



Matters of Principal

"Being busy is one thing however productivity is the real gem."
- Hopal Green

WOW!! What an incredible start to 2024. Yesterday we released our 2023 matric results, as a community we can be extremely proud of how the group performed. 100% pass rate again and 91% Bachelor's Degree pass rate. As a class, they certainly did pull out the stops as they took on the challenges of the Matric Final Examinations. I thank everyone involved in equipping these young adults with the skills necessary to achieve at such a high level. I wish the class of 2023 all the best.

As one door closes another opens. We welcomed 61 new pupils to our school this year, along with 7 teaching staff members (3 of whom were involved in the teaching programme as part-time staff last year) and three interns. I welcome everyone into the Stanford family and look forward to long and rewarding relationships with all of them.

The Matrics returned on Monday full of energy and fresh ideas, ready to tackle their final year at school. We held a Leadership Day with them which culminated in a Master Chef Pizza Evening. I spoke to the group about Servant Leadership and mentoring and was impressed by the levels of engagement. New Pupils' Day was an excellent occasion and went off seamlessly. Our campus and boarding houses are looking amazing and we welcomed our new families with open arms. Our senior pupils made an incredible impression. One parent found me to inform me of how impressed she was with her son's mentor who had engaged with her and her husband, asked questions about the family, committed to looking after her child and promised to keep in contact with her. She felt that as a parent from far away, she could leave the school knowing her son was in the safest of hands.

It has been a busy week with books and timetables being issued and finalised, introductions to teachers and general acclimatisation with the academic programme and structure of the day. We have held an inter house cross-country (in the rain and mud) and have conducted clubs and society sign-ups. Last night the first meeting of the Speakers Society was held and I congratulate Sophia Leher who was elected as Society Chairperson for 2024 and Emma Imrie who was appointed as the Vice Chair of this prestigious society. Rehearsals for the school musical, "Sophia" begin next week and it promises to be an exciting, energetic production.

This weekend is an important one for us as the Grade 12 pupils take our Grade 8 pupils through the Hatchery Programme which they have put together. The Grade 8s will learn about their school, get a sense of our expectations of them and have an excellent opportunity to bond as a year group.

In assembly today, Mr Willson spoke of the importance of commitment to the extramural programme and Mrs Redfern invited pupils to sign up for the school production. There is every opportunity for each of the pupils in our care to thrive.

If the old adage holds true that a busy school is a good school, we can certainly claim to be on the right track. Wishing you all an excellent 2024.

God Bless.

FIRST INTER-HOUSE CLASH OF 2024

On Wednesday we hosted our first inter-house event of the year. The whole school walked or ran a 2.5km cross-country loop in very soggy and wet conditions. Despite the mud-splattered legs, rain-soaked clothing and extremely dirty tekkies, a fun afternoon was had by all. Well done to those who ran an extra lap (or two) to gain more points for their sports houses.



Welcome, new staff

We wish you a happy and successful stay with us on the misty mountain.



**Mr PJ
Bower**
HOD Geography



**Miss Happiness
Chauke**
School Counsellor



**Mrs Rachel-Mari
Johnson**
Performing Arts



**Ms Tenda
Mafadza**
Intern



**Ms Lindi
Mnguni**
Physical Sciences



**Mr Kenneth
Ndoda**
HOD History



**Miss Hannah
Nero**
Intern



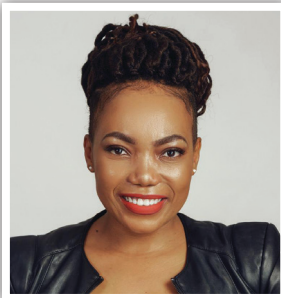
**Miss Gladys
Ramatsie**
Intern



**Mr Etienne
Terblanche**
English

Welcome, new Board members...

We look forward to your input and expertise in helping guide our school over the next few years!



**Mrs Ngoako
Bosch**
EXCO elected
PR & Marketing
Committee



**Mr JP
Göbel**
Parent elected
Finance
Committee



**Mr Tienie
Prinsloo**
Trustee elected
Finance
Committee



**Mrs Lesley
Schultz**
Parent elected
Finance
Committee

Congratulations

MATRIC CLASS OF 2023



Rajveer Gohil
7 DISTINCTIONS

English Home Language,
Information Technology,
Life Orientation,
Life Sciences,
Mathematics,
Physical Sciences,
Further Studies Maths



Kian Noné
5 DISTINCTIONS

Information Technology,
Life Orientation,
Mathematics,
Physical Sciences,
Further Studies Maths



Connor Christie
4 DISTINCTIONS

Geography,
Information Technology,
Life Orientation,
Mathematics

7 DISTINCTIONS

Rajveer Gohil

5 DISTINCTIONS

Kian Noné

4 DISTINCTIONS

Connor Christie

3 DISTINCTIONS

Magdelie Els, Luke Fairhead,
Ashley Mhelembe



Magdelie Els
3 DISTINCTIONS

Afrikaans First Additional
Language,
English Home Language,
Visual Arts



Luke Fairhead
3 DISTINCTIONS

Business Studies,
English Home Language,
Geography



Ashley Mhelembe
3 DISTINCTIONS

Life Sciences,
Mathematics,
Physical Sciences

2 DISTINCTIONS

Marc Day, Maki Inama,
Joel Mushambavanhu, Trez Ngobeni,
Lana Otto, Luke Schoeman, Mitch
Williamson

1 DISTINCTION

Layla De Bruyn, Olivia Drewett,
Elektra Gelletich, Megan Kelly, Claire
Klinkert, Zoë Koster, Kwena Makweya,
Mufaro Mazengura, Akshar Patel,
Rachel Rix, Serena Rix, Travis Sithole,
Diego Vieira, Clara Werhahn

100% PASS RATE

91% UNIVERSITY EXEMPTION

92% AVERAGE IN FURTHER STUDIES MATHEMATICS

SNAPSHOT

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WELCOME,
BABY BADGERS....

