



SNAPSHOT



Matters of Principal

*“Nature’s first green is gold,
Her hardest hue to hold.
Her early leaf’s a flower;
But only so an hour.
Then leaf subsides to leaf.
So Eden sank to grief,
So dawn goes down to day.
Nothing gold can stay.”*
- Robert Frost

A key pillar forming one of the Round Square IDEALS is ENVIRONMENTALISM. This week, the Environmental Society has put together a fantastic set of activities aimed at raising awareness around environmental issues and some of the challenges facing our world. An important part of this was understanding our immediate environment and appreciating what an amazing part of the world we live in. Local environmentalist and academic, Mrs Bronwyn Egan, spoke to the school on Monday about the importance of preserving our local natural environment and encouraged our pupils to get involved with some of the local organisations who work towards greater sustainability and conservation of our local wilderness areas. A long-standing tradition at Stanford has been Wattle Patrol. This year, the Environmental Society came up with the idea of an “Inter-house Wattle Patrol Competition”, with points being awarded to each house for the number of wattles extracted. Remarkably, 1200 plants (roots included) were removed! An unbelievable effort. The week-long celebration ended this morning with the planting of 25 white olive trees at the back of the Hillary Field near the fire water reservoir.

A busy week on campus has seen our Stanfordinians involved in activities across the board. A revised afternoon schedule allowing for more academic support time, dedicated dance and choir time, and more focused sports times already seem to have borne fruit

with pupils being able to meet their commitments. That said, the unpredictability in the organisation of Limpopo provincial sports does make life challenging at times. This week we had pupils participating in interschool netball and hockey fixtures, attending netball and rugby trials along with competing in the first round of the Golf League and the Junior Debating League. Rehearsals continue for our musical and the Speakers Society met last night for their monthly supper meeting.

To cap off a busy week, we have sports fixtures against Northern Academy on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning. Three pupils and two staff members set off this morning for an adventure race hosted in the Eastern Cape. I wish these intrepid young adventures all the best as they take on the 75km challenge. Jenny Zhang is currently down in Durban representing Limpopo in the Junior National swimming championships. We wish Jenny all the best.

I wish all of our Muslim families Eid Mubarak as they celebrate this weekend.

A happy, blessed weekend to all.



RECYCLING STATS

Our first statistics have just come back from our recycling programme that was implemented earlier this year. In under two months, we have diverted 704 kilograms of waste from landfill into the circular economy. What great news to receive during Environment Week!

MATERIAL	KILOGRAMS
PLASTIC	312 KGS
CARDBOARD	324 KGS
PAPER	68 KGS
GENERAL WASTE	1241 KGS
TOTAL	1945 KGS



DEBATING NEWS

The Junior Debating Team has done a phenomenal task of proposing the motion “COP27 was concluded during November 2022. The Loss and Damage Fund will effectively address the consequences of climate change in developing countries” and they won the debate against Eagle’s Nest Christian School, which qualified them for the next round in the Polokwane Mayor’s Cup competition. The whole team was commended for their great confidence and level of engagement by the adjudicator. Special mention to the speakers; Teya Zanetic, Retsepile Nare and Rifumo Mlondobuzi.

ENVIRONMENT WEEK

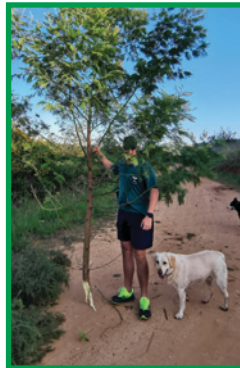
Stanford Lake College celebrated Environment Week in style. The week began with an inspiring talk by Dr Bronwyn Egan, a local biologist and environmental activist, who spoke to the school about the importance of the Haenertsburg grasslands and its highly endangered status. To support her efforts, the Environmental Committee hosted a bake-sale on Monday which raised over R2000 for the local non-profit FroGH, Friends of the Haenertsburg Grasslands. On Tuesday, learners were asked to dress up in 'junk couture'. This required that they use unwanted materials to make fashionable add-ons to their school uniform. Angel Maponya (Grade 9) won the prize for the best dressed.

On Wednesday afternoon, the whole school enjoyed participating in the 'Wattle Wars'. Pupils needed to collect as many Black Wattle, a highly invasive species, from the forests surrounding the school.

Each successfully pulled wattle tree gained pupils a point for their sports house. Fenwick won the competition overall and Christoff van der Westhuizen won the prize for most effort and enthusiasm. Over 1200 Black Wattle trees were removed in total.

A school quiz was held on Thursday afternoon where the students were tested on their knowledge of the local environment. The quiz was won by Grade 12 pupil, Rinkies Moshobane. The week culminated in a tree planting ceremony on the top field and 25 White Olive trees were planted to commemorate Arbor Day as well as the school's 25th birthday which is being celebrated this year.

A grassland walk has been organised for Earth Day on Saturday where students are invited to walk the Louis Changuion Hiking Trail with local guide and expert, Toban McMahon. All in all, learners and staff alike enjoyed the activities offered during Environmental Week and it was a huge success in connecting Stanford learners with the environment around them.





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NEWS IN BRIEF

GOLF

On Thursday we played our first golf league fixture in Polokwane. A total of 84 players from the Northern region in Limpopo played on the day. The A-division played stroke play with the B and C divisions playing Stableford points. It was a hot day but unfortunately, the golf wasn't so hot. Our players battled to get used to the fast greens and soon the rounds started to go backwards. It was a long sweltering day out there but we are looking forward to the second round fixture on Monday at Tzaneen Country Club where conditions are more familiar and hopefully the scores will be better!

PAGEANT

Elziné Kotzé attended the Miss Teen World SA's Grand White Party last weekend in Kempton Park in anticipation of the competition in June.

NETBALL

On Thursday this week our netball teams participated in their first Netball league games against Merensky. Although the results were not in our teams' favour, the girls enjoyed playing. Unfortunately, the U/14 teams could not score a goal but fought hard until the end. The U/15 teams performed well, with the B team drawing and the A team putting up a big fight in their loss. The 2nd Team did well in the first half and were only two points behind but lost the game in the second half. The 1st Team played with great effort and resilience throughout the game with close scores in the first two quarters but, unfortunately, lost in the end. Overall, the team were in high spirits and looking to improve from their experiences.

MTB



The South African National Championships XCO was held at Thaba Trails in Johannesburg on the 15th of April. Gordon Noel participated in the Youth Men category with 44 boys from all provinces on the start line. He took on this intense and challenging XCO track and completed the four laps showing consistency in speed and skill. His hard work and training under the guidance of The Kings of Neon Academy; an initiative by Insect Science Cycling for young cyclists still in school; has paid off and earned him a position in the top 10 ending 7th overall. Well done, Gordon!

ADVENTURE RACING



IIne Kotzé completed a 25km Adventure Race last weekend with her brother, Benno (Class of 2022), in Kempton Park. Benno assisted IIne with the navigation but allowed her to navigate herself for the most part. They enjoyed the race and completed it in good spirits.

SPEAKERS SOCIETY

This society, established last year, held its 4th meeting for this year (and 12th meeting overall) on Thursday night at the Magoebaskloof Hotel. The theme for the evening was "Music is Matter and Words have Power". The following results were posted:

- Best Impromptu: Jordan Skordi
- Best Evaluation: Brendan Mleya and Rachel Rix
- Best Speech: Marc Day

25 YEARS

Out in
AFRICA
GALA DINNER
& AUCTION

SATURDAY, 20th MAY 2023
18:30 at the Dream an' Do Centre
Stanford Lake College

TICKETS	BANKING DETAILS
Table Bookings: R5750.00 (table of 10)	Name: Stanford College Bank: FNB Branch Code: 260 349 Account no: 53961097905 SWIFT code: FIRNZAJJ Ref: Gala - Name & Surname

RSVP to: marketing@slc.co.za

Celebrate 25 years of Stanford Lake College



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FLY FISHING NEWS

by Luke Fairhead

In March, David Mulder and I travelled to Barkley East in the Eastern Cape to compete in the Men's National Fly Fishing Championships for the Limpopo team. Our team consisted of four youth anglers and one of last year's Matrics, Kade Thompson. We fished a total of 15 hours of competition between the 9th and the 11th of March using all of our skills and knowledge to put up a fight against older, more experienced men's teams.

Despite only placing 6th out of 11 teams, Limpopo managed to catch a solid 472 fish, with 237 fish between David and I. Nationals was a real learning curve for the boys who have never fished a Men's National competition, getting a taste of what a tougher competition is like after winning Youth National Championships last year.

I managed to place 6th overall and win a session, with my other sessions all ending in podium placings, a substantial achievement when fishing against all of our country's best fly anglers. David was the next highest placed Limpopo angler at 36th; a brilliant placing for his first trout competition.

by David Mulder

I was fortunate enough to be selected for the SASACC Youth Fly Fishing Team this year, after attending Protea Youth Trials. During the April holiday we went on a learning course in León, Spain. It took a day of travelling to get there and another to get back, but it was worth it, as when we arrived in León, we saw some of the most pristine trout streams in Europe surrounding the city. We were there for a total of five days, spending each day fishing a new river under the guidance of Pablo Castro Pinos and David Garcia Ferreras, both Spanish World Champs, and essentially grand-masters of the sport. They were our hosts for the duration of the trip. We spent hours casting dry flies to tricky brown trout in crystal clear waters, followed by lunches of Spanish cuisine such as rabbit stew, baked goods and cold prawns.

The fishing was tough which was unexpected for the time of year, as they are going into their summer in the northern hemisphere. Despite this, we all caught some beautiful fish. The highlight of the experience was certainly the learning aspect. Pablo and David proved to be a treasure trove of information which was passed on through some sketchy English, mainly through phrases such as; "I show you, you watch me", "No good, no good", and "Attention!", as well as lengthy and in-depth demonstrations of new techniques.

This was an experience I will never forget and I hope to be back one day. I hope that this inspires some younger anglers at Stanford too. I have been only been fishing for a year and I think it shows that with some commitment, fly fishing can take you to amazing places!



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HOCKEY NEWS

GIRLS HOCKEY VS. BEN VORSTER

On Tuesday, the U/14, U/16, and 1st Team girls' hockey teams from Stanford Lake College faced off against Ben Vorster in a series of league matches. The U/14 girls' team, playing their first game together, struggled to find their rhythm against a well-rehearsed Ben Vorster side. They were unable to find the back of the net and eventually lost the game. The final score was 0 - 6 to Ben Vorster.

The 2nd Team Girls provided a glimmer of hope for Stanford Lake College as they emerged victorious in their match against Ben Vorster. They dominated the game and created numerous scoring opportunities but struggled to convert them into goals. Eventually, they managed to capitalise on two of their chances, while Ben Vorster found the net once through a lucky break. The final score was 2 - 1 to Stanford, bringing some cheer to the SLC side.

The U/16 girls' team displayed excellent hockey skills and threatened the Ben Vorster goal from the start of the game. However, they struggled to finish in the circle and momentum swung back and forth during the match. Ben Vorster managed to score three goals, leaving Stanford with a disappointing loss of 0 - 3, despite their strong performance on the day.

The 1st Team Girls were the last to play under the lights and they showed significant improvement from their pre-season tour in Maritzburg. They played well in phases but struggled to find the back of the net. Ben Vorster capitalised on lapses in concentration from the Stanford side and took advantage of quick counter-attacks, leading to a score of 2 - 0 in favour of Ben Vorster by the end of the first half. Despite their best efforts, the Stanford girls managed to score only one goal, while Ben Vorster found the back of the net three more times in the second half. The final score was 1 - 5 to Ben Vorster. Despite the score lines, all the girls who participated in the matches played good hockey and represented Stanford Lake College with pride. The matches provided valuable experience and opportunities for improvement for the teams and they can build on this.

BOYS HOCKEY VS. BEN VILJOEN

On Wednesday of this week, the U/16 Boys and 1st Team Boys faced off against Ben Viljoen in a series of league hockey matches. The U/16 Boys were the first to take to the astroturf, and they showed improved intensity and teamwork coming back from their pre-season tour. They dominated the game and took the lead with a goal in the first quarter, leading 1 - 0. Despite the Ben Viljoen goalkeeper making crucial saves to keep their hopes alive, the Stanfordinians were able to extend their lead in the third quarter after taking multiple shots on target. The final score was 2 - 0 to Stanford.

The 1st Team Boys took to the turf next but faced a tougher challenge than they had anticipated. Despite entering the Ben Viljoen circle countless times, they struggled to convert their opportunities into goals. In the second quarter, Ben Viljoen capitalised on a counter-attack resulting from an unforced error by the home team and managed to score, levelling the game. However, the Stanfordinians quickly regained their composure and capitalised on a moment of confusion in the Ben Viljoen circle, with Zayd Moosa finding the back of the net. The final score was 2 - 1 to Stanford Lake College.

U/14 BOYS VS BEN VORSTER

On Thursday, the U/14 Boys played a friendly game against Ben Vorster. The boys were enthusiastic and it showed in their game as they played with excitement and displayed good hockey. The Stanfordinians wasted no time in scoring and continued to threaten the Ben Vorster goal throughout the game. The visitors' goalkeeper and defenders were kept busy defending against the persistent attacks from the home team. In the second half, the "Baby Badgers" found the back of the net again, further extending their lead. The game ended with a final score of 2 - 0 to Stanford, securing a well-deserved victory for the U/14 Boys' team.

