

SNAP SHOT

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Matters of Principal

“Quality is never an accident. It is always the result of intelligent effort.”
- John Ruskin

Yesterday I drove to OR Tambo to collect my children who are home for the weekend (David is on half term and Meg has flown up from Stellenbosch to join us for some rare family time). I clearly remember the first time I travelled the N1 this far north. It was June 2018 and I was coming for my Stanford Head’s interview. The journey seemed to take forever and I wondered if I would ever get here. In fact, I started to question the sanity of applying to work at a school in Magoebaskloof! Now that I am familiar with the beauty of the drive, the time flies and the distance seems irrelevant. The Limpopo landscape is looking stunning, with the soaking rains having given life to the savannah and farmlands. The dams are full and the countryside could not be looking more beautiful. The time alone in the car gave me time to reflect on so much: time to count my personal blessings and the blessing of our school; time to reflect on what is important to us and what makes our school different. We have revelled in the success of our matric class of 2020, as indeed we should.

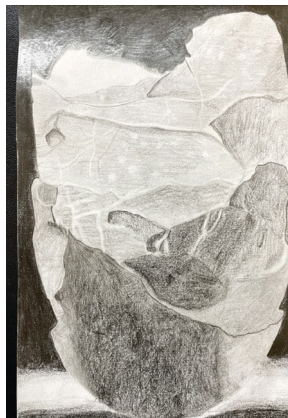
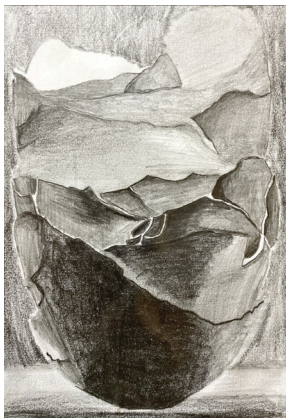
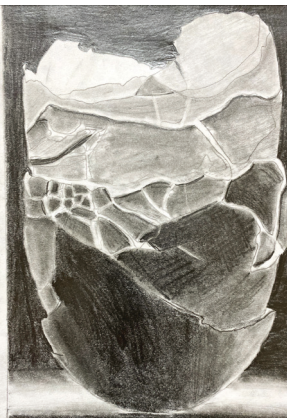
We must reach for excellence in all that we do; we must aim to be world class. This takes immense work and commitment. It takes planning and teamwork and it is not easy. Continually striving for excellence carries risk... risk that we allow our achievements to begin to define us and perhaps become complacent. We cannot lose sight of who we are and where we come from. True excellence, like a rainbow, is elusive. It’s a moving target. We must remain ambitious in our pursuit thereof; yet in our pursuit remain humble. There is nothing worse than an entitled private school child. Our children are privileged and are extremely lucky to have the opportunities they do have, but with that comes a balance and humility we cannot lose. In the words of Thomas Merton **“Pride makes us artificial and humility makes us real”**.

Have an excellent weekend.

One of our core values is **QUALITY:**
I value Quality - I ignite a passion for excellence

ART CORNER

The Grade 9s have been working on their shading techniques, drawing broken eggs in pencil.



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MEET THE CLASS OF 2021

WARWICK MELVILLE
- HEAD OF FOUNDERS SOUTH

1 What are your hopes for Stanford Lake College as you lead the school in the year ahead?

I hope to bring pride and unity back into the hostel. I would like to get the boys of Founders South to build a love for their boarding house and wish to be part of it for their whole Stanford career.

2 What is your proudest accomplishment?

My proudest achievement is playing first team rugby, soccer and hockey for my school by Grade 11.

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

The most memorable moment in my Stanford career was being able to get the amazing opportunity to go to Australia on exchange. It really helped me develop into the person I am today.

4 What are your hobbies?

My hobbies include playing a variety of sports or just spending time with friends and family.

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

I would share a meal with Barack Obama, Pop Smoke, Mac Miller and my father.

6 What's your favourite movie?

I wouldn't say I have a favourite movie per se, but I think one of my favourite series is Chasing the Sun.

7 What's the most daring thing you've ever done?

I think the most daring thing I've ever done would be going to Australia on exchange as I had never travelled by myself before and it was to a new country.

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

I would be an Eagle just because I find them very interesting creatures.

9 Where do you see yourself in five years?

I would like to see myself owning my own companies as well as an owner of a charity organisation because I believe it's very important to give back to the community.



NEWS FROM THE MTB TRACK

This past weekend was the first race of the Limpopo XCO Series held at Summerplace Farm Stay in Vaalwater. This was one of the most technical and intense races that the Limpopo Series has ever held.

There was some great riding from the Stanford pupils. I (Gunther Katzke) won the Junior Men category and Gordon Noel took the win in the Sub Junior Boys. In the Youth Girls category, Lianke Fourie took fourth place just missing the podium. Lennon Masvopo came in 10th position in the Youth Boys category, followed by Tristan Brett in 11th.

Unfortunately, Herman Fourie, a race favourite, suffered a huge crash in the first lap and ended up in ICU but he is recovering well and will be back on the bike in no time.

All in all, it was a good first race to start the season. Well done to everyone who raced, I hope to see more Stanfordinians there to participate in the future.

- Gunther Katzke

VEHICLE STICKERS

Every parent who enters the Stanford Lake College campus needs to have a windscreen sticker visible on their vehicle. Please contact Mrs Coetzee should you need a sticker(s).

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ADVENTURE RACERS WERE READY TO RUMBLE

On Sunday 21st February, a number of adventure racers tackled the Red Ants Rumble 60Km race at B'Sorah in the Hartbeespoort area. The day started with a 4am rise and shine to do some last preparations, eat a breakfast of champions and drive to the race venue to be in time for briefing. The briefing, being a quick explanation of the normal do's and don'ts, got everyone buzzing for the adventure ahead.

Then, BANG!

The start gun went off at 7am and the teams flew out of the start gate. Leg 1 consisted of an orienteering section that was estimated to be +-7 km long. All the teams finished this in good time and sped through the transition, not knowing the massive hill that was awaiting them on the way to CP3 on the first cycle leg. After some bush bashing and running into each other (Team Tshanduko - we must've seen you guys at least 10 times) we got through the challenge that was leg 2. Now for the crux/ hottest leg of the day. A "little" run through some "small" mountains and a kloofing section that was more a fight against a thorn bush and spiderwebs than your average kloofing sections. By now, I had run out of water during the peak of the day and am very sure that I was not the only one that overestimated the amount of water in my bladder. Needless to say, the compulsory 1.5km swim from the end of the leg was much appreciated, but maybe not for team Ubuntu, who decided to do this leg in reverse, How did that work out for you guys? The last cycle went by just as any last leg does, quickly! With refreshed spirits because "We can smell the finish" everyone moved

as if they had just started racing. That chocolate milkshake at the end was calling our names, but first, more bush bashing to top it all off!

The teams and results were as follows:

Team Balega: Isabella and I joined by a couple friends of mine. Fourth overall and second in mixed team category.

Team Ubuntu: Gunther Katzke, Heidi Katzke, Jethro Clowes and Michael Scriven. Ninth overall and fourth in mixed team category.

Team Tshanduko: Benno Kotzé and Stefan Hacker. 13th overall and third in male pair category.

The Terriers: Olivia Drewett with the Scrivens (Jason, Shirley and Matthew). 12th overall and sixth in mixed team category.

Team K4: Walt and Zelda Katzke. 10th overall and second in mixed pair category.

I would also like to make an honourable mention to Herman and Lianke Fourie who couldn't make it because Herman had a bad fall during the XCO race the day before. We pray for a speedy recovery and we will see you on the bike soon.

Well done to everyone, students and parents, who competed and completed the race. True Badger spirit!

- Jarryd Gosling



THREE RECORDS BROKEN...

With the Inter-house athletics programme almost at its conclusion, it's becoming a tight race for the annual athletics trophy. This past Saturday, the U/14s and U/19s almost completed their full programme, before the weather forced an early end to what was otherwise a fun day on the field. There were three records broken on the day; Anja

Maree with a new shotput record for U/19 girls, Mada Buliani set a new boys U/19 long jump record and Thabang Shabangu set a new U/14 300m hurdles record. Well done to all the athletes thus far. With three days of events left, Loomis is in third place, but right behind are Orvis in second. Fenwick is setting the pace with a healthy lead.

- Mr S Willson

(full report in next week's edition)

