



Matters of Principal

Half-term has been a busy one at Stanford. We were honoured to have hosted the first face-to-face Round Square Conference since the break-out of the pandemic. The theme of our conference was "Life through adventure". We hosted over 70 pupils from around our country and five pupils from Gut Warnberg School in Germany. Our delegates were exposed to a wide range of activities, including a night hike, zip lining and some adventure racing. The opening ceremony showcased the talents of our pupils as they danced, sang and MC'd the evening. A highlight for me was the address by renowned professional adventurer and inspirational speaker, Peter van Kets. Peter's message was perfectly pitched and resonated with so many in the room, setting a wonderful tone for the weekend.

During his presentation, Peter spoke of the importance of surrounding oneself with the right people and having full faith in one's team. I consider myself fortunate to be surrounded by many good people. Under the leadership of Ms Bredenhann, our Round Square team and support staff put together a world class conference, offering delegates and visiting staff opportunities to do things they have never done before, to make new friends and learn a little bit more about who they are as people. I thank all staff involved for the commitment and dedication they showed in facilitating this conference. One of the wonderful aspects of a Round Square Conference is that not only do the conference delegates get an opportunity to learn but so too do our Grade 11 pu-

pils who were given an incredible opportunity to further develop their leadership skills as they acted as group leaders.

I am currently in Gqeberha at the ISASA heads conference. It has been a stimulating conference: an opportunity to network with fellow heads and a chance to listen to and engage with a number of thought-provoking, challenging topics around issues facing education and (more importantly) our role in ensuring that our pupils have the skills required to flourish in a modern world.

A common thread through many of the presentations has been the importance of sensitising our pupils to the need for sustainable living (coupled with climate awareness) and the need to be able to work collaboratively.

I look back on the topic we chose for our conference and the beautiful space in which it was hosted. I believe we are doing an excellent job in giving our pupils the exposure to these two important needs.

God Bless



MTB NEWS

The cycling season kicked off last weekend when two Stanfordians, Lungile Sithole-Wiltshire and Gordon Noel, participated in the first race of the Limpopo XCO series. This event took place in the Waterberg at Summerplace Game Reserve. The boys had to complete 4 and 3 laps respectively of the 4.3km long course with an elevation gain of 185m per lap. In addition to this, the course is well known for its level of technicality. The rocky climbs and speedy descents leave little time for recovery during this high intensity form of racing.

Gordon Noel achieved a first place in the Youth category and Lungile Sithole-Wiltshire was placed seventh in the Junior category. Well done boys!

The course has been allocated a UCI category 1 status and will be the venue for the SA Cup event presented by Insect Science on the 30th of April 2022. We look forward to watching our current and past Stanford cyclists participating at this event.

NEWS FROM THE STAFF ROOM



After a long labour, Leonardo Sam Cromie, was brought into this world of the 9th of February, in Tzaneen, Limpopo. As he was born, a shower of rain fell in Tzaneen after one of the hottest days yet, at 3:30pm. Miss Lourenço, the newly-wed Mrs Cromie, was in tears of joy. Mrs Cromie got her happy ever after, when she finally got to celebrate her wedding to Matthew Cromie last December, and then they welcomed this beautiful boy into the world this February. Congratulations to the Cromies!

NINE GOLDS AND FIVE RECORDS FOR JENNY



The Limpopo Schools' Swimming Championships took place on the 12th-13th of February at the Polokwane Municipal Pool. Three Stanfords took part; Jenny Zhang, Pearson Mumba and Wernich Schmidt. The weekend was filled with sunshine, nerves and serious competition. This event was a good experience to improve personal bests, break records, and to receive medals and prizes. Overall, all three swimmers did well and should be proud of all their achievements and medals. An amazing well done to Wernich who swam a total of five events and qualified for Level 2; Pearson who received three bronze medals, one silver medal and qualified

for Level 2 and Jenny who received nine gold medals, broke five Limpopo records and received the trophy for Senior Victrix Ludorum (Best Senior Female Swimmer) as well as qualifying for SA Junior Nationals.

All the swimmers that took part worked hard and experienced some serious nerves as this was the gala where the Limpopo Team for the SA School Championships (taking place in March) will be selected. We are proud to announce that both Pearson and Jenny made it through and will represent Limpopo at this national competition.

The Grade 8s made it to the top of the Iron Crown mountain yesterday and head back to school today, marking the end of their first expedition. They were greeted at the summit by glorious blue skies and beautiful views, even managing to spot the school in the distance. Full report in next week's edition.



NEWS FROM THE TRACK



On 4th February the Athletics team travelled to Hoërskool Louis Trichardt to participate in the YOLO Athletics meeting. The Athletes got off to a slow start but caught up to the other schools when the sprint and hurdles started. Some of the highlights of the day were in the U/15 and U/16 Girls 800m races as well as the 1500m, where Stanford had a clean sweep of the podium. Stanford finished in 2nd place around 200 points behind Hoërskool Louis Trichardt and about 150 points ahead of Northern Academy who finished in 3rd place.

Stanford had an excellent athletics season, winning the Independent Schools again and coming second in the YOLO Athletics meeting at Hoërskool Louis Trichardt. During the season, athletes have three events to try and break the school records and we are ecstatic to announce that a total of 18 records were broken this season:

Boys	U/17	100m	D. Ramalepe	11.06s
Girls	U/17	100m	O. Drewett	15.06s
Girls	U/17	100m Hurdles	T. Murasiranwa	18.80s
Boys	U/17	1500m	M. Day	04:49.15min
Boys	U/17	200m	D. Ramalepe	23.59s
Girls	U/16	200m	N. Kgopong	28.75s
Boys	U/19	400m Hurdles	D. Coad	01:02.53min
Boys	U/17	400m	M. Day	56.41s
Boys	U/17	800m	M. Day	02:12.17min
Girls	U/14	Discus	I. Brett	27.07m
Girls	U/17	Discus	L. De Bruyn	19.72m
Boys	U/17	High Jump	K. Noné	1.83m
Girls	U/16	High Jump	D. Maswanganyi	1.25m
Boys	U/16	Shotput	Z. Moosa	12.55m
Girls	U/17	Shotput	L. De Bruyn	8.94m
Boys	U/19	Triple Jump	K. Buliani	12.45m
Girls	U/17	Triple Jump	T. Murasiranwa	9.30m
Girls	U/14	Shotput	I. Brett	10.42m

A number of pupils were selected to participate in the District Trials on Wednesday, we await results on this. Well done to all the athletes who broke records and congratulations to all the athletes who participated in the athletics meetings this year. The Stanford Flag is flying high again!

SNAP SHOT

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Stanford Lake College's
ROUND SQUARE CONFERENCE



This last weekend, we welcomed over 70 delegates from 10 schools to our campus to enjoy Stanford Lake College's Round Square Conference. It was a fun-filled weekend of making friends, finding our adventurous sides and learning new skills. Reflections and reports from our pupils will be in next week's edition. For now, enjoy some photos of the amazing few days!



THE WIK MEMORIAL TRIATHLON

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The Wik will take place on 13 March 2022 at Stanford Lake College. The event is a tribute to former Stanford staff member, Wik van der Walt, and is a coming together of friends, family, athletes and sport lovers of all ages.

As the only Triathlon South Africa sanctioned race in the Limpopo province, the event's popularity has grown each year since its inception in 2013. It gives beginners and young enthusiasts, families and more seasoned athletes an opportunity to experience a multi-disciplinary event in a fun, scenic environment.

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