



SNAPSHOT



Matters of Principal

"The most beautiful things are not associated with money; they are memories and moments. If you don't celebrate those, they can pass you by"
- Alek Wek

What a celebration it was last weekend! It was a full weekend of sports and a superb Alumni function, followed by a wonderful Gala dinner. A huge thank you to all of those involved in what was an excellent evening. The venue looked stunning, the food was fantastic and the auction was an overwhelming success. As a school, we are greatly appreciative to all who participated in the auction, those who so generously donated the amazing lots and to those who so generously dug into their pockets in bidding for those lots. The feedback I have received from many of those who attended has been very positive. I think many of us had forgotten the value of celebrating as a community.

This week we have not taken the foot off the accelerator. The academic programme is coming into sharp focus as we near exams. A number of Life Sciences practicals have been written, the Grade 8 and 9 pupils have completed Art and Drama theory papers and the senior Art students have done their art practical's exams (Grade 10

sat for 6 hours and Grade 11 for 12 hours). Wandering around the Art studio on Thursday, I was amazed by the quality of the work being produced and by the creativity of our students.

Hockey fixtures against Ben Vorster on Wednesday and a Speakers Society on Thursday evening have kept our pupils busy. On Saturday, we are hosting 32 English teachers from schools around the province for an English Conference, organised by our school, to enhance the teaching of English. And today, we welcome our friends from Beaulieu College for our main Derby weekend of the term. I look forward to a weekend of healthy sporting rivalry and an opportunity to rekindle old friendships and make new ones. Stanford, as always, is a hive of activity.

SPIRIT WEEK



In the lead up to the derby against Curro Heuwelkruin last weekend, the Spirit Committee organised a full week of spirit sessions. On Monday, the Grade 8s picked the name of a Matric out of a hat and then got to dress as them on Tuesday. On Thursday, we hosted a Crocs and Funky Socks Day. Every day during tea break, spirit sessions were held to learn the school war cries.

NEWS IN BRIEF

ALUMNI



We hosted a very successful reunion for all Old Stanfordians on Friday evening. Approximately 50 alumni gathered together for a fun evening of live music, good food and reminiscing about times of old.

SCUBA DIVING

If you are interested in the scuba diving trip planned for 24-28 June at Sodwana Bay, please contact neil@slc.co.za for more info.

SPEAKERS SOCIETY

Last night, at a meeting held at The Eatery, the following speakers were awarded:
Jordan Skordi: Best Evaluator
Sithembiso Bosch: Best Impromptu
Rinkies Moshobane and Luke Schoeman: Best Speaker
The theme for the evening was "Conspiracy Theories"

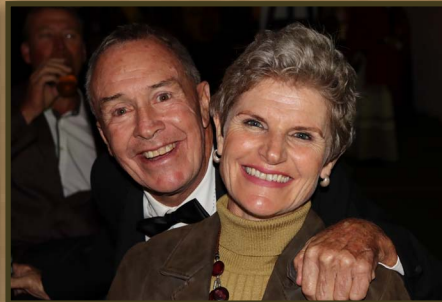


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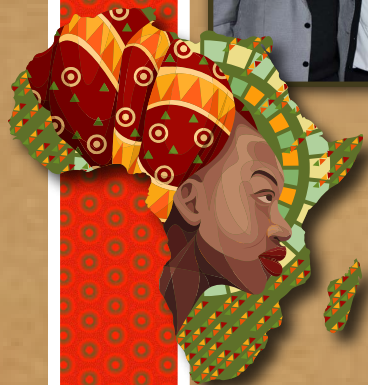
Out in AFRICA GALA DINNER & AUCTION

Last Saturday we had the most fantastic evening celebrating the school's 25th birthday with an Out in Africa-themed Gala Dinner. After brilliant entertainment by some of our pupils and a talented local marimba band, we hosted a successful live auction and raised over R167,000 for the school. A huge thanks to everyone who came and made the evening the success that it was.



Don't forget that the silent auction is still running and open to everyone. Click the link below to the catalogue and send your bids to: marketing@slc.co.za

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PENRYN DERBY

On the 12th and 13th of May, many of our sports participated in the Penryn Derby hosted by Penryn. The level of competition was high and evenly balanced, all our teams played their hearts out with a great sense of sportsmanship. On the hockey field, the U/16 Girls and U/16 Boys both took home a win but the U/14 Girls, 1st Team Girls, U/14 Boys were not so fortunate. The 1st Team Boys ended in a 0 - 0 draw.

In debating, the Senior Team proposed the motion “This house regrets the societal expectations of going to University” and unfortunately lost the debate. However, the Junior Team bounced back opposing the motion “This house would legalise the sale of human organs” and won their debate against Penryn College. All speakers presented their cases well and Retsepile Nare won best speaker.

On the netball courts, there were mixed results across the various age categories. Regrettably, the U/14 team faced tough opposition and were unable to secure victories in either of their games. Despite their efforts, they fell short in both encounters. The U/15 category proved to be more successful for the Stanfordians, with both the U/15A and U/15B teams securing victories. The U/15A team emerged triumphant with a final score of 14 - 8, showcasing their skill and teamwork on the court. Similarly, the U/15B team displayed their talent, finishing with a score of 10-5, securing a well-deserved win. The 2nd Team put up a solid performance, winning the game with a score of 17 - 9. Their collective effort and effective coordination contributed to their success, reflecting their commitment and hard work. The 1st Team faced a particularly challenging situation due to the shortage of players due to injuries the previous night. Despite being outnumbered, they displayed the true spirit of the Stanfordians by giving their best effort on the court. As a result, the team faced the challenge of competing with only six players. However,

through the game, an additional player joined the team, providing some relief and support. Despite the numerical disadvantage, they played with determination and passion, giving their all throughout the game. Their unwavering commitment and determination were commendable. The final score was 31 - 18 in favour of Penryn, but the Stanfordians’ performance went beyond the numbers, and they should be proud of their fighting spirit.

It was a mixed day for the three SLC Rugby teams too. Unfortunately, the Penryn U/14 team had two key players who used their speed and physicality to dominate the game, and with the ‘Baby Badgers’ missing key players themselves, the scoreline ran away with them!

The U16s were both excellent and at times terrible. They deservedly won their game, showing superior speed, strength and determination. There weren’t any standout performances, but they played as a team to force the win, which is a great sign of the growing ‘badger spirit’ in this U/16 setup. However, the scoreline should have been a lot higher, with a few of the lads suffering from ‘white line fever’, rather than simply spreading the ball wide for a few easy tries. Again, hopefully some lessons were learned.

The 1st XV has had a tough season thus far and anyone could have forgiven them for being a bit apprehensive when a much bigger Penryn 1st Team ran onto the field. However, it was a game where the scoreboard did not reflect the determination and fighting spirit that the Stanford boys showed. As expected, it was an extremely physical game full of massive hits, and neither side willing to back down. David Mulder was colossal at flank, making many big tackles and orchestrating a few crucial steals at the breakdown, and it is great to have him back in the side again. Despite a couple of runaway tries by the Penryn backline, the 1st XV were clearly enjoying themselves and despite the loss, they can be very proud of the way in which they played against this very talented Penryn team.



The Limpopo Cycling XCO Series came to a close with the Limpopo Champs held at the Nyl River Bush Camp on the 13th of May. This was the final of the four races in the series. Two Stanford pupils represented the school at this event. Lungile Sithole-Wiltshire raced in the Junior men category, he had a great race and finished in 10th position. Gordon Noel raced in the Youth men category and he managed a second place on the day.

QUEENS OF THE COURT VS. KING'S COURT

On Tuesday, 16th May, Stanford’s 1st and 2nd Netball teams participated in separate matches against King’s Court. The 2nd Team engaged in a friendly match, while the 1st Team competed in a league game. Both teams demonstrated outstanding performances and emerged victorious in their respective matches. The 2nd Team showcased their skills and teamwork on the netball court as they emerged victorious with a final score of 16 - 8. The team displayed excellent coordination, strong defence, and efficient goal-scoring throughout the match. With the stakes higher, our 1st Team displayed their determination to secure a successful outcome. They put in an outstanding performance, dominating the court and outplaying their opponents at every turn. The final score stood at 42 - 3 in favour of the Stanfordians. The girls showcased exceptional skills, strategic plays, and accurate shooting throughout the game.