



Matters of Principal

"To everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven." – Ecclesiastes 3:1

I Value Quality – Igniting a Passion for Excellence

On Monday afternoon, our senior leaders took charge of the school assembly as part of their preparation for future speeches and events they may lead. This opportunity forms part of our leadership development programme, where pupils are encouraged to grow in confidence and take ownership of school occasions. Moving forward, members of the Pupil Executive, along with Committee Chairs and their teams, will lead assemblies as part of developing their communication and leadership skills.

This week's topic focused on the idea of "Quality over Quantity", especially relevant as we approach the examination period. The leaders reminded pupils that true excellence is not about how much time you spend studying, but how effectively you use that time. They spoke about developing good study habits and setting achievable goals that allow for understanding rather than memorising.

They highlighted several positives that come with focusing on quality:

1. Better understanding and retention – when you study with purpose and focus, you remember more for longer.
2. Reduced stress – when your study time is well planned, you avoid last-minute panic.
3. Improved confidence – doing work to a high standard builds self-belief and pride.
4. More balance – prioritising quality allows time for rest, exercise, and relaxation.

The assembly also reminded pupils that quality learning is supported by a healthy lifestyle. Staying active, eating well, and getting enough rest are essential to keeping both mind and body strong. A short walk, a sports practice, or time outdoors can do wonders for concentration and wellbeing.

As we move into the final weeks of the term, the message is clear: focus on doing your best work with care and intention. Quality is not just about results, but about the attitude and effort we bring to everything we do. At Stanford Lake College, we value excellence, and by striving for quality in all areas, we continue to build a community that takes pride in every achievement.

Warm Regards

Dr. [Signature]



BADGER OF

THE WEEK

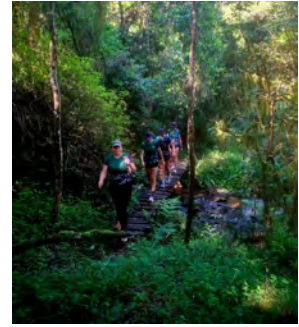
Badger of the Week!

Congratulations to Joshua Doolabh for being our Badger of the Week! Joshua has been playing incredible cricket in the Trophy Toyota T20 Bash, winning Man of the Match twice and showing outstanding skill and determination on the field.

Keep shining, Joshua!



TRAIL BADGERS



Olivia Turner, Mia Drake, Elia and Mika Jones joined a few of the Trail Badger staff for an unforgettable 16km run from Kuhestan to Debengeni Waterfall.

The adventure took us deep into the heart of Magoebaskloof's indigenous forests, along winding single tracks shaded by towering trees and alive with birdsong. We crossed sparkling rivers, navigated slippery rocks, and tackled some tough climbs that tested both our endurance and our sense of humour.

Not everything went smoothly — one particularly rebellious bridge fought back, leaving a few well-earned scars on some legs and a good story to tell. A couple of runners took a tumble or two, but in true Trail Badger spirit, there was more laughter than pain, and everyone pushed on to the finish. The run served as perfect preparation for the upcoming Plunge Half Marathon, giving the team a chance to stretch their limits and soak up the beauty of the mountains.

It was a day filled with adventure, camaraderie, and plenty of mud — the kind of run that reminds us why we love the trails.

BALANCING ACT



The Grade 9 students were put to the test this week with an exciting problem-solving activity: getting everyone safely across a "river" using only ropes and poles — without touching the ground!

This task required careful planning, balance, and teamwork. Students had to communicate effectively, support one another, and think creatively to navigate the challenge.

A true test of collaboration, coordination, and courage, the activity ended with smiles all around as everyone made it safely across!



Stanford Lake College proudly hosted the annual T20 Toyota Trophy Cricket Bash over the weekend. The round-robin match play set the stage for some thrilling cricket, with Tom Naudé, PHS, Ben Vorster, and Stanford Lake College showcasing impressive skill, teamwork, and sportsmanship.

Adding to the excitement, all matches were played with pink cricket balls — a vibrant twist that brought colour and energy to the tournament!

Results:

Hoërskool Ben Vorster defeated PHS in a thrilling final to claim the title.
Tom Naudé secured third place with a strong win over Stanford Lake College.

A heartfelt thank you to our sponsors — Trophy Toyota, PPS Tzaneen, Tzaneng Auto Body Tzaneen, The Pot 'n Plow, and Stitch Berry — for their generous support in making this event a success.

A fantastic weekend of cricket, camaraderie, and sunshine — well done to all the teams who took part!



Term 3 Top 10 Achievements

Grade 8



1. Yoshka MacMillan
2. Inbar Cohen
3. Zoe Trusler
4. Zoe Ngwarai
5. Madison Miller
6. Thatego Molokomme
7. Ester Van Staden
8. Mogau Tladi
9. Aurora Makhomisane
10. Nakedi Kgopong

Grade 9



1. Kutlwano Mokaila
2. Thakgi Ndlovu
3. Tadhg Egan
4. Andani Rembuluwani
5. Zwivhuya Raulinga
6. Lindeni Tswale
7. Juliette Leher
8. Phuluso Musetsho
9. Olive Humphrys
10. Khenso Masilana

Grade 10

1. Hana MacMillan
2. Teya Zanetic
3. Miano Tshivhula
4. Jan-Carel Els
5. Sasha Boyum
6. Carmen Van der Merwe
7. Ruby Fair
8. Ru Ngwarai
9. Lehlabile Tswaane
10. Dimpho Mangena



Grade 11



1. Alisha Calokechi
2. Angel Maponya
3. Paityn Landsman
4. Matthew Scriven
5. Mukundi Ralubuvhi
6. Kayla Makhomisane
7. Alessio Calokechi
8. Lefa Mashego
9. Lerato Mokgoatsane
10. Jemima Burger

Tuckshop: We Have Lift-Off!

The new tuckshop officially opened last week to much excitement from the students and was operational for a first trial with a limited menu during the T20 Cricket Bash. It's wonderful to see this project coming to life — thank you to all the parents who have contributed in so many ways.

A special thanks to our Parent Association Team who worked hard to make this all happen.



Sign up

Dear Parents/Guardians, **PARENT-MENTOR PROGRAMME**

Welcome to SLC!

Starting at a new school is exciting — but it can also feel overwhelming. That's why the Parent Association (PA) Mentor Programme was created: to connect new SLC parents with experienced families who can offer guidance, reassurance, and a friendly ear.

How we help:

- Feel part of the SLC family from day one
- Ask questions about uniforms, boarding, schedules, and logistics
- Navigate the school calendar and events
- Connect with other parents and build lasting friendships
- Get local tips on accommodation, healthcare, and life around campus

How it works:

- Each new family is paired with mentor parents before school starts
- Mentors are available for support or quick chats
- Boarding & day scholar families join WhatsApp groups for updates, support, and lift clubs
- We know how many questions come up during the first few weeks!

Our goal is to make your transition smooth, welcoming, and enjoyable.

Sign up to be paired with your mentor and start your SLC journey with confidence.

[Click here for Google form](#)

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