

# SNAP SHOT

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## Matters of Principal

The month of April gives many of us an opportunity to reflect on our faith; to think about what is important to us and be grateful for our many blessings. I wish the members of our Muslim community all the best during Ramadan - a time of self-reflection and self-discipline. In the Christian faith, we are preparing for the celebration of Easter and the affirmation of our faith. Many of us have made sacrifices over Lent in preparation for Holy Week culminating in the Resurrection and the celebration of new life in Christ.

Our society is becoming more and more secular, with fewer families attending religious services yet the basic value systems upon which we base all that we do are borne out of religious teachings. As a school, we subscribe to the Christian ethos (whilst recognising other faiths) and we try to educate according to these principles. But we cannot do this alone. External influences such as social media tend to dominate our lives and challenge so many of the values we espouse.

Where will we be as a society if, as a school and as a parent body we do not work together to uphold those core values and raise our children accordingly?

*"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control"*

- Galatians 5: 22-23

Every now and again we need to recalibrate and refocus, and religious festivals such as Ramadan, Lent, Holy Week and Easter give us the opportunity to do just that: to reflect on our lives, our identity, on what is important to us, to acknowledge our privilege and commit our lives to a higher purpose.

God Bless,



### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### FLY FISHING

Kade Thompson and I represented the Mens Limpopo side at this year's South African Fly-Fishing Association's Senior A-Nationals competition in Barkley East, from the 16th to the 19th of March. We had a stellar competition, individually and as a team. The Limpopo side placed 4th overall, with a total of 692 fish for the duration of the Nationals. Kade and I placed 19th and 13th respectively out of 55 anglers, with 375 fish between us. I was grateful to receive a gold medal for the casting competition with the longest cast achieved in the competition. Kade was also awarded a gold medal for the most improved angler, having improved his ranking position by 36 positions since the last Senior Nationals competition he attended.

- Luke Fairhead

These two young men displayed great prospects for achieving fantastic results in future fly-fishing competitions! Well done to them.



#### ENDURO



Mike and Matthew Scriven rode in the Lowveld Enduro race at Longtom Pass last weekend. Matthew finished his first Silver B class in style and Mike was second in the Pro B class.

#### SWIMMING



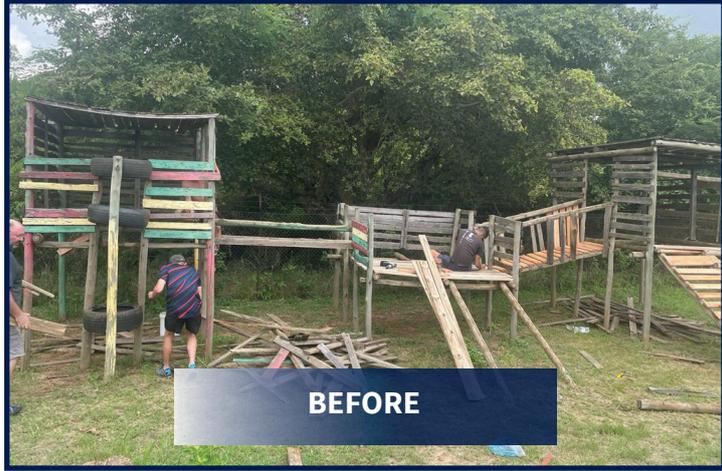
Jenny Zhang and Pearson Mumba participated in the SA Schools Swimming Championships during the holidays. Jenny swam five events and made five finals, walking away with a bronze medal for both the 200m backstroke and 200m freestyle. Pearson came 7th in the 50m freestyle.

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## SERVICE WITH SMILES

Mike Scriven, Wernich Schmidt, Rhain Skordi and Matthew Scriven completed their Life Orientation service hours during the holidays, renovating the jungle gym for a pre-school in Motupa Village.



BEFORE



AFTER

## I HAVE COMMITMENT: WHAT I WILL START, I WILL FINISH

Mr Willson showed the true embodiment of this Stanford value as he completed the IRONMAN African Championship on Sunday in a time of 9 hours and 45 minutes. Mr Willson first started training for this gruelling event back in 2020, hoping to complete the event that same year, but it was cancelled due to the pandemic. Not to be deterred, Mr Willson kept himself in peak fitness and knew he would achieve his goal as soon as he could. Well done on this outstanding achievement, you are an inspiration to all of us!



## EBENEZER MILE

A number of Stanfordians completed the Rotary Ebenezer Mile, held on 19th March. Well done to Emma Imrie, Amber McHugh, Ilne Kotzé, Isabella Brett, Tristan Brett, Ryno Schultz, Llewellyn Wight and Ben Tasker who all swam the mile, as well as Mr Swane-poel who swam the 3000m. A number of pupils also completed service hours by assisting at the event. Benno Kotzé, Jack Tasker and Devon Coad acted as paddle guides, leading the swimmers, whilst Nsuku Shingwenyana, Zoë Koster and Zoë Burman helped at registration.

The Speakers Society (run along the lines of Toastmasters International) was formed last term and serves to teach the fundamental skills of public speaking such as prepared speeches, impromptu speeches, evaluations, toasts, running a formal meeting and such. The group comprises 24 Grade 11 and 12 pupils who meet three times a term. Thus far, three meetings have been held, the first of which was a training session. At the second and third meetings, the following speakers were awarded:

### MEETING TWO



**Zayana Moosa**  
Best Evaluator



**Micaela Wight**  
Best Ice Breaker



**Rhain Skordi**  
Runner Up

### MEETING THREE



**Sifiso Magagula**  
Best Evaluator



**Phathu Raphalalani**  
Best Ice Breaker

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## MARITZBURG TOUR



Over the last weekend of the holidays, our Under 16s and 1st Hockey teams were fortunate enough to participate in the Keith Fair-weather Hockey Festival in Pietermaritzburg after an unwelcome two-year break due to the pandemic. There was definitely a mixed bag of results, but the teams had fun being around their peers, played their hearts out, learnt, and gained valuable experience going into the hockey season which kicks off this weekend.



### 1ST TEAM BOYS

Drew vs Curro Hillcrest 1-1  
Drew vs Hoerskool Linden 1-1  
Drew vs Ashton College 1-1  
Won vs Sentraal 5 - 0  
Lost vs Zwartkop 0 - 1  
Won vs Bryanston 4 - 0

### U/16 BOYS

Lost vs Reddam 0-1  
Won vs Curro Hillcrest 3-0  
Drew vs Oosterland 1-1  
Lost vs Penryn 0-1  
Won vs Bryanston 1-0



### 1ST TEAM GIRLS

Lost vs Curro Hillcrest 0 - 3  
Lost vs Epworth 0 - 3  
Won vs Sentraal 6 - 0  
Drew vs Grantleigh 1 - 1  
Won vs Bryanston 1 - 0



### U/16 GIRLS

Won vs Oranje 1-0  
Lost vs Epworth 0-2  
Lost vs Nelspruit 0-2  
Won vs Volkies 3-1  
Won vs Oosterland 2-0  
Lost vs Thomas More 0-3