



The Librarian

*“A library is not a luxury but one of the necessities of life.” —
Henry Ward Beecher*

DEAR READER – DROP EVERYTHING AND READ

From Hogwarts to Haenertsburg, every book is a ticket to somewhere. As we approach World Book Day on 23 April, we are reminded of the power of stories and the importance of celebrating authors, illustrators, libraries, and most importantly—you, the reader.

In this spirit, the school is proud to introduce a new reading initiative: DEAR – Drop Everything And Read.

This programme is designed to build a strong culture of reading across the school by creating dedicated, uninterrupted time for students and staff to engage with books. During tutor time, 15 minutes will be set aside for silent reading, where everyone is encouraged to pause their normal routine and focus on reading.

The aim of DEAR is to develop confident, capable readers who read not only for academic success, but also for enjoyment and personal growth. The initiative supports key skills such as reading fluency, comprehension, memory retention, deeper thinking, and sustained concentration.

Research shows that reading for pleasure is one of the strongest indicators of a child’s future success. It outweighs factors such as family circumstances, parental educational background, and household income (Source: Remitly.com).

Regular, uninterrupted reading—particularly from printed books—strengthens the brain’s “deep reading” pathways. This improves reading stamina, focus, and critical thinking skills. In an increasingly digital world, DEAR also provides a valuable opportunity to step away from screens and engage in meaningful, sustained reading.

The success of this initiative relies on the support of the entire school community. Learners are encouraged to develop the habit of reading beyond the classroom, while families are invited to support reading at home by reading to and with their children whenever possible.

The Stanford Library always welcomes donations of family favourites. Families are encouraged to take this opportunity to go through their shelves and share previously loved books. Easy readers and picture books are especially welcome, as these donations are shared with Apple School and our Read With Me Programme, extending the impact of reading beyond our own school community.

World Book Day is not only a celebration, but a reminder of the lifelong value of reading. The message behind DEAR is simple: reading is not an occasional activity, but a daily habit that builds knowledge, imagination, and a lifelong love of learning.

— The Library Team

Jane Meintjes

Coaches Corner

Chris Mathebula

From a young age, Chris has been deeply involved in the game, progressing through provincial age-group structures and senior club cricket, including representation for Limpopo Impala Cricket. Over time, he has developed into a respected and trusted mentor within youth cricket. What stands out most is not only his experience as a player, but his consistent commitment to giving back to the game that shaped him. His coaching philosophy is grounded in player development, discipline, and a strong belief in nurturing young talent.

Qualifications

- CSA Level 2 Coach
- Level 1 First Aid

Cricket Career

- Limpopo Impala Cricket u15 2011
- Limpopo Impala Cricket u17 2013
- Limpopo Impala Cricket Coke team 2014
- Limpopo Impala Cricket Rural team 2017-Present
- Limpopo Impala Cricket Academy 2017-2019
- Pretoria Cricket Club 2016-17 Northern Premier League
- Nkowanowa Cricket Club 2011-Present
- Limpopo Senior Mens Cricket Team 2019-2021

Coaching Experience

- 2018 U/13B Limpopo league winners with Unicorn Preparatory School
- 2012-13 Limpopo Promotional league winners with Nkowanowa Cricket Club
- 2019-20 Limpopo T20 Premier League with Nkowanowa Cricket Club as Captain
- 2018-2019 Limpopo Impala Cricket Rural team Bowler of the year
- 2023-Limpopo u13 school league finalist as coach
- 2024-Limpopo u11 league winners as coach
- 2024- Limpopo u13 League winners as coach
- 2024- Limpopo u13 Club Cricket league winners as Coach
- 2025- Limpopo u15 A league semifinals as Coach.
- 2025- Pretoria Elite League finals as a coach

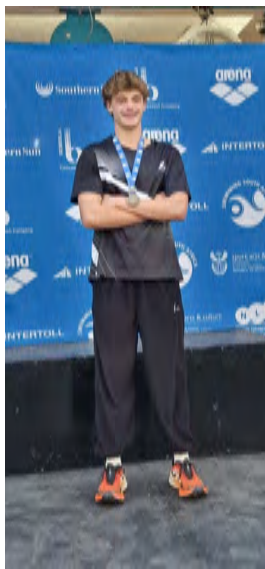
Career Highlights

- Playing against the Lions Franchise team that had current Proteas players Ryan Rickelton, Reeza Hendricks at Wanderers Cricket Stadium
- Winning the u11 League as a Coach in 2024 with 8 of the boys being 10years old.
- 2018 Limpopo Cricket Rural bowler of the year Award



At his core, he is a teacher of the game, a builder of confidence, and a believer in opportunity. His story is one of continuous growth, grounded in a deep love for cricket and a commitment to ensuring the next generation is better prepared, more skilled, and more confident than the one before.

Podium Performance: Dario Shines



Dario Wasley delivered an impressive performance at the SA National Level 3 Gala held at Hillcrest in Gauteng, marking a successful outing at national level competition.

Competing against some of the country's strongest youth swimmers, Dario secured two bronze medals — one in the 50m breaststroke and another in the 100m breaststroke. His results reflect both consistency and competitiveness in the discipline.

In addition to his podium finishes, Dario continued to show strong progression throughout the meet, achieving personal best times across all his events. A standout highlight of his performance was earning a **SA National Youth qualifying time** in the 50m breaststroke, clocking an impressive 32.74 seconds.



BADGER OF THE WEEK

Hat-trick Badger of the Week!
Dario Wasley has once again been recognised as Badger of the Week following an outstanding performance at the SA National Level 3 Gala in Gauteng.
He secured 2 bronze medals in the 50m and 100m breaststroke events, improved across all his races with new PBs, and achieved a SA National Youth qualifying time in the 50m breaststroke
A superb performance and well-deserved recognition.

UPCOMING EVENTS



GIANTS ADVENTURE RALLY

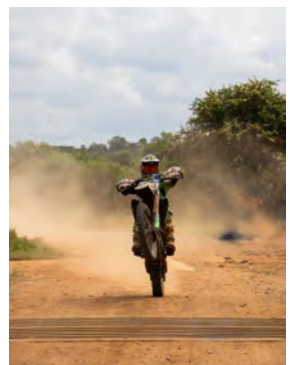
Young riders Nathan Berrie and Tristan Berrie delivered an impressive performance at this year's Giants Adventure Rally, a demanding three-day off-road endurance event held in Botswana's Tuli Block.

Covering approximately 200 km per day across rugged and technical terrain, the duo competed alongside experienced riders in one of the region's most challenging adventure rallies. The event tested not only speed, but also stamina, navigation, and mechanical skill over extended distances and harsh conditions.

Nathan produced a standout performance, claiming 1st place in the Under-18 category and finishing an exceptional 3rd overall. Riding his Yamaha 250FX, he demonstrated consistency, control, and maturity throughout the demanding stages, securing a result that highlights his growing reputation in off-road racing.

Tristan also delivered a strong and determined ride on his Yamaha YZ125, showing resilience and focus as he tackled the tough terrain. Successfully completing an event of this scale is a significant achievement in itself, and his performance reflected steady progress and commitment from start to finish.

Together, the Berrie brothers showcased emerging talent and determination in the off-road racing scene, standing out as promising young competitors capable of excelling in high-endurance adventure events.



Merensky Hockey Festival

The U16 hockey teams competed at the Merensky Hockey Festival, going up against strong, established schools and holding their own throughout the tournament.

The boys' team delivered a solid performance, finishing with 2 wins and 3 draws, remaining unbeaten in several tightly contested matches. The girls' team also showed determination, securing 2 wins alongside 3 losses in a competitive field.

Both squads gained valuable experience and showed encouraging progress against quality opposition, reflecting resilience and growing confidence.



BEN VORSTER RUGBY FESTIVAL

The U16 boys rugby team put in a committed and physical performance at the Ben Vorster Rugby Festival, competing with determination against strong opposition across both fixtures.

Finishing the tournament with 1 win and 1 loss, the team showed clear progress in their overall gameplay, with strong defensive organisation, improved structure, and a noticeable increase in confidence under pressure.

Across both matches, the boys demonstrated excellent work rate and teamwork, staying competitive in tight phases of play and responding well to challenging moments on the field. The experience gained will be valuable as the group continues to develop throughout the season, building both depth and resilience.

A solid festival performance that reflects growth and potential for the matches ahead.



ROUND SQUARE SENIOR CONFERENCE

I had the privilege of attending the Senior Round Square Conference, 25 - 29 March in Cape Town, hosted by St George's Grammar School. I attended alongside my three classmates, Blessing, Lehlabile, and Mohlatlego, as well as our teacher Ms Reddy, where we represented our school while collaborating with students from other local and International Round Square schools.

After attending the opening ceremony at St George's Grammar School, where we were welcomed by our hosts and given time to meet one another. We, as Stanfordians, immediately became inseparable from the boys from St Stithians Boys' College, and so it remained for the rest of our time there. Once we had settled in, we were split into three major groups: Turquoise, Green, and Red rotations, which determined the order of the three main activities we would participate in over the following days. These activities included a city bus tour, service projects, and hiking on Table Mountain.

Each day we were fortunate to hear from inspiring keynote speakers, including Ande Melane, founder of the Shared Purpose Foundation, who spoke about leading with purpose and service; Ute Hermanus, a Cape Town broadcaster and content creator, who encouraged us to explore the world and the people around us; and Aye-Hyundai Ohn, a celebrated South African para-athlete, who inspired us to embrace challenges and push beyond our limitations.

Some of my highlights from the trip include the bus tour, the team-building (baraza) sessions, and the time spent at the hotel at the end of each day, where students bonded with one another. The cultural evening was also memorable, as we joined the St Stithians boys to perform two songs. Another highlight was when all the students played hide-and-seek, and Blessing won after hiding so well that he could not hear anyone calling for him, luckily he was eventually found by Ms Reddy.

The hike was another key moment, particularly because of the beautiful views along the way and how much easier it was to hike and hold a conversation without carrying heavy bags (flashback Expeditions!)

On the final night, after the social, the realisation set in that we would probably never see most of these wonderful people, our new friends, again. A special mention goes to the Namibians and the St Stithians boys, with whom we had grown especially close. On the last day, everyone prepared to return home. We said our goodbyes to the other students and thanked Ms Reddy for being like a mother to us before heading back to reality.

I thoroughly enjoyed my time in Cape Town and learned many things about different cultures and people. I am surprised at how much I enjoyed the conference, especially given my initial anxiety about not fitting in as someone from Limpopo with a different background. I experienced very few challenges and wish we could have stayed longer. I hope the school continues to be part of Round Square by sending students to future conferences and that more students volunteer to participate.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks, on behalf of myself and the other three pupils, to the Round Square committee, those responsible for organising the conference, Mr Jacobs for making this opportunity possible, and Ms Reddy for taking the time to accompany us.

- Xihlovo Mkhabele, Grade 11



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LOST AND FOUND

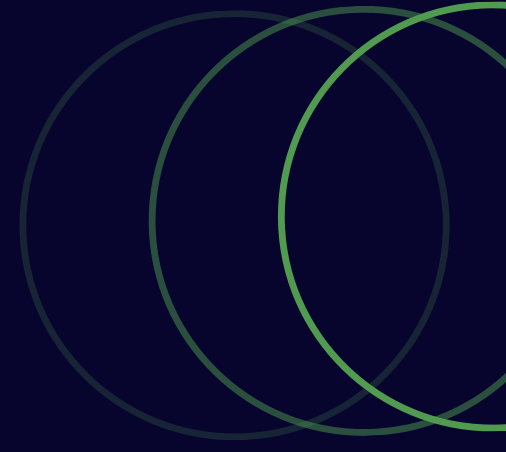
REMINDER TO COLLECT LOST AND FOUND FROM UNIFORM SHOP





Stanford Lake College Weekly Notice

20 – 27 April



Date	Activity	Time	Venue	Staff	
Monday 20 April	Day 5				
	Choir	14:15 - 15:30	IJV	Renee	
	Modern 2	14:15 - 15:00	Studio	RMJ	
	Ballet	15:00 - 15:30	Studio	RMJ	
	Vocal Lessons	15:30 - 17:00	IJV	Renee	
	Senior Boys hockey	14:30 - 16:55	Astro	TM	
	Junior boys Conditioning (U14 - U 15)	15:00 - 16:00	Top Field	JJN,NFH	
	Junior Boys Rugby (U16)	15:00 - 16:00	Top Field	JJN, NFH	
	Junior Boys Conditioning (U16)	16:00 - 16:55	Top Field	JJN , NFH	
	Junior Boys Rugby (U16)	16:00 - 16:55	Top Field	JJN,NFH	
	Junior Girls Netball (U14 - U16)	14:30 - 16:55	Netball Courts	TP,SS, MCM,LBM,	
	Senior Girls Hockey	14:30 - 16:55	Astro	KH	
	Adventure	14:30 - 16:55	Adventure Centre	BA	
	Swimming	15:30 - 16:50	HPC	KO	
	Badger Women Hockey	17:00 - 18:00	Astro		
	PS Lesson	By Appointment	PS Lab	LBM,GVS	
	Grade 12 Math's	14:30 - 15:30	MCE Class	MCE	
Grade 8 Math's	14:30 - 15:30	JG Class	JG		
Tuesday 21 April	Day 6				
	Music Lessons	15:00 - 17:15	IJV	CAL	
	Modern 2	14:40 - 15:30	Studio	RMJ	
	Netball League matches vs BV @ BV				
	Departure SLC:	12:30	Ben Vorster	TP,SS,MCM,LBM,LS	
	Return SLC:	18:00			
	Court 1	Court 2			
	14 A		14:00		
	15 A	16 B	14:40		
	16 A	15 B	15:20		
	17 A	14 B	16:00		
1 st		16:40			
Senior Boys Rugby (U17 - U19)	14:35 - 16:55	Top Fields	SJW,PJB		
Junior Boys Hockey (U14 - U16)	15:00 - 16:55	Astro	XJH,SF,IC		

	Senior MTB/ Adventure Swimming Badger Men PS Lesson Grade 11 Math's	14:35 - 16:55 15:30 - 16:50 18:00 - 19:00 By appointment 14:30 - 15:15	Adventure Centre HPC Astro PS Lab NNM Class	BA,NFH KO LBM,GVS NNM
Wednesday 22 April	Day 7 Modern 1 Ballet Music Lessons Senior Mayor Cup Debating Polokwane Boys Hockey SLC vs LTT (SLC) U14 U16 1st Junior boys Conditioning (U14 - U 15) Junior Boys Rugby (U16) Junior Boys Conditioning (U16) Junior Boys Rugby (U16) Junior Girls Netball (U14 - U16) Senior Girls Hockey Adventure Swimming Badger Women Hockey PS Lesson Gr 10 Math's Gr 9 Math's Gr 11 FSE Academic Assist for DS	14:00 - 14:45 14:45 - 15:30 14:45 - 17:30 14:00 - 18:00 14:00 15:00 16:20 14:30 - 16:55 15:00 - 16:00 15:00 - 16:00 16:00 - 16:55 16:00 - 16:55 14:30 - 16:55 14:30 - 16:55 15:30 - 16:50 17:00 - 18:00 By Appointment 14:00 - 14:45 14:00 - 14:45 13:50 - 14:45 14:00 - 14:45	RMJ RMJ IJV PLK Astro Top Field Top Field Top Field Top Field Netball Courts DAD Centre Adventure Centre HPC Astro PS Lab NNM Class JG Class JET Class TN Class	RMJ RMJ Cal KSH,KNN TM, XJH,SF,IC JJN,NFH JJN, NFH JJN , NFH JJN,NFH TP,SS, MCM,LBM, KH BA KO LBM, GVS NNM JG JET Academic Com
Thursday 23 April	Day 1 Music Lesson Girls Hockey SLC vs PHS (SLC) U14 U16 1st Interhouse WIK	14:45 - 16:15 14:30 15:30 16:45 14:00 - 16:55	IJV Adventure Centre	Cal TM, JG,CN,AG,KH BA,NFH

	PS Lesson	By Arrangement	PS Lab	LBM, GVS
Friday 24 April	Parents meeting with Staff Half Term Ultra Trail Drakensburg Departure SLC:	08:00 - 12:00 12:00 03:00	Campus	All Staff
Saturday 25 April	Ultra Trail Drakensburg			
Sunday 26 April	Ultra Trail Drakensburg			
Monday 27 April	Ultra Trail Drakensburg Return SLC:	14:00		