

# SNAP SHOT

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## Matters of Principal

It has been an incredibly busy week on the mountain. Following the torrential rain over the weekend, the sun eventually came out and the campus began to dry up. The academic programme has been in full flight and most of our pupils are beginning to settle into a positive routine. Prep times in the boarding houses are productive and our Grade 8s are establishing an understanding of what is expected from them. One of the things that we really pride ourselves on at Standford is our sense of family. School spirit plays a central part in the building thereof. The Spirit Committee has been hard at work hosting a number of Spirit Evenings in preparation for the Independent Schools' Athletics. After a false start last Thursday (as a result of that torrential rain I mentioned) we managed to host an amazing event on our fields on Wednesday. Our athletes, under the leadership of Devon Coad and Heidi Katzke, performed superbly, dominating both track and field events. We ran away with the points on the scoreboard; but more importantly, we displayed an enormous amount of unity and school spirit. To see the

*"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much"*  
- Helen Keller

school stand together, in a unified circle, singing and chanting before the start of the relays, was an edifying sight. It has been too long since we last saw - and felt - the raw passion and energy of our school. On Thursday morning I received the following email from a parent.

*"It is really great to be able to be back around the field and school community. I have missed that. Thank you."*

We have certainly missed these opportunities. Long may they continue.

Have a wonderful weekend. God Bless.



## TENNIS NEWS

This past weekend, eight of the school's tennis players travelled to Buffelspoort to take part in the ATKV Buffelspoort Tennis Tournament. There was no time to get too settled, as the first games started at 07:30 on Saturday morning. The players were extremely nervous after so long without competitive matches, but soon found their feet again. They were definitely rusty and a few results in the morning didn't quite go their way. However, as the day wore on, they improved steadily and most of the players managed to notch up wins, much to their delight. After a very long day on the courts, a tired but happy group turned in early to prepare for some more matches on Sunday. Unfortunately, the weather closed in on Sunday morning and all matches had to be abandoned. Very well done to all of the players for some great results against tough opposition, and for representing the College with such passion.



## A LEGEND FALLS

BEFORE



AFTER



End of an era... The large Oak tree outside Founders fell over last weekend. Due to the wet conditions, it seems as though the weight of the tree could no longer be held by the root system and it completely uprooted and fell. Thankfully nobody was injured, but there is slight damage to Serala House. Sad to see this giant come to the end of its days, complete with all the shirts that have been tied to it over the years.



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## STANFORD CROWNED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL CHAMPS ONCE AGAIN

On Wednesday this week our school Athletics Team finally took to the field, after a year's absence from inter-schools' competition, to take part in the 2022 Independent Schools' Athletics. After being cancelled in 2021 and delayed due to weather last week, the athletes were itching to show off their skill. This was also the first time that the event has been held on the school's track, and the Grounds Staff and Sports Staff did a fantastic job in preparing a top class event and facilities. Stanford Lake College dominated the event from the get go, taking numerous wins and podium finishes throughout the day. The visiting schools of Mitchell House, Ridgeway College, Curro Heuvelkruin and PEPPS Polokwane, put up some great individual performances and even managed to set a few new Independent Schools' records. However, it was the consistent participation and team effort by the Stanford athletes that won the day, winning the event for the sixth time consecutively by 186 points. Special congratulations to Zayd Moosa for setting a new U/16 shotput record of 12m 55cm and to Fia Niemann who was awarded the Junior Victrix Ludorum. Well done to all athletes, team captains Heidi Katzke and Devon Coad, as well as the coaches for a brilliant result.





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## PLEASE TAKE NOTE



The Grade 9 River Expedition has been changed from its original dates and will now run from 04 - 10 March 2022. Further details to be communicated.



Pupils are expected to leave the campus on a Friday in FULL uniform and return on a Monday also in FULL uniform. Only pupils returning on a Sunday are permitted to return in Civvies. We ask for the cooperation and vigilance of parents in this regard.



The D6 Connect is an app created to keep parents, guardians, pupils and staff updated of any important information regarding the school such as important notices, events, updated calendar etc

As a school, we make use of a number of third party applications in order to streamline day-to-day communications and processes.

All parents and guardians are encouraged to familiarise themselves with these apps and platforms in order to stay connected with the school.



This is an app to assist Boarding staff with the care of students at the College. The app covers signing out, registers and pastoral matters electronically.



The ALLXS platform is used at Stanford Lake College for parents and pupils to purchase all items not covered in the school fee amount, such as school trips, sports tours, weekend boarding costs, bus tickets, uniform and merchandise items.

Click here for more in-depth information on the apps.

Click each icon for a full user guide!



ADAM is a safe and secure platform that assists in the management of pupil and family profiles, information and administration, as well as pupil academics and reporting