

GIRLS TAKE WICKETS



The girls cricket team were really excited about their game against Merensky on Monday, 29th July. Merensky won the toss and chose to bat first. Zoe Koster in Grade 8 made her nervous debut and managed to get a wicket. The team captain, Lia Revelas, also got a wicket. Merensky made 234 runs compared to SLC's 100 - it was a tough day for the girls but they still enjoyed the game. A special mention to Hannah Rosendorff who made 31 runs.

SOCCER NEWS

The 1st team soccer boys played Mitchell House on Wednesday, 31st July. It was a well contested match with both teams displaying some good flowing football. SLC were chasing the game as their opponents drew first blood and the score was 1-2 at half time. The SLC boys dug deep and managed to find the back of the net, putting the scores on level terms. However, it would be the opponents who would walk away with the spoils as they scored again and ended the game 2-3.

The U/15 team also took on Mitchell House, hoping to build on the gradual progress made throughout the season. The boys showed great motivation and determination despite going down 1-0 early on. The boys then rallied to dominate the match in patches and grabbed a goal back. This was unfortunately undone by two late goals from Mitchell House at the end of the game. Overall, the boys have continued to improve every game, despite facing some tough opponents this season.

On the 24th July, the 1st team girls played their second league match against Capricorn High School. They arrived in Polokwane with determination to win the game but unfortunately, luck was not on their side. The girls created lots of scoring opportunities but failed to convert them into goals and ended up losing the game 5-0. Their third league game was against Eagle's Nest, where the girls had fun and celebrated the goal scored by Anja Maree but which was disallowed by the referee, as the entire circumference of the ball did not cross the goal line. The girls ended up losing the game 1-0.



Matters of Principal

"We're highly social animals - I'm told by scientists that what makes us different from other animals is an acute social awareness, which is what has made us so successful."

- Alan Alda

It's a misty morning on the mountain with an eerie feel to it. One almost feels isolated and disconnected from the rest of world out there. We certainly do run the risk of falling into that trap of thinking that we are our own little ecosystem, nestling gently on this tranquil mountain. This really is a piece of paradise and our unique space.

So one of our challenges is to ensure that we keep our feet firmly on the ground and make every effort to remain connected with our broader community. This message was brought home to me when discussing an outing our pupils went on yesterday to deliver blankets to a primary school in the area. The reaction of the pupils when the Stanford bus arrived was remarkable and the nature of the interaction between our pupils and the pupils from Bokomoso Crèche in Sekgwashi was very special. One of the pupils who went was an Australian exchange student, Ol-

ivia. It was her first experience of this kind of community outreach. She commented to Mr Moshia that no such community engagement existed at her school in Australia and what an amazing opportunity it was to build bridges.

It got me to thinking that whilst our country faces a myriad of challenges, it also offers us so many opportunities for growth and development as people. We certainly have a dark past but - more importantly - I firmly believe that we have a bright future. We simply need to ensure that the leaders tasked with guiding us to this bright future are empowered to do so.

Our job, as educators and parents, is to see and nurture that brightness in our youth.

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TENNIS LADS SERVE UP A STORM



Singles

Andreas Hacker won 7-0
Casper Venter won 7-0
Frank Dyason lost 3-4
Thabe Tshesane won 6-1

Doubles

Andreas and Casper won 4-3
Frank and Thabe won 5-2

On Thursday, 1st August, the Stanford Lake College boys' tennis team played against Mitchell House boys' team at SLC. After an enjoyable afternoon of tennis, three of the four SLC players won their singles matches and the lads won both of the doubles games. The final score was SLC 32, Mitchell House 10. Match results as follows:



Collected Blankets – where did they go?

By Tsebo Makuwa

The 1st August 2019 was a day that the Service Committee and Interact members will never forget.

Throughout the course of the 2nd term the service committee encouraged the school to bring any type of blankets for those in need. The Service Committee were ecstatic when they realized there were enough blankets to donate to an entire pre-school, including the teachers. I don't think that Stanford students understand that in bringing one blanket, they make a difference in a child's life.

As we left Stanford to leave for this crèche, *Bokomoso*, there was a sense of excitement among the Service and Interact members... then "*We arrived*".

It was as though these children didn't even know what to do with the blankets, some even tried to give the blankets back to us. We played games and learned about some of the children's day to day lives.

It was different this time compared to other Interact Projects, as there was something *personal* about it, and all of us had a reality check. We saw how privileged we Stanford students are, and that we can help others, even through bringing a simple blanket and engaging for a visit.

This was a time for us students to grow, and becoming the future leaders in South Africa. We should stand together as ONE community and help those in need in our country.

Thank you to all SLC students (and parents) who generously gave to the blanket drive! We would like to encourage all Stanfordians to always give back to the community they find themselves in.





NEWS OFF THE TRACK



SLC top of the table of Limpopo Schools XCO

The second round of the Schools' XCO MTB series took place at Polokwane Raceway last weekend. It was a warm and windy day and it made the long, flat track even longer. Stanford Lake College did very well on the day with Lianke Fourie (Grade 8) finishing second in the Sub-Junior Girls, Ani Gutiérrez-Hernández (Grade 12) finishing third in the Junior Women and Herman Fourie and Gunther Katzke (both Grade 10) finishing first and third respectively in the Youth Boys race. These results, together with the points accumulated from the other Badgers who raced on the day, pushed Stanford Lake College into the top spot of the day and into the lead position in the Limpopo School Series for the high school category. Well done, Badgers!



Filen flies into second place

Riley Filen, Grade 9, is a downhill mountain biker by heart and loves going fast and getting technical on the tracks. This past weekend, he took part in round four of the SA Cup Downhill series. This took place at Iron Throne Bike Park at the Hartbeespoort Cableway. Riley did very well, finishing in second place on the day, bringing home the silver. With this result, he also managed to finish second in the series for Gauteng and Mpumalanga. Congratulations to Riley, who keeps going from strength to strength in a sport that he is so passionate about.



NOORDVAAL NEWS



On Wednesday, 24 July, our 1st team and U/16 hockey boys embarked on their Noordvaal Tournament.

The 1st team were a few players short due to injury and family commitments, but played with heart throughout the tournament. Unfortunately, they did not have the legs on the last day as they suffered two more injuries. The 1st team finished 8th out of 12 schools. Junior Netshituni and Jackson Ndhlovu both reached 50 caps for 1st team hockey - thanks boys, for your commitment to College hockey.

U/16 boys team played phenomenal hockey against strong opposition and won 3 of their 5 games. They were unlucky with one result, which meant that they were unable to play for the top four positions.

They were complimented on their behaviour both on and off the field by spectators and coaches and finished 6th out of 12 teams. A special mention to Devon Coad, who scored a hat-trick during the tournament.