



Matters of Principal

*"It is not beyond our power to create a world in which all children have access to a good education."
~ Nelson Mandela*

Over the past few weeks, the education columns and more recently the headline stories in the newspapers have been about the crisis we face in schooling in our country. Much of this has been focused on the spin placed on the Government Department matric examination results. While the Minister is able to publish and boast about the increase in overall pass rates and the improvement in the Bachelor's Degree pass rate, these figures can be extremely misleading. Many action groups will focus on the number of pupils who entered school in Grade 1 in 2012 compared to the number of pupils who sat and passed the Final Examination and those who did not get past grade 5. If one includes these pupils in the numbers that should have sat the 2023 examinations, the 'real' pass rate is disturbingly low. An article in BUSINESSSTECH provides the following figures: "Learners who passed matric in 2023 represent around only 55% of the learners who started school in 2012." Compare this to the Government's figure of 82.9%. Coupled with poor literacy levels and our dismal performance in Maths and Science when benchmarked internationally, it paints a disturbing picture for education in our country. To add further complexity to the problem are the challenges parents are facing in placing their children in secondary schools. I recently heard of a story where a district did not have enough classrooms in high schools for pupils who had applied. Their solution was to deliver prefabs to a junior school and inform the princi-

pal that his teachers needed to teach the grade 8 pupils allocated to that school by the department. This desperate situation only serves to underline the importance of independent schools and the Independent Examinations Board. We are able to manage our standards and continually strive for excellence. The integrity of the IEB final examinations remains and the quality of our offering enables our pupils to not only qualify to attend University (if they so choose to) but also to pass well and to thrive in that environment. During our Induction service today I will be expressing the importance of what it is that we do here, our value system, and the unbelievable privilege our learners have of attending this school.

We have a busy weekend on campus with the Hatchery Programme culminating in the play and a full Interhouse Athletics programme today and tomorrow. I hope to see many of you on campus as you celebrate with and support your children.

Have a great weekend.

God Bless.

NEWS FROM THE CREASE

This week, the 1st XI Cricket Team played their first T20 match against Hans Strydom. After winning the toss, Captain Zayd Moosa elected for Stanford to bowl first. The bowlers had an excellent innings, with the home team only allowing the visitors to score 108 runs. Special mention to Tristan Brett for taking 2-16 in his allotted overs. Stanford's batting innings got off to a shaky start, with both opening batters going out cheaply. Zayd Moosa and Aryan Ghelani steadied the ship, bringing Stanford Lake College closer to the required target, the latter scoring an excellent 43 runs. The junior members of the team, Joshua Doolabh and Aryan Ghelani, closed the innings with poise and power. Aryan scored a well-constructed 23 not out. Stanford Lake College won the fixture by 7 wickets, with 5 overs left of play. Congratulations on an excellent start to the season.



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PLEASE TAKE NOTE



The D6 Connect is an app created to keep parents, guardians, pupils and staff updated of any important information regarding the school such as important notices, events, updated calendar etc



Pupils are expected to leave the campus on a Friday in FULL uniform and return on a Monday also in FULL uniform. Only pupils returning on a Sunday are permitted to return in Civvies. We ask for the cooperation and vigilance of parents in this regard.

A D A M

ADAM is a safe and secure platform that assists in the management of pupil and family profiles, information and administration, as well as pupil academics and reporting

As a school, we make use of a number of third party applications in order to streamline day-to-day communications and processes.

All parents and guardians are encouraged to familiarise themselves with these apps and platforms in order to stay connected with the school.

[Click here for more in-depth information on the apps.](#)

[Click each icon for a full user guide!](#)



The ALLXS platform is used at Stanford Lake College for parents and pupils to purchase all items not covered in the school fee amount, such as school trips, sports tours, weekend boarding costs, bus tickets, uniform and merchandise items.

OPEN WEEKEND 15 - 16 MARCH 2024

FOR GRADE 6 & 7

DISCOVER STANFORD LAKE COLLEGE ADVENTURE CHALLENGE

HIKE UNDER THE STARS

PRIZES UP FOR GRABS

LET'S ADVENTURE

Entries are open!

THE LIMPOPO XCO #1
@Stanford Lake College
10 FEBRUARY 2024

Enter at: rovevents.co.za

Nipper & Sprogs: R140
All other ages: R220
+ CSA Day Licence (non-members) R50

All Limpopo XCO categories + less technical short track option for E-bikes and 13+ Ages

THE WIK MEMORIAL TRIATHLON

17 / 03 / 24

CLICK HERE TO ENTER

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 and www.limpopobookings.com. It's going to be a busy weekend on "the mountain"

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HATCHERY WEEKEND

Our new Grade 8s had a fun-filled weekend from 18 - 20th January, taking part in a number of activities including a night hike, building shelters, a raft race, practising for their Hatchery Play and much, much more. Here are a few snaps of the fun!



WELCOME TO SA & SLC

A huge, warm welcome to Abril and Valentina from Peru who will join us for several weeks at Stanford Lake College. Due to COVID and its after-effects, they are the first exchange pupils to join us since early 2020. We cannot wait for them to get a taste of life at Stanford and of living in our beautiful country.

