



## Matters of Principal

“The MORE that you READ,  
The MORE things that you will KNOW.  
The MORE that you LEARN,  
The MORE places you’ll GO.”

— Dr Seuss

Friday 24 January

Yesterday afternoon was warm and blustery in Stellenbosch. I’m down in the heart of the winelands helping to settle my daughter into university. An amazing energy exists down here – a bit like the first day of the school year ... just on steroids! I was sitting on the stairs of the Stellenbosch Education Department (my daughter is registering for a B.Ed) when an elderly Coloured gentlemen with silver hair and a leathery, weather-beaten face approached me. He introduced himself as Ambrose from Atlantis. Over a warm bottle of water and a blueberry muffin, we struck up a conversation. Beaming with pride, Ambrose informed me that he was dropping his granddaughter off at Varsity to study Education. She was the first in the family to go to University and, because she felt that our country needed good teachers, she had chosen to study Education. As far as she was concerned, there were far too many children on the streets because there are not enough teachers in the classrooms.

As we chatted further, Ambrose informed me that his granddaughter had been awarded a NSFAS bursary and that this was her big

chance. He said, “You know that our government is getting so much wrong but they are also getting some things right. This was an opportunity that I, as a working class Coloured man, would not have been able to give my granddaughter.” The government would cover his grandchild’s study fees and accommodation and he would help keep her fed and clothed. For that, he was happy to keep working at the age of 72.

Sometimes we have moments when we are at a loss for words and I had a lump in my throat as I was once again reminded of my privilege... of so much taken for granted and my education as a given. We have so much to teach our children about life... about humanity... about humility.

Umuntu ngumuntu ngabantu. A person is a person through other people.

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## HATCHERY

On Thursday last week, the hatchery week came to an end and our new Grade 8 pupils were inducted as fully-fledged Stanfordinians. During hatchery, the students looked after ‘pet’ pine cones, built shelters in the forests and enjoyed a number of other team building and ice-breaker activities.

The week came to an end at the hatchery play, where the Grade 8s (with a little help from their matric mentors and Mr Swann) put on an energetic and very entertaining hatchery play. The audience were taken on a Disney whirlwind adventure, linking morals from each storyline to the seven values upheld by Stanford Lake College.

Well done to the Grade 8s for displaying such confidence and a special thanks to Mrs Willemse for all the help with the costumes.





# SNAP SHOT

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Congratulations to Mr Willson who was recently promoted to Director of Sport at Stanford Lake College. Mr Willson is a Stanford Old Boy who matriculated in 2001. He has always been a very strong sportsman, receiving colours in Hockey and Cricket whilst at Stanford, captaining the 1<sup>st</sup> team cricket from 2000-2001 and then representing Tuks in hockey whilst at varsity. Steve started his Stanford career in 2008 as an Economics teacher and then began teaching History in 2009. From 2012 to 2016, he was involved with the outdoor department, working as the Senior Adventure Facilitator.

In 2010, he started competing in endurance sports, focusing on triathlons, but also taking part in trail running, road running, mountain biking and adventure racing. He is currently racing for team Red Ants and competes at adventure races around the country. In 2018, he rode the ABSA Cape Epic for Stanford Lake College and is currently in training for the Ironman SA in Port Elizabeth in March.

Mr Willson has been the 1<sup>st</sup> team rugby coach since 2014 and has also helped to coach students in cricket, distance running in athletics and triathlons. He is excited to be working with a great team in the Sports Department and has a genuine passion for sport and the benefits it brings for young people.

## INTER-HOUSE ATHLETICS

Stanford Lake College's annual inter-house athletics day took place on Saturday, 18th January. The "misty mountain" stayed true to its name, as the day kicked off with the track shrouded in mist. The weather did not deter the anxious competitors, as they walked out proud in their house colours, chanting house songs and eager to push themselves on both the track and on the field.

Despite the damp track and generally less than perfect conditions, four school records were broken on the day. David Ramalepe, a Grade 9 student who only joined the Stanford family a week before, managed to make his stamp on Stanford Lake College history, setting a new school record for U/15 Boys 100m, in a time of 11.94 seconds. Isabella Drewett set a new Girls U/16 Javelin record of 28.18m.

Additionally, Lia Revelas, managed to break two school records. In the Girls Open 100m, she set a new record of 13.19 seconds, whilst in the Girls Open 100m Hurdles she set a new record of 15.79 seconds (breaking her own record set in 2019 of 16.57 seconds).

The following trophies were awarded by the guest of honour, Laura Revelas:

Vavasour Cup for Boys Open 1500m – Ethan Jones  
McGaffin Trust Trophy for the Top Sprinter – Lia Revelas  
McGaffin Trust Relay Trophy – Fenwick House  
Cheerio Trust Trophy: Best Middle Distance Runner – Dale Clay  
Kenney Trophy: Best Boys Discus – Tanaka Makanza  
Kenney Trophy: Best Girls Discus – Layla De Bruyn  
Revelas Trophy: Best Boys Hurdler – Devon Coad  
Revelas Trophy: Best Girls Hurdler – Lia Revelas  
Loubser Trophy: Junior Victor Ludorum – Tristan Brett  
Loubser Trophy: Junior Victrix Ludorum – Nanaki Kgopong  
Loubser Trophy: Senior Victor Ludorum – Devon Coad  
Loubser Trophy: Senior Victrix Ludorum – Lia Revelas  
Stanford Lake College Spirit Trophy – Fenwick House  
The Zamparini Family Trophy: Winning House - Fenwick House

