



## Matters of Principal

*"To everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven." – Ecclesiastes 3:1*

At Stanford Lake College, I often speak about holistic education and that is the reason I joined this fine institution many years ago. It's an approach that values not only academic achievement but also personal growth, emotional intelligence, creativity, and resilience. One of the cornerstones of this philosophy is perseverance. It's the ability to keep going when things are tough, to stay committed even when progress feels slow or uncertain, and to face challenges with courage and consistency.

In a world that moves fast and often promises instant gratification, perseverance is becoming a rare but vital trait. The ability to stick with something even when it's uncomfortable, frustrating, or time-consuming is what shapes true character and unlocks deeper potential. It is not always about getting things right the first time, but rather about having the resilience to try again and again until you are able to feel improvements.

Our pupils have once again shown tremendous commitment across all areas of school life. Over the past 10 days, more than 100 pupils have been involved in soccer fixtures, and our U15 cricket team played a friendly match against the Nkowankowa Hub. Many of our pupils also took part in the Tzaneen Eisteddfod this week and returned with outstanding results. After a tough loss, our 1st Boys' Soccer Team have been hard at work, focused on improving as they prepare for the St Peter's Soccer Festival later this term.

We've also seen wonderful academic achievements, and I look forward to the upcoming Matric Prelims, which are just around the corner.

To our parents: encourage your children to embrace these moments of struggle. Let them wrestle with challenges and learn that failure is not final. To our pupils: know that setbacks aren't signs of weakness, they're signs that you are learning, stretching yourselves beyond the ordinary, and developing skills that will serve you for life. Holistic learning isn't about perfection; it's about persistence.

Let us continue to celebrate not just the end results, but the effort, the learning curves, and the courage it takes to keep trying.

Warm Regards

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We didn't manage to catch Rendani in action but this is how our goalie spent most of the game



BADGER OF

## THE WEEK



Congratulations to Rendani Murulana, this week's Badger Award recipient!

Rendani has shown outstanding commitment and performance as a member of the 1st Team Soccer. He played a key role in yesterday's Big Day fixture against Mitchell House, scoring 2 of the team's 5 goals and leading by example on the field.

Well done, Rendani — your passion, skill, and sportsmanship make us proud!



# ROUND SQUARE WELCOME STUDENTS

Round Square at Stanford Lake College: A Global Education in Action

Stanford Lake College places a premium on providing a world-class education to all Stanfordians — one that extends far beyond the classroom.

In Grades 8 and 9, students take part in the 'Dream an' Do' Outdoor Programme and are introduced to the Round Square IDEALS and 12 Discoveries — key values and skills that shape character and prepare them for life in a global world.

In Grade 10, Stanfordians are offered the opportunity to go on international exchange, spending 6 to 12 weeks at one of the many Round Square affiliated schools across the globe. Our students also attend global conferences, where they connect with peers, explore cultural diversity, and grow as leaders.

This term, we are delighted to welcome a wonderful group of Round Square exchange students to our campus. These students will be joining us in classes, sports, and boarding life, offering an exciting opportunity for cultural exchange and new friendships.

We're thrilled to have you with us and look forward to seeing you in and around Stanford — may your time here be full of learning, adventure, and lasting friendships!



## Please join us in welcoming:

Carmen van der Merwe hosting **Jemima Atkin** – The Armidale School (TAS), Armidale, Australia  
Lorelei Scott hosting **Ella Rose** – Radford College, Canberra, Australia  
Ruby Fair hosting **Madeleine Buntine** – The Armidale School (TAS), Armidale, Australia  
Matthew Pullinger hosting **Sam Allen** – Scotch Oakburn College, Tasmania, Australia  
Dario Wasley hosting **Xander Lee** – The Athenian School, California, USA  
JJ Naude hosting **Riley Raffan** – Scotch College, Perth, Australia  
Ethan Hirst hosting **Oliver Risinger** – Scotch College, Perth, Australia





# Choir Achieves 91%

## Ben Vorster Choir Festival



## Ben Vorster Cultural Festival

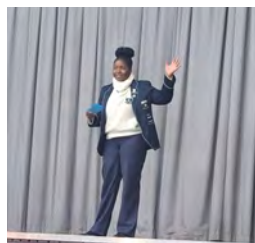


### Public Speaking Awards

Congratulations to our outstanding participants:

- Kgotla Morake (Grade 12) – 87%
- Krisha Kanyongolo (Grade 12) – 86%
- Carla Schulenburg (Grade 12) – 85%
- Ewetse Nkwada (Grade 12) – 81%
- Masana Shiwundlana (Grade 12) – 80%
- Nsovo Mabila (Grade 12) – 80%
- Lethabo Ramohlale (Grade 12) – 79%
- Kim Ruwona (Grade 12) – 78%
- Seni Myeni (Grade 12) – 73%
- Natali Chitagu (Grade 11) – 82%

Well done to all participants for their impressive performances and dedication!





# SOCCER VS PEPPS



Our soccer teams faced off against Pepps Polokwane on 30th July, with a great display of skill, teamwork, and determination across all age groups.

## Boys' Results:

U15 A – Won 1–0  
U15 B – Drew 1–1  
2nd Team – Won 2–0  
1st Team – Lost 1–4

## Girls' Results:

U15 A – Won 7–2  
1st Team – Won 1–0

A massive congratulations to all players and coaches for a fantastic effort on the field. Special shoutout to our U15 Girls for a dominant performance, and well done to all our winning teams!



## MOOKETSI MTB CHALLENGE 2025

### Team Stanford Pedals to Victory

Stanford Lake College riders delivered standout performances and serious speed on the MTB trails this past weekend, achieving fantastic results in both the 35km and 50km events!

#### In the 35km race,

Samuel Gubitz secured 2nd place in his age category, closely followed by Jan-Carel Els in 3rd. Hana MacMillan dominated her field, finishing 1st in her age group.

#### In the challenging 50km event,

Benjamin Terblanche and Judah Leher impressed with determined efforts, both finishing in the top 10 of their age categories.

#### Not to be outdone, our staff showed how it's done:

Mr Fullard and Mr Haarhoff claimed 1st and 2nd place in their age categories in the 35km and 15km distances respectively — proving the Badger spirit rides strong at every level!

Congratulations to all riders for a stellar day on the trails!



## Debate Team News

### Our Debating Team Makes a Strong Case

Congratulations to our debating team on winning Round 2 of the Mayor's Cup in Polokwane!

Their sharp thinking and persuasive arguments continue to impress.

Arguably the best in Limpopo? We'll let the facts speak for themselves



## Have You Heard the Buzz?

We hope everyone has caught the excitement building around the First-Ever Badger Bonanza, happening right here on campus on 30 August!

Our incredible Parents' Association has been working tirelessly behind the scenes to bring you a day packed with fun, food, games, and great vibes for the whole family. From exciting stalls to entertaining activities, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

This isn't just a fun day out — it's a fundraiser with purpose!

All proceeds will go towards building and opening our brand-new tuck shop, a much-anticipated addition to campus life.

So bring your friends, bring your family — and support this big initiative for our Badger community. We can't wait to see you there!



# BADGER BONANZA

*Stanford Lake College* Festival of Fun

**Food, drinks and fun for EVERYONE!**

**Saturday 30 August**  
Starts @ 10am  
Stanford Lake College  
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sign up to  
help on the  
day

# 49,430 kg

Total amount of waste diverted  
since March 2023



## During July 2025...

828kg more than last  
month!

# 2,241 kg

Total recycling diverted  
from landfill

Great amount of recycling  
- well done!

Waste is a gateway to  
sustainability... **together** we  
can get there!

