



Matters of Principal

We live incredibly busy lives, chasing deadlines, looking for the next best thing, getting ahead. We put pressure on ourselves and others to always be doing something. We simply don't take enough time for ourselves... time to think, time to wonder and time to dream. We paint pictures of success for our children and steer them in a particular direction, encouraging them to do so many of the things we've done, or in some cases, the things we wish we had done. And before we end one year and start another, perhaps we need to slow down and re-evaluate our priorities in life. Maybe simply allow ourselves to follow a dream, however small, and find a sense of fulfilment in our lives.

It reminded me of the story of a famous writer:

He was the son and grandson of prominent Scottish engineers and was expected to follow in their footsteps. He dutifully attended engineering school, where he excelled, but after graduating he took a bold step and broke from the family tradition by announcing that

"An aim in life is the only fortune worth finding."

he intended to become a writer. His parents were disappointed. He then married a pistol-packing American divorcee who was 12 years his senior, disappointing them further. But he was following his heart and doing what made him happy. He was doing what he loved with the woman he loved by his side.

He died at age 44 of a cerebral haemorrhage at his home in the South Pacific leaving behind two novels that won him enduring fame and acknowledgement: "Treasure Island" and "The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde". His name was Robert Louis Stevenson (born November 13, 1850).

My point? Sometimes we have dreams for our children that are not their dreams. Sometimes children are pushed into careers that do not feed their souls or make them happy. Life is not a dress rehearsal; we only get one shot at it. Why not be happy and fulfilled?

God Bless.



On Saturday, a friendly game of soccer was held between the 1st team boys and a group of Alumni and friends. The teams clashed heads in extreme heat and the game proved to be worth the wait! Mada Buliani broke the deadlock in the 17th minute but the Alumni quickly reacted with a spectacular free kick effort just two minutes after going a goal down. The first half ended 1 - 1. The second half started off slowly and after 16 minutes without a goal and many missed chances from both sides, the heat proved to be too much and the referee called for a 2-minute water break before resuming. The break proved worthwhile and the game kicked off for a third time and saw four goals scored in the final seven minutes. The first goal was a beautiful half volley from Trezeque Ngobeni to put the Stanford 1st team 2 - 1 up. Another quick response from the Alumni saw them come from behind for the second time with a long range effort. The 1st team's third goal came from Diego Vieira acting on a goalkeeping error in the final minutes to surely secure the win for the 1st team. However, the Alumni had other plans as they converted a penalty in the final seconds of the game to tie the scores at 3 - 3. The game was to be decided with a penalty shootout where the 1st team prevailed and beat the Alumni in an action-packed afternoon.



CAST YOUR VOTE

We are pleased to announce that we have received two parent nominations for the position as a Trustee of the Letaba Educational Trust. As we have received two nominations we need to hold an election. An email was sent out to all parents at the beginning of the week with a short CV for each of the candidates.

Please note that each parent can vote once per child and voting is open until Monday, 22 November 7.00am.

The elected candidate will be announced in due course via Snapshot and our website.

Voting for your preferred candidate can be done by clicking
here



We are currently working on the 25-Year Stanford Lake College publication for 2023 and are looking for contacts for people working in the book publishing industry to see if we can get some quotes and guidance regarding this. If you are in the publishing industry or know of a reputable publication company, please feel free to make contact with Mrs Beth Coetzee via marketing@slc.co.za