

# SNAP SHOT

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## Matters of Principal

*"Goodbyes are not forever, are not the end; it simply  
means I'll miss you until we meet again."  
– Unknown*

I leave with an Irish Blessing:  
As you journey onward,  
May the road rise gently to meet your steps,  
May the wind carry your dreams to distant places.  
May the sun shine kindly on all your new beginnings,  
And the rain fall softly where you choose to grow.  
And until we meet again,  
May God hold you always in the palm of His hand.

Goodbye and thank you to this amazing community, may you always be richly blessed.





# A Tribute to Mr Redfern

## Farewell Mr. Redfern: A Legacy of Steady Leadership and Heart

After seven impactful years, Stanford Lake College bids farewell to Mr. Alan Redfern, its sixth—and longest-serving Headmaster. More than a leader, Mr. Redfern has been a mentor, a calm presence, and a true servant leader. From the moment he arrived, his steady guidance and deep care for people shaped the culture of the school.

His leadership shone during the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. Amid global uncertainty, he kept the school grounded, ensuring students and staff felt supported and connected, even through screens.

Under his watch, SLC experienced both physical and cultural growth. Key renovations like the boys' boarding houses, the upgraded dining hall, and the Memorial Fountain stand as part of his legacy—but he always reminded us that a school is about its people, not its buildings.

Mr. Redfern championed student wellbeing, introducing full-time counselling services, improved tutoring systems, and a fully staffed San. Staff wellbeing also improved, with better housing and support.

Yet, it's the personal touches many will miss most—his handwritten birthday cards, kind words, and dry humour. These small acts reflected a leader who truly saw and valued others.

As Mr. Redfern moves on to Maritzburg College, we know they are gaining not just a capable headmaster, but someone who leads with integrity and heart. While he may be leaving our campus, his impact will echo through the halls of Stanford for years to come.

Thank you, Mr. Redfern—you will always be part of the Stanford family.

- Mr S Friedrichs







# BADGER OF

# THE WEEK

Badger of the Week!

This week's Badger of the Week goes out to Badger himself for his mischievous videos and super awesome content that always brings the vibes! Keep the creativity flowing — we're loving it!

Keep them coming, Badger!



## Limpopo Hockey League Champions



The 1st Team Boys have clinched the Limpopo League title in thrilling fashion!

Their final match against PHS ended in a tense 0-0 draw, taking the game to a nail-biting 8-second shootout.

With nerves of steel and sharp focus, our boys came out on top, securing a 3-1 victory in the shootout.

A massive congratulations to the team on this incredible achievement — your hard work, discipline, and determination have paid off!

### Girls Hockey

"Huge congratulations to our 1st Team Girls Hockey!

They've clinched an impressive third place in the Limpopo League and are now heading to Noordvaal in August. A team full of grit, growth, and determination — we're so proud!"



### Girls Netball

U14A Netball Limpopo Champs Recap  
Strong teamwork and determination saw them through to the quarter-finals.

They faced a tough Ben Vorster side in the quarters and, despite giving it their all, were narrowly defeated. The team finished 8th overall in Limpopo—a fantastic result and something to be proud of!



### Girls Netball

U17A Netball Limpopo Tournament Recap

They brought energy and grit to every match, securing a spot in the quarter-finals.

A tough game against PHS ended their knockout run, but the team finished 7th overall in Limpopo—a strong showing in a competitive field. Well done, girls!





# Grade 8 Expedition - Iron Crown







*Stanford Lake College*



# BADGER BONANZA

Festival of Fun



**Saturday 30 August**



**Calling all SLC parents &  
students.**

Stanford Lake College is excited to host a School Carnival and we're searching for fantastic vendors! We're looking for everything from food, coffee, and cool drinks to toys, clothing, sweets, and more.

Beyond direct sales, there will also be various opportunities for businesses to promote their products or services.

**Please contact Caryn on  
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If you would like to be involved please complete the Google Form **Here**



# Mountain Bike Season Start

Miami Magoebaskloof MTB Challenge – A Ride to Remember!

This past weekend saw the Stanford Lake College family come out in full force for the annual Miami Magoebaskloof MTB Challenge—and what an incredible event it was!

With 16 enthusiastic riders representing our school community—alumni, parents, staff, and students—it was our biggest turnout in years! Some brave Badgers tackled their very first mountain bike race, while others took on steep climbs and tough trails with grit and determination.

The 70km route challenged riders with over 1500m of climbing, but that didn't stop alumnus Herman Fourie from racing to victory!

Gordon Noel gave it his all in the 50km race, narrowly missing first place in a nail-biting sprint to the line.

Many of our riders joined the 15km fun ride, flying through the single tracks—and some enjoyed it so much they did it twice (and even added a bit of the 35km for good measure)!

A huge well done to every participant for their energy, perseverance, and spirit. We're incredibly proud of everyone who took part, and we're already looking forward to a thrilling MTB season next term. Let's keep the momentum going, Team Badger!

- Mr N Haarhoff

