OPENER

On Saturday, July 20th, the U/15 cricket team travelled to Polokwane to face a strong PHS side. Stanford won the toss and elected to bat. We got off to a tough start, being 7 / 2 before David Mulder and Peter Pratt put on a 50 run partnership for the 3rd wicket. Devon Coad then came in and settled the innings for Stanford. Stanford was bowled out for 171 in 39 overs. Devon was the star batsman, scoring 66 runs, and was well supported by Peter who ended on 28 and David on 27. Stanford then took to the field and struggled with the ball. PHS declared their innings on 313 / 2 in 55 overs. Stanford went in to bat their second innings and had to decide whether to go for the runs and set PHS a target, or bat the day out.

They decided to go for it, but unfortunately, it didn't work out. Stanford ended on 39 / 5, losing the game by an innings and 103 runs.

The SLC 1st team also played against PHS on Saturday. The game was played in good spirit over two innings. PHS batted first on a difficult wicket, with the Stanford bowlers performing very well upfront and had PHS 186 / 6. Unfortunately, SLC let things slip a little and good batting by PHS in the lower order gave them a massive total of 343 / 7.

Thomas Mayes was the pick of the bowlers, claiming two wickets and was well supported by Jackson Ndhlovu. The Stanford innings never gained momentum and SLC were bowled out for 97. Sam Skipper top scored with a patient 34. PHS declared their 2nd innings and Stanford batted for 18 overs to secure a losing draw.



Glenshiel 25th July 2019

On Thursday, members of the Read with Me Foundation, as well as members of Mrs Harman's tutor group visited Glenshiel Primary School to hand out rain coats to the Grade R's and cookies to all the young learners. The rain jackets were bought with funds raised by Megan Joynt and her crowdfunding initiative. The online funding pledge was very successful, with the target of R12,000.00 being raised. Mrs Harman's tutees decided to dedicate their 67 minutes, in honour of Mandela Day, to baking cookies for the Glenshiel pupils. The afternoon was full of cookie-crumb rimmed smiles and lots of singing.