



## Matters of Principal

The culture committee hosted assembly today. It was a wonderful interactive celebration of the two public holidays we have recently enjoyed, Freedom Day and Workers' Day. We sat in a circle symbolically representing our connected community. I share with you part of what was an excellent presentation.

"Today, as we reflect on Freedom Day and Workers' Day, it's important to remember that in our journey towards progress and unity, it truly doesn't matter whether you're the business owner or the worker. We all play integral roles in building our communities and nation. In South Africa, where we celebrate Freedom Day to commemorate the first democratic elections in 1994, and Workers' Day to honour the contributions of labourers, we recognise the significance of unity and collaboration.

Whether you're running a business or working within one, we are all part of a larger community striving for prosperity and equality. Each of us brings unique skills and perspectives that contribute to our collective success. It's not about individual titles or positions;

*"The only freedom which deserves the name is that of pursuing our own good, in our own way, so long as we do not attempt to deprive others of theirs, or impede their efforts to obtain it."*

- John Stuart Mill

it's about how we can come together to create a more just and inclusive society.

The essence of these commemorative days reminds us that our freedom and progress are intertwined with the efforts of every citizen, from the factory floor to the boardroom. It's about respecting each other's roles and recognising the value of cooperation.

As we celebrate our freedom and honour workers' contributions, let's reinforce the idea that we are stronger when we stand together, Umuntu Ngumuntu Ngabantu. Let's foster a sense of community where everyone's voice is heard and everyone's efforts are valued. Together, we can build a South Africa where opportunities abound for all, regardless of our titles or positions."

- The Culture Committee 2024

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

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Gordon Noel took part in the annual Munnik Meerkat MTB race recently, a newly introduced 50km race, specifically designed for the Youth and Junior age groups, but open to all feeling that 35km is too short and 70km is just too far. It was a nice hot day out with tough racing and high-paced riding to the finish line. Gordon managed to finish 1st in the Junior Men category and second overall in the 50km race. Well done, Gordon.

GOLF

On Monday 22 April, the second round of the Schools' Golf League took place. Polokwane Club was in very good condition and there was perfect weather for golf! The Stanford boys put in a better performance than the first round and their golf is improving.

SQUASH



Giano October took part in the SACF Tournament in Bloemfontein from 24-28 April. The competition was tough but Giano managed to win one match and he was the only one in his U/19 Limpopo Team to win a match. The experience was invaluable and he learnt so much. Giano played against Free State, Northern and Eastern Gauteng, Eden and Mpumalanga.

SCUBA DIVING



Are you interested in a scuba diving trip during the first week of the June holidays? If so, please email [neil@slc.co.za](mailto:neil@slc.co.za) for more information

## BADGER OF THE WEEK

Well done to Lerato Mokgoatsane who was awarded as Badger of the Week last week after she was called up to play in the 1st Netball Team. There was a lot of pressure on her but she scored a few amazing goals. She showed true badger spirit.



## NETBALL NEWS

On April 18th, the netball teams journeyed to Phalaborwa for league matches against Frans du Toit. Despite the Phalaborwa heat, our girls performed admirably. The U/14A team faced a setback with a loss, while the U/14B team clinched victory by a single point. Both U/15A and B teams experienced losses but exhibited improvement. Additionally, the U/14 mixed team triumphed over Frans du Toit's U/14C team with a score of 7 - 1. Notably, the U/16 A team delivered a stellar performance, securing a convincing 27 - 14 win. Although the 1st Team encountered challenges, their dominance unfortunately did not translate to victory.

A few days later, the girls took on league matches against Ben Vorster. Despite the outcome not being in our favour, our players displayed unwavering determination and passion throughout the games. It was evident that each girl gave their all, contributing to an enjoyable match of netball. Over recent weeks, remarkable progress has been observed in all teams, showcasing the dedication and effort put forth. As a small school participating in multiple sports, our girls consistently exhibit their utmost skills and commitment.

## A TASTE FOR ADVENTURE



The first 60km Adventure Race of the year, hosted by EXP Africa and Franco Olivier, took place in Gauteng at the Bronkhorstspuit Dam recently. The weather was perfect as the race kicked off at 8am with a 15km MTB leg to the dam and then a 6km paddle. After the paddle, there was a flat and sandy 32km MTB between the local chicken farms and finished with a 12km run/hike in the heat of the day. Adventure racing rules state that Control Points (CP's) need to be collected in order, unless stated otherwise. The last 12km leg on foot was set up in a Rogaine style, meaning you could collect the 10 CP's on this leg in any order. This made for an interesting finish with technical navigation and route choices being the deciding factor. Stanford Lake College had two teams participating, Ilne Kotzé and her brother Benno Kotzé, an old boy Stanfordian, raced in the Mixed Pairs category, finishing 4th in this category and 7th overall. A good result for a tough day out. Mr Fullard and his wife also took part in the same category and took the top spot as well as finishing 2nd overall.



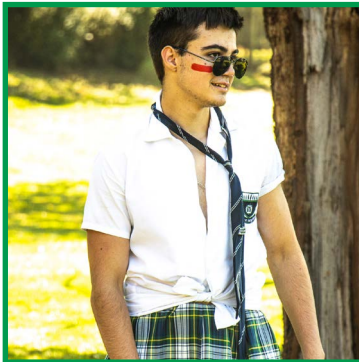
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## A GOOD DAY TO BE A STANFORDIAN

On Thursday, we held our annual Regatta Day (Stanford Day). True to the school's tradition, each grade battled it out by decorating rafts, creating war cries, and then racing one another on the lake. This year's Adventure Committee decided on the theme, "High School Life" which saw the Grade 8s dress up as teachers (and there were some uncanny impressions), the Grade 9s as "goths", the Grade 10s as "nerds", the Grade 11s as "rebels" and the Matrics as "jocks". Not to be left out, the staff were dressed as "hippies". As always, it was a day full of giggles and making memories.



## RIDING THE RAPIDS

This past weekend Stanford Lake College took a kayaking trip down to Creighton in Kwazulu Natal. Due to the introduction of Boatercross kayaking to the 2024 Olympics, an event was organised on the UMzimkhulu river's waterfall section. The event consisted of a time trial run down the race course to determine seeding and the knockout rounds of four at a time with top two going through. Ben Tasker and Nicholas Boyum represented Stanford in the Junior category, competing against six other school students from Treverton and Maritzburg. Ben managed to make the finals and finished fourth in the Juniors. Mr Fullard and Mr Paidas also represented Stanford in a field of twelve paddlers and Mr Fullard managed to come away with a win in the final of the Open category. The Stanfordinians also managed to get in some valuable river time running the Waterfall section twice, as well as a section on the Mooi River. Ben and Nicholas got to run their first waterfalls, working their way up over the weekend to a successful run of a five-metre waterfall. Well done to all the paddlers and thank you to Mr Paidas and Mr Fullard for organising and managing this trip. Thank you to the parents for their support and a special thank you to Hans Boyum, for joining us and helping with management and transport.

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## CURRO HEUWELKRUIN DERBY

The Badgers faced off against Curro Huiwelkrui in a derby two weeks ago, playing rugby, netball and hockey. In hockey, the U/14 hockey boys battled relentlessly as both teams attacked and defended with their lives. From the opening whistle, it was evident that neither team was willing to cede an inch of ground. Despite the intense back-and-forth, the deadlock persisted until the third quarter when the Baby Badgers scored the lone goal of the match.

The 1st Team Boys also found themselves locked in a gruelling battle against a relentless Curro defense. Despite their best efforts, the Badgers struggled to find the back of the net. However, perseverance paid off as they managed to break through before halftime, claiming a narrow lead. The third quarter saw a repeat performance, with the Badgers notching another goal to extend their advantage. In the final quarter, the story remained the same as the Stanfordinians scored one more goal to seal a 3 - 0 victory.

The U/14 girls entered the game eager to prove themselves. With each player giving their all, Stanford Lake quickly asserted their dominance by scoring two consecutive goals towards the end of the first quarter. The relentless pressure continued into the second quarter, with the hosts attempting a comeback. Before half-time, Stanford Lake struck again, extending their lead and solidifying their control of the match. The third quarter saw both teams locked in a fierce battle, with neither side able to find the back of the net. However, it was the Baby Badgers who emerged victorious once more in the final quarter, adding two more goals to their tally and securing an impressive 5 - 0 win over Curro.

In the U/16 girls' match, spectators were treated to a well contested match. Despite Stanford's numerous penalty corner opportunities, they were unable to capitalise, resulting in a closely contested 1 - 1 draw that left fans on the edge of their seats until the final whistle. The main event of the day saw the 1st Team Girls' from both schools locking horns in an intense battle. Curro drew first blood with an early penalty corner goal, catching the Stanfordinians off guard. With the pressure mounting, Curro capitalised on their momentum, adding another goal before half-time. However, the half-time break provided SLC with an opportunity to regroup and refocus. The Badgers came out firing on all cylinders in the third quarter. They managed to turn the tide of the game, scoring three well-worked goals to take

the lead. As the game entered its final stages, Curro launched a relentless onslaught in search of an equaliser. The Stanford defence lead by Basani Msimeki and Goalkeeper, Carmen Veldsman, held firm under the pressure, repelling every attacking wave. The final whistle came with so much relief and the Badgers held on to an impressive 3 - 2 victory to end off a wonderful derby.

On the rugby field, the U/15 boys had an absolutely thrilling match. The game got off to a rocky start as Stanford went down 12 - 0 in the space of 4 minutes. After some introspection, the team really rallied and mounted a comeback. After the continuous flow of tries from both teams ended, the final score line reflected 38 - 36 to Stanford. Well done to Michael Mentis, who was voted as man of the match for his impressive display of defensive prowess. The Stanford Lake College U/16 team took on Heuwelkrui's U/15s. The opposition was a well-oiled machine and played competitive rugby. The Stanford team did not hold back and put the fight on the opponents but sadly lost 8 - 26. The 1st Team were up next and they were hit with a challenging start that saw them trailing 26 - 0 at half-time. However, the team rallied fiercely in the second half. With an infusion of physicality and remarkable defensive, they managed to secure a try, narrowing the gap to a final score of 31 - 5.

On the netball courts, The U/14A and B teams exhibited commendable effort despite losses of 10 - 14 and 6 - 10 respectively. Similarly, while the U/15A team faced defeat, the U/15B team secured a convincing 25 - 4 victory. The U/16 girls continued the winning streak with a solid 15 - 8 triumph. Although the 1st Team encountered a setback with a 15 - 23 loss, their resilience and determination throughout the match were evident. Overall, the girls displayed commendable sportsmanship and fighting spirit.

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