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Matters of Principal

“Climate change is the single greatest threat to a sustainable future but, at the same time, addressing the climate challenge presents a golden opportunity to promote prosperity, security and a brighter future for all.”

- Ban Ki-Moon, Former Secretary-General of UN

From Hurricane Ian to catastrophic flooding in Pakistan and Afghanistan, Cyclone Gabrielle in New Zealand and Freddy circling off the Southern African coast, communities around the globe continue to be devastated by climate disasters in 2023. I recently read an article on the Earth Day website which spoke about the increasing frequency of natural disasters. The author said:

“Knowing climate change is responsible for the increased frequency and severity of crises like floods, droughts, wildfires, and tropical storms, it’s time we consider how “natural” these disasters are after all. We can expect a higher frequency of extreme weather events to continue unless we critically reflect on our own hand in climate change and make transformative systemic changes.”

Perhaps we should be talking about climate disasters, not climate change.

One of the key pillars of the Round Square organisation is that of environmental stewardship. As a proud Round Square school, we need to take this responsibility seriously. It is too easy for us to say that we can’t really make a difference but at times like this it is important to remember that “little drops make up the ocean”. This week, in conjunction with an organisation called “Plant the Seed”, we have introduced a recycling programme. The aim of the pro-

gramme is two-fold: firstly to do our bit when it comes to reducing the amount of waste that goes into landfill sites and increasing our contribution to the circular economy by returning recyclable products into the economy through effective recycling. The second - and possibly more important aspect - is that we serve as an example to our pupils as to what can and should be done going forward. Extensive education is required in order to get this all in place. Plant the Seed has assisted us in the introduction of effective recycling and will continue to partner with us and support us in this journey with the appropriate tools to execute the recycling properly as well as materials through which to enhance our environmental education offering. Please engage with your children on these important issues and perhaps join us on this journey.

For us, this is a small start but the board and management team are aware that one of the next major evolutions that our school will undertake is that of environmental sustainability. I am excited about what lies ahead.

God Bless

FISHERMEN OFF TO EUROPE

by Luke Fairhead

On the weekend of the 27th of February, David Mulder and myself attended the Youth Protea Fly Fishing trials, in the Kamberg, KZN midlands. A total of 16 boys were invited, with a record of 4 Limpopo boys attending trials.

We were tested on many of our skills, such as reading water, tying flies, casting accuracy and distance, as well as different techniques we use while fishing. We had a technical on the Snowflake River, where we had to demonstrate proficiency in European nymphing, European dry dropper, and single dry fly, as we were watched by four national level selectors. We also had a fish off, where both David and myself caught many fish.

The weekend was a great time, filled with camaraderie, where we were now meeting potential teammates, when in contrast we had competed against them at Nationals just a few months before. After a week of waiting for results, David made the SASACC Youth Fly Fishing team, and I made the Youth Protea Fly Fishing team. David will be touring Spain in April, and I will be competing at World Champs this July, in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Both of the other Limpopo boys also made teams, marking a record number for Limpopo once again.





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NEWS IN BRIEF

ATHLETICS

On Thursday, 16th February, five athletes travelled to Phalaborwa to participate in the Mopani Athletics Championship hosted at Frans du Toit High School. It was a very humid day and as the last Stanford athlete finished their event, it started to rain at 17:00. David Ramalepe finished 2nd in both the 100m and 200m race for boys U/19, Kian Noné won gold in High Jump for boys U/19, Isabella Brett won both her Shotput and Discus events for girls U/15, Zayd Moosa came fourth in both Javelin and Shotput for boys U/17 and Nanaki Kgopong finished fourth in the 200m for girls U/17. All these athletes thus qualify to represent the Mopani District at the Limpopo Championships to be held on 4th March at the Old Peter Mokaba Stadium.

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There was a technical error from D6's side where a number of phone numbers were corrupted. This prevented many users from logging onto the app. The problem is now resolved and all users should have full access.



NETBALL

Nsovo Mabila, Basani Msimeki and Ewetse Nkwada had a highly successful experience attending a netball camp at Tuks on the 17th of February. The three students were exposed to a variety of new skills and techniques, and were able to practise and apply their new knowledge in a game setting. Each one was assigned to a student who plays for Tuks, which provided an excellent opportunity for them to learn from someone with experience. All three students reported that they had a great time and learned a lot, and they are now looking forward to implementing their new skills during the upcoming netball season. All in all, this was an invaluable experience for the three students.

25 YEAR TIES



We are excited to announce that the sale of the special 25-year ties has opened on ALLXS. First preference is given to staff and matrics. After a couple of weeks, pupils in other grades will then be able to purchase.

CULTURE SHOCK

by Sophia Leher

I never understood what the phrase “culture shock” truly meant until I experienced my exchange in Germany. I remember feeling the first inkling of the concept trickle into my brain as I watched our car ease out of the airport and onto the wrong side of the road. I had no idea of the real shock I would feel in the following three months. The shock that would displace, bewilder and ultimately grow me.

About a month into the exchange I remember having a conversation with my host mother where I asked her why she indicated to turn while we drove alone through a grey forest containing no other vehicles. She looked at me as though she'd never thought someone would ask a question like that and said “Because that's the rule”. That's when the first wave of shock rippled through my system. I tried to put my finger on what exactly bewildered me about her answer and eventually realised it was how exceptionally logic based it was. As Southern Africans, we tend to think first with our hearts, we use joy to fuel beautiful celebrations or tears to justify rash decisions. And yet here was someone whose first reaction to situations was usually based on logic, based on rules, based on fact. I felt a lightbulb go off over my head. I watched in the following weeks how this mindset affected conversations at dinner parties, affected the way teachers taught, affected the way supermarkets were laid out and even affected the way my host sister crossed the road. I knew the imminent realisation would deeply influence the way I perceived the world.

It was the first time I could begin to grasp how truly important internationalism was. I'd always talked about how everyone should travel and meet different kinds of people but I'd never been able to comprehend how essential it truly was. There's a huge difference between meeting people with slightly altered opinions and meeting people who think completely differently to you. Whose first reactions are different, who handle problem solving differently and whose every aspect of life was influenced by these differences. While both cultures could function just fine alone, there's an undeniable brilliance that we could only achieve together.

I understand I'm not the first person to realise how important diversity is, however, I know this experience helped me believe and understand more than anything someone could have tried to tell me. Getting to go to a school that is intent on teaching me just that, a school that gave me the most beautiful three months of my life. It's incredible. It's the reason I can now say everyone should travel the world and understand how important the phrase truly is. It's getting to experience and learn from shock. Culture shock.



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MEET THE CLASS OF 2023

HEAD OF LAKESIDE - ELEKTRA GELLETICH

1 What are your hopes for Stanford Lake College as you help to lead the school this year?

That Stanford is an inclusive and spirited second home to all students and they feel comfortable coming and talking to us as leaders.

2 What is your proudest accomplishment at Stanford Lake College?

My proudest accomplishment at SLC was achieving Head of Hostel and being a part of the PEX leadership.

3 Share a memorable moment during your time at Stanford Lake College...

Being part of the 2022 Round Square Conference.

4 If you could share a meal with any 4 individuals, living or dead, who would they be?

My Grandmother, Marilyn Monroe, Vincent Van Gogh and Frida Kahlo.

5 If you had to describe yourself as an animal, which one would it be?

A black fluffy house cat.

6 Where do you see yourself in five years?

I'd like to own my own restaurant in Europe somewhere.

HEAD OF KEN SHUTER - MAKI INAMA

1 What are your hopes for Stanford Lake College as you help to lead the school this year?

For the school to be united as one, lifting up the SLC spirit and creating mutual respect among all the pupils.

2 What is your proudest accomplishment at Stanford Lake College?

Making first team Hockey and being elected as Head of Ken Shuter.

3 Share a memorable moment during your time at Stanford Lake College...

When all the Ken Shuter girls came together and we had a dance off all together in hostel.

4 If you could share a meal with any 4 individuals, living or dead, who would they be?

Mustapha Cassiem, My late Grandpa, Maria José Granatto and Kevin Hart

5 If you had to describe yourself as an animal, which one would it be?

A Cheetah because they represent being adventurous and I love trying new experiences.

6 Where do you see yourself in five years?

Finishing my degree.





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PLANTING THE SEED TO A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

We are so excited to announce that we have started our journey to become a more sustainable and circular campus. We are proudly working in partnership with Plant the Seed to become a community that actively recycles and who engages in finding waste management solutions. Our partners from Plant the Seed, Damien and Tom, have spent the last week on campus giving training workshops to all pupils and staff at all levels. You'll see some extra signage about our recycling efforts around campus on your next visit and different colour bins for streaming recyclable items. This is a journey that we are all embarking on and we ask for the support of our parent body too. Please be mindful of your waste disposal on campus and help us make steps to becoming greener. Keep an eye out in future editions of Snapshot for our metrics – we will be communicating our recycling progress in actual facts and figures.

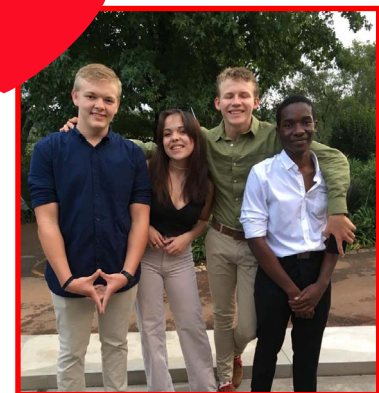


JUNIORS JOIN ADVENTURE RACING

On Sunday 12th February, Stanford Lake College took part in the first race of the 25km AR Series at Legends MX Farm in Gauteng. SLC had three teams in the mix; SLC Ubuntu with Matthew Scriven and Ben Tasker, SLC Tshanduko with Ilne Kotzé and Anrich van Wyngaardt, and SLC Badgers with Nathan Berrie and Mr Fullard. The race consisted of a run leg, a cycle leg, and a short paddle leg, and finished off with a cycle to the finish. Stanford did very well, with all three teams finishing in good time. Matthew and Ben managed to come second in the School teams' category and Nathan and Mr Fullard also managed second place in the all-male category. Well done Stanfordinians.



VALENTINE'S SOCIAL IN PHOTOS



Career Exhibition for Grade 11s and 12s.
Wednesday 1 March from 14:00-15:00



The Wik Triathlon @ SLC
Enter a team or go for it solo.
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