

# SNAP SHOT

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## Matters of Principal

**“To deny people their human rights is to challenge their very humanity.”**  
~ Nelson Mandela

Our President has announced the date for our country’s next democratic election: 29 May 2024. This is a Wednesday and it falls during the first week of our examinations. We will meet as a management team and discuss how we will navigate the day, but my sense is that we will continue with our programme and ensure that we accommodate all those who have registered to vote at the appropriate polling stations.

Democracy is one of the Round Square Ideals and forms one of the pillars of being a Round Square School. Alongside democracy is our human right to dignity. Everyone has inherent dignity and the right to have their dignity respected, just as all children have the right to parental care, shelter, and food. Children may not be neglected, abused or forced to work.

Both of these rights feed directly into the topic I addressed at the assembly on Monday afternoon: Child Protection. I drew attention to our Child Protection policy and the importance of our pupil’s understanding of their rights, the role of the policy within our school context and how important it is that they understand that nobody can violate the integrity of their bodies. I spoke of the dangers of grooming – of individuals trawling social media pretending to be someone they are not to gain the trust of minors before exploiting them and of adults who choose to prey on vulnerable children. There have been several cases in the media in the past few weeks highlighting teachers taking advantage of their positions of authority to groom and sexually abuse minors. Our pupils need to understand the boundaries that they have

the right to enforce. They need to know the reporting channels if they feel they are at risk and these boundaries have been challenged. There have certainly been no incidents at our school that I am aware of, but predatory behaviour is not limited to schools. It can happen anywhere and at any time. Our stance is to take a proactive, educative approach to safeguarding our pupils. In line with legislation, our staff has just undergone our two-yearly police clearances as well as sexual offenders and child protection register checks. Our contracted staff undergo a similar process.

It is a sad indictment on society that we need to resort to these measures and are forced to remain vigilant when it comes to protecting our children. They deserve to live in a safe world, but the reality is that there are some despicable people out there. It is essential that you, as parents, hold these tough conversations with your children – and not only your daughters but your sons as well. If we are to fulfil their human right to parental care, shelter and safety, we must all be part of educating them and if we have valid concerns, raise them with the appropriate people. The school cannot act in isolation. These measures must come from us all if we are to ensure that our children enjoy a safe and free childhood.

God Bless



### GORDON ON TOP FORM AT MANGO MANIA

This past weekend, Gordon Noel participated in the Mango Mania MTB event. Gordon managed a second place overall in the 35km race completing it in 1 hour 11 minutes. He also managed to place 1st in his age group.

### BADGER OF THE WEEK

Isabella Alcock has shown incredible determination to every sports practice and worked extremely hard over the holidays. She hasn’t missed a single practice and ran her Personal Bests in the extreme heat on Friday. She also ran in the U/19 girls relay. She has trained very hard and as a result made it through to Limpopo Champs.



## NEWS IN BRIEF

1<sup>ST</sup> TEAM CRICKET

Yesterday the 1st XI Cricket team played the last T20 match of the season. Stanford won the toss and elected to bat first but got off to a terrible start, losing an early wicket. The team recovered well but found themselves at 42 - 3 after 10 overs. Zayd Moosa then came to the crease and scored 63 runs off 40 balls to help the team post a total of 122 - 5 in their allotted 20 overs. The visiting team got off to a flying start as they were 55 - 1 after 8.3 overs before Joshua Doolabh, 3 for 16 in four overs, got the breakthrough which started the collapse of the visitors. Their demise continued when Travis Hudson also took two wickets for 5 runs in two overs. The pick of the bowlers was Matthew Allison as he took 4 wickets for only 9 runs in 3.1 overs to ensure the visitors were bowled out for 82. Stanford secured a 40-run victory.

1000 FOR ZAYD

During yesterday's match, Zayd Moosa reached the milestone of reaching 1000 runs for the 1st XI Cricket Team. This feat took him 35 matches of which he only batted in 33 of them. It came at an average of 36.25 runs per inning, which included 85 fours and 56 sixes. He scored 7 half-centuries and 1 century with a top score of 110. He also overtook Thomas Mayes on the leading runs for Stanford's 1st Team since 2016 as he is currently on 1015 runs. Well done, Zayd.



TRIALS

On Saturday, nine of our athletes participated at the Mopani West Athletics Meeting hosted by Ben Vorster. Six athletes qualified to participate in the Limpopo Championship at Peter Mokaba on 3rd March. These athletes are Olivia Turner, Isabella Alcock, Zayd Moosa, Mokgale Mamabolo, Thato Thobejane and Fia Niemann.

SPEAKERS SOCIETY

After the training session held in January, it was time to put the newly acquired skills to the test. Last night we heard the first of the icebreaker speeches and the evaluations thereof and the standard was impressive! The obvious time and effort that all of the speakers had put into their icebreakers was heartening to see as was the level of sincerity and honesty. The evaluations were fair and well structured. In fact, everyone who was asked to fulfil a role (be it Fact or Fiction, Grace, the Toast or a speech) rose to the occasion. The result was a superb evening. Our thanks to the Magobaskloof Farmstall for hosting us.

Best Speech: Thato Moleya and Amber McHugh

Best Evaluator: Jenny Zhang

DEBATING

On Wednesday, both the Junior and Senior teams took part in the Mayor's Cup semi-finals. They both debated the motion "Carbon markets are the effective method of reducing carbon emissions". The juniors proposed the motion against Taxila Secondary School while the seniors opposed the motion against Maseala Progressive Independent School. Both our junior and senior teams won the debate and are through to the finals of the Polokwane Mayor's Cup Debate Tournament (2023) which will be held on the 6th of March. Well done to the floor members and the speakers, they have done exceptionally well throughout the tournament. The adjudicators complimented their content and strategies. Special mention to Alessio Calokechi and Teya Zanetic as they were both awarded best speakers.



This past weekend Stanford Lake College took part in the first round of the 25km adventure race series hosted by EXP Africa. The race took place at Tweefontein Melkery just outside of Johannesburg. The course consisted of roughly a 6km run, collecting 10 control-points, an 18km mountain bike, collecting 4 control points and a 1km paddle with 3 control points. The area had little elevation, crisscrossing through mielie fields and following railway lines, resulting in a fast-paced race. The first 10 control points on the run could be collected in any order, resulting in some strategy and people going off in all different directions. This made it difficult to know where you were placed at any given time and resulted in high-paced racing right to the end. Stanford Lake College was represented by Ilne Kotzé and Judah Leher. They enjoyed themselves and raced hard to the end. They managed to collect all the control points that resulted in them finishing 41st overall and 4th in the Schools category. Very well done to the two of them. Mr Fullard and his wife also took part and managed to finish 2nd overall and won the mixed category. A great weekend for SLC.

## LOUIS TRICHARDT ATHLETICS RESULTS

On Friday the athletics team travelled to Louis Trichardt to take part in the High School Louis Trichardt Prestige Athletics meeting where nine local schools participated. Stanford again had a wonderful day on the track but battled with the field events where we only won 3 medals. Stanford managed to win 34 medals of which 7 were gold and 14 silver, an improvement from the previous week at Merensky. Stanford's team managed to finish 4th at the event. Mokgale Mamabolo was on top form once again as he broke two event records, the U/19 100m (10.72sec) and 200m (21.85sec). He also won his 400m race. This was enough for him to win the trophy for the Best Senior Boy Track athlete as well as winning the Senior Victor Ludorum for the fourth athletics meeting in a row.

The following school records were broken during the season:

- Boys U/19 100m, Mokgale Mamabolo, 10.72sec
- Boys U/19 200m, Mokgale Mamabolo, 21.85sec
- Boys U/19 400m, Mokgale Mamabolo, 51.57sec
- Boys U/19 1500m, Tristan Brett, 04:42.28min
- Boys U/17 110m Hurdles, Amon Negogogo, 17.19sec
- Boys U/17 400m Hurdles, Thato Thobejane, 1:01.78min
- Boys U/19 400m Hurdles, Finn Straughan, 1:00.60min
- Girls U/17 High Jump, Nsovo Mabila, 1.35m
- Boys U/19 Long Jump, Mokgale Mamabolo, 6.78m
- Boys U/17 Long Jump, Thato Thobejane, 6.02m

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## SAFETY FIRST ON THE RIVER

When it comes to the upcoming river expedition, safety is paramount. We know that Triple H (Hardcore Haarhoff, as the pupils call him), doesn't take chances regarding water safety. The Grade 9s therefore undergo several training exercises on land, flat water, and rapids before they are allowed to take on the mighty waters of the Olifants River. It all starts on the lake at school, where they learn the basics of steering, and paddling techniques and undertake capsize drills. They then progress to flowing water, taking the inflatables down a short section of the Letaba River near Bergplaas. Here they learn how to navigate a small rapid, what to do should they get ejected from the boat, how to resume the "cocktail position" and how to throw and catch a throwline. Further drills will be done on the Olifants River, on their penultimate afternoon of the expedition, before they meet the more challenging rapids such as Rent-o-kill, Double Trouble and Longdrop.



## YELLOWS DOMINATE ON MTB TRACK

On Monday we held our Interhouse Mountain Biking event. Five bikes from each sports house were allowed on the track at any one time and the aim was to complete as many laps as possible within one hour. With Gordon Noel riding hard for the yellows and being well-supported by other talented cyclists in his house, it is no surprise that Orvis claimed the top spot. Seeing so many pupils putting their hands up and giving it a go was brilliant, even though a few had barely ever been on a bicycle before. It took great badger spirit for them to put themselves forward for the challenge, shouting to Mr Haarhoff, "Sir, is this one the brake?". Fenwick took second place and Loomis took third.



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## ORVIS REIGN SUPREME AT INTERHOUSE GALA

The Interhouse Swimming Gala took place on Wednesday. This annual event occurred earlier than usual, happening in Term 1 instead of Term 3. Excitement and nerves filled the air as the first event, the 100m Individual Medley, kicked off. Kudos to the swimmers who bravely stepped up, some even trying strokes they had never swum before to earn points for their houses and participate in the fun races. A special shout-out to the Matrics for diving into the pool one last time and still giving it their all when needed.

The swimmers eagerly participated in a variety of events, with two individual records and one relay team record being broken on the day. Jenny Zhang broke her own record in the 50m butterfly by 0.01 seconds, while Dario Wasley shattered his previous record in the 100m freestyle, setting a new time of 1:14.59. Fenwick also triumphed by breaking the U/15 Freestyle relay mixed team record

by over 4 seconds. Orvis continued to impress by having at least one swimmer compete in every event and clinching the final trophy with nearly a 100-point lead over Fenwick and Loomis. Orvis once again captured the Spirit Trophy and swept the awards, winning Overall Winners, Spirit, and Relay Team of the day.

The Gala concluded with a fun Teachers versus Matrics race. The outcome of the race is still a topic of debate, with both sides claiming victory. Perhaps a rematch next year will settle the score. One thing is for sure - the ten teachers proved to be faster swimmers than many had anticipated. Overall, the Interhouse Swimming Gala was a great success and showcased the talent and sportsmanship of all the participants. We look forward to another exciting event next year. A big thank you to all the staff who officiated the gala and to the parents who came out to support their children.



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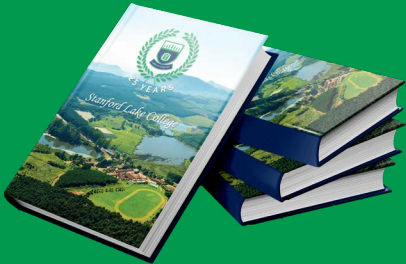


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Thursday 14 th March ★ Time: 18h30 ★ Tickets R 60.00

Friday 15 th March ★ Supper Theatre ★ Time: 18h30 ★ Tickets R 120.00

Bookings: [kblandy@slc.co.za](mailto:kblandy@slc.co.za)

We are excited to announce another school musical being staged by our school, called "Sophia". The play will tell the story of this iconic place with a focus on the vibrancy of the life and times of the singers, poets, gangsters, miners and dancers of Sophiatown. The first night is ordinary seating while the second night will be a bring your own supper theatre. Please contact Kerry ([kblandy@slc.co.za](mailto:kblandy@slc.co.za)) for further details and for all booking. We have a huge cast, so book soon! For parents, tickets are available on ALLXS. For outside guests, you can get bank details from Kerry and do an EFT. We look forward to seeing you at our show!

**OPEN WEEKEND** 15 - 16  
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**2024**



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As the Open Weekend falls on the same weekend as The Wik Triathlon and the Ebenezer Mile, we suggest parents make accommodation bookings as soon as possible via [Bookings.com](http://Bookings.com) and [www.limpopobookings.com](http://www.limpopobookings.com). It's going to be a busy weekend on "the mountain"

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