

# SNAP SHOT

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## Matters of Principal

I am not a big facebooker but yesterday I logged onto the platform and started to scroll down my feed. I passed the usual rubbish that keeps me from logging on more regularly: the bizarre post that a long lost friend was at OR Tambo airport flying to Dubai and that humblebrag that feigns humility but is actually seeking attention and affirmation. Then I came across a post that was headed BEST COIN EVER SPENT. I opened it with the sound on. The video shot in 2012 begins with a little girl dropping a coin into a smartly dressed busker's hat. He starts to play his cello, the deep, rich, vibrant sound echoes around a village square. Over the course of the next five minutes the lone cellist is joined by a conductor, a full orchestra and choir, coming together to produce the most beautiful piece of music. The crowd steadily gathers in the village square, with images of children dancing, an old man's face cracks into the most amazing smile, a little girl is hanging off a lamp post assisting the conductor and a Mum and Dad celebrating the music with their infant child. It

*"Music is the great uniter. An incredible force. Something that people who differ on everything and anything else can have in common."*

— Sarah Dessen

is one of the most uplifting videos I have watched in a long while. A celebration of everything that is good about the human race. The power of the music is amazing, watching the faces of the audience treated to this impromptu street performance is even more inspiring.

Listen watch and enjoy.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PgiPaanDruk>

Have a lovely weekend

God Bless

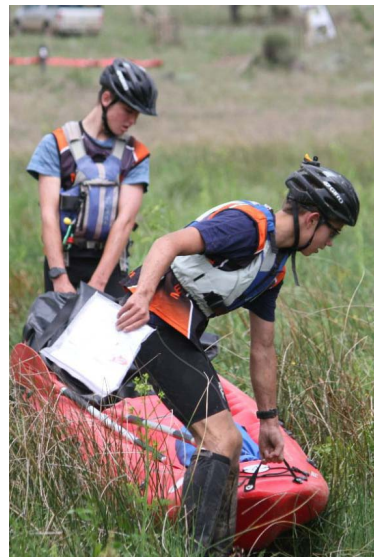
## TRUE BADGER SPIRIT

by Ruben Venter

Tristan Brett and I took part in the Clocolan Adventure Race in the Free State at the beginning of November. You will probably think that the Free State is flat but I can promise you, it is not. After hours of driving to Imla Guest Farm, we were served excellent boerekos, some hail and rain. The race started at 8am on Saturday morning with a muddy 41km cycling leg. We kept up with the front teams but, unfortunately, we lost them 20km into the race due to a navigation error. Next up was a 20km kayak/trek/kayak leg where we pushed to try and catch the front teams again. Our transitions were very fast, averaging around 6 minutes per transition. Leg 3 was a 16.5km trek where we went through some rain and a lot of pain. We caught up with many teams during the fourth leg which was a 31.5 km cycling stretch. Unfortunately, we made a huge navigation error in this section and had to do a few extra kilometres to get to the last checkpoint. We finished off with a 11km trek through the gorgeous gorges. The first two kilometres of which involved

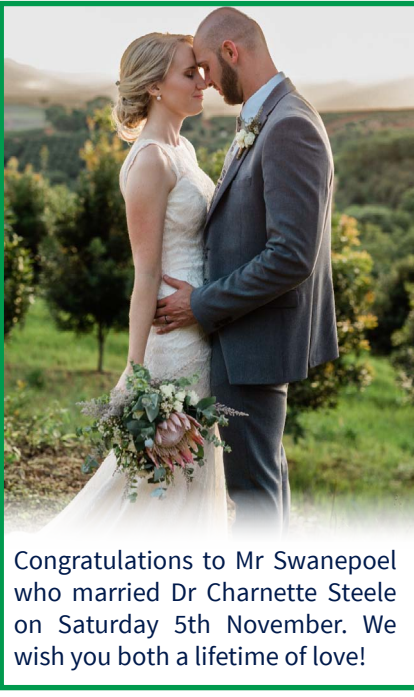
climbing out the gorge and bundu-bashing, averaging 2km per hour. After we finished the gorge section, we saw lights and we knew that it was game on! We pushed the last two kilometres to the finish line, where we were welcomed by the most amazing local supporters and organisers. With no sleep and covering a distance of just over 120km of muddy terrain, it was certainly a very memorable experience. We ended at 4am on Sunday morning and we only had two hours of sleep before we had to go to prizegiving. We are proud to say that we placed 1st in the race in our category. We are excited about next year's races and there will be many more adventure racing reports from the two of us.

Well done, boys! Ruben and Tristan also finished in 1st position among the Men's Pairs for the entire Expedition Africa Series 2022!

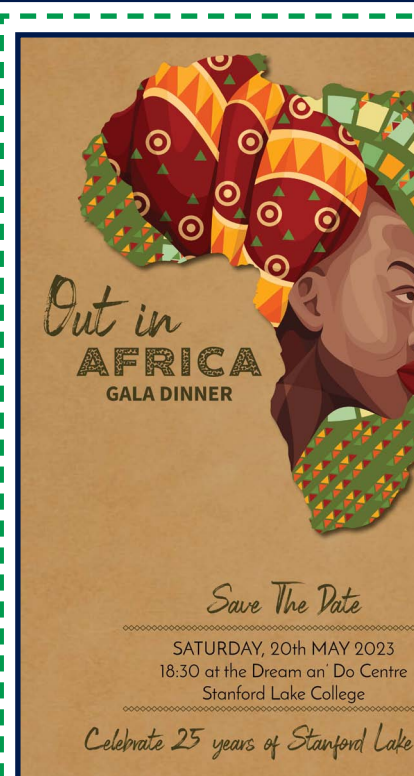


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Congratulations to Mr Swanepoel who married Dr Charnette Steele on Saturday 5th November. We wish you both a lifetime of love!



Over the past couple of weeks, a total of 13 staff have participated in (and passed) a Fire Training course.

## BIG THINGS ARE COMING...



**12 JANUARY 2023**  
Official School Birthday  
Badger Birthday Braai!



**5 - 9 APRIL 2023**  
Easter Sports Festival



**19 MAY 2023**  
All Years Alumni Reunion



**20 MAY 2023**  
Gala Dinner to celebrate  
25 years



It's hard to believe that in 2023, the school celebrates its 25th birthday! It all started in the winter of 1997, when a group of people gathered together and expressed a concern for the future of their children. So a decision was made to put a team together and start a school. A daunting task stared them in the face. Raise the finance, find a location. To name but two small challenges. But they bought a hotel and in January 1998 in pouring rain, Stanford Lake College opened its doors.

In a forest next to a lake, on top of a mountain, was the most splendid place one could ever imagine. And so began our tale. A tale of suspense, intrigue, drama and courage. The story of Stanford Lake College.

2023 will bring a whole new chapter and we have so much to be excited about. For now, please take note of some of the key dates and get ready to see the celebratory emblem being used on our communications. Watch this space...



First Day of School  
12th January 1998



### SAVE THE DATE! LIMPOPO XCO IS COMING BACK TO SLC

Badgers, get your fighting spirit on! We're hosting the second event in the Limpopo XCO series at SLC on **25 February 2023**. The series kicks off with the first event on 21 January, so be sure to dust off your bikes during the holidays. We'd love to see as many kids as possible cycling at the event, and everyone else out on the sidelines shouting their support.

### WE NEED YOU

As part of our 25th anniversary events, we'd like to make this a spectacular showcase of the school. We're looking for parents who are willing to help sponsor the event, contribute prizes or work on the day. Please contact Tiaan Fullard (tiaan@slc.co.za) if you're able to help in any way.



### Save The Date

SATURDAY, 20th MAY 2023  
18:30 at the Dream an' Do Centre  
Stanford Lake College

Celebrate 25 years of Stanford Lake College