

Keith Fairweather Hockey Festival

Stanford Lake College hockey teams travelled to Pietermaritzburg during the first week of the school holiday, where 94 Stanford players participated in the Keith Fairweather festival played over three days. It proved to be a successful trip for all players, as well as a great learning experience for both players and coaches. Well done to all teams.



Results – Day One

U14 Girls vs TWC: 0-8
 U14 Girls vs St. John's DSG: 0-5
 U14 Boys vs Graeme College: 2-3
 U14 Boys vs Fourways: 5-1
 U16 Girls vs Danville: 1-2
 U16 Girls vs Penryn: 4-1
 U16 Boys vs Sunderland: 2-1
 U16 Boys vs Thomas Moore: 0-1
 1st Girls vs Noordheuwel 1st: 0-7
 1st Girls vs Voortrekker: 6-0
 1st Boys vs Noordheuwel 2nds: 0-4
 1st Boys vs Menlopark 2nds: 1-1

Results – Day two

U14 Girls vs Epworth U14A: 0-3
 U14 Girls vs Thomas Moore U14A: 0-8
 U14 Boys vs Grey College U14B: 0-3
 U14 Boys vs Northcliff U14A: 4-3
 U14 Boys vs Menlopark U14A: 0-9
 U16 Girls vs Fourways U16A: 2-4
 U16 Girls vs Fourways U15A: 1-0
 U16 Girls vs Zwartkop U16A: 0-1
 U16 Boys vs Zwartkop Hoërskool U16A: 0-1
 U16 Boys vs Northcliff U16A: 3-0
 U16 Boys vs Noordheuwel U16A: 0-7
 1st Girls vs Montana 1sts: 2-2
 1st Girls vs Northcliff 1sts: 3-3
 1st Boys vs Waterkloof 2nds: 2-0
 1st Boys vs Affies 2nds: 1-3

Results – Day Three

U14 Girls vs Fourways U14A: 4-4
 U14 Boys vs Saints Namibia : 0-0
 U16 Girls vs PHSG U16A: 2-1
 U16 Boys vs Waterkloof Hoërskool U16A: 0-10
 1st Girls vs Howick High 1sts: 7-0
 1st Boys vs Redhill 1sts: 2-0

First team reports:



The 1st XI boys hockey side had a tough start to their Pietermaritzburg tour, the opening game saw them go down 4-0 against Noordheuwel Hoërskool in the last 10 minutes. A few players missing from the first day made it difficult to keep the intensity for the full game. The boys second game saw them face Menlopark, a game filled with lots of chances, but Menlopark's defence were up to the challenge making it difficult for Stanford's forwards in the circle. The game ended with each team sharing the spoils 1-1. Day 2 would see Stanford's reinforcements playing, which allowed the boys to play their natural running game. They triumphed with a 2-0 win over Waterkloof, but ended the day on a disappointing note with a 3-1 loss to Affies after dominating play. The final day saw the Stanford boys play Redhill who proved to be one of the toughest opponents. Each player had to dig deep and played some really good hockey, resulting in the boys winning 2-0. Well done to all the players who represented Stanford Lake College with pride.

The 1st XI girls had a slow start to the festival and picked up their strongest opposition on day 1 against Noordheuwel. They were unfortunately out-played and suffered a heavy defeat. The team had an inexperienced back four and they learnt from the mistakes they made during the game and came back strongly as a unit during the festival. The girls then had a good win in the afternoon against Voortrekker Hoërskool winning 6-0. On day 2, they had two tough fixtures against Montana and Zwartkop and managed two draws. The girls fought hard during these games. They played their best hockey on the last day winning comfortably against Howick, where they played well structured hockey and the opposition had no answers to Stanford's free flowing play. Well done on a great festival girls.

NEWS FROM ST. DUNSTAN'S

The 1st XV rugby team had a very successful tour to Johannesburg from 17 to 22nd April. The tour kicked off with an opening dinner and ceremony before the games on Thursday the 18th, where 'The Badgers' went up against Redham House. The team started poorly, conceding three early tries. However, after a moment of individual brilliance from fullback Musa Mathebula, the boys began to play great rugby, and fought their way back into the game. Unfortunately they lost 33-26.

The second game was against St. Peters College and, despite being the far smaller team on the field, the boys played a great strategic game in a very tight and hard fought contest. Winger Mada Buliani lead the team with a great work ethic both on and off the ball, and made some big tackles and runs down the touchline. After dominating the scrums and playing an attractive brand of running rugby, the team unfortunately conceded a penalty in the last few minutes to lose 22-21, which was a tough pill to swallow.

The Badgers were desperate for a win as they went up against an extremely physical St. Benedicts in their final game of the tour. This was a great demonstration of tenacity and grit from both teams, as all players threw absolutely everything at one another. The Stanford 1sts scored 4 brilliant team tries and lead for the majority of the game. A standout performance from flanker Frank Dyason saw the backs recieveing plenty of front foot ball. Through pure grit the lads managed to hold on to their lead until the final whistle and won the game 26-24.

Thank you to our team sponsors, Paint Pot and Lanaheil, for their support, as well as to the parents who travelled to support the team. Thank you to the staff who gave up their holidays to go on tour, and well done to all Badgers for a fine effort.

The 1st team netball girls had an excellent start to the Easter Sports Festival at St Dunstan's College. They played in Pool B against Sacred Heart College, Unity Secondary and St Dunstan's College on the first day. They had two excellent results in their first two games winning 20-5 and 21-10 but unfortunately were rattled during their St Dunstan's College match and lost the game. On day two, the girls started with a 'bang' and fought back to get into the final play-offs. They played good netball and worked together on court defending the opposition. They had two hard days of netball and finished 2nd in their pool. They were then left to play quarter-finals, semi-finals and finals on the last day. The girls were tired and had sore muscles from the previous two days of hard work and commitment on the court. The Stanford girls unfortunately lost their first game against Cornwall Hill by only 3 points and then played Reddam House in the semi-final for position 4th -8th, where the girls pulled through with an excellent win. They then faced Benoni High in the finals. The girls gave all that was left in them but unfortunately they were out-played and Stanford finished 5th in the festival. The girls, having learnt a lot, are ready for the season ahead. Well done girls.



Thank you for your generosity...

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everybody who helped to contribute to the Mozambique flood victims and also to our book donation request.

We sent a taxi full of goods (clothing and linen) to Mozambique during the first week of the holidays. Peter Maleta, Director of a local NGO, The Greater Tzaneen Community Foundation, started this initiative, combining the school's contributions with those from the proposed Tzaneen Millennial Rotary Club.

Peter collected all our donations and linked up with the Maputo Rotary Club who then distributed everything.

In order to celebrate World Book Day on Tuesday, April 23rd, we asked our students to bring old books to school with them as they started the new term. We received a good number of books in a variety of genres, from adult fiction through to children's story and learning books.

We are excited to go through the pile of donations and distribute them to our community projects.

It is always fantastic to see the pupils and parent body from SLC coming together and generously supporting some great causes.