



Matters of Principal

This has been an extremely long and testing term. When the history of this school is written I have no doubt that this term could occupy an entire chapter on its own, not for any great sporting or physical achievements, not for brilliant academic marks, but rather as an example of how solid the foundation of this school is and how this community has pulled together to get through. We have been called to examine so much of what we are as a school. This has not been easy! The emotional strain and general exhaustion is there for all of us to see. I have picked up a matric Life Sciences class this term. I have loved my teaching since the pupils arrived back in the building, (online learning wasn't for me!) as it has served as a reminder of why I went into this profession (despite one delightful young lady in my class informing me that she much preferred her Life Sciences teacher to her Headmaster... I promised her that I wouldn't tell him!). I went into the class yesterday afternoon and suggested that we finish up the last exercise in the book and be done. They stared at me with a collective look of desperation, they could go no further! It was time for a holiday! This break has come just in time. We underestimate the stress our pupils have been under, the emotional toll of the last 3 months is difficult to quantify, but we must not underestimate it. I know that everyone is looking forward to this well-earned rest. It is important that our pupils and staff rest, regenerate their batteries and are ready to return for what I hope will be a more settled third term.

Have a good one and be safe. I look forward to welcoming the remainder of the school back next term.

Wishing all the Dads happy Father's Day on Sunday.

What Makes a Dad by anonymous

God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,

The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle's flight,

The joy of a morning in spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family need,

Then God combined these qualities,
When there was nothing more to add,
He knew His masterpiece was complete,
And so, He called it ... Dad

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Stanford Lake College has signed up for the SA Schools' Rugby Challenge. Have a read below and check out the links below for more information:

SA SCHOOLS' RUGBY CHALLENGE

- Tickets will be sold on the computicket website.
- Tickets are R32.12 each, all money raised will be donated to FoodForward SA and Gift of the givers to help feed families across SA.
- Competition end date is 1st of July 2020.
- The prize of a raffle ticket is priceless Springbok memorabilia such as Siya Kolisi's match shirt or Faf's iconic underpants. However, the school with the most sold tickets will have a visit from the Springboks with the Webb Ellis Trophy.

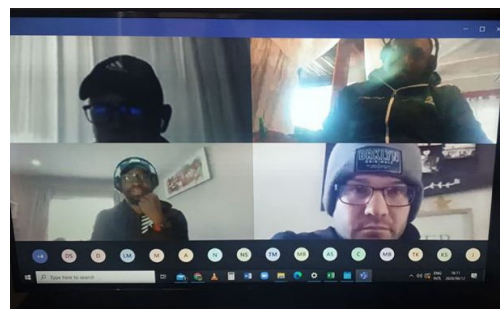
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"LESS TALK, MORE CHANGE"

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Mr Pretorius and Mr Pietersen attended the Limpopo Impala Cricket Coaches' Webinar last Friday. During the webinar Mandla Mashimbyi (Titans and Tshwane Spartans Coach) discussed coaching in general, Grant

Thompson (Titans Captain) discussed captaincy and Junior Dala (Protea and Titans player) discussed work ethic. The webinar was hosted by Ben Benzien, the Coaches' Manager of Limpopo Impala Cricket.

During Level 5 of Lockdown, the Grade 9s beat the blues by penning their Lockdown Journals. The response to this task was overwhelming and the Grade 9s wrote some really awesome journals. Here are a few extracts from our future journalists and authors. Some of the extracts are anonymous, whilst others have put their names to their pieces. All of the extracts are raw and unedited!

APPARENTLY THE FOOD WAS VERY GOOD DURING LOCKDOWN:

“ In the evening we decided to throw a family party, we made delicious pizza, everything homemade even the dough and then we danced to our favourite songs outside under the stars to very loud music. ”

“ I made bran muffins for my family at tea and went down the driveway to my Granny's cottage and took her two muffins. We had spaghetti for dinner. ”

“ I had a toasted cheese and ham sandwich with apple, ginger and orange juice. ”

“ This morning when I woke up I went on my phone and saw a recipe, the cake looked so delicious. So I tried it. I was nervous because we shorted one ingredient. I sat on the ground for 45 minutes to see if the cake rose. After 15 min it started to rise., I opened the oven when 45 minutes were over and just smelt the cake. The decoration was my favorite part, because I could decorate the cake my way. The cake was a three layer cake but not just any cake it was a Chocolate cake with oreos. I was so happy the cake turned out well, and the best part ever is there are still four more pieces left for TOMORROW! ”

- Moné Venter

“ I was woken up with the smell of flapjacks and bacon in the morning as sleepy as I was I couldn't resist the clasp of its luring aroma and I had to wake up! And this time it was very easy, the moment I had gotten ready I rushed to the kitchen before my brothers finished the last batch and it was like with each one I had I got hungrier and had to have more, at this rate I felt like I was eating air it was just going in, with no effect to my stomach whatsoever. ”

- Sithembiso Bosch

AND SOME STUDENTS BRANCHED OUT INTO SOME NEW SKILLS, ARTS AND CRAFTS PROJECTS AND DIY:

“ It was a hint cooler today than yesterday so Max and I decided that we were going to make a tree house. We gathered all our equipment, rope and a few other things that would help us. We didn't end up building today but we decided on a tree so that we could get right to it the next morning. ”

- Olivia Drewett

“ Today wasn't very exciting. In the morning I helped my Dad with putting up a new gutter on our roof and we got about halfway and then said that we will finish it tomorrow. I then later had my daily forearm workout and I FINALLY learnt how to do a backflip off the ground! This has taken me a long, long time. I first started in 2019 in December when I was on the beach and I could flick-flack on the ground but I could never backflip off it, and today I finally did it! ”

- Kian Noné

“ It was a sunny day outside, and I was glad I could go out and play because of the past few days it has gotten really dull staying inside. The skill I decided to learn today was to solve the Rubik's Cube under 2 minutes. It was a difficult skill, but after tedious attempts, I finally solved it. First, I learnt about algorithms, and then I practiced it for 3 hours and then finally solved it under 2 minutes. It was really tiring, but I got to it in the end. ”

- Rajveer Gohil

“ We helped the solar panel people put down some solar panels at Granny's house on the day before lockdown started. ”

“ This week I have been on a roll with making TikToks, in the future it will probably be known as something else. I have been baking and trying new recipes to have a balanced eating plan during lockdown. ”

“ I am trying to learn to play a lovely piece of music I found on YouTube on the piano. I am a bit upset that my mom didn't try harder to teach me when I was younger... but I was quite an impatient child so I do understand. I have time now though and I really like this piece of music, it is called "Path of the Wind" by Joe Hisaishi. Unfortunately, our piano is very much out of tune, it is very irritating because nothing sounds quite right. ”

AND SOME STUDENTS BRANCHED OUT INTO SOME NEW SKILLS, ARTS AND CRAFTS PROJECTS AND DIY (CONTINUED):

“ Today I also pretty much had nothing to do because my sister was using the TV for the whole day again. So I just took my mom’s ‘Physiology of the Human body’, book and read it. It was really interesting, it helped me refresh on my life sciences. Today I found out that the president had implemented another two weeks of lockdown. When I heard that my heart sank, I felt as if the world was ending as we know it, but I was also kind of relieved because I was not ready to go back to school. So that left me staying up late thinking about whether this was a good thing or a bad thing because now it’s going to be well over a month since I’ve seen my friends, which makes me wonder if i can go any longer and I’m starting to run out of resources here at my house. This is going to be the longest two weeks of my life.

- Nsuku Shingwenyana ”

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Things are kind of getting well for me but I somewhat feel that I want to be at school and I can’t believe I’m saying this but I miss school! There’s nothing really happening here at home and I miss seeing my friends and classes and socializing without out being at school I feel this other piercing feeling of emptiness a feeling that haunts me dearly and the only way to get rid of it is by playing Fortnite, and this is the story of how Fortnite became more than just a small addiction. ”

“ Spent the day tidying up my room and sorting out my fly fishing equipment, tools, Rods and fly tying materials, including all of my scissors, bobbins, hair stackers and threads. I also took a while to organise, collect and organise all of my soft hackles, dry fly hackles, CDC and all of my hooks and beads. Part of this process was getting a standing rack of shells with four levels to put under the mounted shelves in my room. This gave me a lot of space and I was able to sort out all of my things nicely. This made me very happy because I’m quite unorganised and sometimes I struggle to find my things because of this. Even though I’m not very good at it I always try to have as much order in my life as possible. I was very pleased with the productive work I did in my room today.

- Luke Fairhead ”

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BUT MOST WERE HAPPY TO BE TOGETHER:

“ Best Sunday of all times with my family. Started the morning off with a short church in the house. It was about not having fear about what’s going on in this world. Matthew 1:18-23 was the word of the day. Luke 1:13 and Hebrews 13:8 were our verses of the day that talked about fear. Then around 12:00pm, we had a family brunch (breakfast / lunch).

16:00pm we started a family game night. We played cards and also 30 Seconds. Today was so far the best day of lockdown

- Langa Sithole ”

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At least we are altogether as a family and even my sister’s boyfriend rushed up all the way from his game reserve to be on lockdown with my sister (...and to irritate me during the lockdown)”

- Nsuku Shingwenyana ”

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Mom: Go bath you smell really bad, soon this house is going to start to smell like you!

Me: But mom I bathed three days ago, I don’t smell that bad.

Mom: Just go shower, I’m telling you to go shower! It’s either you go shower or sleep outside. That’s bad hygiene habit, get rid of it!!!

Me: But then I did nothing that would make me smell I don’t even exercise or run around I just stay in the house.

Mom: You are old now of course you going to smell a day later after bathing. NOW GO SHOWER! ”

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I played a nice computer game with my mom. I was a healer in a fairy-tale and had to rescue a princess by finding my way through enchanted forests and solving lots of riddles and puzzles. It was also very nice to have my mom to myself, no one was allowed to disturb us while we were in a fairy-tale world. ”

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My sister and I won everything by far as we have this special sister connection (I found out it is called twin telepathy even though we are sisters and not twins) – the second I draw a line my sister already knows what it is meant to be. ”

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We had a family brunch and then hid some Easter eggs which my sister brought all the way from England. It was really fun. ”

Mrs Schoeman and Ms Taylor are extremely proud of what the Grade 9s achieved during lockdown. To quote Lailah Gifty Akita, “Every adversity brings new experiences and new lessons.”