

NEWS IN BRIEF

SOCER

The U/15 soccer team played against Merensky in their last fixture of the season on Wednesday, 21st August. The game was an open affair with both sides creating a lot of chances throughout. Merensky took the lead in the first half before the SLC boys fought back in the second to level matters through an excellent strike from Travis Sithole. The boys proceeded to dominate play with some excellent attacking movements throughout the half, before being undone by a quick counter from Merensky. The final score ended 2-1 to Merensky. Despite the loss, the boys showed a much improved work ethic and togetherness.

On the same day, the 1st team also took on Merensky. SLC took the lead in the first half with a cracking shot by Musa Mathebula. The first half was closely contested as both teams had numerous opportunities. SLC managed to sneak another goal in, but the visitors soon pulled one back, ending the half on a score of 2-1. It looked to be a close game until SLC ran away with it in the second half, scoring a further five goals. The game ended 7-1 as the final whistle blew. Goal scorers were as follows: Musa Mathebula 2, Mada Buliani 2, Fulu Managa 1, Rofhiwa Nevhutalu 1, Christian Krüger 1.

Saturday 17th August saw the third round of the Spur Schools' XCO series, "Tour de Plaas", at Merensky. Our girls did very well, with Lianke Fourie finishing in 2nd place in the Sub-Junior Girls category and Olivia Drewett in 6th place. In the Youth Girls race, Isabella Drewett just missed the podium with a 4th place, Rachel Thompson 6th, Heidi Katzke 10th and Michaela Gosling 14th. Among the Junior Girls, Lara Dando finished 2nd again. The boys also put up some strong competition on the day and produced some good results. Kian Noné finished in 5th place among the Sub-Junior Boys. The Youth Boys race was, without a doubt, the race of the day! Herman Fourie finished in a well fought 1st place, Gunther Katzke finished 3rd with a sprint finish and Michael Scriven also had a very good ride for his 16th place. Once again, Casper Venter decided to race with his single speed bike and finished in a very hard fought 3rd place in the Junior Boys race. Just imagine what a difference more than one gear could have made!

Well done to every rider for all the effort they put in on this very hot day. SLC remains at the top of the log in the series and the final race is due to take place at Stanford, on Saturday 31st August. We hope for lots of supporters and riders at the "Tour de Lake". We would like to put a challenge to all the sporting teams – the team with the most riders on the day will get a milkshake at Spur!

CYCLING



Matters of Principal

**“ i thank You God for most this amazing day:
for the leaping greenly spirits of trees
and a blue true dream of sky;
and for everything
which is natural which is infinite
which is yes”**

- e e cummings

One of the joys of moving to Limpopo is the accessibility we have to the Kruger National Park. Last weekend, my family and I were privileged enough to spend three days in the Park. So often we take things like this for granted. The beauty and majesty of the Park is something to behold, from the brutal power of a pride of lion fighting over the spoils of the previous night's hunt to the fragility of the spring flowers blossoming next to the water pans and the absolute beauty of the Letaba Rest Camp, a green oasis nestled along the banks of the Olifants river in the middle of the Mopani veld. Our natural world is surely worth preserving! Yet, across the seas, I am disturbed by how easily the officials in Brazil pass blame for the massive fires destroying the Amazon rain forests and simply pronounce that they do not have the resources to send even 40 more firefighters to protect this environmental jewel – the lungs of our world. Whilst Donald Trump and many other world leaders cause us great consternation with regards to the preservation of our natural heritage, there are pockets of light. I recently read about a drive in Dutch cities to plant flower beds on top of bus shel-

ters in order to attract bees back into the cities. At the same, I am encouraged by my daughter's steadfast conviction to eliminate the use of plastic from as many aspects of her life as possible with a view to keeping plastics out of the ocean (and as teenage daughters do, she is very good at reminding me of my responsibility in this regard). We, as a Stanfordin community, need to be asking ourselves what it is that we want to help preserve and what are we going to do to ensure that this beautiful environment is left in a state that our children's children can enjoy. As with my daughter's efforts, it doesn't have to be earth shattering but if each one of us does our bit we can all work toward living and working in an environmentally sustainable community. After all, in the words of Chief Seattle, "Man does not weave this web of life. He is merely a strand of it. Whatever he does to the web, he does to himself." I would welcome any suggestions from our community as to how we can make a difference in this regard. Have a wonderful weekend.

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Chocorua Landscape
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(America, 1894- 1962)

TENNIS

On Wednesday 21st August, Stanford Lake College faced Curro Heuwelkruin on the Stanford tennis courts. During the singles games, SLC managed to take six wins out of eight and during the doubles games, they managed to win all four games.

Luke Schoeman, Andreas Hacker, Stefan Hacker and Thabe Tshesane played for the boys. Jaiden Taggart, Naledi Lebati, Michaela Gosling and Tanatswa Murasiranwa played for the girls. Well done all.

GOLF

On Friday 16th August some of the best junior golfers played in the Limpopo Junior Champs competition, held at Koro Creek Golf estate in Modimolle. Thomas Mayes and Luca Wasley played in the A-division and had to finish 36 holes on the day. The first ball was hit at 07:30 and the last shot was played at 17:30 on a very hot day! Well done to these boys for the long day in the sun and a good end to the season. Luca ended up 15th and Thomas 17th.

CRICKET

The 1st XI and U/15A, played cricket this past weekend against Ben Vorster and Nkowankowa. Unfortunately, the results did not go in our favour, but the players gained valuable experience playing over the two days. During the U/15A game against Ben Vorster, Devon Coad took three wickets for 40 runs in 10 overs and he contributed 48 with the bat. He also scored 80 runs against Nkowankowa on the Sunday. In the same game, Peter Pratt took three wickets for 42 runs in seven overs and Connor Veldsman took two wickets for 32 runs in nine overs. During the 1st XI games, Thomas Mayes took two wickets for 52 runs in 10 overs and contributed 45 runs with the bat during the Ben Vorster match. He also took three wickets the following day against Nkowankowa, whilst two of our exchange students, Sam Skipper and Sabba Mridha, scored 70 and 51 runs respectively.

Immerse 2019 - Danica's experience

By Danica Altenroxel - Grade 11

On the 4th of August I arrived at The University of Cambridge for Immerse. This two week summer course included 40 hours of lectures from Cambridge PhD students. From the many courses offered, I chose to focus on engineering. Although I was nervous about the challenges I would face, I was also excited to meet new people and learn more about engineering. The lessons were difficult but I enjoyed the challenge. Small classes of about 10 students made for an adaptable and personalised learning experience. By exploring various fields of engineering, I was able to discover areas which interested me. I personally enjoyed the electronics section and hope to explore this further. What made Immerse such a memorable experience, was what happened outside



the class. We were divided into mentor families and assigned a Cambridge student as our mentor. Our mentor was always willing to help, whether that be showing us the way when lost or answering our questions about University. We were given valuable insight into the application process as well as choosing a University and life as a student.

I was amazed by the diversity of people, coming from all over the world and having varying interests from Law to Medicine. Incredibly, in just two weeks, these people have impacted my life. I met some remarkable individuals and friendships were formed that I hope will last a lifetime.

Immerse was a perfect balance of academic development and social interaction. I truly appreciate all that this life-changing experience has done for me. Thank you to all who made this possible.



Fishing for Proteas

As part of the Proteas Fly Fishing Team, Marthinus Maritz, travelled to the Czech Republic in August to participate in the 18th Cortland World Youth Fly Fishing Championship in the beautiful region of South Bohemia, competing against the world's best young fly fishermen. The opening ceremony was held on August 10th, where they were introduced to the other teams from Poland, Spain, USA, New Zealand, Czech Republic, Belgium, Ireland and Slovenia. The Vltava River was divided in five sectors for the competition and the competition lasted for three days, with two sessions of four hours each. The last hours of some of the sessions were done in total darkness,

as it was overcast and it rained heavily. Some wonderful fish were caught during this time – Rainbow and Brown Trout, Brook and Tiger Trout, Grayling etc. on mostly European Nymphing and Dry Fly techniques. South Africa came 6th overall, which is a great achievement according to the coach and manager. The championship was enjoyed by everyone, unforgettable experiences were gained and new lasting friendships were made. Thank you to the coach, manager and many supporters back home who were backing our boys from all corners of the country.

CAREERS DAY

A group of student advisors are coming to Limpopo for the week of 26th- 30th August. Pieter Durandt, from the University of Johannesburg, has organised these trips for the past few years. The first careers gathering is in March of the year and this, the second, is usually at the end of August. This year he has 21 Further Education and Training organisations coming with him. They are not only Universities and not all universities will be represented at the event. They will be available to answer questions from pupils and any parents from 14:30 – 15:30 in the HPC on **Wednesday 28 August**. The Grade 10 and 11 pupils will be attending. Any of the Grade 12 pupils who have not made up their minds yet are also welcome to attend.