

Matters of Principal

## "Servant - Leadership is about making the goals clear, and then rolling your sleeves up and doing whatever it takes to help people win" - Ken Blanchard

Today we celebrated the handing over of the leadership baton from our current Grade 12 leaders to our Grade 11 pupils. They underwent an exhaustive process of attending leadership forums, filling out applications for leadership positions which included pupils writing personal motivations, an interview with the staff member in charge of the portfolio applied for and, finally, a process allowing current pupils the opportunity to nominate their preferred leaders. On Monday during assembly, I spoke of the qualities that we are looking for in our leaders. Leaders who care, leaders who have empathy, leaders who listen. In short, servant leaders, young men and women whose leadership style is built on a strong set of values. Leaders who are confident to speak up when they encounter injustice, to stand up for what they believe to be right but to do so in a mature and respectful manner. Leaders whose honesty and integrity are unquestionable, young adults who are willing to be accountable for their actions. This is a big ask in a world that is
desperately seeking ethical leaders. Our job now is to support and guide our young leaders as they begin what should be a very exciting journey.

Today we witnessed a wonderful celebration with the culmination of our Heritage Week celebrations. The vibrant colours and energetic dancing and singing lifted the mood and sent our pupils on holiday with a sense of oneness. My thanks to the Cultural Committee, in particular Tukisho Ramohlale and Travis Sithole, for their hard work and to Mrs Dionne Redfern for pulling it all together.

I wish you all a happy safe holiday.
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ROUND SQUARE INTERMATIONAL COMFERENCE - OXFORD

A couple of snaps of the Round Square Conference. Full report upon their return...


SPEAKERS SOCIETY
The final meeting for the term was held last night at The Red Plate. Attendance was extremely poor. This was most disappointing as one of our values is commitment.


Well done to:
Anika WIllmse (Best Evaluator)

Cara Prinsloo (Best Impromptu)

Zayana Moosa (Best Prepared)


## NewS II IBREF

On Tuesday night the annual Inter-house squash competition took place. Good squash was played throughout the evening with the winning house only being decided after the very last game of the evening. In the end, it was Fenwick who walked away as the winners with 18 points, second was Orvis with 15 points and in third place was Loomis with three points. Iggy Lindeque was named as the star player among the boys, followed by Ryno Schultz and then Max Drewett. Isabella Brett was named as the best female player. Well done to everybody who participated.

The second round of the Programming Olympiad took place last week, where Michael Scriven, Victor Fair and Connor Christie took part. It is a tough competition where only the best succeed. 391 learners across the country took part and Michael achieved the best result in Limpopo. Huge congratulations to him
 for this wonderful achievement.

On Saturday, Stanford faced log leaders, Pietersburg Hoërskool (PHS), at home. Stanford won the toss and elected to bat first. Stanford had a poor start with the bat being $33-5$, which brought Zayd Moosa and David Mulder to the crease. The two put on a 39 -run partnership before David lost his wicket. Zayd was then well supported by Iggy Lindeque who scored 17 off 21 balls. Zayd lost his wicket for 56 runs. Connor Veldsman also made a late contribution of 20 runs. Stanford was bowled out for 136 runs. The boys then took the field and put immediate pressure on the PHS batting line-up having them at 10 for 2 . Stanford kept it tight in the field before lunch, restricting PHS to 72-5. After lunch, Stanford dropped four catches and, unfortunately, lost the game by five wickets. The pick of the bowlers was Devon Coad who took four wickets for 31 runs in his ten overs. Connor Veldsman took three spectacular catches.

On Wednesday, our swimming team travelled to Frans du Toit in Phalaborwa to take part in the Mopani Inter-High Gala. On a surprisingly cold day, our pupils performed really well against the typically tough competition of the bigger schools in the Mopani District. The SLC team took 10 first places, 20 second places and 19 third places. Amongst some great performances by many athletes, Jenny Zhang again stood out, winning all of her races, breaking four records and being named Senior Victrix Ludorum. Stanford Lake College came third overall, an admirable result for the day. Well done to all the swimmers.


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Last weekend, the final Limpopo Schools XCO race was held at Westfalia Fruit estate near Tzaneen. It was the fourth and final race in the Limpopo Schools' Series and was also an inter-provincial event as Mpumalanga, North West and Northern Cape were invited to join. It was a great event with a beautiful but physically demanding track, a nice venue setup, many food stalls, friendly people and most of all, a great atmosphere. The competition was tough and the other provinces brought their A-game, especially North West, giving us a good run for our money. In the end, Limpopo managed to take the win overall. Stanford Lake College had four riders (Ilne Kotzé, Isabella Dando, Rachel Göbel and Gordon Noel) receive their Limpopo Colours and represent Limpopo in this inter-provincial event. The Limpopo Colours was based on the performance of the riders over the previous three races. These four riders, together with Kian Noné, Lungile Sithole-Wiltshire and Tristan Brett, represented Stanford and did so wonderfully, making us all very proud. The results were as follows: Ilne finished 10th overall and 4th Limpopo rider in Sub-Junior Girls. Rachel and Isabella finished 8th overall and 6th Limpopo and 6th overall and 4th Limpopo respectively in the Youth Girls category. Lungile and Kian finished 20th overall and 14th Limpopo and 16th overall and 12th Limpopo respectively in the Junior Mens category. Tristan finished 19th overall and 12th Limpopo and Gordon finished 2nd overall and 1st Limpopo in the Youth Boys category. Very good results from all the Stanfordians. Well done on a great season.


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## SOCCER NEWS

## UPLANDS TOUR

On Friday, 16th September the school's football teams travelled to Uplands College in White River. The U/15 Girls kicked the weekend off with a match against St Peter's College where they were quick to assert their dominance and scored an early goal. Going through they maintained the same dominant play keeping the game out of reach of the opposing team. The final score was 3-0 to SLC.

The U/15 Boys took to the field also playing St Peter's. The opposition started the game aggressively scoring a goal in the first minute of the game. The Stanfordians were dumbfounded after the goal and it took them a few minutes to regroup and get back into the game. They were so close to scoring in many instances but could not put the ball in the back of the net. The boys' spirit was crushed when the St Peter's boys scored another goal to take the game out of reach of the Stanfordians. The final score was Stanford Lake College 0-2 St Peters College.

On Saturday, the First Team Girls played a thriller against St Peter's College. The first 15 minutes of the game were a drag as both teams were evidently nervous and were still looking to settle. The Stanfordians soon found their stride and were the first to score from a brilliant long-range shot from Maki Inama. Just minutes after, the Stanfordians were awarded a penalty and Zoë Koster made sure to bury the opportunity. This was the narrative for the rest of the game. The final score ended 4-1 to Stanford.

The First Team Boys were to also take on St Peter's in a clash that was certainly not going to be easy as the boys only had half their usual team due to Preliminary Exams. St Peter's asserted their dominance through an early goal. This, however, did not deter the Stanford boys as they kept on applying pressure. They were soon rewarded with an equaliser through Andrew Van Den Heuvel. Unfortunately, St Peter's scored late in the second half to win the game.

In their second games, both the $\mathrm{U} / 15$ Girls and the $\mathrm{U} / 15$ Boys lost their games 0-1 to Uplands College. The First Team Girls lost 5-2 to Uplands and the First Team Boys also lost 1-3 to them. The Uplands Tour was eye-opening for the football players, as they were exposed to a different level of competition and an exciting football environment. We are proud of all the footballers for the effort and commitment they put into the tour.


On Monday afternoon we were treated to some good quality Inter- I house football. We used a table format and the houses were split I into mixed senior and junior teams. Each team played two games of 20-minute halves.

## Juniors

The first game was between Orvis and Loomis. It was a tight game, I played really well by both sides and ended with a 1 - 1 draw. The second game was Loomis and Fenwick. Fenwick completely dominated Loomis and managed to put four goals in within the first I half. The second half was no different and the game ended 7-1 I to Fenwick. The last game was between Orvis and Loomis which I saw Loomis cruise past Orvis, scoring four goals in the process. The game ended 4-0 to Loomis.

## Seniors

The seniors kicked off with the most intense game on Monday afternoon between Orvis and Fenwick. The game was tightly contested by both sides as they were hungry for a win. Both teams managed to score a goal each in the first half but, unfortunately, neither of them could find a winner. This was due to the technical strength I shown by both teams. The game ended in a 1-1 draw. The second game between Loomis and Fenwick was not short of entertainment as the spectators were treated to beautiful goals scored by both teams. Both teams played very well and created many chances. At I the break, Fenwick were 2-1 up but that did not stop Loomis from I fighting and they managed to equalise in the second half. However, Fenwick managed to regain the lead in the dying minutes of the game and the game ended 3-2. The last game was between Orvis and Loomis. Orvis completely dominated Loomis and managed to I win comfortably by 4 goals to nil.

Overall, Orvis won the Inter-house football, Loomis and Fenwick were level on points but Loomis leapfrogged Fenwick on goal difference to take second, leaving Fenwick in third place. Thank you to I Mr Pretorius for organising the event and Mr Rachidi, Mr Ngcelwane and Mr Mpangeva for officiating.


