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Matters of Principal

“A small body of determined spirits fired by an unquenchable faith in their mission can alter the course of history.”

This weekend marks a very special milestone in the history of our school as we formally celebrate our 25-year birthday. We welcome back onto our campus our alumni for a Super Alumni Function and I will be privileged to host three of our past five Heads. We have an exciting weekend of sports ahead of us. Boys’ hockey and girls’ netball take to the fields and courts today and tomorrow, girls’ hockey and boys’ rugby will have the limelight. I look forward to a weekend of healthy rivalry as we celebrate all that is good about school sport.

On Saturday evening, we celebrate our school with the Out in Africa Gala Dinner and auction. This is an opportunity for us to reflect and reminisce about what has taken place on this campus over the past twenty-five years. We will have time to acknowledge the brave vision of our founders and to marvel at what has been achieved at this school in such a short period of time. All of this serves as a reminder of the power of community, the importance of having a vision and the value of good, old-fashioned hard work.

This is also a time to reflect on what it is that makes our school special: the value of our adventure programme, our sports, cultural and extramural programme and, of course, our continued pursuit of academic excellence.

We will also pause to remember those members of our community we have lost and to acknowledge their contribution.

An important part of any school’s long-term sustainability is the

alumni. As a school, we are yet to celebrate our first intake of second-generation pupils. It is important to know that our Old Boys and Old Girls want to send their children to this fine school, allowing them the opportunities that they were afforded at school. We celebrate the wonderful success of our Alumni in all fields of study and professions and acknowledge people who have made an impact on the lives of others across the planet. I know, as the Alumni gather for their function on the Hillary Field this evening, that the stories will flow. Many of them, I have no doubt, will be somewhat embellished! Most of them will be stories of activities and recollections of classroom antics, breaking of rules in the boarding houses and memories of teachers. They will recall moments that made them laugh, moments that made them cry but most importantly, moments that helped to shape them into the amazing people they have become. It will, I hope, be a time that brings back special memories of a time spent in a remarkable place.

To all who visit our campus this weekend, please look at what has been built... at what has been achieved...at the kind of pupils we are growing in the shade of the trees on this mountain. We have much to be grateful for and we are thankful to all who have been a part of our school journey thus far.

Have a blessed weekend.

Stanford Lake College 25 years in the making...





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