



Matters of Principal

*"Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember,
involve me and I learn." – Benjamin Franklin*

Excitement is in the air as we prepare for an action-packed weekend filled with energy, enthusiasm, and the spirit of adventure! This weekend, our campus will be alive with activity as we welcome 80 prospective new pupils for an immersive experience into the heart of life at Stanford Lake College.

These young visitors will experience what makes our school so unique—from the camaraderie of our boarding houses to the beauty of our natural surroundings. Through a day and a half of activities, we aim to showcase the vibrancy, warmth, and excellence that defines our community. The prospective students will take part in engaging sessions, forge new friendships, and, most importantly, feel the undeniable spirit of Stanford Lake College. We look forward to hosting these potential young Stanfordinians and their parents on our campus.

After weeks of hard work and commitment from our pupils, the school variety concert took to the stage last night. I am once again amazed by the talent that we have on this campus, both pupils and staff. The concert was superb and I know that as they play to a sold-out audience this evening, they will do themselves and our school proud.

Adding to the excitement of the weekend, we are thrilled to be hosting the WIK Triathlon down at the Dad Centre on Sunday morning. With our pristine lake, rolling landscapes and challenging trails, our campus provides the perfect setting for a test of endurance, determination and teamwork. This event will not only highlight the adventurous spirit we nurture in our students, but will also showcase the stunning natural beauty that makes our school one of a kind, allowing members of our community to enjoy our exceptional facilities.

At Stanford Lake College, we believe that education extends beyond the classroom. Our environment fosters courage, resilience, and personal growth. We are proud to invite these young pupils to experience it for themselves. We encourage our community—staff, students, and parents—to extend a warm welcome to our guests and to embrace this opportunity to share what makes our school exceptional.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to an unforgettable weekend filled with excitement, challenge and a whole lot of fun.

God Bless

OVERCOMING SOME HURDLES

Congratulations to Thato Thobejane who has been selected for the Limpopo Athletics Team in the 400m Hurdles. Thato has worked exceptionally hard over the past 12 months towards this and Stanford is very proud of his achievement. We wish Thato the best of luck at SA Champs in Bloemfontein 2-5 April. We know that he will fly the Stanford flag high.



ATTENTION

**PLEASE NOTE:
28TH APRIL &
1ST MAY ARE
NORMAL SCHOOL
DAYS (EVEN THOUGH
THEY ARE PUBLIC HOLIDAYS)**

STANFORD LAKE COLLEGE

1ST XV OPENS SEASON WITH GRITTY COMEBACK WIN

Stanford Lake College's 1st Rugby Team kicked off their season with a thrilling 17-13 victory over Hoërskool Pietersburg's 4th team.

The match was a true test of resilience and determination, setting the stage for what promises to be an exciting season ahead.

Pietersburg High School opened the scoring with an early penalty, taking a 3-0 lead. However, our boys responded swiftly, displaying excellent ball movement to work the ball wide and score a well-executed try in the corner.

The opposition, however, was quick to reply, capitalising on a defensive lapse to score a try of their own, pushing the score to 10-5.

Despite the setback, our boys regrouped and displayed their attacking intent, crossing the line once again for a converted try to go into halftime with a narrow 12-10 lead.

The second half saw our team settling into the game, shaking off early-season rust and beginning to dominate possession. However, a scrum penalty with just six minutes left on the clock allowed PHS to convert and reclaim the lead at 13-12.

With time running out, the Stanford boys showed immense character and composure, maintaining relentless pressure on the PHS try line.

Their perseverance was rewarded in dramatic fashion, as a well-worked try on the final whistle sealed a hard-fought 17-13 victory.

This opening performance highlighted the team's fitness, determination, and ability to handle pressure in critical moments. With a well-conditioned squad and a winning mindset, Stanford Lake College's 1st XV is set for a promising season ahead.



HHHHOCKEY!

On Tuesday the 4th of March the 1st team boys played against the Badgers Men's club Hockey Team as part of their pre-season training. The boys lost 1 - 3 but it was a good game experience as the boys prepare for their pre-season tour later this month.

CHECK OUT FULL
PHOTO
COLLECTION



Secrets & Surprises



Nsovo Mabila, colour pencils A3



Sarah Collins, charcoal A3



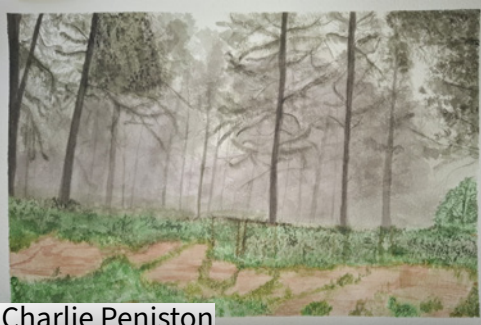
Abigail Fair, Charcoal A3



Bella Dando. Colour pencil A2

For their PAT Task 1 drawings, the Matric students explored the theme 'Secrets and Surprises' through perceptual drawing, translating their discoveries into artwork. Each student approached the theme uniquely, using various mediums and techniques to reveal hidden meanings, symbolism, or unexpected perspectives. The emphasis on perceptual drawing requires a keen eye for detail and observation, pushing students to refine their technical skills while embedding their works with personal or conceptual depth. Through this, they not only honed their artistic abilities but also uncovered new ways of visually communicating the unseen and the unexpected.

Grade 10 Watercolor Landscapes



Charlie Peniston



Britta Göbel



Carmen Van Der Merwe



Sasha Boyum

SLC DOMINATES LIMPOPO SQUASH

Congratulations to the following Stanfordinians who have been selected for the

Limpopo Junior Squash Team:

- Murray Newton
- Thatego Molokomme
- Gianno October
- Alessio Calokechi
- Alisha Calokechi

We wish them the best of luck for the Country Schools Squash Festival in Bloemfontein from 26 - 29 April.



STANFORD LAKE COLLEGE

DEBATING TEAMS SHINE AT THE MAYOR'S CUP LEAGUE

On Wednesday, March 5, the Stanford Lake College Junior and Senior Debating Teams participated in the Mayor's Cup League, hosted at the Polokwane City Library Gardens.

We are thrilled to announce that the Senior Debating Team, comprising Teya Zanetic, Alessio Calokechi and Alisha Calokechi showcased their debating skills. The floor members also rose to the occasion. They successfully opposed the motion "South Africa should prioritise Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) colleges over universities as the primary career path for students" and emerged as winners against Millennium High School, showcasing their consistent excellence and mastery of debating skills.

Meanwhile, the Junior Debating Team, consisting of Zoe Ngwarai, Xiviko Sibisi, and Nakedi Kgopong, unfortunately lost the debate to the opposition, Mothimako High School. Well done to Xiviko Sibiso for being awarded the best speaker of the day!

LOST PROPERTY

Each day, the sports' coaches collect a large number of tracksuits and clothing that pupils leave on the fields or in the HPC. Most of these items are marked but never claimed. As a result of this, many pupils then spend their parents' money buying new clothes from the uniform shop.

