

SNAP SHOT

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Matters of Principal

"The arts are not a way to make a living. They are a very human way of making life more bearable."

— Kurt Vonnegut

At Stanford Lake College, we believe that a strong cultural programme is not merely an enrichment activity, but a cornerstone of a well-rounded education. Culture allows our pupils to express themselves, think critically, and grow in confidence — essential qualities in today's dynamic world.

We are incredibly proud of the recent achievements of both our senior and junior debating teams, who shone brightly at the Turfloop Debating League hosted by the University of Limpopo. Competing against some of the region's top young thinkers, our teams demonstrated not only their intellectual sharpness but also their poise and collaboration under pressure. Their success is a testament to the hours of preparation, research, and practice they have committed to sharpening their arguments and refining their presentation skills.

In harmony with this triumph, our choir delivered a truly outstanding performance at the Ben Vorster Choir Evening. Their rendition of "Singing in the rain" was met with rapturous applause, showcasing the musical talent and emotional depth that exists within our pupil body. The dedication of our choristers and the guidance of Mrs Mynhardt have created something truly beautiful — a performance that resonated far beyond the final note.

These achievements do not happen in isolation. They reflect the remarkable ability of our pupils to balance their cultural commitments with their academic studies and sporting responsibilities. It is no small feat to excel across such a broad spectrum of school life, and I pay tribute to their grit, passion, and time management. Their success is also a reflection of the values we hold dear: courage, resilience, and the pursuit of excellence.

Looking ahead, excitement is building for our upcoming Derby against Beaulieu. It promises to be a weekend of spirited competition, school pride, and celebration. We warmly invite parents and alumni to join us for what we know will be a memorable and successful occasion, as we continue to celebrate the diverse talents of our incredible pupils.

God Bless



BADGER OF

THE WEEK

The Badger of the Week goes to Una Singo for his remarkable performance on the hockey field. Una netted a hat-trick against Curro—three goals in one match—a true triple threat in action. His precision, pace, and power were on full display. Well done Una!



MATRIC DANCE

The Money Heist 2025

Matric Dance 2025 was a night to remember—where glitz, glamour, and a touch of mystery set the stage for an unforgettable evening. Inspired by the bold and stylish world of Money Heist, students arrived in true red-carpet fashion, stepping out of luxury cars ready to "steal the night".

From the moment they arrived, guests were immersed in the theme—welcomed with signature drinks, surrounded by décor reminiscent of the iconic series, and treated to a sumptuous meal that was truly criminally good.

Dressed to impress and masked in sophistication, they danced the night away, making memories that even the Professor would call a flawless plan.

Here are some highlights from a night full of sparkle, suspense, and celebration.



MATRIC DANCE CONTINUED



SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS



LIBRARY NEWS

"The only thing that you absolutely have to know, it the location of the library"

Einstein

Albert

With winter approaching fast, there's nothing better than slowing down, soaking up the last golden rays of sunlight, and catching up on a little self-love. Whether it's a quiet moment with a book, a walk in the crisp air, or simply taking time to breathe—this season is the perfect reminder to take care of yourself.



Debating Team Triumphs at Turfloop!

On Saturday, 13 May 2025, Stanford Lake's debating teams brought the heat at the Turfloop Debating League Championship!

Senior Team – Alessio Calokechi (Gr. 11), Teya Zanetic & Miano Tshivhula (Gr. 10) – clinched 2 wins out of 3 and finished as runners-up!

Junior Team – Xiviko Sibisi, Ester Van Staden & Aurora Makhomiane (Gr. 8 – went undefeated, winning all 3 rounds and retaining the trophy for the second year running!

All our speakers placed in the Top 10 in their categories.

We are incredibly proud of our debaters!



SPIRIT AND PASTORAL WEEK



This week, we took some time to enjoy the lighter side of school life before exam season hits full force.

We kicked things off with a green cupcake bake sale, bringing colour, sweetness, and school spirit to campus. On Tuesday, we marked Wellness Day by wearing green ribbons—a simple but powerful reminder to support one another's mental and emotional wellbeing. Singing together and making shared memories brought a sense of unity and joy.



Behind the scenes, our Social Media Committee has been hard at work capturing every moment.

On Thursday night, we braved the chill for a good old-fashioned braai, full of laughter, connection, and community spirit. Meanwhile, the 1st Team boys took things to the next level—testing their limits with ice baths in the freezing cold. Definitely not for the faint-hearted!

These are the moments that remind us school is more than just books—it's about balance, belonging, and making memories.

