



Matters of Principal

In previous Snapshot articles, I have referred to the cyclical nature of schools. We have come through an incredibly busy few months packed with a full sporting, cultural and academic programme. In the variety concert, we were treated to some fantastic talent as our pupils performed their hearts out. Then our sportsmen and women wore their hearts on their sleeves as we competed in a series of tough home and away derby fixtures. We have also held a Spirit Week and Civvies Day to raise awareness and funds for those less privileged than ourselves. It is now time to shift our focus onto exams and the matric academic programme.

With three weeks to go before the start of our June /July holiday, our attention must be on academics. The Matrics are not writing examinations this term but they have a carefully designed timetable aimed at allowing the staff to cover as much content as possible in order to complete the syllabus. This will allow us to set preliminary examinations (to be written in the third term) which closely mirror the content and style that the final matric examinations will follow. It affords us the opportunity to ensure our examinations are authentic and that the matrics are as well prepared as possible. This has been carefully explained to them. It is essential that they do not interpret this as an opportunity to take their foot off the accelerator and cruise to the end of term. That said, it is also important that they strike a balance between work, exercise and rest. The sports programme will continue in a truncated manner and I encourage our matrics to ensure that they plan exercise time in their study timetables.

"Spring passes and one remembers one's innocence. Summer passes and one remembers one's exuberance. Autumn passes and one remembers one's reverence. Winter passes and one remembers one's perseverance."

- Yoko Ono

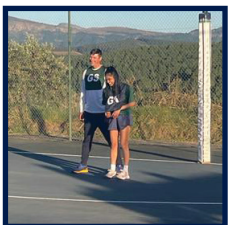
The Grade 8 – 11 pupils are writing a full set of examinations. As mentioned in my assembly and Snapshot two weeks ago, it is essential that they plan well during this time. It is a pressure point in the year for many of our pupils who have been stretched to the limits this term. It is important that the pupils learn to operate under this kind of pressure as this mirrors much of what they will face in everyday life in years to come. It is our job as adults and educators to support and guide them through this time and not to allow them to opt out. A key part of what we teach our pupils at this school is resilience. While so much of this is learnt through our extensive outdoor programme, the same tenacity is needed academically. These are the skills that transfer from one aspect of our lives to others and this is one of those times when our pupils need to dig deep.

In the winter months when it is cold and many of our pupils are struggling with the nasty flu, the resilience fades quickly. We need to all rally around them, keeping our children positive and giving them our full support.

We have all been desperate to get back to "pre-Covid" normality. This term certainly has given us that opportunity and we need to embrace it and ensure that our pupils do their absolute best in all that they do.

STAFF GIVE A LESSON ON THE COURT

The staff were challenged to a netball match by the 1st Team netball girls to showcase their skills on Tuesday afternoon. The staff, with very little preparation, played very well in the first quarter of the match, where the staff lead 8 - 1. It was evident that the 1st Team girls had underestimated the staff's speed and resilience. At the end of the second quarter, the staff only managed to concede two goals, and the pupils managed to capitalise on the staff's minor errors, taking the score to 10 - 5. During the third quarter, the staff managed to convert an additional seven goals and the 1st Team girls managed to get an additional five goals as they built up momentum. However, the staff had put their foot on the accelerator from the first whistle of the game, and the pupils couldn't catch up. The staff were victorious with an amazing score of 25 - 13 as the final whistle blew.



GOLF LEAGUE DRAWS TO A CLOSE

On Friday, 27th May, the Stanford golfers played their last golf league fixture at Tzaneen Country Club. The players were treated with a sandwich and coffee before the tee-off. It was a good day for the two junior golfers that played and they finished fourth on the day – with only two players! Well done, gents. Unfortunately, the Stanford team did not qualify for the finals but it was good to see new faces in the team this year. Hopefully we will see more in 2023.

Important dates to remember:

**24th June - SLC Golf Day at Tzaneen Country Club
TCB – Inter-High Golf**

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PENRYN DERBY NEWS

This past weekend the College hosted its first ever Derby against Penryn College. After weeks of hard work and practising, the Stanford pupils and staff were extremely excited when the Penryn buses arrived on Friday afternoon. After a quick lunch, the fixtures began with chess, debating, netball, tennis and boys' hockey at 15:00. The energy around campus was fantastic and the buzz amongst the Penryn and Stanford teams was infectious. All fixtures throughout Friday afternoon and evening were played in good spirits despite the drastic drop in temperature once the sun went down! The 1st Team Netball girls struggled against a strong Penryn side, but still managed to stay in the game throughout. The 1st Boys Hockey Team played a good, hard game against a very similarly strength Penryn team, and the result was a fair draw.

On Saturday, the games continued nice and early with the rugby teams and girls' hockey teams having a crack at their opponents. There were two highlights for the day; the U/15A Rugby boys put together an epic performance and were the only Stanford rugby team to win their match on the day. The 1st Team Girls Hockey also had a fantastic game which provided much entertainment for the spectators, and earned a convincing and well-deserved win over an otherwise strong Penryn team. The 1st Team Rugby boys showed real grit in their game, as they played against a very well drilled and efficient Penryn side. Despite a few runaway tries, the Badgers fought hard throughout and never gave up, and despite losing heavily on the scoreboard, it always felt as if they were being competitive.

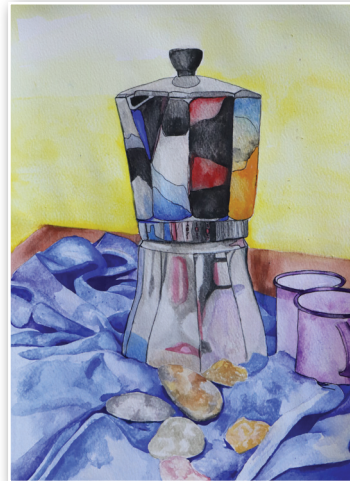
Well done to all the teams and pupils who took part in this fantastic Derby. We are already looking forward to 2023!



Art Corner

Last week the Grade 11 art class wrote a 12-hour practical exam. The work produced in this exam was based on a still life. The class also produced excellent work around the theme 'Intertwined'. This term's work will be on show in an exhibition early next term. We look forward to having their work on show for the school. Each student is developing a personal style, and it's exciting to watch them grow in preparation to start their matric year.

Left: Clara Werhahn
Middle: Laura-Anne Muller
Right: Trezeque Ngoben



Ethan Modika



Gracie Fisher-Bowie



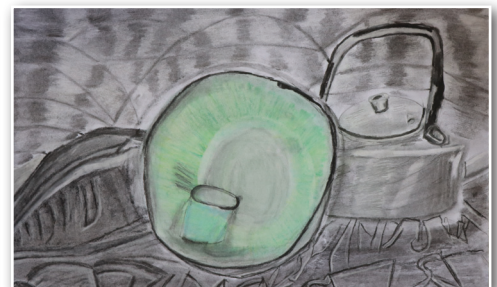
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