



Matters of Principal

“Progress is impossible without change, and those who cannot change their minds cannot change anything.”
- George Bernard Shaw

We have celebrated Environmental Week over the past five days, the Environmental committee have put together an excellent programme enabling our pupils to engage with some of the environmental issues within our community. We had an excellent assembly with a presentation on the Cape Parrot project highlighting our school’s involvement in this essential work. An online quiz, followed by a bug weed bash and a tree planting ceremony, were all used to highlight the influence we have on our environment and impress upon our pupils that by doing small things we can make a difference.

When I interview prospective new pupils one of the questions I ask is if they could do one thing to change the world what would it be. It is gratifying to note that a high percentage of them focus their answers on dealing with environmental issues.

A quick Google search illustrated our 10 main challenges!

Our environment faces several problems, and many of these seem to be worsening with time, bringing us into a time of a true environmental crisis. It is therefore becoming increasingly important to raise awareness of the existence of these issues, as well as what can be done to reduce their negative impact. Some of the key issues are:

1) Pollution

Pollution of the air, water and soil caused by toxins such as plastics, heavy metals and nitrates, caused by factors such as toxins and gases released by factories, combustion of fossil fuels, acid rain, oil spill and industrial waste.

2) Global warming

The emission of greenhouse gases due to human activity causes global warming, which in turn causes an increase in temperature that then leads to rising sea levels, melting of polar ice caps, flash floods and desertification.

3) Overpopulation

We are facing a shortage of resources such as food, water and fuel to sustain the rising global population, particularly in developing countries. Intensive agriculture attempting to lessen the problem, actually leads to more damage through the use of chemical fertilizers, pesticides and insecticides.

4) Waste disposal

An excessive amount of waste is produced and dumped in the oceans. Nuclear waste is particularly dangerous, as well as plastics and electronic waste.

5) Ocean acidification

The increase in the production of carbon dioxide by humans causes the oceans’ acidity to rise, which has a negative impact on marine life.

6) Loss of biodiversity

Species and habitats are becoming extinct due to human activity. This causes an imbalance in natural processes like pollination and poses a threat to ecosystems – coral reef destruction is particularly affected.

7) Deforestation

Loss of trees in order to make space for residential, industrial or commercial projects means that less oxygen is produced, and temperature and rainfall are affected.

8) Ozone layer depletion

Pollution caused by chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs) in the air creates a hole in the ozone layer, which protects the earth from harmful UV radiation.

9) Acid rain

Pollutants in the atmosphere such as sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxides cause acid rain, which has negative consequences for humans, wildlife and aquatic species.

10) Public health issues

Lack of clean water is one of the leading environmental problems currently. Pollutants in the air also cause issues such as respiratory disease and cardiovascular disease.

Looking at this serves as a stark reminder to us as to the state of our planet and how much we have to do in order to reverse and rectify some of these terrifying stats. A starting point is to ensure that we empower our pupils to be the change makers and to become environmental activists.

Have a great weekend.

God Bless.

NEWS IN BRIEF

XCO

This past weekend the third Limpopo XCO of the series was held at Moorddrift Dairy. Gordon Noel managed to take the win in the Junior Boys' category after five gruelling laps on the very rocky and loose track. This was the last race to check the form going into South African Champs in two weeks' time in Paarl, Western Cape.

COMMS



We have created a WhatsApp group to communicate with parents about bus times and travel logistics to sports fixtures. Coaches can send locations and ETAs when travelling to and from fixtures. Scan the QR code to join!

GOLF

On Monday 15th April, the first round of the Schools' Golf League took place. The course at Tzaneen Country Club was in a very good condition but unfortunately the same cannot be said about our golf! Andrew van den Heuvel, Matt Allison and Giano October represented the school and it was a shaky start to the season for them. We wish them better luck in the upcoming tournaments.

Players and coaches alike are delighted with the newly completed dugout at the astro! Our pupils now have respite from the wind, rain and sun when on the bench. The school's marketing department is also glad that no more gazebos will need to take flight over the astro during matches.



DIGGING THE DUGOUT

DEBATING

The 1st round of the Polokwane Mayor's Cup Debate League (senior division) took place on Wednesday. Our Senior Team proposed the motion "The responsibility of selecting language policy should remain with School Governing Bodies (SGBs) instead of the Provincial Education departments (PEDs)" against Taxila Secondary School. Unfortunately, SLC lost the debate by a small margin. Natali Chitagu, Alessio Calokechi and Alisha Calokechi were speakers. The team showed great spirit and determination and aim for a better performance in the future.

BADGER OF THE WEEK

Matthews Munyai has been chosen as Badger of the Week after he played some amazing rugby on Saturday. Matthews setup a few tries for his team, made a couple of good line breaks, made some big tackles on boys twice his size and most importantly, stayed positive and was always encouraging his team.



ENVIRONMENTAL WEEK



As part of Environmental Week, the whole school took part in a "Bugweed Bash" on Wednesday. Hundreds of invasive plants were removed (both bugweed and wattle). The winning house who removed the most plants was Orvis. The School recognised Arbor Day today by planting trees. South Africa normally recognises Arbor Day in September but it is more commonly celebrated across the world in April. What made today's tree planting special was that the saplings are from acorns of the gigantic Oak tree that collapsed outside of Founders back in January 2022 and have been so lovingly raised by Mrs Els.



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NETBALL NEWS

On Thursday last week, the Stanford Netball Teams embarked on their first league match against Merensky. Despite a challenging day on the court, marked by losses across all our teams, our players exhibited remarkable resilience and unwavering spirit. While the results may not have been in our favour this time, our players emerged stronger, more resilient, and ready to tackle future challenges head-on.

The following day, the teams battled it out on the courts against Louis Trichardt, showcasing significant improvement across all teams. Despite losses for the U/14s, U/15s, and U/16s, their performance demonstrated marked progress. The 2nd Team played two matches, securing one victory and suffering one defeat. Although the 1st Team were leading into the third quarter, fatigue led to lapses in concentration, resulting in a narrow two-point loss. Despite the outcome, the girls exhibited resilience and determination throughout the matches, setting a positive tone for future engagements.



RUGBY vs. ERIC LOUW

On Saturday, April 13th, the Stanford Lake College Rugby Teams headed to Musina to face off against Eric Louw. The U/15 Baby Badgers took part in their second game together as a team. It was an extremely competitive first half, with the boys scoring two fantastic converted tries. The half-time score was 17 - 14. Unfortunately, Eric Louw came out firing in the second half, and really put the pressure on Stanford. The final score was 41 - 14. Well done to Andani Rembuluwani who was voted Man of the Match by the Eric Louw team.

The U16s played a very good game, and were somewhat unlucky to lose by just six points. The hours of hard work on the training field really paid off, with the highlight being a brilliant try from the forwards after a rolling maul. Not an easy thing to learn and execute during a match! The backline also found some good rhythm and scored a few great tries. Unfortunately, despite having the ball on the 5m line in the final minute of the game, the Stanford boys lost 20 - 26.

The 1st Team boys were filled with excitement as they were ready to take on their first league game of the season and one of their goals for the season was to defeat Eric Louw. The Stanford boys took an early lead and maintained it for most of the first half. However, Eric Louw proved to be more adaptable on the day and began outscoring the Stanfords. Despite trailing 20 - 36 at one point, the boys displayed immense character and managed to narrow the gap to 34 - 36. Unfortunately, Eric Louw secured the victory with their final try just before the end of the game, resulting in a final score of 34 - 41.

Stanford Society
&
Alumni Event



Stanford Lake College

SATURDAY
18th MAY | 12^{pm}

R130pp

Includes snacks
Cash bar available

please RSVP with proof of payment by 12th May
to alumni@slc.co.za

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HOCKEY VS LOUIS TRICHARDT

The U/14s kicked off the day with an exciting match against Louis Trichardt last Friday. Despite more than half of the team participating in their first-ever hockey game, the players exhibited commendable effort and sportsmanship throughout the match. The game started with a balanced first quarter, with both teams striving to find their rhythm on the field. The second quarter mirrored the first in terms of intensity, with neither side able to capitalise on penalty flick opportunities. However, the third quarter saw a shift in momentum as Khensho Masilana seized two opportunities to propel the Baby Badgers ahead by two goals. Despite a spirited comeback attempt by the visitors in the final quarter, the Baby Badgers defended their goal line fervently, securing a hard-fought victory of 2 – 1.

The U/16 Boys encountered a challenging match against a formidable opponent. Early goals conceded put Stanford on the back foot, but the team showcased resilience and determination throughout the game. Despite an evenly matched second quarter where Stanford fought hard to convert their chances, the visitors extended their

lead early in the third quarter, making a comeback increasingly difficult for the home team. By the end of the third quarter, the visitors had established a commanding lead. In the final quarter, Stanford displayed fighting spirit, scoring two well-worked goals to inject some excitement into the match. However, it was too late to alter the outcome as the visitors had already secured a significant advantage and winning the game 5 – 2.

The highly anticipated match between the 1st Team promised excitement from the outset. The first quarter ended in a deadlock, with both teams displaying intent. In the second quarter, both teams managed to break the deadlock, setting the stage for an intense battle in the second half. The Badgers surged ahead early in the third quarter, but their lead was short-lived as Louis Trichardt responded with two successive goals, turning the tide in their favour. Despite a valiant effort to stage a comeback in the final quarter, Stanford was unable to regain momentum, with the visitors sealing the victory with a late goal and ending the game 4 – 2.

[Click HERE for more photos](#)



Congratulations

The following pupils were selected to represent Limpopo in hockey...



Travis Hudson
U/18A



Sinnon Khosa
U/18A



Kgedi Manthata
U/18A



Pelo Molepo
U/18A



Dylan Turner
U/18A



Nanaki Kgopong
U/18A



Nsovo Mabila
U/18A



Basani Msimeki
U/18A



Tristan Brett
U/18B



Amu Chauke
U/18B



Amon Negogogo
U/18B



Finn Straughan
U/18B



Connor Veldsman
U/18B



Lefa Mamabolo
U/16A



Sefularo Masedi
U/16A



Carmen Veldsman
U/16A



Nathan Berrie
U/16B



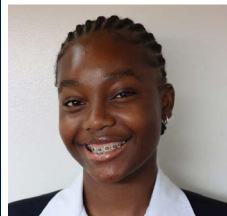
Matthew Scriven
U/16B



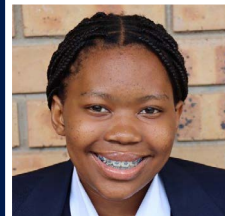
Andreas Toulou
U/16B



Ilne Kotzé
U/16B



Lerato Mokgoatsane
U/16B



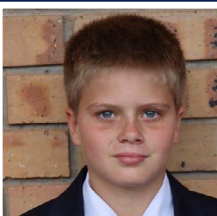
Kutlwano Mokaila
U/14A



Tadgh Egan
U/14B



Khenso Masilana
U/14B



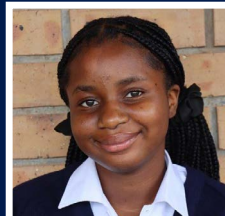
Alex Mentis
U/14B



Andani Rembuluwani
U/14B



Charlie Worthington
U/14B



Ahu Mahada
U/14B

Non-travelling reserves:

Matt Allison, Nick Dando, Dario Wasley, Wessel Willemse, Lefa Mashego and Olive Humphrys