



Deputy Head Matters

"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'"
— Matthew 25:21 (NIV)

As examinations approach, our pastoral focus at Stanford Lake College remains grounded in clear foundations. We want our pupils to finish the year with a deepening sense of being known, supported and equipped to take responsibility for their next steps.

Term 4 can bring a mixture of anticipation, fatigue and pressure. Through our wellbeing programme for Grades 8 to 11, our focus is to help pupils turn those feelings into manageable actions: identifying a topic or subject that needs attention, beginning a difficult task, responding constructively to a disappointing result, and knowing when and whom to ask for help.

Our wellbeing sessions this term centre on finishing well under pressure, developing grit through consistent effort, and building routines that protect wellbeing. We want our pupils to learn how to keep going, adjust their approach and make room for rest. Progress comes through small, purposeful actions repeated over time.

Achievement does not happen at random. It is built through continued effort, preparation and a willingness to learn from mistakes. Each focused study session, corrected answer and acted upon piece of feedback strengthens that foundation. Although effort cannot guarantee a particular result, consistent, purposeful work gives pupils the best opportunity to realise their potential.

Alongside these lessons, tutors will use individual conversations to understand each pupil's academic preparation and wellbeing. Together, they will identify priorities, agree on a realistic plan and review progress. Our aim is for every pupil to know what they need to do next and which adult they can approach for support.

Parents are an essential part of this work. Tutors will make contact before examinations to share strengths, discuss concerns and agree on practical support. We want these conversations to build trust and ensure that school and home have a shared understanding of the pupil's needs.

Finishing well also means caring for the people around us. We will encourage pupils to express gratitude, honour commitments and include those who may feel left out. Even during a demanding term, each pupil can help make someone else's day easier.

In the parable of the talents, Jesus describes a master who entrusts his servants with resources and later returns to see how they have used them. The faithful servant takes that responsibility seriously and puts what he has received to work. His master's response recognises both his actions and his character.

For our pupils, this offers a meaningful way to think about finishing well. Faithfulness takes shape in everyday choices, using time wisely, returning to a challenging task, seeking support and honouring commitments. These small responsibilities matter. Through them, pupils develop habits and character that prepare them for greater responsibility. As we approach the end of the year, we want to recognise their effort, growth and care for others alongside their academic achievements.

Coaches Corner

Christine Rossouw

We are equally excited to introduce Christine as our new Sports Intern! Christine holds a Diploma in Coaching Science from North-West University and brings a wealth of hands-on experience in sports administration, athletic coaching, and event organization. A former Limpopo provincial hockey player and qualified referee, her expertise and energy will be a massive asset to our learners and sports program.



Qualifications

- LSAHA Level 1

Personal Sport Achievements

- 18 Years of hockey experience, demonstrating long-term commitment, dedication and passion for the sport
- Provincial-level hockey player, representing and competing at a high level.
- Limpopo ladies representative contributing to the team and being trusted with leadership responsibilities.

Career Highlights

I would say it is developing young players and contributing to the growth of the sport. For me, coaching is about more than just improving players' technical skills. It is about building confidence, developing character, teaching discipline and inspiring players to believe in their abilities.



WELCOME Ms Emma Thompson – Head of Department for Visual Art

We are delighted to welcome Emma back as our new Head of Department for Visual Art. Emma holds a BA in Fine Arts, graduating *Cum Laude* in History, and a PGCE. She brings more than 20 years of teaching experience across secondary and tertiary levels.

Emma previously served as our Art HOD and Life Orientation HOD. She has also taught senior English and prepared matrices for IEB assessments, so she knows our school community well. An active professional printmaker, Emma exhibits nationally with *The Printing Girls* collective and runs a private art studio. Her leadership experience, artistic expertise and passion for education make her a wonderful addition to our academic team.



FAREWELL

At the same time, we bid farewell to Ms. Cathrine Mathaba, our print room operator and lab assistant, and Mr. Etienne Terblanche, English teacher, who are leaving the school. We extend our appreciation to both of them for their time with us and wish them all the best in their future endeavours.

ALUMNI SUCCESS

From the South African start line to the world stage

For Class of 2024 alumnus Tristan Brett, qualifying for the World Triathlon Championships was a milestone years in the making. Earlier this year, a strong performance at the SA Sprint Triathlon Championships earned him the chance to represent South Africa in Spain.

Racing in the 20–24 age group, Tristan crossed the finish line 32nd out of 58 athletes—a remarkable result in a highly competitive international field. A transition mishap made the race more challenging, but he kept going and finished among the world’s best age-group triathletes.

The result is only part of the story. Tristan describes the World Championships as an incredible experience: a chance to compete on a global stage and see first-hand just how vast and competitive triathlon is in Europe. He returned inspired, proud of what he had achieved and motivated by what is still ahead.

Earlier this year, Tristan joined one of the country’s leading coaching teams. Their support has helped him make significant progress, and he is now building towards greater competitiveness over the standard, or Olympic, distance.

Triathlon rewards patience and persistence. Each discipline takes years of consistent work to master—and Tristan knows his journey is just beginning. With big goals ahead and a world-championship experience behind him, he has plenty to be proud of.

We are incredibly proud of Tristan for representing South Africa with determination and for showing what can grow from commitment, courage and a willingness to keep striving.



DUTCH HOCKEY

During the September school holidays, I was lucky enough to travel to Holland on a hockey tour. We flew via Dubai, which was an awesome experience and made the trip even more exciting.

From the first day, we were busy with hockey practices and matches in the evenings. The standard of hockey was really high, which challenged me to improve my skills and learn new techniques. Every day was a new opportunity to get better at hockey and learn from other players.

The tour was not just about hockey. I also got to experience a different country, see new places and learn about different cultures. One of the best parts was travelling with my school friends, having fun together and making new friends along the way.

Overall, the tour to Holland was an unforgettable experience. I came back with better hockey skills, amazing memories and new friendships. It was a great opportunity to grow as a hockey player and enjoy an incredible experience with my friends.



- Tristan Savage



BADGER OF

THE WEEK

Badger of the Week goes to Kabelo Ledwaba!

Kabelo raced in the Inland Motocross Championships at Dirt Bronco in Krugersdorp, winning both 125cc races and taking P1 for the day. Congratulations, Kabelo!



GEOCACHING

Cache Me If You Can: The Green Badgers' Ultimate College Adventure!

Grab your smartphones, lace up your trail shoes, and sharpen your inner detective instincts—there is a high-tech real-world treasure hunt happening right under our noses at Stanford Lake College!

The Environmental Club has officially submitted the college's first geocache! We are currently awaiting final approval for our cache—stay tuned, as the latest info and exact coordinates will follow shortly. Whether you are a seasoned outdoor navigator or someone who usually gets lost finding the dining hall, this upcoming quest is designed for you.

Think of geocaching as a global hide-and-seek game powered by GPS technology. Adventurers use satellite coordinates on their phones or handheld GPS devices to track down weatherproof containers (called geocaches) hidden in nature. Inside, you will find a physical logbook to sign your name, along with small trackable trinkets to swap.

It's all the adrenaline of a treasure hunt mixed with a fresh-air stroll!

The Environmental Club launched this initiative with a clear mission: to get students, families, and outdoor enthusiasts exploring our beautiful grounds, discovering secret nooks on campus, and reconnecting with nature.

- **Eco-Responsibility First:** Geocaching operates on a strict Leave No Trace policy. Cache hunters keep the trails spotless by picking up litter along the way, helping protect local wildlife and ecosystems.
- **Teamwork & Discovery:** Crack the clue solo or grab a group of friends to solve spatial puzzles and navigate off-the-beaten-path locations.
- **College Pride:** Finding the container isn't just about marking your logbook—it's an interactive way to learn fascinating facts about our College history, local flora, and environmental initiatives along the route!

Support the Green Badgers!

Every cache found is a victory for curiosity, community, and conservation. Show your support for the Green Badgers by preparing for the challenge, uncovering hidden spots around campus, and respecting the environment as you explore.

Stay tuned for official cache approval details—get your gear ready!



What is geocaching?

Geocaching is a high-tech treasure hunting game played throughout the world by adventure seekers equipped with GPS devices. The basic idea is to locate hidden containers, called geocaches, outdoors and then share your experiences online. Geocaching is enjoyed by people from all age groups, with a strong sense of community and support for the environment.

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BACK TO THE 2000's

The Interhouse Singing Contest is one of the highlights of Term 3—and the hours of vocal practice, production planning and outfit preparation are all part of the build-up to those much-coveted house bragging rights.

This year, the contest took us back to the 2000s. For those of us in the over-40 crowd, the theme brought back plenty of memories of CDs, headphones and favourite songs on repeat.

Congratulations to Founders South, this year's winners! Ken Shuter took second place, followed by Founders North.



EXP ADVENTURE

Our Adventure Race teams headed to Hazeldean, Pretoria, for a fantastic weekend of climbing, campfires and racing.

The team at @theclimbingbarn taught everyone some rock-climbing skills, and the teams were treated to a fire show before heading into camp. After a weekend of adventure, all teams crossed the finish line—except The Boys, who missed checkpoints 19 and 20.

Race results:

- The Boys: Tiger Peniston and Samuel Gubitz — DNF, missed checkpoints 19 and 20
- The Wildlings: Ben Terblanche and JC Els — 2nd place, Schools Boys
- The Hawks: Zavanna Shipalana and Bongani Banda — finished in last place
- Tangent: Hana MacMillan and Zoë Trustler — 1st place, Schools Girls
- Baby Badgers: Yoshka MacMillan and Carola Noël — 1st place, Schools Mixed



2027 *Committee Leaders*

ACADEMIC

CHAIR

DEPUTY



Ruby Fair

Teya Zenatic

ADVENTURE

CHAIR

DEPUTY



Hana MacMillan

Jan-Carel Els

CULTURE

CHAIR

DEPUTY



Mufunwa Mabuda

Thebe Thobjane

PASTORAL CARE

CHAIR

DEPUTY



Dimpho Mangena

Tameka Khangale

BELONGING & INCLUSION

CHAIR

DEPUTY



Matthew Pullinger

Teya Zanetic

SERVICE

CHAIR

DEPUTY



Orinea Mulaudzi

Zaneera Modan

SPIRIT

CHAIR

DEPUTY



Ronewa Tsanwani

Temo Setlalekgosi

ROUND SQUARE

CHAIR

DEPUTY



Carmen van der Merwe

Nick Dando

SPORT

CHAIR

DEPUTY



Dario Wasley

Katje Göbel

ENVIRONMENTAL

CHAIR



Miano Tshivula

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LOOMIS



Katlego Maepa



Nathan Berry

FENWICK



Charlie Peniston



Harshiv Gohil

ORVIS



Ruby Fair



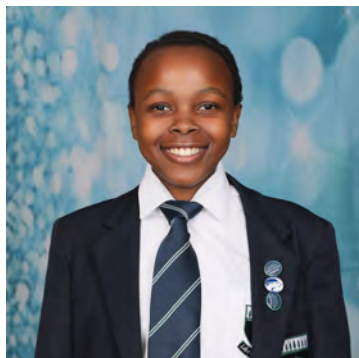
Dario Wasley

SRC REPRESENTATIVES

GRADE 8



Letlotlo Tswaane



Rhulani Msimeki



Thatego Molokomme



Nakedi Kgopong

GRADE 9



Tadhg Egan



Thakgi Ndlovu



Lehlabile Tswaane



Teya Zanetic

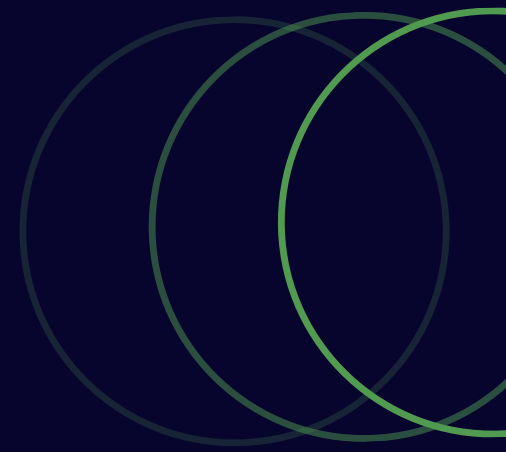
GRADE 10

GRADE 11



Stanford Lake College Weekly Notice

26 – 31 Oct



Date	Activity	Time	Venue	Staff
Monday 26 Oct	Day 2			
	Choir	14:00 -15:30	IJV	Renee
	Junior Girls Netball	14:00 - 16:00	Netball Court	LM, EVA, RB
	Senior Girls Hockey	14:00 - 16:00	Astro	KH, CR
	Senior Boys Hockey	14:00 - 16:00	Astro	TM, IC
	Junior Boys Rugby	14:00 - 16:00	Top Field	OH, JJN, NH
	Grade 8 English Extra Lessons	14:30 - 16:00	KO Class	KO
	Grade 8 Mathematics Extra Lessons	14:30 - 15:15	JH Class	JH
	Grade 11 Mathematics	14:30 - 15:15	NNM Class	NNM
	PS lesson by appointment	14:30 - 15:30	PS Lab	LBM, GVS
	Mathematics P1 Grade 12	08:30 - 12:00	HPC	TN
	Grade 10 Swot Leave	All day		
	Grade 11 Life Sciences Practical	14:00 - 16:00	NCN, GVS LAB	NCN, KSH
Tuesday 27 Oct	Day 3			
	Senior Girls Netball	14:00 - 16:00	Netball Courts	TP, AJ, KF
	Junior Boys Hockey	14:00 - 16:00	Astro	XJH
	Junior Girls Hockey	14:00 - 16:00	Astro	JH, AG, CR
	Senior Boys Rugby	14:00 - 16:00	Top Field	SJW, PJB
	Grade 9 English Extra Lessons	14:00 - 15:00	KO Class	KO
	PS lesson by appointment	14:30 - 15:30	PS Lab	LBM, GVS
	Senior Accounting Extra Lessons	14:30 - 15:30	CR Class	CR

	Tshivenda FAL P1	08:30 - 11:00	HPC	TN
	Grade 10 English Examination	07:30 - 10:40	DAD	SJW
	Grade 10 and 11 Further Studies Examinations	14:00 - 16:00	DAD	SJW
Wednesday 28 Oct	Day 4			
	Top Field			
	Grade 8 & 9 Boys - Conditioning	14:00 - 15:00	Top Field	XJH, OH, JJN, IC, NH
	Grade 8 & 9 Girls - Conditioning	14:00 - 15:00	Top Field	JH, AG, LM
	Grade 10 & 11 Girls - Agility & Speed	14:00 - 14:45	Top Field	KH, CR, TP
	Grade 10 & 11 Boys - Agility & Speed	14:45 - 16:00	Top Field	TJM, PJB, SJW
	GYM			
	Grade 10 & 11 Boys - Strength & Conditioning	14:00 - 14:45	HPC	TJM, PJB, SJW
	Grade 10 & 11 Girls - Strength & Conditioning	14:45 - 16:00	HPC	KH, CR, TP
	Selected Athletes - Hurdles	15:00 -16:00	HPC	Cornel
	Swimming	14:00 -16:00	HPC	KO
	PS lesson by appointment	14:00 - 15:00	PS Lab	LBM, GVS
	Grade 10 Math's	14:00 - 15:00	NNM and MCE Class	NNM, MCE
	Grade 9 Math's	14:00 - 15:00	JH Class	JH
	Academic Assist for DS	14:00 - 14:45	TN Class	Academic Com
	Junior Accounting Extra Lessons	14:00 - 15:00	CR Class	CR
	Grade 11 FSE	13:50 - 14:45	AJ Class	AJ
	Grade 10 CAT/IT Practical	07:30 - 10:40	EVA, RB classes	EVA and RB
	Life Sciences P1 Grade 12	08:30 - 12:00	HPC	TN
	Grade 10 Life Sciences Practical	14:00 - 15:30	GVS,NCN Lab	NCN, KSH
	Grade 11 Life Orientation Examination	14:00 to 15:00	DAD	SJW
Thursday 29 Oct	Day 5			
	Boarding House Formal	17:30 - 18:30	Dining Hall	
	Cricket	14:00 - 16:00	DAD Centre	CM, SJW, TJM
	Jnr boys & Girls and Snr Athletics Team	14:00 - 16:00	Top Field	KH,TP, SJW, JH, TJM, KN, KO,PJB, CR, JJN,NM, GVS, CR, AG, NN, BA, NH, XJH,

	Interhouse MTB	14:00 - 16:00	Adventure Centre	MM
	PS lesson by appointment	14:30 - 15:30	PS Lab	NH,BA
	Grade 11 CAT PRAC	07:30 -10:50	CAT LAB	LBM, GVS
	Grade 10 and 11 ART Practical	07:30 - 13:00	ART ROOMS	RB
Friday 30 Oct	Day 6			ET
	Grade 12 Afrikaans and Sepedi P2	08:30 - 11:30	HPC	TN
	Grade 10 Geography Examination	07:30 - 10:40	DAD	SJW
	Grade 11 ART PRAC	07:30 - 13:00	ART ROOM	ET
Saturday 31 Oct	SLC T20 Bash	08:00 - 17:00	SLC Ovals	