



Matters of Principal

"I regard it as the foremost task of education to ensure the survival of these qualities: an enterprising curiosity, an undefeatable spirit, tenacity in pursuit, readiness for sensible self-denial, and above all, compassion"

~ Kurt Hahn (German educator and founder of Round Square)

Today I am attending the Round Square Forum for schools from Africa. Simply reading the list of schools attending and looking around the room serves as a reminder of the reach of the Round Square network. As Heads, we have an opportunity to interact with school leaders from across our continent, to discuss the challenges we face, share our successes and understand a little more about one another. Not only is it a time to share best practices but also a space in which we can strengthen friendships and connections with like-minded schools. At times we take for granted the benefits of being a Round Square school. Not only do our pupils get exposure to international conferences and an excellent exchange programme but Round Square also creates opportunities for pupils across the globe to actively engage with one another through discussions held online. If I look at the opportunities advertised in this week's Round Square Weekly alone, this is one such example of a short course offered:

The History Lab is a 6-session short course on six different international history topics presented by students – from a student perspective – and open to the whole RS network.

The aim of the online sessions is for students to discuss world events with a focus on sharing different local and cultural perspectives, to understand the importance of context, develop critical thinking, and enhance international understanding.

Other opportunities include "Postcards" offered by schools in different countries. A Postcard is an online Zoom discussion forum. A school identifies a topic and sends out an invitation (including some guidelines on what needs to be prepared and the age group that are invited to the discussion). An example of this is MLC School in Australia who are presenting a postcard titled "International Women's Day: Inspire Inclusion"

The invitation includes the following info:

"Join MLC School in a discussion of the International Women's Day theme, 'Inspire Inclusion', exploring how we can forge a future that seeks and values the inclusion of all women. We encourage your participation as we challenge gender discrimination and take the next steps in our commitment to investing in and including women."

Our membership of the Round Square organisation is one that we value and a relationship that allows pupils in our school to gain a global perspective.

Have an excellent weekend.

3 IN A ROW FOR MOKGALE

On Friday last week, the athletics team travelled down the mountain to participate in the annual Frikkie Deysel Athletics meeting hosted by Merensky. The athletes faced some fierce competition with some of the biggest schools in the province present. A lot of athletes were tested properly on the track and field and it is impressive to say that several of them achieved personal best performances on the day. A total of 3 school records were broken and one was equalized. Stanford managed to obtain 33 medals of which 9 were silver and 6 were gold. The team managed to finish in 5th place ahead of Frans du Toit. The most remarkable performance was by Mokgale Mamabolo who won the 100m, in a time of 10.97sec, the 200m, in a time of 22.30sec (new school record), the 400m, in a time of 51.57 sec (new school record), and came 3rd in the Long Jump. These performances ensured that he won the Senior Victor Ludorum trophy for the third athletics meeting in a row.



BADGER OF THE WEEK

Wessel Willemse was nominated as Badger of the Week after he volunteered his own time in order to help set up for the cycling event from 11:00 until 16:00 on Friday after school. He also offered to help out on Saturday and participated in the MTB race. He showed courage and true badger spirit by being committed to help at any time possible.



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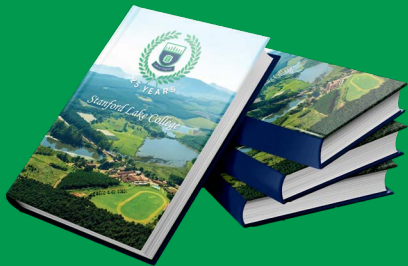


THE WIK MEMORIAL TRIATHLON

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The hardcover coffee table book detailing 25 years of Stanford Lake College is available to purchase. The publication is a beautiful history of Stanford photos, memories and traditions. It is an absolute must for any previous or current Stanfordian! You can order your copy via the ALLXS system at the cost of R460.00 or by emailing marketing@slc.co.za



OPEN WEEKEND 15 - 16 MARCH 2024



FOR GRADE 6 & 7

DISCOVER STANFORD LAKE COLLEGE

ADVENTURE CHALLENGE

HIKE UNDER THE STARS

PRIZES UP FOR GRABS

LET'S

ADVENTURE

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

RSVP by 4th March '24 to: admissions@slc.co.za

www.slc.co.za

As the Open Weekend falls on the same weekend as The Wik Triathlon and the Ebenezer Mile, we suggest parents make accommodation bookings as soon as possible via Bookings.com and www.limpopobookings.com. It's going to be a busy weekend on "the mountain"

NEWS IN BRIEF

1st TEAM CRICKET

On Tuesday the 1st XI Cricket Boys took the long road to a hot Ellisras. Stanford won the toss and elected to bowl first. Ellisras got off to a flying start but lost their first wicket early in the second over. The opposition continued to score runs freely as Stanford battled to take wickets. Ellisras was 55 - 2 after 6 overs before a spectacular catch from Christoff van der Westhuizen off the bowling of Joshua Doolabh started the collapse of the hosts. Stanford bowled the opposition out for 86. Joshua Doolabh and Nakedi Makweya took four wickets apiece. Stanford's run chase got off to a terrible start as the Badgers found themselves in deep trouble on 8 - 4. This is when Connor Veldsman and Joshua Doolabh put on a 33-run partnership to help the team out of trouble before Joshua departed. This brought Zayd Moosa to the crease and an unbeaten 52-run partnership between Zayd (34 not out off 14 balls) and Connor (32 runs not out off 20 balls) helped Stanford to chase down the score within 9 overs to win by 5 wickets.

ATHLETICS

Last week, 15 athletes participated in the Tzaneen Region Athletics Championships. Eleven athletes made it through to the Ritavi Region Athletics Championships and of those, 9 athletes qualified for the Mopani Championship which will take place at Ben Vorster on Saturday.

COMMS

We have created a WhatsApp group to communicate with parents about bus times and travel logistics to sports fixtures. Coaches can send locations and ETAs when travelling to and from fixtures. To join the group, click [HERE](#)

U/15 CRICKET

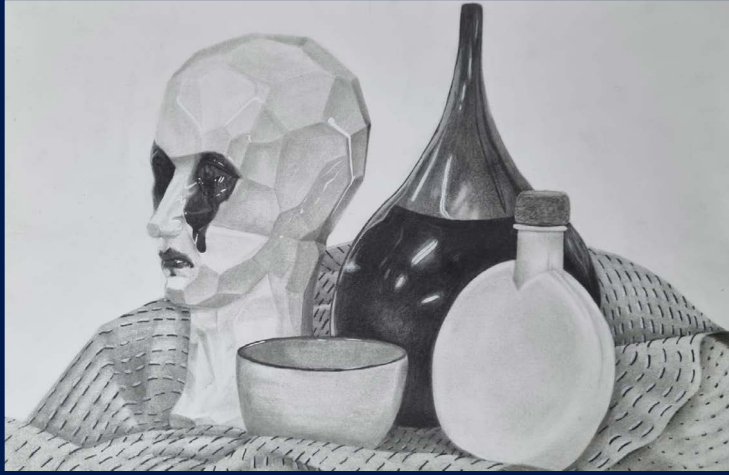
The U/15 Cricket Team played a fixture against Ellisras on Tuesday. After winning the toss and electing to bat first, Stanford found themselves at 43 - 0 after 8 overs. This was due to an excellent opening partnership by Nathan Berrie and Mpho-Kane Mashego. The latter batted for 10 overs. There was a mini collapse as the middle order struggled. Stanford was able to post 91 runs in their allotted 20 overs. This being their highest score of the season so far. The team's bowlers showed some excellent fight, taking 7 of the opposition's wickets in defence of their score. Special mention to Dario Wasley, who took 3 of those. Unfortunately, the Stanford team fell just short, losing the match by 3 wickets. The team has shown steady improvement, with this being their best performance of the year so far.



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Paityn Landsman - Grade 10 - Still Life Drawing



Grade 8s on their sleep out on the field on Tuesday



Earlier in the term, Ben Tasker and Nicholas Boyum took part in the popular white water kayaking event called Thrombi on the Umzinkulu River in KZN. Saturday was race day and they took on the rapid called Slot Machine. Ben was unfortunately knocked out quite quickly and Nicholas got an unfortunate second in his heat that cost him a high position overall. On Sunday, they did a social run through a massive gorge which had plenty of exciting rapids and a big waterfall.



The Grade 8 girls from Serala House enjoyed dinner with the Headmaster on Monday. The Grade 8s from each boarding house will take it in turns to be hosted.



The Green Badgers write: "We have managed to reach a total of 100.82 kg of Tags and Tops for 2023. We will be continuing our project this year and hope to reach our target by the end of this year." The Green Badgers have challenged each grade to contribute the most tags and tops.



We continue to roll out the Visible Wellbeing programme in both lesson time and during tutor group slots. Students are reminded to check in with themselves and with those around them about where they are on the spectrum of wellbeing and illbeing. They are reminded to SEE how they and others are feeling through expressions, body language and behaviour. How they HEAR wellbeing through volume and para-language. And how they FEEL wellbeing through body temperature, pressure and weight, and physical sensations. Pupils are encouraged to constantly reflect on their own wellbeing as well as to read and understand how those around them are feeling.

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JOIN IN ON THE RAFFLE CONTEST



WIN 1 OF 2 FREE RANGE PREMIUM BOTSWANA SHEEP

Money raised will go towards the upcoming George Winter Sports Festival

TICKETS COST R100

BUY TICKETS AVAILABLE ON ALLXs UNDER FINANCE, OTHER, SHEEP RAFFLE

LIMPOPO SERIES WELL ON TRACK

The first round of the Limpopo Open XCO Series took place this past weekend, hosted by Stanford Lake College and supported by North East Office Equipment. The first race of the season is always hectic to organise, but Stanford pulled it off and it was a massive success. With over a 120 entries and spectators tagging along, it was a busy day with an electric atmosphere. The first race was the Nippers, for the primary schools and started at 08:00 am and the last race with the Elite Men at 13:00. SLC also had 11 riders in the mix, representing the school, a great start to the season. Ilne Kotzé took part in the Youth Girls class and finished 5th. Matthew Scriven, Robert Noel, Nathan Berrie, Judah Leher, Ben Tasker and Anrich van Wyngaardt raced in the Youth Boys race, and Lefika Motswanageng and Wessel Willemse in the Sub-Junior race. Isabella Dando raced in the Junior Women race and finished in an awesome 3rd place. Gordon Noel raced among the Junior Men, taking the win very convincingly. Well done to the Stanford riders and team on a great event. Also a massive thank you for all the support from our parent body and the community. The biggest thank you goes to our event sponsor, North East Office Equipment, without whom this event would not be possible. Thank you for your continued support to our school and community.

