

SNAP SHOT

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Matters of Principal

Earlier this week, I was catching up on world news and flicked onto the ceremony held at the White House to unveil the portraits of Barack and Michelle Obama which will hang in the public hall in the White House. Last night, the sad news of the passing of Queen Elizabeth II was shared with the world. These two moments focus on amazing people who have offered themselves in service to their communities. In the case of the Obama's, it was for eight years. The Queen served her nation for an incredible 70 years.

What struck me whilst listening to Michelle Obama was how she spoke of the Amazing Grace that she felt had been bestowed on her and how fortunate she, as a black American woman, has been in assuming the position as First Lady and from that position, continuing her work to make her country a better place. She deflected any credit away from herself and was thankful of the grace bestowed on her that enabled her to serve.

*“Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I’m found
Was blind but now I see”*

The Queen served her nation for 70 years, ascending to the throne at the age of 25. She lived a life of service, often putting aside her personal ambition in order to serve her nation. She did this with grace and poise.

These are two amazing women who served their people with dignity. They are a reminder to all of us that in this world, we will not be judged by what we have built but rather by the lives we have touched through kindness and compassion. Let us all strive to live lives of dignity and grace.

God Bless

NEWS IN BRIEF

BOYS' CRICKET

On Saturday 3rd September, the 1st Boys Cricket Team travelled to Phalaborwa for their league match against Phalaborwa Hub. The opposition is a team brimming with talented Provincial cricketers and the Stanford boys knew that they would have to play exceptionally well to stay in the game. After winning the toss and electing to bat first, Stanford made a reasonable start, with all top order batsmen getting some runs, but none really following through and getting a big score. Zayd Moosa came to the crease with the team on 87 / 4. He batted superbly and punished the Phalaborwa bowlers, scoring an excellent 104 not out before running out of batting partners. Zayd's score saw the boys post a very decent total of 206. The bowlers really came to the party, and as a bowling unit, produced some excellent bowling. Devon Coad set the tone with some excellent fast bowling, taking the Phalaborwa danger man's wicket with just his 2nd ball, which sent the field into a frenzy. Connor Veldsman and Matt Allison backed him up well, taking four and two wickets respectively. The energy in the field was impressive and every catch and runout chance was taken. In the end, it was a completely dominant performance from the 1st Team Cricket Boys, bowling an otherwise dangerous team out for just 60 and winning the match by 146 runs.

DEBATING

On Saturday the 3rd September, our Debating Team had the privilege of participating in the Limpopo Schools Debating Championship hosted at Mitchell House. This was the first time in seven years that Stanford participated. It was an energy-packed day full of critical thinking and public speaking in unprepared motions and exposure to various people and techniques. The intensity increased as the team faced some challenging debates against Maseala Progressive, Eagles Nest and Hanyani Thomo but the debaters didn't shy away from the contest.

Jenny Zhang, Rachel Netshikulwe and Nanaki Kgopong all worked harmoniously as a collective to thrive in their debates. They all took insightful feedback away from the day and are grateful for the opportunity and experience. The hard day of work ended on a high note with Silver and Gold medals being awarded to the girls during the closing ceremony as well as Nanaki and Jenny being selected for the Provincial Debating Team.

Apologies for some reports being omitted from this week's edition.

Watch out for next week's bumper edition.

ELEVATE EDUCATION

We're excited to announce that parents and guardians of our school have exclusive access to Elevate Education's Parent Webinar Series this year. By tuning into this webinar series, you will learn how to better support your children at home through reinforcing the skills they learn at school.

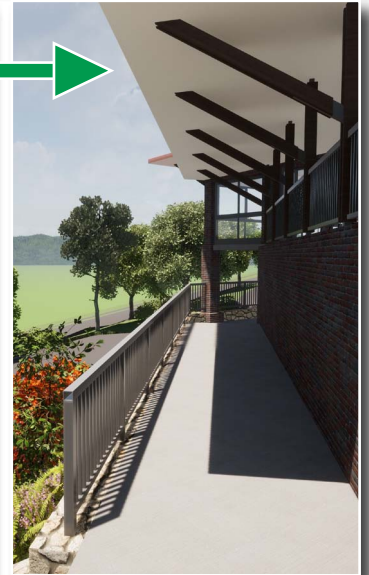
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NEW SANATORIUM



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