



Matters of Principal

“Sportsmanship for me is when a guy walks off the court and you really can’t tell whether he won or lost, when he carries himself with pride either way.”

~ Jim Courier

This weekend sees the start of the Winter sports season and we have selected Girls’ Hockey and Boys’ Rugby fixtures against Louis Trichardt taking place on Saturday. The winter sports season offers an excellent opportunity for parents and friends of our school to come along and support our pupils. As with all of our extramural programmes the winter sports season forms an essential part of our holistic approach to education. It is an opportunity to extend our teaching spaces onto the sports fields. Our pupils are going to learn essential life skills and lessons, lessons about commitment, resilience and never giving up, lessons about teamwork and leadership. Character building takes place in dealing with victory and defeat along with many more important skills and life lessons. It is essential that we play the games for the right reasons, we respect the players, coaches and most importantly the officials. All of those mentioned above are going to make mistakes, none of them will do so on purpose! I remind parents and other supporters that without our officials and coaches, these matches will not be taking place and we must respect them at all times, we need to set the example for our children. We will win some and we will lose some (and that’s okay), I have never known a child who goes onto the field planning to lose, I have never known a coach to make the selections

and develop tactics with any other motivation than to best prepare the team for the challenge they face and I have certainly not known a referee at schools’ level enter an arena with a predetermined agenda to favour one team over the other. This weekend we are hosting a special tea under the stretch tent in the space between the hockey Astroturf and the rugby field. We would like to create an opportunity for parents to meet their children’s fellow teammates’ parents, an opportunity to make acquaintances that we hope will grow into friendships on the side of the field. We encourage parents to set up parental team WhatsApp groups in order to share scores and results with each other on days when not all parents are able to make the fixture. Your children love having you support them! Let’s all don something blue or green over the weekends and make this season a special one for all of us. Let’s pack the grandstands with parents, grandparents, alumni and friends as we turn our sports fields into a place of fun and fellowship.

See you on Saturday

LEARNING TO LEAD



Over the last couple of years, we have made huge efforts in actively teaching leadership skills to our pupils. It begins in Grade 8 where the emphasis is on leading and managing oneself. As learners then move through the grades they are equipped to lead and manage others and functions within the school. The overarching aim of the Leadership Programme is to produce young people who can lead

in a manner consistent with our Leadership Statement, “Stanfordians lead themselves and others through the school’s value system, which is based on commitment, courage, respect, integrity, quality, tshanduko and ubuntu.”

Monday marked a significant moment in the recognition of leadership within our school as the first group of pupils received Leadership Awards. The following pupils were awarded Half Colours: Mokgale Mamabolo, Connor Veldsman, Ryno Schultz, Travis Hudson, Emma Imrie, Rachel Göbel, Tristan Brett, Finn Straughan, Vukosi Mbowane, Chelsy Mathebula, Sophia Leher and Rebotile Letshedi. Full Colours was awarded to the following: Nanaki Kgopong, Thato Moleya, Jenna Gardiner, Christoff van der Westhuizen, Jenny Zhang, Dylan Turner and Isabella Alcock.

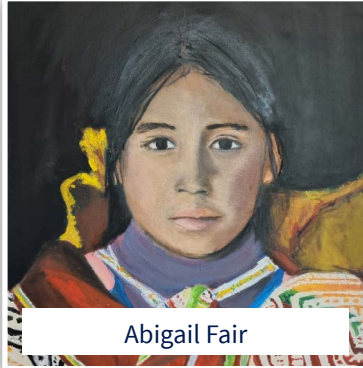
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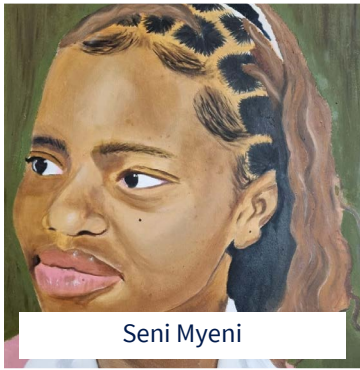
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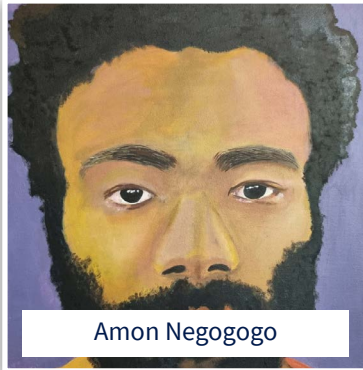
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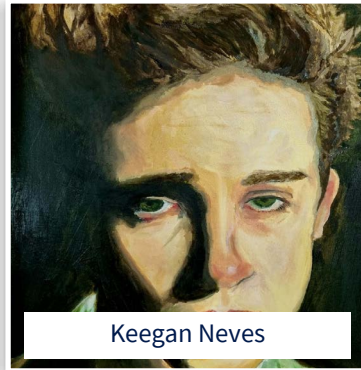
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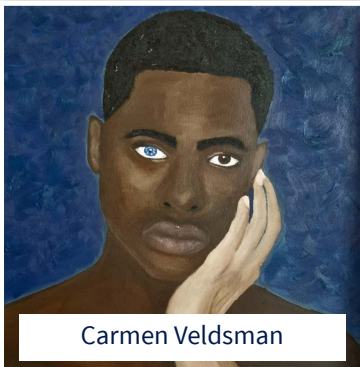
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Keegan Neves



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Carmen Veldsman

ART CORNER

Grade 11 oil portrait paintings

CAREERS FAIR

On Monday afternoon, the Grade 11 and 12 pupils had the opportunity to visit the Career Expo held in the HPC. Exhibitors came from as far as Potchefstroom and Bloemfontein. The pupils had the opportunity to ask questions and discuss their future career plans with these institutions. More than 20 institutions exhibited, which provided the learners with a variety of options.



Polokwane Mayor's Cup Grand Finale



Both our Junior and Senior Debating Teams competed in the final of the 2023 Mayor's Cup this week. Both teams were competing in the 1st Division. The Senior Team debated against Eagle's Nest Christian School. The debate was awarded on a 3 - 2 split in favour of Eagle's Nest. Nanaki Kgopong, Jenny Zhang and Vukosi Mbowane were our speakers and we would like to thank them and the floor for their commitment to debating throughout their high school career.

The Junior Team debated against Millennium Combined School. The debate was awarded unanimously to Stanford Lake College. The Stanfordinians were victorious, with Alessio Calokechi as the best speaker of the day. Retsepile Nare and Alisha Calokechi were also speakers in the junior team. Congratulations to the Junior Champions of 2023. A special mention to Ms Hlungwane for all the support and guidance she has offered to the Debating Club.