

SNAP SHOT

Stanford Lake College

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Badger's
Report

A Word from the Badger

What a day it was at the Badger Bonanza!

There was colour, laughter, plenty of activity and, most importantly, a wonderful sense of community as our Badgers, families and staff came together to enjoy the day. It was the perfect reminder that being part of Stanford Lake College is about more than what happens in the classroom or on the sports field — it is about being part of something bigger.

You may know that I am a honey badger, rather than an American badger. While we share a name, we are actually quite different animals. Honey badgers are known for being fearless, determined and resilient — and I like to think those qualities are at the heart of what it means to be a Stanfordian.

A Stanfordian is someone who takes on challenges, supports those around them, gives their best and doesn't give up easily. We have certainly seen that spirit across our sporting year. From athletics and swimming to cricket, hockey, tennis, mountain biking and more, our Badgers have competed with commitment and pride, producing some fantastic results along the way.

And while our sporting achievements have given us plenty to celebrate, there are other challenges taking centre stage. Our Matrics have now started their final trial examinations, an important step on the road towards their final examinations next year. To our Matrics, keep focused, keep working and make the most of this opportunity to see what you know and where you still need to improve.

But whether you are facing an exam, stepping onto a sports field, performing on stage, tackling an adventure or simply supporting a friend, the same Stanfordian spirit applies.

Be courageous. Be committed. Look out for one another. Give your best. And when the going gets tough — remember your inner honey badger.

That, to me, is what being a Stanfordian is all about.



BADGER VERSUS HONEY BADGER	
	
Most species of badgers do not have yellowish brown fur on the upper side of their body	• Honey badgers have distinctive yellowish brown fur on the upper side of their body
Usually have visible ears	• Have tiny ears
Most species are carnivorous	• Omnivorous
Found in many areas including Africa, Middle East, Eurasia, and America	• Only found in southern Africa, Middle East, southern Russia and far east India and Nepal

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DESIGN TIME

Get Creative: Design Our 2027 Covers!

Fancy seeing your design on the cover of the 2027 School Diary or Yearbook?

We're looking for creative Badgers to put their design skills to the test. Submit your design for the School Diary and/or Yearbook cover to Mrs White for your chance to win a Takealot voucher — and, of course, have your design featured on the cover!

So get creative, think Stanford, and show us what you've got.

Entries must be submitted to Mrs White.

TENNIS NEWS

A strong afternoon on court for our Badgers!

Stanford Lake College took on Louis Trichardt High School in the Limpopo Schools Tennis League, with our teams putting in some excellent performances. The Badgers came away with an 8–4 overall victory.

The team then took on the University of Limpopo, stepping up to compete against university-level players. While the University of Limpopo were the overall winners, our Badgers showed great determination and held their own against a strong field.

A special mention goes to Alastair Wiltshire, who had an outstanding day on court, winning his men's singles match 5–1 against the University of Limpopo



LIFE SCIENCES

Learning Anatomy Through Practical Experience

Our Grade 10 and Grade 11 students recently took their biology learning beyond the classroom with practical anatomy sessions.

The Grade 10s explored the structure of a long bone through dissection, examining its different components and seeing first-hand how the structures they have studied in class fit together.

The Grade 11s then turned their attention to the heart, carrying out a heart dissection to investigate its chambers, valves and major structures. The practical provided an opportunity to connect their theoretical knowledge with real biological structures.

These hands-on experiences allow students to engage with biology in a meaningful and practical way, developing their understanding through observation, investigation and discussion.



SPRING DAY

Our Grade 11s marked the arrival of spring with a special Spring Dance and Bake Sale. The afternoon brought students together to celebrate the change of season, with plenty of fun, good food and school spirit along the way.

A lovely initiative from our Grade 11s and a great way to welcome the new season together.



XCO - LOUIS TRICHARDT

Our Stanfordinians enjoyed a fantastic day of cycling, with some strong performances across the field.

A special mention to Carola Noel, who finished 4th in her age group and 6th overall, Zoe Trusler, who placed 6th in her age group, and Hana MacMillan, who finished 7th in her age group and 10th overall.

Matthew Gillam, our exchange student, also put in a strong performance, finishing 8th in his age group and 12th overall.

Robert Noel rounded off the results with an excellent 2nd-place finish in his age group and 8th overall.



WOMAN'S DAY



We are proud of our Grade 8 student, Mathapelo Kubyana, a Miss Limpopo Province Teen Finalist 2026 and Miss Public Choice – Queen of South Africa.

Thank you, Mathapelo, for gifting our school with thoughtful Women's Month gifts.

Mathapelo is also collecting books for her community project, Little Readers, Big Dreams, which aims to inspire a love of reading among young children.

Books can be donated until 30 September. Let's support our young Badger in making a difference.

GRADE 8 SERALA

Grade 8 Wolkberg Expedition

Our Grade 8s recently set out on their longest expedition to date — seven days exploring the mountains, waterfalls and grasslands of the Wolkberg Mountain Range.

The expedition was a significant milestone for a group that has shown remarkable growth since taking on the Iron Crown at the beginning of the year. As a group, they demonstrated resilience, teamwork and a willingness to step outside their comfort zones.

The expedition included a challenging 21 km day, as well as plenty of opportunities to face fears and embrace adventure, from jumping off waterfalls to bum-sliding into crystal-clear pools.

The group reached the summit of Serala, the third-highest peak in Limpopo, before crossing the Serala grasslands to visit Cleopatra's Pools. Along the way, they refilled their water supplies from fresh mountain water and took in the impressive sight of an 80 m waterfall dropping into a gorge.

Seven days in the mountains provided our Grade 8s with far more than a physical challenge. It was an opportunity to build confidence, strengthen friendships and see just how much they are capable of when they work together.



BADGER OF THE WEEK

This week's Badger of the Week goes to Nate Berry for an outstanding bowling performance against Giyani. Nate took 4 wickets, helping lead the team to a well-deserved victory. Well done, Nate!



WICKET TAKING



Cricket: A Strong Weekend for Our Boys

Our boys' cricket teams took on Giyani over the weekend, with the U15s heading straight from their Grade 8 Expedition back onto the field on Saturday. Despite the challenge of a busy week, they put up a strong effort, eventually going down by 64 runs.

Tristan Savage was the standout with the bat, scoring 37 runs, while Rifumo Chuake impressed with the ball, taking 3 wickets.

The 1st XI produced an excellent performance, securing a convincing 6-wicket victory. Mpho Kane led the batting with 46 runs, while Deagon Davis added to the entertainment with an excellent catch in the field.

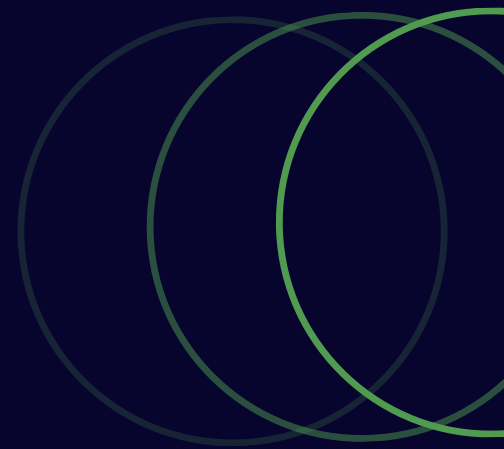
Well done to all our players for a great weekend of cricket.





Stanford Lake College Weekly Notice

07 – 12 Sept



Date	Activity	Time	Venue	Staff
Monday 31 Aug	Day 3			
	Music Lessons	15:00 - 17:00	IJV	Cal
	SNR Boys Cricket	15:00 - 17:00	Top Field	CM/TM
	JNR Girls Soccer	15:00 - 17:00	Bottom Field	KH
	JNR Boys Soccer	15:00 - 17:00	Bottom Field	PR
	JNR/SNR Trail Running	15:00 - 17:00	DAD Centre	PJB
	SNR/JNR Tennis	15:00 - 17:00	Adventure Centre	IC
	MTB	15:00 - 17:00	Tennis Courts	NH/BA
	Swimming	15:00 - 17:00	Adventure Centre	KO
	Gym	15:00 -17:00	HPC	JG/TM/KH/KO/AG
	PS lesson by appointment	14:30 - 15:30	PS Lab	LBM, GVS
	Grade 12 Maths	14:30 - 15:30	MCE class	MCE
	Grade 8 Maths	14:45 - 15:30	JH Class	JH
	Grade 12 Physical Sciences 1 Trial Examination	8:30 - 12:00	HPC	TN
	Grade 12 Mathematical Literacy 1 Trial Examination	8:30 - 12:00	HPC	TN
	Gr 9 Expedition Soutpansberg			
	Return SLC :	14:00		NH,BA,SJW,KH,TM,XH
Tuesday 01 Sept	Day 4			
	Spring Day (Civvies)			
	Spring Social	18:00 - 20:50	DAD Centre	
	Day Scholar Bus Departure SLC :	21:10		
	Music Lessons	15:00 - 17:00	IJV	Cal
	Choir	17:50 - 18:50	IJV	Renee
	Snr Boys Cricket	15:00 - 17:00	Top Fields	CN,TM
	Jnr Boys Soccer	15:00 - 17:00	Bottom Field	PR,GM
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	Grade 11 Maths	14:30 - 15:15	NNM Class	NNM
	Senior Accounting Extra Lessons	14:30 - 15:30	CR Class	CR
	Grade 12 English Paper 2 Trial Examination	8:30 - 12:00	HPC	TN
	Afrikaans Junior Olympiad	14:00 - 16:00	CAT LAB	AG
Wednesday 02 Sept	Day 5			
	Music Lessons	15:00 - 17:00	IJV	CaI
	Snr Boys Cricket	15:00 - 17:00	Top Field	CM/TM
	Jnr / Snr Trail Running	15:00 - 17:00	Adventure Centre	PJB
	Snr/Jnr Tennis	15:00 - 17:00	Tennis Courts	IC
	MTB	15:00 - 17:00	Adventure Centre	NH/BA
	Swimming	15:00 - 17:00	HPC	KO
	Gym	15:00 - 17:00	HPC	JG/TM/KH/KO/AG
	PS lesson by appointment	14:00 - 15:00	PS Lab	LBM, GVS
	Grade 10 Maths	14:00 - 14:45	NNM Class	NNM
	Grade 9 Maths	14:00 - 14:45	JH Class	JH
	Academic Assist for DS	14:00 - 14:45	TN Class	Academic Com
	Junior Accounting Extra Lessons	14:00 - 15:00	CR Class	CR
	Grade 11 FSE	13:50 - 14:45	JET Class	JET
Thursday 03 Sept	Day 6			
	Music Lessons	15:00 - 17:00	IJV	CaI
	Snr Boys Cricket	15:00 - 17:00	Top Fields	CN,TM
	Jnr Boys Soccer	15:00 - 17:00	Bottom Field	PR,GM
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	PS lesson by appointment	14:30- 15:30	PS Lab	LBM, GVS
	Grade 12 History Paper 2 Trial Examination	8:30 - 12:00	HPC	TN
Friday 04 Sept	Day 7			

	Grade 12 Life Sciences Paper 2 Trial Examination	8:30 - 11:00	HPC	TN
Saturday 05 Sept	1st & U15 Boys Cricket vs Louis Trichardt (A) XCO MTB Series (SLC) Boys Soccer finals (PEPPS)	TBC 05:30 - 16:00 TBC	Unicorn SLC PEPPS	