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Matters of Principal

*“You’re going to make it;
You’re going to be at peace;
You’re going to create, and love, and laugh, and live;
You’re going to do great things.”*
— **Germany Kent**

The ending of any school year brings with it a flood of emotions. From the pupils, relief. They have worked hard for the end of year examinations and cannot wait to leave their books behind for a while. Their relief is always tempered by a touch of anxiety as they await their final reports. Some will be disappointed and others pleased by their results. The most important part of this process is the reflection on what went right or wrong and the steps needed to improve. For staff, I dare say our overwhelming emotion is relief too. It is almost surreal to think that we were still wearing masks for several months of this year. The burden of getting the massive wheel of “normal” school life turning again has largely fallen on our teachers and this task has seemed Herculean at times. Like the pupils, our staff also need time to rejuvenate and reflect.

celebrated for over 100 years. It is a service that is a reminder of our fall from grace, the promise of redemption and of the birth of Jesus Christ. For our school, it is a reminder of our Christian ethos.

That night, as the lines of fairy lights reflected in the glass and out over the lake and our stunning choir of 42 children held flickering candle flames, my heart soared with their voices. I felt uplifted by the work of those who had orchestrated the evening, by the commitment shown by our pupils, by their beautiful singing and by the real sense of community from the 200 parents and local folk who responded to our invite. It was, I believe, the start of what will be a very special and heart-warming tradition that will end our year not on a note of exhaustion but of hope, joy and peace.

And yet, for all of this exhaustion, we ended our school year on notes of celebration. A Christmas dinner was held in our dining hall, some of the houses had Secret Santa gift exchanges and we held a spectacular Carols by Candlelight service for our school, parents and local community down by the lake. The Nine Lessons and Carols Service is a long standing tradition in many Christian churches,

I wish everyone a blessed holiday day season.

God Bless



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OLYMPIAD NEWS

by Mrs Schoeman

The 2022 Junior History Olympiad South Africa (HOZA) held on 18th October was a great success! 49 Schools from across South Africa participated with 989 students competing. Stanford Lake College came 17th overall. I am pleased to announce that Craig Freestone was the top Limpopo Learner, who also achieved a Gold Award for being in the top 5% of the country. Alistair van Hilten, Bödo Schulenburg and Llewellyn Wight all achieved Bronze Certificates for being in the Top 15% in the country. Thank you to all 39 Stanford Grade 8 and 9s who participated.



CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Round Square Annual Christmas Party that was hosted by the Grade 8s of Stanford Lake College took place on the 1st of December 2022. We hosted around 150 kids from our community partnership school, Glenshiel, and it was a day filled with laughter and joy. The group got to know the small kids from Glenshiel and bonded through games such as soccer, face-painting, bean bag toss, playing tag and much more. The day started with everyone being nervous and ended up with everyone leaving with smiles on their faces. Overall, I would say that this was a wonderful experience not only for Glenshiel but for the Grade 8s of Stanford Lake College. Being their first leadership milestone, not only as a grade but as individuals as they head into Grade 9.



Mr Haarhoff and Mr Pretorius were awarded at a recent prize giving for rugby referees in the province. Mr Haarhoff was named as the Fittest Referee in the Province for the second year in a row. Mr Pretorius was awarded for obtaining the Best Average in the Rules Exam.



NEWS IN BRIEF

EXCHANGE



Sophia Leher (Grade 10) is currently on exchange at Güt Warnberg School in Munich, Germany. Here she is pictured with her host sister, Victoria, and on a walking tour of Munich at near freezing temperatures.

PENS DOWN



They made it!

The Matric class of 2022 wrote their last exam last Thursday. We wish them all the best with the future endeavours.

KNOW THE RULES

FAREWELL AND GOOD LUCK

It is great sadness that we say goodbye to a number of wonderful staff at the end of the year. We wish them all the best of luck with their next chapters.



Mrs W. Willson
**School Nurse & Boarding
Logistics Coordinator**

Year started at SLC:
Jan 2002

Next adventure: Retirement!

Mrs Willson has always gone over and above the call of duty and has been willing to assist our pupils at any time. From dispensing tablets to sickly pupils at all hours, to being willing to drive pupils down to the hospital. Accompanying Mrs Willson to the Mediclinic is quite the experience! The staff come to standstill until the Stanford pupils have been seen by the Doctor, been X-rayed or had a scan. During the COVID era, she was herself vulnerable during this time, but was always willing to assist with tests, checkups and getting pupils to the doctors when required.

It hasn't just been the nursing that Mrs Willson has been steadfast in. She wears many hats at Stanford, from Boarding Logistics, to running the kitchen before Feedem arrived, running the Uniform Shop, assisting at functions and events.

Wendy made sure to know all pupils' names and even their family members. She made parents and the pupils part of her family, and dedicated hours and hours to make sure she knew the needs of these pupils. On campus, Mrs Willson has been a mom and granny to many staff and their children. She was always a phone call away when we needed advice, or medical attention for our little ones, and just someone who would listen to us.



Mrs A. Rossouw
**Music & Afrikaans
Teacher**

Year started at SLC:
Jan 2014

Next adventure:
Semi-retirement!

Mrs Rossouw retires from Stanford Lake College after nine years. However, her time here was just a small portion of her 46 years in education! During her career, Mrs Rossouw has taught from the pre-primary phase right through to being a lecturer at University. Despite living in Mooketsi, she never shied away from a late night function or performance, and would then be the first in the Staff Room the following morning.

Mrs Rossouw has always shown a deep empathy for all our pupils and has always put them first. She has fought for them at all times and taught them the difference between right and wrong. In 2017, she started teaching Afrikaans at the school. This was a new challenge for her but one that came so naturally, as she used the precision of music to teach them the flow and rhythm of language.

Not one to sit still, Mrs Rossouw will not settle for retirement just yet. She is going to assist her daughter remotely with medical bookings.



Mr J. Moshia
HOD Accounting

Year started at SLC:
Jan 2010

Next adventure: Deputy
Headmaster at Cornwall Hill

A legend of Stanford leaves us to take up a promotional position as the Deputy Headmaster of Cornwall Hill school in Pretoria. Mr Moshia, affectionately known by staff as "Mosh", joined us 12 years ago as an Accounting teacher and it was not long before he was promoted to Head of Department. At the same time, Mr Moshia was working in the boarding house with Mr Friedrichs. He moved out of boarding and off campus for a few years before returning as Housemaster. In his time here Mr Moshia has served on the SMT overseeing various portfolios including the Director of Boarding, Head of Grade 12 portfolio committees and was the Chairman of the Transformation, Equality and Diversity Committee. Throughout his career he has produced excellent accountancy marks and his ability as an accountancy teacher was recognised by his peers when he was appointed as the IEB matric examiner with his first paper being written this year. Mr Moshia coached both first boys' and girls' soccer teams and is always seen at the edge of the field supporting the College.

Even with all of this, some may say his greatest strength is not in the classroom or on the sports field but his ability to understand children and build positive relationships, Mr Moshia has touched the lives of 100s of school pupils and we know he will continue to do so in his new role.

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Mrs E. Thompson
English Teacher
Year started at SLC:
July 2013 (Round 2)
Next adventure: Travel,
trouble & strife

Mrs Thompson has been an essential part of Stanford life since 2002. She has contributed by establishing the Art Department, thrown chocolate mousse at Mr Haarhoff in the Dining Room and caused chaos and trouble. She organised the unforgettable Matric Dance of 2003 with six white live horses and Gandalf and Galadriel paddled across the lake. She coached volleyball (who came up with that idea?) and put together The Stanfordian magazine for some years. She is most proud of the beautiful murals her art students painted for the TB ward of CN Phatudi Hospital. She departed in 2006 to concentrate on her family while her husband completed his studies.

Stanford asked her back in 2013 to teach Life Orientation. She tackled this post with far too much enthusiasm much to her students' horror. After transferring to the English Department she has taught with great passion and a little bit of terror. The highlight of her teaching year for 2022 was the Grade 8 Trek. She will be missed for her little yellow umbrella and wooden sword and cackling in the staffroom.



Mrs D. Cromie
HOD Visual Arts
Year started at SLC: 2020
Next adventure:
Moving closer to her husband. HOD Visual Arts, Maris Stella



Ms I. Thakor Daya
HOD Life Sciences
Year started at SLC: 2020
Next adventure:
Moving closer to her family. HOD Life Sciences, Crawford International, Lonehill



Miss S. Gama
CAT Teacher
Year started at SLC: 2020
Next adventure:
To further her career in education



Miss K. Mtshali
Intern: Netball
Year started at SLC: 2021
Next adventure:
PE Teacher, Sparks School, Weltevreden



Mr B. Ncgelwane
Intern: Rugby
Year started at SLC: 2021
Next adventure:
Rugby Coach at Jeppe Boys



Mr H. Swanepoel
HOD IT & CAT
Year started at SLC: 2020
Next adventure:
Emigrating to Canada with his new wife



Mr M. Wight
Estates Manager
Year started at SLC: 2020
Next adventure:
Estate Manager at Christ Church Preparatory School and College



Mrs M. Wight
Librarian & Functions Coordinator
Year started at SLC: 2020
Next adventure:
Moving to Midrand with her family