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Matters of Principal

I am currently studying a certificate course on Change Management and School Leadership through the Harvard Graduate School of Education. One of the modules has been to closely examine our school culture. What is it that makes us “us” as a school? What sense do people get when they walk onto our campus for the first time? They ask us to examine various areas of our schools and reflect on our values and how they impact our culture.

An area that I chose to reflect on was the culture that exists at Stanford Lake College around teaching and learning. As a result, I have spent a little more time walking around the school listening to what’s happening in the classrooms, observing our children whilst learning, and listening carefully to the chatter in the corridors. I think, on the whole, that we have a very healthy culture during the academic day. I would like to think that we are preparing our pupils well for the academic challenges that they will face once they leave school.

TSHANDUKO – I LEARN FOR LIFE

There is, however, an area of concern I need to address. An increasing number of pupils miss school days and cycle tests for routine appointments and checkups that could take place during the holidays or because parents plan long weekends away or holidays that begin a day or two before school closes or return a few days after we open. This is not prioritizing education and the message being sent is that school attendance is flexible. I appeal to the parents to ensure every effort is made to attend school. We need your support in ensuring that our pupils understand the importance of obtaining an excellent education and that in order to do this they are required to put in the effort at all times. The proverb “It takes a village to raise a child” rings true.

Have an excellent weekend



ELZINE AGED IT

The past weekend, Elziné Kotzé (Grade 10) attended ACE Modelling School’s 10th annual conference in Pretoria. Elziné writes, “The theme this year was Cirque du Soleil. There were 54 models in my category (females aged 16-18) coming from all over the country, including Limpopo, Johannesburg, Cape Town, Benoni, Bloemfontein, Namibia and more. There were different sections in the competition, such as pageant castings, runway castings, franchise show cases, etc. It was a very tough competition, especially in our category, but a great experience and I learned a lot once again. I was placed in the Top 15 for photogenic model of the year 16-18 years and in the top 20 for pageant and runway casting.”



TENNIS PLAYERS SLAM UNI. LIMPOPO

An exciting afternoon of well-played tennis took place on Wednesday, 10th of August, when the Stanford students had the opportunity to play against the University of Limpopo. Our tennis players were a bit reluctant to play against young adults at first, but once they started, they were unstoppable. Some beautiful tennis was played and Stanford managed to beat their opponents. The overall score for the boys (Stefan Hacker, Luke Schoeman, Jethro Clowes, JJ Vilakazi, Jack Tasker and Quintin Swanepoel) was 30 / 19, whilst the girls (Tanatswa Murasiranwa, Michaela Gosling, Rachel Rix, Serena Rix, Ellain Chidavaenzi and Isabella Brett) won 28 / 21.

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U/14 GIRLS TAKE SILVER

After finishing fourth in the local league, the U/14 girls went on to participate in the Noordvaal Groot B tournament that was hosted at Stanford Lake College. In the first game, the girls played against Hoërskool Oosterlig from Boksburg winning the game 1 - 0. In the second game the girls faced Hoërskool Rustenburg from North West also narrowly winning the game 1 - 0. By Sunday morning the girls knew they had qualified for the quarter finals, which made them relax a little too much, losing to Hoërskool Ligbron 0 - 1. Later that day they faced Hoërskool Dr Malan from Meyerton. After having watched the Dr Malan girls throughout the first two days, most spectators expected them to take an easy win against the Stanfordians.

However, Carmen Veldsman made sure that the opposition could not score as she saved shot after shot and on the opposite end, Olivia Turner buried a clear-cut opportunity to make sure that the Stanfordians made it through to the semi-finals. The final score was Stanford 1 - 0 Hoërskool Dr Malan. In the semi-finals, the girls faced Hoërskool Ligbron for a second time. This time the match ended in a goalless stalemate draw which went on to a shootout. Stanford comfortably won the shootout with the final score ending 4 - 2.

In the finals, the Stanfordians faced Midstream College from Centurion. After the long weekend, both teams were clearly exhausted as most of the game was played in the middle of the field. Both keepers were barely called to action until the third quarter, when Stanford took the lead through a penalty corner goal courtesy of Mika Jones. However, the lead was very short lived as the visitors gave an instant reply. The game went on to a shootout, where the Stanfordians unfortunately lost 1 - 3.

We are extremely proud of the U/14 girls for finishing second in the tournament and raising the school flag high.



On Thursday this week, the U/15A Cricket Boys played their first match of the season against Nkowankowa. They batted first on a beautiful Stanford pitch and although the run-rate was slow, the batsmen did well not to get impatient and throw their wickets away unnecessarily. They batted out their full 30 overs with a score of 88 / 5.

Unfortunately, some of the bowlers let their nerves get the better of them and there were too many extras throughout. Although the Stanford boys took some great wickets and catches, the 28 wides were too many when defending a low score and the Nkowankowa batsmen were never under any real pressure. However, the lads only lost by four wickets and there were plenty of learning opportunities for the season ahead.



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BOYS SOCCER VS TOM NAUDÉ

U/15A BOYS

The U15/A boys played the first game going up against a strong Tom Naudé U/15A team. The game was intense but the boys played passionately and were able to match the opponents' energy. The first half ended nil all. In the second half, the Stanford boys found the back of the net through a penalty goal by Nakedi Makweya. The boys led 1 - 0 for the majority of the match until Tom Naudé found in equalizer in the last few minutes. Within a few seconds, Tom Naudé scored a second goal and the match unfortunately ended 2 - 1 to them.

SECOND XI BOYS

The Second XI Team played a tough game against a well-organised Tom Naudé side. The boys started very well but unfortunately conceded two early goals in the first half. Going into the second half, the Stanford lads were determined to make a comeback and that was evident in their game. Tom Naudé were strong at the back and made it difficult for Stanford to use their chances. However, they eventually managed to pull one back through a Nohah Jones volley and the game ended 2 - 1.

FIRST XI BOYS

The First Team boys played the last game in unfavourable conditions against a good side. The boys played great football in the first half, beating Tom Naudé by playing counter attacking football. The boys created many chances and were able to convert two through goals by Trezeque Ngobeni and Kondwani Buliani. Going into the second half, the boys set up very well at the back and defended with high intensity. However, they unfortunately conceded a goal due to a silly mistake at the back but won the game 2 - 1.



In celebration of Women's Month, the staff were treated to a special tea by the Headmaster held at The View today. Names were pulled out of a hat and four lucky ladies won a selection of prizes. From left to right: Tryona Mojafela, Mosima Magoele, Michelle Wight and Lucy Bopape.

WOLKBERG TRAIL RUN

Stanford Lake College was the host venue of the annual Wolkberg Trail Run on 6 and 7 August, presented by Coppermoo Events. Unfortunately, the numbers were lower than expected but it was still an amazing event for those that came to run. We had a few alumni, staff and spouses competing in the event as well. Brian Gardner (Class of 2002) finished second overall in the Wolkberg Challenge (40km and 25km) and Karla-Mart Fullard third in the ladies (dragging Mr Fullard with her). Casper Venter (Class of 2019) competed in the Woodbush Trail (20km and 15km) even with a broken arm! On the Sunday there were a couple of shorter races as well with Jack Tasker second male in the 10km and Auguste Haarhoff first female in the 10km. Mr Haarhoff took the win in the 5km but was unofficial. The weather played its part as well and made for another awesome trail run. Well done to all who competed in this wonderful event and we are looking forward to hosting it again in 2023!

STANFORDIANS TOUR DE LIP

This last weekend, six Stanford MTB riders travelled to Louis Trichardt for the Schools' MTB Race called "Tour de Lip". The cross-country style course was reversed from previous years, and posed new challenges to the competitors. Lungile Sithole-Wiltshire and Kian Noné were our senior riders, enduring 25km of technical racing. Kian took home fifth place. Finn Straughan also competed but due to a technical issue, he had to carry his bike over the finish line, showing true Stanfordian commitment! Ilne Kotzé, Rachel Göbel, and Isabella Dando all started at the same time, but unfortunately, there was a crash on the first lap that set some girls back. However, Rachel managed a sixth place, while Ilne and Isabella both managed a fourth place finish in their respective categories. Well done to these pupils. We hope to see more Stanfords taking part in the "Tour de Lake" hosted at Stanford on the 27th of August.

